

# GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - September, 2023

## Upcoming Events

- September 4 - Labor Day, office closed
- September 11 - Deadline to turn in a completed record book and receive certificate at Achievement Day
- September 17 - Achievement Day, 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church followed by Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting
- September 18, 6:30 p.m., Curry Comb 4-H Club meeting, Glacier County Library
- September 30 - Deadline to turn in a completed record book
- September 30 - Deadline to complete Clover Academy by ALL leaders
- October 1 - New 4-H year starts, enrollment begins
- October 1 - 7 - National 4-H Week
- October 2 - Butter Braid Fund-raiser begins
- October 9 - Office closed, Columbus Day
- October 10 or 11 - Marias Fair 4-H Shooting Sports meeting (To be determined)
- October 23rd - Butter Braid Fund-raiser ends
- October 23 - 26 - Office closed, MSU Extension Annual Conference
- November 1, 7 p.m. - Livestock Committee meeting, MRE in Shelby

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

We hope everyone is getting back into the swing of school and the fall schedule. This fall, we'd like to offer additional workshops (potentially Fridays) and learning opportunities. If a parent, volunteer, or teen member is interested, please let us know! We can help with ideas, curriculum, etc.

As we move into a new 4-H year, we have divided up our 4-H responsibilities in the office in an effort to 'divide and conquer.' If you have any questions on who the point person is for various activities, etc., please ask. Kari will take the lead on livestock, shooting sports, financials, record book completion, communications contest, fair sponsorships and registration, etc. Lisa will be the go to for Cloverbuds, FCS related workshops, Council meetings, Achievement Day, Butter Braid sales, Cheesecake bakeoff, Soup & Bread luncheon, camp counselors, etc. By sharing 4-H duties, we're hoping to offer more and also reduce the number of evening/weekend commitments any one agent has. Thanks for your understanding!

One discussion point at our August Council meeting was how to best display the awesome Glacier County 4-H exhibits at fair in the Exhibit Building. If anyone would like to update the tote for that, maybe build a shelf where 'Top Interview' rosettes could be hung, etc., please let us know.

Additionally, if you have not yet filled out the 4-H Food Booth Survey, please do so at <https://tinyurl.com/4sctx6va> to complete this very important survey.

In 4-H friendship, Kari and Lisa

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## Shooting Sports Update

After many years of dedicated service and mentoring over 100 4-Hers through the archery program, Don and Carolyn Popelka have made the incredibly tough decision for them personally to step back from leading the archery program. They have been extremely passionate about the program and have logged hundreds of hours leading multiple practices a week, helping members practice interviews for fair, organizing the 3-D fun shoot, etc. This was a very challenging decision for them but we are so appreciative of all that they have done for our shooting sports program.

We are looking for at least 2 adult volunteers to coach 4-H archery this coming year. We have typically had 3 practice sessions/week, one or two on Thursdays after school and one or two on Sunday afternoons. However, the practice schedule could certainly be adjusted for whatever fits the volunteers. Ideally, we'd be able to have enough volunteers to divide up practices to help share the load between coaches.

If anyone has an interest in coaching, or knows a potential candidate, please let Kari know. While experience in archery is preferred, a desire to work with youth is the main criteria. They would need to enroll on ZSuites as a 4-H volunteer and then attend a 4-H shooting sports training. Upcoming trainings are:

### Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

- October 13 - 15, 2023 Lewistown, MT. This training will give leaders the opportunity to get two certifications for the weekend. the disciplines offered are rifle, pistol, archery, shotgun, muzzleloader, and hunting skills.
- December 1 - 2, 2023 Kalispell, MT. Disciplines offered; Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Coordinator.
- December 15 - 16, 2023 Belgrade, MT. This is an Advanced Training for Rifle, Pistol, and Archery. More information will be shared as this training is planned and organized.

Again, if anyone would like more information or has more questions, please visit with Kari or Don and Carolyn would be good resources for archery specific questions as well. There will be a Marias Fair shooting sports planning meeting October 10 or 11 in Shelby, Doodle poll to come.

## **2023 4-H Achievement Day.**

***All are invited to  
celebrate the past  
4-H year!***



### ***Root Beer Float Responsibilities***

- Curry Comb 4-H Club - Cups, straws, napkins
- Clever Clovers 4-H Club - Root beer
- Longview 4-H Club - Ice cream

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cut Bank, MT - 2 p.m.**

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## **Cloverbuds to start in October**

The first meeting of the 2023-24 Cloverbud year will be held in October. The time and date will be announced in next month's newsletter. We will have a consistent day & time each month in order for parents to plan around that date. Cloverbuds must be enrolled in ZSuites for the year before participating. Thank you to Elyse and Addisyn Bengtson for their dedication to Cloverbuds this year! This year, they will be leading Cloverbuds as part of their Teen Leadership work. There will be a snack, games, and an activity. Thank you Jodi Duncan for your many years of dedicated service!

## **Enrollment starts October 1**

October 1, 2023 will be the beginning date for families to start re-enrollment and new enrollments. In ZSuites your previous year's information will rollover. However, families will be marked "Inactive" and you will need to be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year. Your previous year's information will still be in the system, you will simply need to update personal information (if need be), sign the waivers, and add clubs. Re-Enrollment will need to be done for all returning volunteers, and youth. In order for their information to rollover you will need to use their existing login.

Clover magazines are available in the office, please stop by to pick one up. They list the projects available, age requirements, information on the projects, etc. and are a great resource prior to enrolling. Be sure to check your age level before re-enrolling to be sure you are enrolled in the appropriate level. If there's only a few activities left in your current project book, move up to the next level.

## **Project Age Requirements**

You must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2023 in order to enroll in each project.

- Cloverbuds - 5 years old, Regular 4-H - 8 years old
- Shooting Sports - 9 years old
- Market Beef & Beef Breeding - 10 years old
- Teen Leadership - 13 years old • Ambassador - 14 years old
- Colt to Maturity - 11 years old and have completed Horsemanship Levels 1, 2, and 3

## **National 4-H Week - October 1 - 7, 2023 - Theme is 'Opportunity4All!'**

To promote National 4-H Week, clubs are encouraged to do a window display around Cut Bank. Window displays will be judged with prizes awarded from the 4-H Council. The 1st place display receiving \$30 and the 2nd place display receiving \$20. Please contact the Extension Office by Wednesday October 5 with your display location so that it can be judged! Please wear your 4-H shirt (or green) on Wednesday as well.

Each club has also been given a list of 4-H supporters (not necessarily those that purchase livestock, but many who donate space, give discounts, etc.) to thank during 4-H week with a handshake and personal delivery of a treat (plate of cookies, muffins, chex mix or puppy chow, etc.)

Resources are available at <https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/>.

## **Food Pantry donations needed**

The Harvest Food Pantry is in need of donations. They've recently reduced the amount of food they're distributing weekly. Both cash donations (c/o Vonnie Winterrowd, 709 1st St SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427) and donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, etc. would be appreciated!

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## Record Book Reminders

Before turning in record books to club leaders, members and parents should both complete the checklist on the 'Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book for the Marias Fair' to ensure that the criteria for a 'Gold Seal of Excellence' is met. The 4-H member and parent should walk through this checklist, and if anything is missing, make sure to correct it before turning the book into the club leader or Extension office. This checklist is also available <http://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>. If this criteria is met, the member will receive a Gold Seal of Excellence and be eligible to compete in the Roundtable for top awards. We will set the dates for the Roundtable at our Council meeting August 7.

**Resources** - <http://montana4h.org/resources/> has a guide that explains what should be recorded where (For the Record: A Guide for Completing 4-H Records), and fillable record book forms are also available.

**September 30** - Deadline for Record Book Completion - All record books must be completed (according to the 'Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book') and turned in by September 30. If completion criteria is not met by September 30, members are not eligible to enroll in a market animal project or request any scholarship money from the Glacier County 4-H Council next year.

## Montana 4-H Foundation Silent Auction Item

The Montana 4-H Foundation is organizing a fundraising dinner in October. They are asking each county to contribute a high quality item (worth \$100 or more) to their Silent Auction. We're assembling a breakfast themed gift basket from Glacier County 4-H. We'd love to have each family and/or club contribute items. The following are some suggestions or ways you could contribute:

- Breakfast tray or basket - Beretta Winkowitsch is building, thank you!
- High quality maple syrup
- Jams (Marketplace on Main has some great selections)
- Pancake mix
- Waffle mix Muffin mix
- Hot chocolate mix
- Coffee
- Tea
- Spatula or wire whisks
- Honey - Johnson/Suta family, thank you!
- Coffee cups
- Granola
- Chocolates
- Towels
- Shelf stable meat
- Table runner - Ashlyn Brown, thank you!



If anyone crafty would be willing to assemble the items and gift wrap it up, that would be wonderful! The 4-H Foundation has provided us with numerous grants (Follow the Cattle, Meat and Compete, We're Jamming), scholarships to members, funds for lessening the cost of leader background checks to the county, support for members attending state and national 4-H Congress, etc.

Please bring your items to the Extension Office by October 13.

## Fall Leadership Training

Fall Training takes place in Billings over MEA weekend, October 20-22, 2023. Registration is on ZSuite beginning September 1. You may sign up for the training in September and it will roll over into the new 4-H year. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources.

This training is available to all 4-H members who will be 14 years old by October 1. There will be excellent workshops on Leadership and a lot of fun activities.

Join the new ambassador Officer team for a fun filled, action packed weekend of leadership training. Anyone interested in furthering their leadership skills and ability to impact the club and community are welcome! This is a great time to connect with friends you may have met at 4-H Congress or meet new people from around Montana.

## Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar and 4-H Cheesecake Booth - November 4

The 4-H Cheesecake Booth will again be back at the Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar this year, which will be Saturday, November 4 at the Cut Bank High School. Proceeds will benefit the Glacier County 4-H Council which funds the senior scholarships, awards for Achievement Day and Communications Contest, pays for leader background checks, purchases food for Leadership Lunches, etc.

Families are needed to bake cheesecakes (and encourage families/neighbors to do so as well) for the bakeoff. Cheesecakes will be sold by the slice after judging (1st, 2nd, and 3rd places awarded). Members and parents will be needed to help sell and serve cheesecake as well. The Glacier County ambassadors will be leading the Cheesecake booth, please stay tuned for more details!



## Katelyn Suta is the new Montana 4-H Foundation Youth Representative!

Congratulations to Katelyn Suta, the new Montana 4-H Foundation youth representative! The Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors serves to raise private funds to support the Montana 4-H programs. The Montana 4-H Foundation assists with the financial support of the Montana 4-H program for youth members, volunteer leaders and Extension staff. Katelyn will participate in their meetings throughout the year and represent youth on this non-profit board.

## Addisyn Bengtson - September 4-H Youth Spotlight

Addisyn Bengtson has been chosen as the Central Region Montana 4-H Youth Spotlight member for September!

Friday, September 1 Addisyn and Kari were on the 'Voices of Montana' program on the Northern Ag Network. You can watch for the replay at at: <https://voicesofmontana.com/>

***Congratulations, Addisyn on all of your 4-H leadership and achievements!***





It was a good turnout for carcass awards . The Katelyn Suta and Colt Laverdure team won the multi county Kahoot game which tested members on their carcass knowledge from the evening presentation

**Congratulations to Glacier County 4-H carcass winners!**

- **Swine:** 2nd - Corin Brown, 3rd - Mac McCauley, 4th - Ethan Brown  
Swine of Excellence - Corin Brown, Mac McCauley, Ethan Brown, and Knox Singer
- **Beef:** 1st - Alex Wahl, 3rd - Alec Morrisett  
Steer of Merit distinctions to Alex, Alec, Addisyn Bengtson, and Sammie McCauley)
- **Goat:** 4th - Katelyn Suta
- **Lamb:** Certified Lamb distinction to Mac McCauley



Alex Wahl's steer had the Grand Champion beef carcass of the Marias Fair. Fun Fact - This is two years in a row that a steer bred by Diamond Box Livestock won the carcass contest! Alex's steer had a 885 pound Hot Carcass Weight, 0.21 inches of backfat, 16.14 inch ribeye, 1.72 yield grade, graded Choice, and had a carcass value of \$2,690.31.

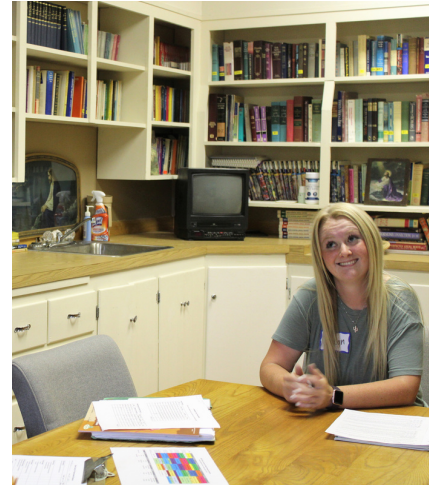
Complete carcass results are available at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/livestockcom.html>.

Thank you to Elyse, Tegan, Katelyn, Ashlyn, Corin, Will, and Ethan for coming on a HOT day to unload the meat from Vandevanter's to the buyers vehicles. This is much appreciated by the buyers.

Please be sure to thank your 4-H buyers and supporters throughout the year. As you shop locally, ask those businesses how their meat is, thank them for supporting 4-H, etc.



# Awards Showcase Interviews



We had 18 4-Hers choose to participate in our Awards Showcase interviews where a judge reviewed their record book and interviewed them on their 4-H year specific to a project. A big thank you to Butch Gillespie, Eric Morrisett, Sarah Thies, Jo Dean Rooney and Owen Gustafson for sharing their time and expertise with these 4-Hers.

If a 4-Her does 4 interviews/year at the Marias Fair +  
4 interviews/year at the Awards Showcase = 8 interviews / year  
8 interviews / year x 10 years in 4-H = 80 interviews completed by the end of a 4-H career

If a 4-Her does a demonstration/illustrated talk at the club and county level each year...  
2 presentations x 10 years in 4-H = 20 presentations by the end of a 4-H career

**Consistency will pay off. Challenging yourself will pay off. Going the extra mile will pay off.**



It's that time of year again! The Butter Braid fund-raiser will begin on October 2nd and end on October 23rd with a delivery date set for November 6th at 4:00 pm. The price for this year is the same as last year at \$17.00 per braid. Your profit will again be 40%.

Please remember that your customers should make checks payable to your club and not the Extension office. If you'd like to begin selling early, the order form is attached to this newsletter. Contact Lisa for more information.

### **Sewing and Quilting Workshops**

Kimberly Snyder, our 4-H sewing leader, plans to teach sewing and quilting workshops for anyone in those projects. If you have ever thought about learning to sew or quilt, now is a great time to add it to your project list. We would also like you to help us recruit for these projects by inviting a friend to attend with you!

Kimberly is currently designing curriculum as well as preparing kits for these workshops. Ashlyn Brown will also be collaborating with Lisa and Kim. Watch your newsletters for more information on upcoming dates and times. Contact Lisa with questions.

### **Branding Project Fund-Raising offer**

Rod Cline has suggested an opportunity for 4-H Club members to do a fund-raiser at the old Gamble's building located at North Central across from the Pioneer Bar. As part of their work with Reimagining Rural, Rod and Lisa have completed cosmetic upgrades on the building by adding barn wood over the previously broken tiles. Rod's idea is to charge people a fee to have their brands burned into the barnwood with all proceeds going to that 4-H group. This would make a wonderful teen leadership project. If you are interested in heading this up, please contact Lisa.

### **Volunteers**

All returning volunteers will have until September 30, 2023 to complete the training and will not be allowed to enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year until the orientation is completed. If you let your enrollment lapse, you will be required to pay for a new background check (\$35) after you have sat out for a year. All new volunteers must complete the orientation before being turned active in ZSuite. Be sure to press the 'Mark Complete' button after every module. It may take the system a moment to refresh and let you proceed. Often just hitting the refresh button is enough, but sometimes it will require you to log out and log back in before it will refresh.

### Volunteers needing to complete training

Barb Aspevig, Brian Aspevig

Brandon Greco

Bonnie Thies

Cut Bank is developing a new brand identity – and we are asking for your ideas. Go to [www.CutBankSurvey.com](http://www.CutBankSurvey.com) to answer a short survey.

Participants will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 VISA gift card sponsored by Simple Eats and Cut Bank Creek Brewery. The survey is open now through September 15. (No purchase necessary. Must be 21 years or older to participate. No information sold to third party vendors.)

Please also come share your ideas at Cut Bank Creek Brewery September 12 at 6 p.m. with a free taco bar, RSVP to Kari.

