Valentine Cake THANK YOU
Thanks so much for all of you that baked, decorated and donated Valentine Cakes, you added a significant amount of money to the 4-H Leaders Education Fund!

Christina Busy Bees
Winifred Mustangs
Creative Critters
U-Bet
Moore Barnstompers
New Horizons
Shamrocks

Silver Spurs
Big Sky
Snowy Mountain Trail Blazers
Hilger High Goalers
Lewistown Livewires
Heart of the Snowies
Sunnyside Shiners

4-H Ambassadors Traveling Farm
Monday April 13
Mark your calendar and plan on participating. This is a very rewarding experience, you take your animals to visit residents in the Lewistown Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. Contact one of the 4-H Ambassadors or the Extension Office if you would like to participate.

Hog Weigh/Tag/Photo Deadline
April 15

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Horse Committee Meeting:
Monday, March 9th, 5 p.m., Extension Office

Horse Fundraiser
The Horse Committee is asking each member enrolled in a horse project to fundraise $50 worth of sponsorships by June 1st to support the 4-H Horse program. Details and sponsorship forms were emailed to all club leaders and horse members. Please see the form in this newsletter, or call the Extension office if you need additional forms.

Livestock Committee Meeting:
Monday, April 6th, 6 p.m., Sherriff’s Complex, small room, in Lewistown.

Please call the Extension Office with any questions 535-3919.

There will be a TQA class right before this meeting at 5pm!
Members who plan to show livestock, poultry, or rabbits at the fair are required to have updated TQA training every 3 years. Club leaders were sent information on which members need to take the class in 2020. Please RSVP to the Extension office for the date you plan to attend.

March 1st, 3pm, Boys and Girls Club Basement: This is a training for the Creative Critters, but other members are welcome to attend. No need to RSVP if you belong to the Creative Critters club.

March 21st, 10am, Sherriff's Complex: large conference room in basement of Sherriff's Complex

March 22nd, 2pm, First Christian Church: This is a training for the Lewistown Livewires and Silver Spurs clubs. Other members are welcome to attend, but please be mindful that space is limited, so if you are from another club, please only attend this training if you are absolutely unable to make any other dates. No need to RSVP if you belong to the Livewires or Silver Spurs clubs.

April 6th, 5pm, Sherriff's Complex: small conference room in basement of Sherriff's Complex. There will be a livestock committee meeting directly following this training at 6pm.
4-H Horse/Ranch Horse Show Sponsorship

The Central Montana Fair is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their hard work for family and the public. Members compete alongside peers to demonstrate their skills and receive constructive feedback to help them improve and progress in their horse projects. To encourage and reward the members’ hard work, the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Horse Committee provides a $25 prize for the winners in each class of competition.

Having sponsors to help cover the cost of these individual classes allows the Horse Committee to allocate our funds for wider purposes, such as hiring quality judges and holding instructional clinics. **Most importantly, your sponsorship would support our 4-H members as they learn, grow, and build lifelong skills through their horse projects.**

**Sponsorship Levels**

*Please make checks out to Fergus County 4-H, with “Horse Committee” in the memo line.*

Checks and sponsorship forms can be mailed to the Extension Office, 712 W Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457

- **Bronze** - $25 (1 class)
- **Silver** - $50 (2 classes)
- **Gold** - $75 (3 classes)
- **Platinum** - $100+ (4+ classes)
- **Other amount:** __________________________

Do you have a special request for which show(s) or class(es) you would like to sponsor?

____________________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________________

**Sponsor Information**

Name: ____________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________

Your sponsorship will be announced during the corresponding class(es) of the horse/ranch horse shows, and you will be listed as a sponsor in our program. If you choose to be a platinum sponsor, you are also welcome to hang a sign or banner in the pavilion or at the arena on show day.
Indoor Project Spring Workshop

We are planning on meeting at Caslan Assisted Living on Friday, April 10th. Our plans would be to make lunch for the residents, then dye Easter Eggs with them in the afternoon. Please let the Extension Office know by Friday, April 4th if you will be able to join us. The time will be announced later.

I turn grass into steak

What's your superpower?

Sheep & Goat Weigh, Tag and Photo Dead line

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**Calendar 4-H Calendar**

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Saturday, March 14

Lewistown Sheriffs Complex Basement- corner of 8th and Janeaux
RSVP by Tuesday, March 10 call the office at 535-3919

**Session 1- 9:00 AM**
Choose 1-

**Woodworking Level 1**- practice hand sawing, sanding and nailing to create a wood pallet for session 2 Visual Arts

**Leather Level 1**- learn leather stamping skills. Tools are not required.

**Session 2- 10:30 AM**
Choose 1-

**Visual Arts**- learn a new painting technique on the wood pallet built in session 1

**Photography Level 1**- skills and information for beginning photographers. Please bring a camera or a phone you can take pictures with.

You do not have to be enrolled in any of these projects to participate. This is a great opportunity for members in “Exploring 4-H” to learn about new projects. Please RSVP so we have the supplies ready for all participants.
Montana 4-H Rec Lab
April 24-26, Hobson MT
Friday 6 PM through Sunday 10 AM
For Members 13 and older
Early Bird Registration March 25- $75
Regular Registration April 8- $100
Register with 4honline

33 Workshops to choose from!

Outdoor Activities
Dance Classes
Animal Projects/Activities
Games
Cultural Experiences & Travel Opportunities
Mental/Emotional Health
Leadership

STEM Topics
Crafts
Range
Goal Setting-Planning
Team Building
Archery
Planning Workshops & Presentations

Incredible Speakers and Entertainment

Our opening speaker, Lane Nordlund will bring the weekend into focus, sharing his experiences as a successful young entrepreneur. Lane owns and operates Nordlund Communications working in TV and Radio and producing an agricultural podcast, “LaneCast”.

Kyle Shobe will inspire you to look for every opportunity to grow your talents and do what you love. Kyle will share his story of growing from a fast talking 6 year old to the “World Livestock Auctioneer Champion”. As a teen he lead the 4-H campfire songs, today he travels all over the U.S. with his own band “Kyle Shobe and the Walk-em-Boys. Starting out announcing high school rodeos Kyle is now the track announcer for Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Energetic, athletic, enthusiastic and fun best describe the Lewistown Hoppers. A combination of jump rope, gymnastics and dance. Watch their energetic performance and then join in the fun to learn a few new moves!

There may be some opportunities within the 4-H Program that you have overlooked. Katie Koterba will share with you her experiences as an IPYA, (Montana 4-H International Program for Young Adults). Hear about her six months traveling in the U.K. and Germany and learn how you might also participate in this program.
**Fergus/Petroleum 4-H News and Views**

**County Public Speaking/Gavel Games—Thursday March 19th 2020 at the Boys & Girls**

**Options for all age groups:**
- Demonstration—uses visual aides, has an end product. Times: Jr. 3-5 min., Int. 5-7 min., Sr. 7-20 min.
- Illustrated Talk—uses visual aides. Times: same as demonstrations.
- Prepared Speech—No visual aides. Times: same as demonstrations. Seniors will give a 1 1/2 to 3 minute impromptu after their prepared speech.

**Additional options for juniors and intermediates:**
- Commercial—fun, fast and catchy. Sell a product or idea. 1-3 minutes long.
- Broadcast—You will be radio announcer. Prepare a script, which you will read, with a lead in, 4 to 5 news stories (30 seconds each), and a sign off.
- Interview—You will write a one page resume, bring it to your interview, and be interviewed by two judges. This year’s job will be “house sitting”.

**Cloverbuds:**
- Cloverbud—“Show and Tell” (no time requirements)

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**County Public Speaking Registration**

Registration Form—Due to the Extension Office by 5:00 PM April 10, 2020

Name ______________________________________________________ Club______________________________

Birthday ____________________ 4H Age ______________ Year in 4-H _____ Phone____________________

Projects you are taking this year ___________________________________________________________________

Check one of the following categories that your presentation falls into (may enter only one area)
- Juniors & Intermediates Only: ______ Broadcast ______ Commercial ______ Interview ______ Video Interview
- Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors: ______ Demonstrations ______ Illustrated Talk ______ Prepared Speech
- Cloverbuds: ______ Show and Tell

Title of Presentation: _______________________________________________________________________

Special Equipment Needed: _________________________________________________________________

Do you need to be scheduled for a particular time? ____________________________________________

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**Gavel Games Registration**

Registration Form—Due to the Extension Office by 5:00 PM April 10, 2020

*Gavel Game Team Name ________________________________________________________________

*Contact Person ___________________________   *Contact Person Phone Number: _________________________

Names of Team Members ________________________________
Welcome New 4-H Families

Welcome new 4-H Families! We are very pleased to have you in the 4-H Program and look forward to getting to know you and your children. This is your monthly 4-H News letter, packed full of very important information. Please read it carefully with your children each month, so you don’t miss out on any great opportunities we have to offer.