

4-H NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

FERGUS-PETROLEUM COUNTY

Upcoming Dates & Events

- April 9 | Cloverbud Camp planning meeting
In Extension Office after school
- April 15 | Swine weigh & tag deadline.
Get your tags from the office
- April 15 | Project add/drop deadline
- April 15 | Leaders Council Meeting
5:30pm @ Sherriff's Complex
- April 21 | Farm Safety Day
- April 25 | Performance Horse Clinic Day 1
- May 1 & 2 | Food Safety Training; Location TBA
May 1 @ 3pm
May 2 @ 10am
- May 5 | Horse Committee Meeting
- May 9 | Performance Horse Clinic Day 2
- May 11 | Livestock Committee Meeting
- May 15 | Lamb & goat weigh & tag deadline.
Get your tags from the office.
- May 18 | Static Committee Meeting
Noon @ Extension Office
- May 30 | Ranch Horse Clinic
- June 15 | Fair Entry Due

4-H Committee Minutes

4-H Committee Minutes for Leaders Council, Livestock Committee, Horse Committee, Small Animal Committee, and Static Committee can be found on the MSU Extension Fergus County website.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/>

Announcements

Add/Drop Deadline

Please take a moment to double-check that you are enrolled in the correct projects before the deadline!

Ambassador t-Shirt Design Contest

due May 1 - form included

Indoor/Static Auction Intent to sell forms

due May 15 - form included

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic

early June

Call for Ambassadors!

Public Speaking Day Judging Sheets in the Office

Public speaking judging sheets are available for pickup in the office

Ranch Horse Clinic

May 30th with more Details to come!

State Award Applications are Due

Food Safety Training and Animals Quality Assurance

Contact Extension Office for details



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Performance Horse Clinic

The Horse Committee is putting on horse clinics this spring for youth to learn and refine their skills. Dates for the clinics are April 25th and May 9th, with Jan Larsen as the clinician. These clinics will have a fee of \$50 per horse and are open to out-of-county youth as well as local youth. Registration will be on a first-come basis and space will be limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early! Contact Penny Uecker to register.

Public Speaking Day

Gavel Games:

Junior: "Junior Shamrocks" BLUE

Intermediate: "Creative Busy Bees" BLUE

Senior: "Gavel Guild" BLUE

Junior Speakers:

1st place Illustrated talk: Sophie Strenge & Emery Iverson

1st place Demonstration: Hadassah Plouffe

Intermediate Speakers:

1st place Prepared Speech: Bentley Obergfell

1st place Demonstration: Briella Arntzen

1st place Illustrated Talk: Jake Berger

Senior Speakers:

Illustrated talk, Kendell Teppert was top speaker, RED.

Demonstration: Klara Dunphy was top speaker, RED

Colt Reisig Memorial Scholarship

Please check the criteria to ensure you qualify before filling out the application.

- Need to be a 4th year 4-H member or older
- Enrolled in small or large animal project
- Must be able to write without parental instructions

This scholarship is to be used towards anything pertaining to your 4-H project, such as: supplies, equipment, animals, etc.

4-H Camps

Cloverbud Camp

tentatively first week of June

Junior Camp @ Camp Maiden

week of 6/22-25

Tween Camp @ Fort Benton

August 10-12th

Senior Camp - tentatively @ Rangers Station of Crystal Lake

June 3-5th

Livestock Showmanship Clinics

2026 Central MT Showmanship Clinic brought to you by Driven Livestock! I'm excited to announce that Travis Anderson and his team will be coming back to Montana to do a showmanship camp in Lewistown, MT. Limited spots available so you must RSVP via the Google Form and prepay!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc04cV6DRDLRhvqM4oj_Om2pVA3-LHUorgpKBd3ysQW-TiwHQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=111616773449785152183

When:

May 1st - Cattle

May 2nd - Goats/Sheep

May 3rd - Swine

Approximate time(s) of clinic are 9am to 4pm each day, but more details on that will come closer.

Where: Lewistown, MT Fairgrounds - Livestock Pavilion

\$100/specie and \$50 each additional specie (sheep and goat count as one specie; can do one or both but they are the same day and combined).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Cloverbud Camp planning meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15 Pig Tags Due Add/Drop Deadline	16	17	18
19	20 Jr Camp Planning Meeting	21 Farm Safety Day	22	23	24	25 Performance Horse Clinic
26	27	28	29	30		

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Hosted by the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Ambassadors

Design a Fair-Themed T-Shirt!

Theme: Your design must be about the FAIR (animals, projects, exhibits, etc.)

Prize: The winning design will be printed, and the winner receives a FREE T-SHIRT!

Deadline: All submissions must be turned in by May 1st.

Name: _____

Club: _____

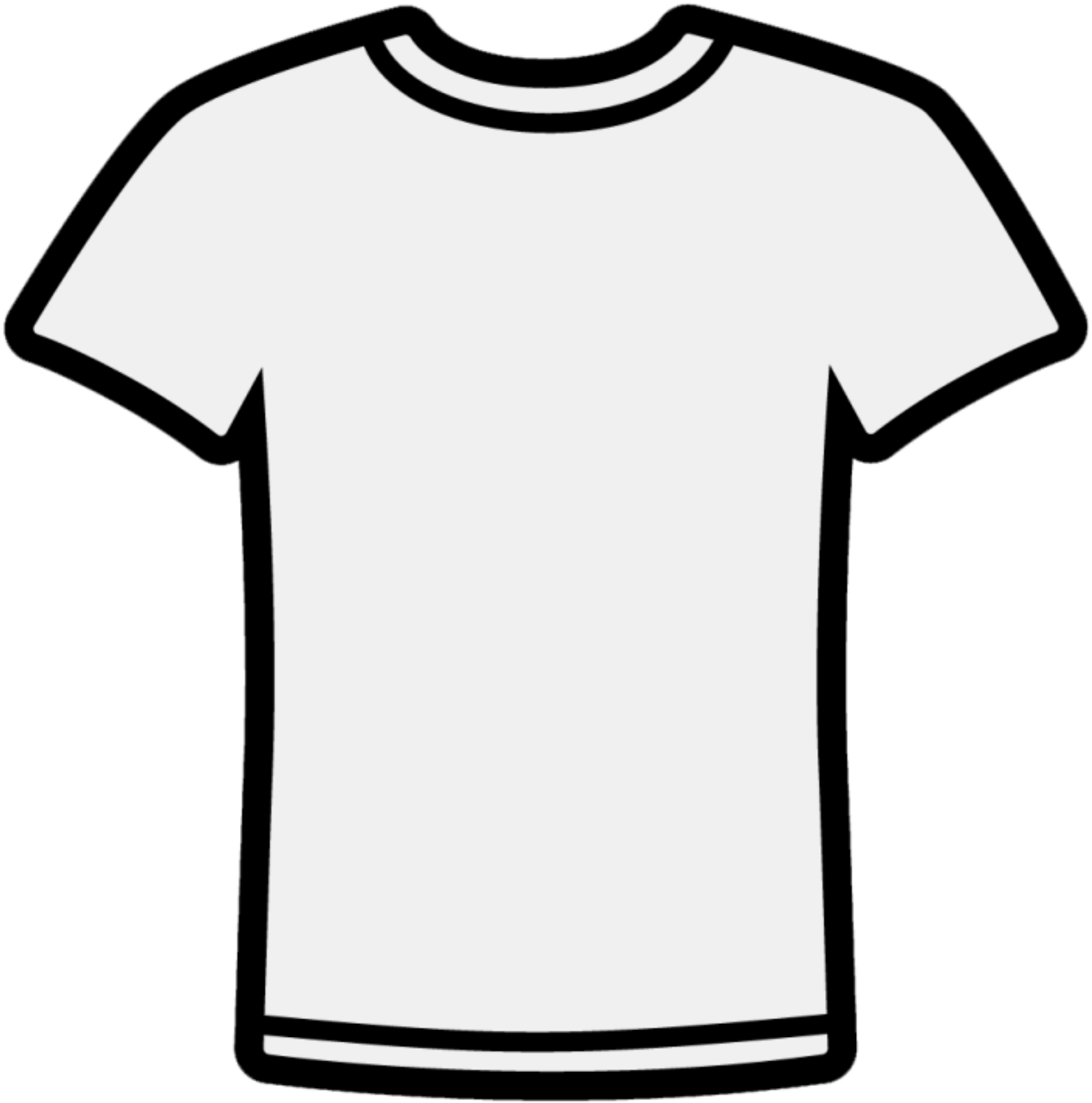
Email: _____

Phone: _____

Get creative and show your 4-H spirit!

Blank t-shirt on back of form

Questions? Contact a Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Ambassador or the extension office



(Optional use)

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Indoor Project Auction

INTENT TO SELL FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 15TH TO SELL ITEMS IN THE SALE.

Mail to or drop off at 712 W. Main, Lewistown MT 59457

Or email to: teresa.young3@montana.edu

This form is an intent to sell only; and does not guarantee sales opportunity in the Indoor Auction. To qualify for sales at the Indoor Auction, an item must be awarded a BLUE ribbon in your fair interview; AND your record book is current at time of interview.

Each intent to sell entry will incur a \$5 auction item entry fee. This fee helps offset promotional expenses for the Indoor Auction. If your item doesn't qualify to sell; or if you change your mind and do not want to sell the item in the Indoor Auction your entry fee will be refunded.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

4-H AGE ON OCT.1: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

PROJECT & LEVEL: _____ YEARS IN PROECT: _____

ITEM #1 DESCRIPTION: _____

PROJECT & LEVEL: _____ YEARS IN PROECT: _____

ITEM #2 DESCRIPTION: _____

You will be notified by June 1 how many items you may sell.

The Indoor Auction Committee will make every attempt to have the auction finish in 1-1.5 hours. The total number of auction items for sales will not exceed 25 items.

Email communication will be used to notify members/parents of Indoor Auction details, planning and expectations. *Auction success is dependent on individual member-sellers to solicit buyers and promote their items and the Indoor Auction. The Indoor Auction Committee will assist with general promotional support through flyers, sale catalog, newspaper and radio releases.*

Members must be present to sell your item in the Indoor Auction on Thursday July 23, 3:30 on the free stage of the mid-way of Fairgrounds.