

Upcoming Events

- February 2 - Open Range 4-H club meeting, 6 p.m. at Annex
- February 2 - Longview 4-H club meeting
- February 7 - Camp Counselor applications due on ZSuite
- February 8 - Virtual Show Pig Conference
- February 9 - Clever Clovers meeting at Beehive at 3 p.m.
- February 10 - Cloverbuds Meeting, 4:00 p.m. H.C. Davis Cafeteria & deadline to register for Kid's Kitchen
- February 14 - Kid's Kitchen Valentine's Cupcakes & Valentines for Bee Hive Homes, 10 - Noon
- February 14 - Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants & scholarships due
- February 16 - Livestock judging at Laverdure's, 2 p.m. (swine and beef)
- February 23 - Marias Fair Rifle/Pistol tournament at Conrad
- February 23 - Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting, 4 p.m., Glacier County Library
- February 24 - Glacier County 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office
- February 28 - Safe Sitter class in Shelby, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- February 28 - Deadline to register for state shooting sports tournament
- March 2- Camp counselor training session, 2 p.m. in Chester
- March 7 - 9 - State 4-H shooting sports competition - Bozeman
- March 12 - Deadline for Rec Lab registration
- 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
- May 4 - Lamb and goat weigh-in deadline
- June 25 - 27 - 4-H Camp at Montana's Farmer's Union camp near Highwood
- July 16 - 20 - Marias Fair

Happy February from your Extension Office!

We're looking forward to our upcoming Valentine's Day service projects where our 4-H'ers will be making cards, candy and cupcakes for local nursing home residents. A special thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have been braving the cold weather to support our youth activities. Join us for our Kid's Kitchen project day on February 14th at Cut Bank High School FACS class, where Cloverbuds and other 4-H members will be decorating cupcakes for the local Beehive assisted living home.

With the start of the new year, it's also time to begin thinking about summer camp registration for both counselors and campers. Get those on your calendar and please reach out if questions.

In 4-H Friendship, Kari and Lisa

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To Make the Best Better



Montana 4-H People Partner grants - due February 14

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Application Deadline: Postmarked by February 14

Each application is eligible for up to \$500.

Eligibility

4-H groups and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
- Project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
- There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidence by "partners" listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.
- The project has lasting benefits.

If a group, club, committee, etc. is interested in applying, please chat with Kari or Lisa now to begin planning. In recent years these projects have helped fund fleece tie blankets, herdsman's banner in the Rabbit/Poultry barn, wash rack project, new show ring at Seewald barn, and more. Visit <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html> for details and to see past award recipients. Projects do not have to be 4-H related, they can be for a community need that 4-Hers identify.



Sammie McCauley and Elyse Bengtson pitched their plans for updating the Seewald barn mister system to the Marias Fair 4-H livestock committee last week. The committee agreed to partner with them financially and they'll be submitting a Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grant application as well.

Camp Counselor Applications Open

4-H members who are 4-H ages 14 (as of October 1, 2024) and will be in grades 9–12 (for the 2024-25 school year), please consider applying to be a camp counselor. 4-H Camp will be June 25-27, 2025, at the Montana Farmer's Union Camp near Highwood. NEW this year, counselors will go down a day earlier (afternoon of June 24) to set up and get prepped. Counselors will help plan the camp, will lead workshops and games, and oversee the campers in their cabins.

Applicants need to submit a completed application by **February 7 via Zsuite** including a cover letter and resume. Selected counselors will need to attend two mandatory camp counselor workshops on March 2nd and April 13th and pay a \$25 fee to help offset meals and t-shirt expenses.

Shooting Sports

The Marias Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol tournament will be Sunday, February 23 at the Pondera Shooting Sports Complex in Conrad. Registration will be coming out soon, please watch your email for details and be sure to register early to get your desired shooting time.

Shooting sports tournaments are listed at:

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting-sports-event.html and include:

February 8 - Conrad (Airgun and Archery), February 15 - Great Falls, March 1 - Fort Benton, etc.

State shoot is March 7 - 9 in Bozeman, registration is currently open but fees increase February 12. Registration closes February 28.

Marias Fair Food Booth Updates

Cup Logo Contest Winner - Rylie Aaberg

We received several entries for our cup logo contest, and we appreciate those who submitted. Our winning logo was created and submitted by Rylie Aaberg of Pondera County. Rylie hand-drew her animal designs and then uploaded photos of her drawings to create the digital design you see pictured to the right. We will continue to offer this contest each year, with a different logo featured. We encourage you to participate in next year's contest. The contest is open to any 4-H youth member ages 9 to 19 from any county or the Blackfeet Reservation. We hope to see your design next year! More details will be in future newsletters.



Winning logo contest design by Rylie Aaberg

New Training for all Marias 4-H Fair Food Booth Workers

4-H Food Booth Policy Update

Our Marias 4-H Fair food booth committee is developing new training recommendations and policies following guidance from the state 4-H office. The proposed changes aim to create uniform standards for food safety, proper attire, proper behavior, and proper customer service. This will be mandatory training for all food booth workers. In person and virtual trainings will be considered. Input from Extension agents from all four counties will be also considered in this review. Watch for upcoming details in county newsletters, email communications and social media content.

Food Booth Positions: Contact Lisa at lterry@montana.edu if you are interested in the positions of head cook, maintenance director or a day chair of the food booth. Each position comes with a stipend.



Monday, February 10, 4:00 pm.
HC Davis Cafeteria

February Cloverbud Meeting: Sweet Surprises for Seniors!

Join us for our next Cloverbud meeting on Monday, **February 10th at 4:00 p.m.** in the HC Davis cafeteria. Our young members will be spreading joy to our community as we create decorative candy jars for residents at the Beehive assisted living facility. Each Cloverbud will have the opportunity to design and fill their own jar with colorful treats. These special Valentine's gifts will be delivered to the residents following our Kid's Kitchen project day on Valentine's Day, making for an extra sweet celebration! Please arrive on time so we can make the most of our crafting session. As always, parents are welcome to stay and help with the activity. **Our new teen Cloverbud helper is Rubie Bowland** and we are looking for more. See details in yellow below.

Cloverbud Sewing Project Day & NEW CHOIR!

Mark your calendars for a special sewing project day 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 uniform to wear for the **NEW CLOVERBUD CHOIR!** Yes, that's right Cloverbuds will be singing their hearts out and available to sing at events, club meetings, fairs, farmer's markets, church events, etc. Thank you to Meg McCauley and Allie Tuma for their sewing assistance! Pre-register on Zsuite.

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.

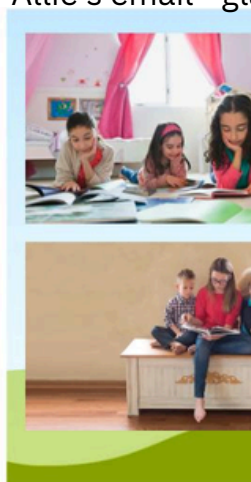
Lisa's email - lterry@montana.edu or Allie's email - glacgriz13@gmail.com



SAFESITTER *Essentials*

Safe Sitter® prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

Students learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who's choking, and helpful information like what to do if there's severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use CPR manikins to practice choking rescue and CPR!



February 28, 2025

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Toole County Health Department
402 1st ST S
Shelby, MT 59474

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for this FREE class, call Toole County Health Department at 406-424-5169 or stop by our office.

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.

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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 will be through ZSuite and is set to open on February 10th and will close March 12th. The cost will be around \$100 per person. Lisa will be going and can provide transportation.

Swine Selection & Management and Livestock Judging workshop - February 16 at 2 p.m. at Laverdures

Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. at Laverdure Livestock (506 E. Sweetgrass Road) there will be numerous livestock learning opportunities. The afternoon will include a workshop on swine selection (great for any swine members prior to picking out pigs in March/April), livestock judging practice on swine and cattle (potentially heifers and steers), AND a swine castration demonstration. Thanks to the Morrisetts and Laverdures for providing this learning opportunity, please RSVP to them or Kari if you plan to attend. These would definitely work for learning experiences in project books.

Marias Fair Archery Tournament Results

Name	Division	Age	Score	X's	Placing	Skill-a-thon
McCoy Singer	Bowhunter	9 - 10	65		Red	Blue
Ella Povey	Bowhunter	11 - 12	227	2	Blue	Blue
Sebastian McKenzie	Bowhunter	11 - 12	198		Red	Blue
Knox Singer	Bowhunter	11 - 12	169		Red	Blue
Mark Alberda	Bowhunter	11 - 12	96		Red	Blue
Nash Singer	Bowhunter	13 - 14	236	2	Red	Red
Lexi Stubbs	Bowhunter	13 - 14	180		Red	Blue
Morgan Wilder	Bowhunter	15 - 18	295	16	1st	Blue
Will Suta	Bowhunter	15 - 18	286	9	2nd	Blue

Kid's Kitchen: Valentine's Day Edition!

Get ready to spread some sweet Valentine's Day cheer at our upcoming Kid's Kitchen baking day! Join us on **February 14th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** as we create beautifully decorated cupcakes for our local senior citizens. We're excited to have **Teen Leader, Lexi Stubbs** sharing her expertise in cake decorating techniques with our young bakers. After the workshop, we'll deliver cards created at the Cloverbud meeting to residents at the assisted living homes and will hopefully sing for them, bringing smiles to our community members. ***Cloverbuds are invited and encouraged to attend this workshop.***

Don't miss out on this activity! Pre-registration is required through ZSuites, and the **deadline to sign up is February 10th**. Space is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot early. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Cloverbuds and members to learn new skills while making a difference in our community.

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships - due February 14

- The Montana 4-H Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships. Graduating seniors and current college students are eligible. An email has been sent to 4-H families with high school seniors currently enrolled in 4-H. Here is a link to the email: <https://xnwgx.mjt.lu/nl3/3D8ExQTM5egM9oh4AUtlow?hl=en>
- For more information and to find the application link please visit website: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

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.



4-H Legislative Breakfast - Thanks to Hapi Seewald, Alec Morrisett, Miles Geer, Sammie McCauley, and Colt Laverdure had the opportunity to attend the 4-H Legislative Breakfast in Helena. 4-Hers had breakfast with their local senators and representatives and shared the #BeyondReady 4-H message with them. Then, 4-H volunteer Hapi Tempel Seewald toured the kids around the Capitol, a Senate hearing, the old Governor's mansion, a private hearing room with the Sargent of Arms, Senator Russ Tempel's office, on the Senate floor, and much more. Senator Susan Webber introduced the members during the Senate session as well! A big thank you to Hapi for making the trip happen, to Russ and Judy Tempel for their hospitality hosting the kids, and to our Montana senators and representatives for meeting with and supporting Montana 4-H!

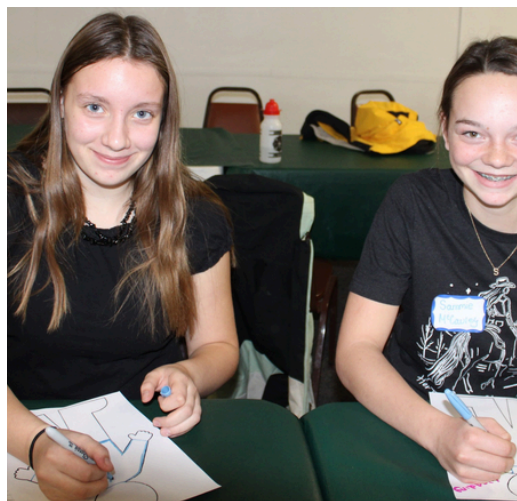


Livestock Judging - Alec Morrisett, Emily Roberts, Janae Roberts, Colt Laverdure, Crue Laverdure, Emeree Lassel, Kaci Lewis, Maggie Morrisett, and Jillian Morrisett bundled up to practice judging yearling bulls during the Laverdure Livestock Open Corral. Thanks, Richie and Andee and family for all the hospitality and lunch! Alec Morrisett and Sammie McCauley stepped up their game to compete at the KMON MAGIE contest in Great Falls January 16 as well.



You are invited to attend a free virtual show pig conference! This event is held online through Ring Central. Sign up for your free ticket at www.showpigconference.com

The conference will feature over twenty speakers who are excited to help youth and their families learn and succeed. Attendees will be able to listen to mainstage speakers, breakout group sessions, enter virtual expo booths, and ask show pig experts the questions that they have always wanted answered.



Thirty seven 4-H members from Glacier and Pondera counties participated in the January project day. A big thank you to Elyse Bengtson, LeAnne Winkowitsch and Beretta Winkowitsch, Eric Morrisett, Will Suta, Janae Roberts, Ashlyn Brown, Olivia Bradley, Destini Anderson, Emily Roberts, Lacy Roberts, and Richard Laverdure for preparing and presenting workshops! Kudos to our Glacier County 4-H ambassador team members for each taking the lead on a workshop! It speaks a lot of these 4-Hers that there were seven teen leaders who put in the time and effort to build a workshop and present in front of their peers!

4-Hers said the most important thing they learned were:

- "I liked learning about pigs."
- "I learned how to give a presentation."
- "I learned more breeds of beef and more parts of a steer."
- "I learned how to make my presentation better."
- "I learned how to make hot chocolate."
- "I learned about stick welding."
- "I learned a lot, especially about time management."

Soup & Bread Success

Special thank you to Ashlyn and the entire Brown family for organizing and directing the Soup & Bread fundraiser for the Parkview Meals on Wheels program. Thank you also to the amazing 4-H kids from Clever Clovers, Longview and Open Range 4-H Clubs for your outstanding service. We heard many comments on your great work. Thank you to all who came out in support of these kids and our community. You are all truly amazing! This was a record year for Ashlyn's last on the project raising \$1,763.00. Way to go, Ashlyn, and thank you for your years of service!



Cloverbud Meeting - All About Beef!

What an awesome Cloverbuds meeting! Thank you to Allie, Tysen, and Mat Tuma for teaching them all about beef! The Cloverbuds also made amazing hand-sewn leather coin pouches, which they will be entering in both the Marias Fair and Fashion Review! They will also model their new Cloverbud vests at the Fashion Review! Exciting times in Cloverbuds!



Eggs-citing Kid's Kitchen Egg Workshop a Success!

Ever wonder why eggs are called nature's perfect food? Packed with all 9 essential amino acids, they're nutritional powerhouses! Our Kid's Kitchen workshop was egg-citing on Friday! Mike Fugle introduced us to turkey and goose eggs, and demonstrated weighing techniques on a vintage egg scale. Chrystle White shared her delicious cabbage & egg bread recipe. The young chefs mastered kitchen skills like proper knife handling, measuring, and food safety while creating scrambled eggs with spinach and gourmet sandwiches. Join us every 2nd Friday at 10 pm at Cut Bank High School for more culinary adventures!



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FEB 4 - TRENDS IN RURAL MONTANA

Tara Mastel, MSU Extension, utilizes recent data to share current trends across the state. Plus, success stories from small towns across Montana.

FEB 11 - SMALL-TOWN SUCCESS STORIES

Hear from some of your neighbors who are getting stuff done in small towns across the state. You'll hear from Vaughn Zenko of Baker, Jenn Swanson, Shelby Jones-Dozier of Choteau, and the Winnett Aces.

FEB 18 - TRANSFORMING CIVIC APATHY INTO COMMUNITY PRIDE

Jeff Siegler, of Revitalize or Die, believes revitalizing communities is the most important work we can do. It has the power to transform people's lives by fostering a stronger sense of community. Jeff has dedicated himself to killing apathy- one town at a time. Plus, we'll hear from Broadus, a small town that invited Jeff in to help kickstart their civic overhaul.

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Sessions run 6-8 pm and are **FREE**. The community is encouraged to attend.

To learn more or participate contact:

Glacier County Extension - 406-873-2239

Kari Lewis - kari.lewis@montana.edu

Lisa Terry - lterry@montana.edu

Sessions will be at Glacier County Extension Office, 1210 E. Main Street, Cut Bank, MT, light dinner provided.

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