

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - March, 2025

Upcoming Events

- March 2- Camp counselor training session, 2 p.m. in Chester
- March 7 - 9 - State 4-H shooting sports competition - Bozeman
- March 9 - Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting - 5:30 p.m. - Glacier County Library
- March 9 - Open Range 4-H Club meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Glacier County Annex
- March 9 - Longview 4-H Club meeting - 7 p.m. - St. Paul Lutheran church
- March 10 - Cloverbuds - 4 p.m. - HC Davis
- March 12 - Deadline for Rec Lab registration
- March 13 - Livestock Quality Assurance training, 4 - 5 p.m., Glacier County Annex
- March 14 - Cloverbud Sewing Project Day, 2:00 p.m. Cut Bank High School FACS room
- March 15 - Livestock Committee scholarships due in Liberty County office
- March 28 - 30 - Rec Lab in White Sulphur Springs
- April 13 - Swine weigh-in deadline, breeding project submission deadline
- April 13 - Camp counselor training session, 2 p.m. in Chester
- April 26 - Horse Workshop, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Marias Fairgrounds
- April 27 - Communications Contest, 2 p.m., Cut Bank Presbyterian Church
- May 1 - Drop/Add deadline on Zsuite
- May 4 - Lamb and goat weigh-in deadline
- June 25 - 27 - 4-H Camp at Montana's Farmer's Union camp near Highwood
- July 8 - 11 - Montana 4-H Congress, Bozeman
- July 16 - 20 - Marias Fair

Greetings, 4-H friends!

March is finally here, and hopefully spring weather is on its way! Either way, the days are getting longer and hopefully that means more time outside working with 4-H animals, spring sports, gardening, or whatever you enjoy!

We are about halfway through the 4-H year currently. How are you doing on record books? Now is a great time to make sure you're up to date and that each member has 3 goals written/project, and evaluate how they're doing on working towards those goals. Check out <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for record book resources including a sample record book. For those with livestock, we have more daily feed records at the office if you need to restock your barn sheets! Don't wait until August to try to recreate feed records from a stack of crumpled invoices.... Pick one day/week or month to take an hour and make sure everything is up to date.

The Member Recognition Awards on the website are also a great thing to check out and be working towards. We'd highly encourage everyone to plan to participate in the county communications contest April 27, we want to see at least 25 participants in 2025! Please reach out with any questions!

In 4-H Friendship, Kari and Lisa

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<https://4h.zsuite.org/> <http://www.montana4h.org/>

Motto -
To Make the Best Better



Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest

Registration is open on Zsutes under 'Events' for the Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest which will be Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in Cut Bank at the Presbyterian Church. All members are encouraged to participate, our goal is 25 members compete at the 2025 contest! There are a variety of contests available including demonstration/illustrated talk, prepared speech, impromptu speech, career communications, videography, promotional package, commercial, and for the Cloverbuds, reciting the 4-H pledge, doing a demonstration or other talk would be great!

Members who participate fulfill their communications requirement for the end of the year Member Recognition awards, and members ages 13 and up are eligible to compete with their presentation at Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman in July for state level awards.

Excellent resources are available at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/4h_communication/index.html or reach out to a club leader, Kari Lewis, or Lisa Terry for help preparing. The best presentations have been presented to multiple people prior to the contest. EVERY members should plan to do a communications presentation at their club, county, or the fair level.

Refreshments will be provided by Longview, Open Range, and Clever Clovers 4-H Clubs.

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 13 - Midnight

Glacier County 4-H Senior Scholarship

Graduating seniors are eligible to apply for the Glacier County 4-H Council scholarship, which has been made possible through generous donations and memorials to the Council. The scholarship seeks to recognize Glacier County 4-H members who have been active in their club and community and set an example of, "Making the Best Better." Up to \$500 will be available, split no more than two ways.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. April 4 to the Glacier County Extension Office and have been e-mailed out to seniors. Applications will be scanned and sent to a third paper for review, please do not include special folders, etc. Applications may be e-mailed as a PDF to kari.lewis@montana.edu or dropped off as a hard copy.

Swine Weighing/Tagging

It's 4-H pig tagging time! Saturday, April 13 is the deadline to tag a pig in for the Marias Fair.

Please coordinate with Kari Lewis a time to weigh/tag/deworm your pigs. It is much preferred to tag them while in the trailer versus after they've been let out into a pen.

Members need to have the following information:

- Breed of pig
- Date of birth
- Beginning weight
- Breeder's name and address

Remember, fair weigh-in date is Wednesday, July 17. Fair minimum weight is 220 pounds, maximum payweight is 300 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 336 pounds. As a generalization, many of the show pig types tend to gain around 1.5 - 2.0 lbs/day while a commercial type pig can be 2.0 - 2.5 lbs/day. Calculate the days until fair from when you purchase your pig to determine what an appropriate beginning start weight would be.

Breeding Projects

Members with breeding projects must submit to Kari Lewis (kari.lewis@montana.edu) by April 13 any of the following forms of identification on any breeding animals they plan to exhibit at fair:

- Bangs tag number
- Scrapie tag number
- Association registration tattoo
- Picture of animal

4-H'ers needs to have full possession of their project animal at this time.

Livestock Quality Assurance

The following 4-Hers need to complete Livestock Quality Assurance training to be able to show and sell a market livestock project at this year's Marias Fair. The session will be Thursday, February 13 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Glacier County Annex conference room. This will be the final session for the year offered.

- Alex Wahl, Ashlyn Brown, Colt Boyce, Corin Brown, Ethan Brown, Ryker Fugle, Tegan Boyce

Upcoming Livestock workshops in Havre

Please register in ZSuite under Events if you plan to attend

- Swine Feeding - How much, what kind, protein levels, reading labels by Jason Loch, swine superintendent - March 18 - 6 p.m. - Havre Chuckwagon
- Beef Nutrition and Livestock Quality Assurance - March 25 - 6 - 8 p.m. - Havre Chuckwagon
- Swine Whip Training and Grooming by Jason Loch, swine superintendent - April 15 - 6 p.m. - Havre Chuckwagon
- Swine showmanship and Clipping Demonstration by Jason Loch, swine superintendent - June 12 - 9 a.m. - Bigger Better Barn at Havre

4-H Council Updates

- Raffle fundraiser - The 4-H Council will be organizing a raffle this spring with tickets sold through the summer and drawing August 1. Prizes will include 1st - 1/2 processed hog with a small chest freezer, 2nd - 1/2 processed hog, and 3rd - meat basket and other items. Clubs are asked to each donate \$50 to the Council to purchase the meat basket. Any families or clubs willing to add an item to the basket as well would be great (more details to come on a potential theme). Tickets will be \$5/each or 5/\$20. There will be incentives for the top three sellers including a 4-H hoodie, 4-H long sleeved shirt, and 4-H t-shirt. Thanks to ambassador Janae Roberts for helping head up the raffle!
- Murdoch's Retail Roundup - The county will be participating in the Retail Roundup. Glacier County needs to submit at least 20 unique thank you messages that the Montana 4-H Foundation can use to send to donors. Thank you's can be handwritten cards, video messages, or audio messages. We'll let clubs know when cards are available and they can be picked up and returned. Once we have 20 high quality thank you's done, we can submit them (no later than May 1) for up to \$1,000.



**Monday, March 10, 4:00 pm.
HC Davis Cafeteria**

Cloverbud News!

From Grain to Goodness: Make Your Own Flour!

Join us for our exciting "Making Wheat Into Flour" Cloverbud project! Participants will experience the fascinating journey of wheat transformation by grinding their own wheat berries into fresh, nutritious flour. You'll learn about different wheat varieties, traditional and modern milling techniques, and the science behind what makes good flour.

The hands-on workshop culminates with creating your own brownie mix to take home, complete with instructions for making a delicious "brownie cup" treat in your own kitchen. This farm-to-table experience connects young people with agriculture and food production in a fun, tasty way!

Don't miss this opportunity to discover how a simple grain becomes the foundation for countless recipes. See you on Monday, March 10th at 4:00 p.m. at HC Davis Cafeteria.

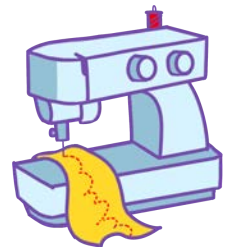
Cloverbud Sewing Project Day! March 14th 2:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a special sewing project day for Cloverbuds on **Friday, March 14th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Cut Bank High School FACS room.** Cloverbuds will create a vest that will serve as their special event uniform. They will also model their vests and their leather pouches in the Marias Fair Fashion Review held in July.

Thank you to Carmen and Grant Tuma for providing our leather for our pouches and prepping them for us. Thank you to Meg McCauley, Patty Dombovy, and Allie Tuma for their sewing assistance! Pre-register on Zsuite today!

If you sew, or know someone who does, please help us with this fun and exciting workshop. We are looking for monetary and sewing supply donations as well. Contact Lisa Terry or Allie Tuma for more information on how you can help us with this project.

Lisa's email - lterry@montana.edu or Allie's email - glacrgriz13@gmail.com



Babysitting or Leadership Project Opportunity

Looking for an awesome volunteer opportunity? Join us as a Cloverbud Helper! Work with our youngest 4-H members (ages 5-7) once a month while earning credit for your babysitting, leadership, and community service projects. You'll gain valuable experience working with kids while having fun with crafts, games, and activities.

Plus, you'll be a fantastic role model for our future 4-H'ers! Contact Lisa, to sign up or learn more. lterry@montana.edu

Rec Lab (Recreation Lab) will be March 28 - 30 in White Sulphur Springs. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

Montana 4-H Rec Lab is open to youth 13+ years old (age as of Oct. 1st, 2024). This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network. The event has a camp feel because everything will take place in one school or location! Participants will bring air mattresses and sleeping bags to sleep on the gym floor, and attend workshops all together in the school and join lots of social and fun activities.

Registration is open through March 12. The cost is \$100 per person, scholarships are available from the Bret Wanken fund and the Glacier County 4-H Council. Lisa will be going and can provide transportation.

A few workshops include - Survival skills for the Great Outdoors, Textile Art, Exploring the science of Matter, Get you Some Gratitude, Horse Whisperers, Connect the Dots between 4-H activities and workplace success, charcuterie creations, Communication that Makes a Difference, Teen Toolkit for Supporting Others, Rug Making, Swine Showmanship, Birdhouse Construction, Swing Dance, office skills, and much more!

Check out the complete list at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/rec_lab/rec_lab_workshop_description.html and register on Zsuite. Please contact the Extension Office with any questions.



March 12 - Registration deadline on ZSuite

See
<https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html>
for scholarship details.

Starter Flock Giveaway

The Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association is excited to offer a starter flock program to youth ages 11 - 16 interested in raising registered Columbia Sheep. Selected recipients receive a gift of 4 registered ewes to begin their adventure. With the help of family and the guidance of a knowledgeable sponsor member of the association, this program is a stepping stone towards success for our young breeders. Information and application is available at <https://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html>. Applications must be postmarked no later than August 1.

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Livestock Committee Scholarships - due March 15

Scholarships are due to the Liberty County Extension Office by March 15. Applications have been emailed to graduating seniors, please contact the office if more information is needed.

Scholarships include:

- Livestock Committee Carcass Scholarship - \$700 - Please include the following information: Cover letter, One (1) letter of recommendation, A 1–2-page essay based on your 4-H livestock carcass results and their value to the livestock industry. Please include relevant personal experiences of what you learned from your Marias Fair livestock results and how you used that knowledge to produce a quality product for the livestock industry.
- Livestock Committee Scholarship (multiple available) - \$700 - Must have exhibited livestock at the Marias Fair during a previous year as a 4-H project. Has displayed leadership skills within any 4-H livestock project. Please include the following information: Cover letter, One (1) letter of recommendation, Livestock exhibited by applicant at Marias Fair and year(s) exhibited. Leadership activities related to the applicant's 4-H livestock projects. Include dates and a brief description of leadership roles.
- Mary Jane Kinyon scholarship - \$550 - Must submit a one page essay on how 4-H has helped the applicant in their education.

BEYOND THE BEAR TOOTH'S
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP
YOUTH AND COACHES INSTRUCTION
MAY 23RD-25TH, 2025
Carbon County Fairgrounds
96 Rodeo Drive, Red Lodge, MT 59068
Register:
April 14th- May 2nd: \$100
May 2nd-16th: \$125
DOES NOT INCLUDE LODGING; HOTEL BLOCK RATES WILL BE AVAILABLE
COACHES: JESSE HENSON, AUBURN UNIVERSITY
SIERRA MEYERS, LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCHEDULE: FRIDAY AFTERNOON: CAMP INSTRUCTION
SATURDAY: CAMP INSTRUCTION
SUNDAY: CONTEST (6 CLASSES AND 2 SETS OF REASONS)
MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION
More information about registration to come
Questions? Contact:
Sarah-Jane French, sarahjane.french@montana.edu or (406)-322-8035
Amber Elliott, amber.elliott1@montana.edu or (406)-962-3522

Livestock Judging Camp

May 23 - 25
Red Lodge, MT

Youth and coach instruction from Auburn University and Linn-Benton Community College coaches

Shooting Sports

There WILL be archery practice this Friday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 2 for anyone who would like to have a final practice.

State shoot is March 7 - 9 in Bozeman, registration is currently open but fees increase February 12. Registration closes February 28. See https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting-sports-SS.html for details.

If you have any equipment checked out, please be sure to return that.

Thank you to Chris Wilder, Jack Norman, and Morgan Wilder for their time and dedication to the shooting sports season. This is only possible because of their volunteering!

Shooting Sports

Marias Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol Tournament Results

Name	Division	Age	Score	X's		Ribbon	Place	Skill-a-thon
Mac McCauley	Rifle - Prone	11-12	243			Blue	7	Red
Rubie Bowland	Pistol - Basic Supported	11-12	285	3		Red	4	Blue
Rubie Bowland	Rifle - Prone	12	276	3		Blue	6	Blue
Wylie Frydenlund - 3P	Rifle	9-10	122	1		Red	2	Blue
Angelo McCullough	Rifle - Prone	13	209	1		Red	8	
Wylie Frydenlund	Rifle - Prone	9-10	263	1		Blue	5	Blue
Morgan Wilder	Rifle	15+	172			Red	3	Blue



The Clever Clovers 4-H Club had an extremely active February with a swine and beef selection workshop at Laverdure’s (thanks Eric and Richie for coordinating and leading!), working the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce Prime Rib cookoff dinner, and learning parliamentary procedure with a pizza making workshop from Lisa Terry. Great job to all the leaders and parents on organizing and assisting with these activities!

**I pledge...my hands to larger service, for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.”**



Longview 4-H club members enjoyed collaborating with the local Beehive residents on a fun Valentine's Day craft at their February meeting. Nice job on those Valentine's!



The Open Range 4-H club met up at the Northern Pines Nursing Home to deliver handmade Valentine cards that they made at their February meeting as part of the 4-H Has Heart Nationwide project. There were over 36,000 Valentines pledged to be delivered to local nursing homes in all 50 states and Canada. A 4-Her from Oklahoma had a vision and created this wonderful project to bring some Valentine cheer to the elderly population. What a difference 4-H makes in communities!



Cloverbuds had a busy month! They created Valentine's candy jars for the residents of Bee Hive Homes, decorated cupcakes led by Lexi Stubbs and assisted by Rubie Bowland and Mark Alberda. Thank you to the Tuma Family for leading these great group of kids!



Lisa taught jam making at Liberty County's 4-H Fun Friday and knife skills to their Teen Leaders. What can she and Kari teach at your club? Contact us!



**MONTANA FARM
BUREAU FOUNDATION**

SPEECH CONTEST



**Open to all 7th-9th Graders
enrolled in 4-H or FFA**



CASH PRIZES!

- 1st - \$400**
- 2nd - \$300**
- 3rd - \$200**
- 4th - \$100**
- 5th - \$50**

April 3, 2025

8 - 10:30am

Bozeman

MSU SUB

Room 232

SPEECH TOPIC:

2.5 to 4 minutes in length

What do you envision as your future role in the agricultural industry? Whether your interests lie in farm and ranch production, agribusiness, or supporting rural communities, everyone contributes to this vital sector.

- What are your goals and what challenges might you face?**
- What resources are available for young individuals planning their future role in agriculture?**

ENTER HERE:



Contact: Alena Standley alenas@mfbf.org 406-799-9955

mfbf.org/foundation

Contest open to 7th -9th graders in 4-H Or FFA!