

Upcoming Events

- April 3 - Montana Farm Bureau Speech Contest. See the attached flyer for details
- April 4 - Glacier County 4-H Council senior scholarship deadline
- April 6 - Open Range 4-H Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office
- April 10 - Extension office closed - Kari & Lisa at Spring Central Region meeting in Big Timber
- April 13 - Swine weigh-in deadline, breeding project submission deadline
- April 13 - Camp counselor training session, 2 p.m. in Chester
- April 13 - Longview 4-H Club Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran church, activity prior TBD
- April 13 - Clever Clovers 4-H Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Cut Bank Library
- April 14 - Cloverbud Meeting, 4:00 p.m. HC Davis Elementary Cafeteria
- April 14 - Food Booth Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. MRE Building in Shelby
- April 22 - Ag Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- April 26 - Horse Workshop, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Marias Fairgrounds
- April 26 - Community Wellness Expo, 8:30 - 2:00 p.m. Cut Bank Civic Center and Om Yoga
- April 27 - Communications Contest, 2 p.m., Cut Bank Presbyterian Church
- April 28 - Marias Fair Exhibit Building meeting, 6 p.m, Exhibit Building at Fairgrounds
- May 1 - Drop/Add deadline on Zsuite
- May 4 - Lamb and goat weigh-in deadline
- June 5 - Cloverbud Day Camp - Marias Fair Exhibit Building - To Infinity and Beyond!
- June 13 - Marias Fair Premium Fund scholarship 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!

April is here and that means many great 4-H events on the horizon! We'd encourage EVERYONE to participate in the county communications contest April 27. Public speaking and critical thinking are skills only learned through practice and this is a great place to practice them. Members can participate in a variety of options and Cloverbuds can recite the 4-H pledge or do a demonstration/illustrated talk as well. When teachers say they can pick out the 4-H kids, its often because of their public speaking skills. Please let us know if you'd like help preparing a presentation and we can do so. The Member Recognition Awards on the website are also a great thing to check out and be working towards, which has a communications requirement. We want to see at least 25 participants in 2025! Any sheep members, this is a great chance to prepare a sheep related presentation to then also do at the fair and compete for Marias River Livestock Association awards.

A reminder that May 1 is the Drop/Add deadline, the final date to add or drop any projects on Zsuite. Please login and double check that you're good to go for the year. Members can only exhibit at the Marias Fair in projects they are entered in, and members are responsible for completing their record books and project book requirements for each project they are enrolled in after May 1. If you have questions, please reach out.

In 4-H Friendship, Kari and Lisa

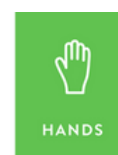
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Motto -
To Make the Best Better



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. Toole County will have sessions April 6, 2 p.m. at the Exhibit Building, and April 18 at Lutheran Church at 10 a.m., please confirm times with Kim before attending (424-8350).

- Colt Boyce

Upcoming Livestock workshops in Havre

Please register in ZSuite under Events if you plan to attend

- 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 have thank you cards available, please let us know if you're willing to write some. They can be from members, parents, leaders, etc. but need to be HIGH QUALITY as these are going to donors. Thank you's should be written as a draft and then copied over with proper spelling, etc. after they've been proofread. Once we have 20 high quality thank you's done, we can submit them (no later than May 1) for up to \$1,000. Each card is essentially worth \$50, so a great fundraiser opportunity!



Monday, April 14th HC Davis Cafeteria

Cloverbud Leathercraft Projects Continue!

At our upcoming Cloverbud meeting, we'll be creating two more exciting leathercraft projects! These new projects, along with our previous one, can be entered in both the Fashion Review and the Cloverbud section of the Marias Fair. Special thanks to Carmen and Grant Tuma for providing and prepping leather for our leathercraft projects.

Parents, please keep these handcrafted items in a safe place so your Cloverbuds can showcase their hard work at these special events. We can't wait to see their creativity shine through these wonderful leather creations!

Cloverbud Sewing Project MAKE-UP DAY Friday, May 23rd @ Cut Bank High School FACS Classroom

If your Cloverbud missed our sewing project day last month, we're offering a make-up day to ensure everyone has a chance to create a tote for Fashion Review and Fair.

Special thanks to these people for their sewing assistance at our previous workshop:

- Adults - Patty Dombovy, Linda Burley, Megan Irvin, Meg McCauley, and Cassandra Stoltz
- Teen leaders - Sammie McCauley and Rubie Bowland
- Hapi Seewald for offering 25% off fabric at Anna's Stash located at Marketplace on Main in Cut Bank

Pre-registration for this sewing make-up day is required through Zsuite and opened 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

Anna's Stash: Special 25% Discount for 4-H Members!

Hapi Seewald of Anna's Stash has generously offered a 25% discount to all 4-H members creating items for the Marias 4-H Fair. This special offer is available from now until fair time! To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, simply visit Anna's Stash at Marketplace on Main in Cut Bank and mention that you're a 4-H member.

If you benefit from this discount, please remember to send Hapi a thank you note expressing your gratitude for her generosity. Let's show our appreciation for this kind gesture and let Hapi know how much her support means to our 4-H community. Contact us for her address.



Calling All



Join Us for Glacier County 4-H Communications Day!

Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 PM

1st Presbyterian Church, Cut Bank

Show Off Your Speaking Skills!

Cloverbuds, here's your chance to shine! You're invited to participate in our special Communications Day where you can:

- Recite the 4-H Pledge
- Give a talk about something you love
- Demonstrate a cool skill or hobby
- Tell about what you've done in Cloverbuds
- Tell about your favorite subject in school
- This is your moment to build confidence, have fun, and practice speaking in front of a friendly audience!



Parents:

This is a wonderful opportunity for your Cloverbud to develop public speaking skills in a supportive environment. Every Cloverbud participant will receive recognition! Join us for an afternoon of learning and fun!

Registration is Now Open! Log into ZSuite under 'Events' to sign up for the Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest by April 13.

No experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm!

Deadline to register is April 13th by midnight!



ATTENTION CAT MEMBERS:

There are a couple of new Marias Fair competitions in the feline department this year. In addition to showmanship there will be a "longest whisker" a "longest tail" and a "best costume" contest. You can't change your cat's whisker or tail length - No Extensions! :) but you can be creative in dressing up your cat if he or she will allow it. We are looking forward to seeing your imagination at work!



4-H Resources available

Did you know...? The Glacier County 4-H Council has several items available for checkout at no cost to our members. There are cake decorating kits, a beef kit, swine kit, leathercraft items, etc. There is also a small animal scale for weighing pigs, lambs, and goats (please handle with care, return within 48 hours, and NO washing of animals on the scale). The beef and swine kits are fantastic resources that can be used at a club meeting, project meeting, within a family, etc. There are large laminated posters, etc. that are great for hands-on learning. These are free resources, stop in for them!

Apply for a state 4-H Award

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a project area. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service.

State Award recipients are recognized during the Banquet at Montana 4-H Congress in July and are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November, in Atlanta, GA. Visit <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html> for details and the application. Katelyn Suta was a state winner in swine in 2023 and we have many more deserving members. Applications are due May 1.

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.

Opportunity for 4-Hers with Native American Heritage

Are you a 4-H member with Native American Heritage who wants to attend Montana 4-H leadership opportunities such as 4-H Congress, Rec Lab, or a local 4-H camp, but need resources to do so? We have funding support for you! We have a donor that desires to support youth with Native American Heritage/First Nations Youth.

Criteria:

Must be 13+ as of October 1 of the current 4-H year, must be a current member of a Montana 4-H program (club, county, tribal area) when applying, must have the approval of MSU Extension County Agent (or approved substitute if position is vacant).

How to Apply?

If eligible, please complete the following application by June 1, 2025.

Link to Application: <https://forms.office.com/r/2bus1Ls4Ke>

Link to Website: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/native-american-heritage-funding-application.html>

Marias Fair Committees

The Marias Fair Ag Committee (Rabbits, Poultry, Dog, Cat, Pocket Pets), Horse Committee, and Exhibit Building committees could all use additional members/support. Please let us know if you're interested.



Alec Morrisett and Peyton Volkman were participants in the Livestock Genomic Testing project. Both 4-Hers have been busy with calving out their beef breeding projects as well.

Our 4-H Livestock Genomic Testing project is underway with beef members beginning to collect DNA samples (ear punch) with these Tissue Sampling Units (TSU's). While many tools exist for selection of registered livestock (such as E.P.D.s, etc.), tools for commercial livestock selection are less utilized. Livestock are often visually selected as replacements, but genomic testing can provide predictions to help make profitable selections earlier in the animal's life (which to keep or cull, mating decisions for herd progress, etc.) and can be used in marketing to prove a calf crop's genetics.

Participating members will receive a basic introduction to genomic testing including its purpose and the process. Members will be able to collect and submit a DNA sample from a heifer from their or their family's herd for analysis and receive results back. The test will provide rankings according to 20 economically relevant traits (such as birth weight, growth, maternal, docility, carcass traits, etc.) and 3 economic indexes (Zoetis Cow/Calf, Feedlot/Carcass, and Total Return). The test is backed by over 1.4 million straightbred and crossbred animals. Contact Kari ASAP to participate.

Marias Fair Steer Updates

The maximum steer payweight was increased to 1,650 pounds which would make the maximum sale participation weight 1,848 pounds (effective for 2025 fair). The Montana Steer of Merit requirements have increased the maximum backfat thickness and increased the minimum quality grade from Choice- to Choice, so given those changes and the current industry standards, steer weight was increased. Minimum weight remains 1,100 pounds. Beef members, please make sure to weigh your steers this month if you haven't done so lately. Anyone is welcome to come to Kaleb and Kari Lewis's (194 Rim Road, Kevin) to weigh if needed.

Livestock Showmanship clinics and Jackpots

Livestock Boot Camp, May 10 - 11 in Red Lodge and Livestock Judging Camp, May 23 - 25 in Red Lodge, MT. See Facebook page, "Carbon County 4-H" Outbreak for details or ask Kari.

Swine and Beef showmanship Clinic May 18 in Lewistown, Sheep Showmanship clinic May 17 in Lewistown, both with professional clinicians. Please ask Kari for details or look on Montana Jackpot Shows Facebook group.

Golden Triangle Jackpot in Great Falls (Beef) - April 12, see <https://www.facebook.com/thegoldengf> for details.

Montana 4-H Foundation Youth Representative Position Open

Are you a Montana 4-H member who wants to gain life and career skills while serving Montana 4-H? We are seeking dedicated and engaged youth applicants to serve on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. You must be at least 14 by October 1 of the current 4-H year and be enrolled as a 4-H member the following year. The position is for youth who are enrolled/active 4-H members during their year of service, which will start at the July annual meeting.

What will you give?

You should be able to give your opinion and perspective.

You should be able to share a strong youth voice in our organization.

What will you receive?

An opportunity to “learn by doing” in a youth-adult partnership. Past members have said that serving as a youth on the Montana 4-H Foundation gave them an opportunity to build their confidence, to learn how to work toward common goals as a team, to learn about team dynamics and professionalism. You will gain exposure to non-profit management details and build an understanding that will serve you in your future.

What will you do?

You will be expected to participate in four meetings. The first one will be during Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman. The other three will be during the school year, with video conference available. Traditionally, the meetings have been during the business day. Your travel and lodging expenses will be covered by the Montana 4-H Foundation. You are responsible to organize your travel.

You will also be expected to serve on at least one committee during your service.

Other Criteria:

- Must be a 4-H member in your home county for at least three consecutive years.
- Must be a current member of a Montana 4-H program (club, county, tribal area) when applying and when serving on the Board.
- Each teen director shall serve a one-year term. July 2025 to July 2026
- Must have the approval of MSU Extension County agent (or approved substitute if position is vacant).
- Those serving as a Montana 4-H State ambassador officer or on the Montana 4-H Council are not eligible to serve simultaneously on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board.

Montana 4-H Foundation

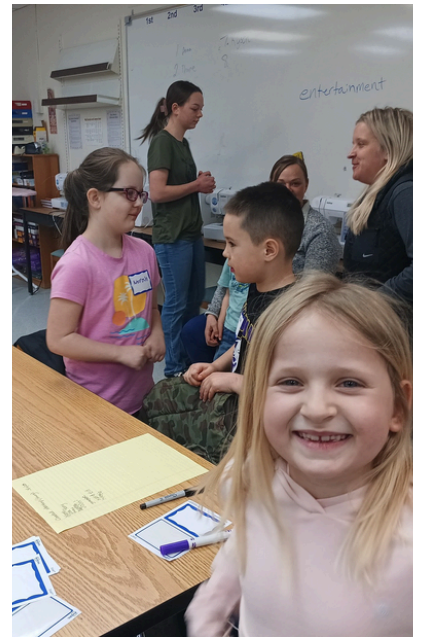
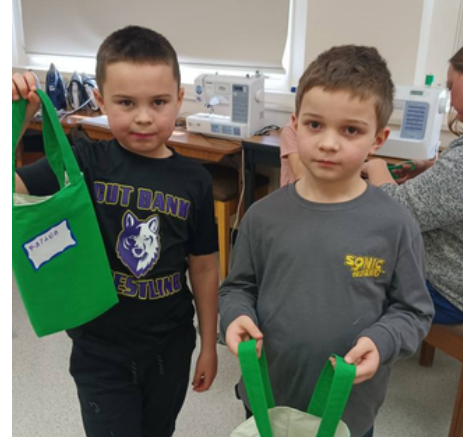
The Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors serves to raise private funds to support the Montana 4-H programs. The Montana 4-H Foundation assists with the financial support of the Montana 4-H program for youth members, volunteer leaders and Extension staff.

If you are interested in serving on the Montana 4-H Foundation, please complete the following application by June 1, 2025.

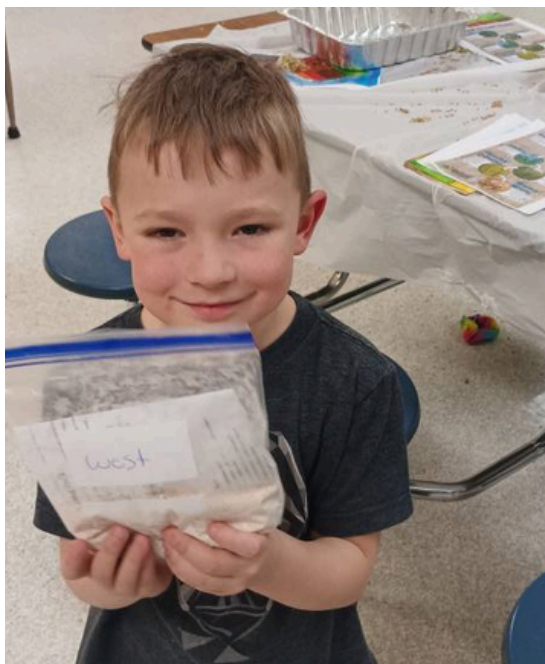
Link to Application: <https://forms.office.com/r/Jxktghqnr3>

Link to Website: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/youth-representative-application.html>

Cloverbud Sewing Project Day



Cloverbud Meeting: Grinding Wheat to Flour



Montana 4-H State Rec Lab @ White Sulphur Springs Glacier County Representatives Alec Morrisett & Lisa Terry



Alec participated in outdoor survival skills, swing dance, communications and public speaking. Alec is our only 4-H member who has attended almost all state events!

Way to go Alec!



Thank you to Liberty County Ambassadors for inviting Lisa to help with your knife skills workshop! Congratulations on a successful and fun learning opportunity!



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!

The Horse Committee is looking for additional leaders/volunteers. If you're interested in helping, please let Kari or Lisa know. A Glacier County representative on the committee would be great and appreciated!

Save the Date!

4-H HORSE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

26 April | 10A.M - 2 P.M.
4-H BUILDING AT FAIRGROUNDS

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

July 8-11, 2025, Montana State University - Bozeman, MT

Montana 4-H invites all members 4-H age 13 and older, volunteers, and MSU Extension faculty and staff to the 2025 Montana 4-H Congress event on the Bozeman campus of Montana State University July 8 - 11. There's contests, workshops, dances, and FUN!

WORKSHOPS:

- Roping
- Tack ID
- Identifying Lameness
- Vaccine/Dewormer
- Horse Helmet Video
- *Ride Practice
- *Dependent on Weather

LUNCH PROVIDED

TEXT 406-868-9149
RSVP/QUESTIONS