

# GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - May, 2026

## Upcoming Events

- May 1 - Add/Drop Date Deadline
- May 3 - Lamb and goat weigh-in deadline
- May 4 - Glacier County 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
- May 5 - Cloverbud Camp Registration goes live on Zuite
- Ma8 8 - Emotions in Motion, Glacier County Library, 10:30 am - 11:30 a.m.
- May 11 - Cloverbud meeting, HC Davis Cafeteria, 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- May 11 - Horse project meeting, 6 p.m., 2327 US HWY 213 North (LeAnne Winkowitsch daycare)
- May 15 - Fair packets available, fair registration opens on FairEntry
- May 17 - Clever Clovers meeting at Glacier County Library, 3:30 p.m., bring gardening tools and gloves for flower bed cleanup with meeting to follow
- May 17 - Teton County Rabbit and Poultry Practice Show, 2 p.m., Choteau Weatherbeater
- June 10 - Cloverbud Day Camp, Marias Fair Exhibit Building 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- June 15 - 4-H Congress registration closes
- June 17 - Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Seewald Barn
- June 23 - Food Booth Pre-Fair Clean up, looking for teen or family help, 10:00 a.m.
- June 22 - 24 - Montana Range Days in Malta
- June 24 - 26 4-H Camp in Highwood Mountains (counselors go down 6/23)
- June 30 - Deadline to have record books and project books checked by leaders for fair
- July 6 - Marias Fair Fashion Revue judging and early Cloverbud interviews - Exhibit Building
- July 11 - Fair Clean Up Day, Marias Fairgrounds, Shelby 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- July 11 - In person Food Safety Training, Marias Fair Food Booth - 12:00 noon
- July 7 - 10 - 4-H Congress
- July 15 - 19 - Marias Fair in Shelby

Greetings, 4-H families!

Spring is finally here, and what a wonderful time of year it is! The days are getting longer, the world is coming back to life, and there is so much to look forward to as a 4-H family. We hope you are all enjoying the season and finding inspiration all around you.

With spring in full swing, that also means fair season is just around the corner, and now is the perfect time to start preparing! Whether you are just getting started with an added project or putting the finishing touches, every step you take now will make a difference come fair time. Don't wait until the last minute; a little effort each week goes a long way!

As you work through your projects, please don't forget about your project books. They are an important part of your 4-H experience and a great way to reflect on everything you have learned and accomplished. If you have questions or need any help with your project books, please reach out to us. We are always happy to help and would love to hear how things are going!

Wishing you all a beautiful May!

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Dear 4-H family,

Thirty plus years ago, I began my 4-H journey. Over the years, I learned public speaking, record keeping, goal setting, and to make the best better. I learned to accept feedback and criticism, to take the wins and the losses, and I met some of my best friends through 4-H. Through 4-H and with a \$5,000 Farm Service Agency youth ag loan back in 2000, I had the opportunity to grow and build a Registered Angus cow herd. Likely little has impacted my life outside faith and family as much as 4-H has.

In May, 2012, I started as the Glacier County Extension agent, fresh out of graduate school. There were 26 enrolled 4-Hers at the time and I had little expertise beyond my personal experience and Animal Science/Ag Econ classes. Since then, the people of this community and county have been incredible at embracing my family and I, serving alongside me, and growing this 4-H program. To have had a front row seat to see the growth in the members, leaders, and volunteers these past 12 years has been something I deeply cherish and value. It has been a deep privilege to have had work worth doing and a career with purpose that I've had a passion for.

I wish I could tell each person individually the impact they've had on me and give a thank you for choosing to be involved in this program. Since I've started, our family has grown with a now 3 year old son and 6 year old daughter at home, we've moved to the ranch we bought nearly six years ago (25 miles from town, near Kevin), and our cowherd has grown to the point it necessitates someone full-time on the ranch. All this to say, learning to set goals and work towards them (which I learned in 4-H) has had lifelong impacts for me and I'm blessed to say our family has reached several goals we've been working towards.

As a family, we've made the decision that I will stay home to be with our kids and provide more daily labor on the ranch. As Kaleb always tells me, "When there's too many branding irons in the fire, none get hot enough to make a brand..." and we're simply to the point of too many irons in the fire between two full-time jobs, two young kids, and a ranch. I want to provide my kids the opportunity to grow up on the ranch and be involved in the daily operations, a priority for us.

This has been an absolutely incredible career I am so grateful for, and I look forward to continuing to volunteer with 4-H. The position will be rehired (should be posted end of this week), please share it around and encourage folks to apply who may be a good fit on the agriculture/4-H sector. We have incredible leaders and volunteers who I am confident will continue to carry on the mission of 4-H. My last day in the office will be May 22, so if you want me to check your fair entries, do them before then! 😊 I am leaving lots of lists and will do my best to ensure my responsibilities are wrapped up and everything is organized for fair. I am just a phone call away, still in the community, just wearing the "4-H Mom", "Volunteer," and "Rancher" hats now.

Lisa will cover all 4-H duties in the interim, and Katelyn Suta (summer intern) will be a great asset to the program this summer as well. Through the years, I've seen the incredible value of volunteers and would encourage each person to see where they can serve and make an impact.

I have been blessed beyond measure and couldn't have asked for a better 4-H family to serve with. Thank you for your understanding, support, and serving with me. May you all continue to, "Make the Best Better," grow as leaders, and serve your community in the "4-H way." Stay tuned for a 4-H farewell gathering in June, I look forward to giving each person a hug or handshake in person!

In gratitude, *Kari Lewis*



*You're  
Invited  
Please  
Come*



*The Glacier County 4-H Leader's Council invites you to*

## *Book Check and Bye Byes*

Potluck farewell and thank you to Kari Lewis for her time as a Glacier County Extension Agent.

Members will bring their record books for check off for participation in the Fair.

If you are unable to attend, make arrangements with your club leader for book checks.

**June 28, 6:30 pm at the City Park**

Open Range, Longview, Clever Clovers,  
(Cloverbuds are also invited to the potluck)

# Congratulations, People Partner Grant Award Recipients!

Open Range 4-H Club (Sammie McCauley lead)	Harvest Food Pantry Freezer Project	The purchase of a new freezer for our local food pantry.	\$500.00
Clever CLovers 4-H Club (Alec Morrisett lead)	Happy Birthday America- Helping Hungry Hands	Celebrating America's Birthday using helping hands to feed and celebrate with our community.	\$500.00
Open Range 4-H Club (Lexi Stubbs lead)	Soup and Bread	Soup and Bread fundraiser all proceeds will go to the Meals on Wheels Program.	\$50.00
Open Range 4-H Club (Lexi Stubbs lead)	TV for live streaming auction	TV to live stream the Marias Fair Livestock Auction for public and workers viewing.	\$50.00

## ***Horse Workshop***

The horseshoeing workshop with Remington Winkowitsch will be May 11 at 6 p.m. He'll tentatively show horse hoof trimming techniques and talk hoof care. It will be at 2327 US HWY 213 North (LeAnne Winkowitsch daycare).

### **Livestock Scale**

Kaleb Lewis is repairing the livestock scale. The scale is available for Glacier County 4-H livestock members to use for weighing their 4-H lambs, pigs, or goats. If using it, please bring at least 2 teenagers or adults to lift scale up into a vehicle to load and strap it down. Scale absolutely must be picked up and carried, NOT drug/scooted, etc. Do not get any water on the scale.

### **Market Livestock Members - Begin Marketing Now!**

For 2026, we're projecting 161 total market livestock, whereas there were 126 market animals sold in 2025. (Granted, some members will only sell one animal at fair so overall numbers will be less than 161, but the takeaway message is we are certainly UP on market livestock in 2026). Steer numbers are the same but we're looking at an additional 5 market lambs, 15 market swine, and 4 market goats compared to 2025.

With these additional numbers, it is important that 4-Hers begin marketing early! Start making a list of potential businesses and individuals to invite to the sale. Buyers need to have the date on their calendar early (Saturday, July 18, 3 p.m.) and be budgeting for the sale. Who are three NEW buyers you can invite - an orthodontist, accountant, relative, etc.? What is your plan for marketing? Can you send a 'Save the Date' now and a follow-up letter (mailed or hand delivered) this summer? The marketing piece is each member's responsibility and a great way to hone the life skills of hand shakes, introducing yourself, sharing about your projects, etc.



Congratulations to Taylor Haines of Pondera County for her winning Marias Fair Food Booth Cup Design!

# 4-H DOG TRAINING WORKSHOP



May 15th  
4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Marias Fairgrounds  
Contact Tara Hart  
406-289-0404

This workshop is intended for 4-H Dog members but anyone interested in pursuing the dog project is invited!

Trainings from Kelli Rohloff and Lee Goertz. Lynn Knoble will be offering grooming lessons

**KIDS**  

**K9 CPR & FIRST AID!**

Kids who attend will learn Basic First Aid for Pets, K9 CPR, Muzzling, K9 Body Language, Emergencies, Paw injuries, starting a Pet Sitting Business and ..... much more!

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm \$45**  
Hosted by: **Cascade County Extension Office in GREAT FALLS**




**Register online:**  
[www.montanak9safety.com](http://www.montanak9safety.com)

Register at  
<https://montanak9safety.com/ola/services/great-falls-kids-k9-kamp>

May 17 - 1 - 5 p.m. in  
Great Falls  
\$45

Course covers Basic First Aid for pets, K9 CPR, K9 Body Language, Emergencies, etc.

# Fair Registration

First fair packets will be ready to pick up May 15th. Fair packets contain important information for non-camping and camping participants, so please pick up early. All Counties need to provide volunteers for certain jobs during the fair.

Fair Registration also begins on May 15th. Register by signing in to your **FairEntry** account at <http://mariasfair.fairentry.com/>. If you forgot your password please select the "forgot password" option. Do not create a new account. Please read through the newsletters, fair book, entry descriptions, etc. and ASK questions of leaders and our office as needed. Each member should bring something from their project for the Exhibit Building as well.

If this is your first year participating in the Marias Fair, you will need to create a new account. There are instructions in your packet. Please call the Extension office at 406-873-2239 if you need assistance. **The deadline to register for fair and turn in all fees is June 16th.**

New campers - camper spot requests are time and date stamped, so the earlier you turn in your request, the better chance you have of getting that spot. Food booth shifts are assigned as registrations roll in, so if you have specific requests, the sooner you register, the better there as well.

You can view the fairbook which lists all the exhibits for projects on FairEntry along with other rules and information concerning the fair at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/index.html>. Second packets are usually available the first part of July, stay tuned!

## **Important Update:** **Marias Food Booth Food Safety Training**

We are excited to share some changes to our Food Safety Training process for all Marias Fair Food Booth workers this year! In an effort to make sure every volunteer, both youth and adults, feels confident and fully prepared before their shift, we have updated our training video and added a short quiz to go along with it.

All food booth workers will be required to watch the new training video and complete a brief quiz, which will be accessible via a Google Forms link that will be shared by May 15<sup>th</sup>. We want everyone to walk in feeling ready and set up for success!

This new format was created with our volunteers in mind. We know that fair season gets busy and details can sometimes get lost in the shuffle, so we hope that this interactive approach helps the important food safety guidelines, including dress code and attire requirements, really stick. Our goal is to make sure no one is caught off guard or put in an uncomfortable situation on the day of their shift. A little preparation goes a long way in making the experience smooth and enjoyable for everyone!

Because this is a new version of the training, all returning and new workers will be required to complete it this year, even if you have completed training in previous years. Following this transition year, training will return to its annual renewal schedule of every other year.

Thank you for all that you do to make the Marias Fair Food Booth such a wonderful success. We truly appreciate each and every one of our volunteers and can't wait to see you there!



Chance Stewart shares his gardening project at Cloverbud Interviews 2025.

### Next Cloverbud Meeting

When: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:45 pm

Where: HC Davis Cafeteria

Theme: Gardening

# CLOVERBUD CAMPING CRAZE

# CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

For Cloverbuds ages 5-8 as of Oct. 1st



June 10th

# 2026

10:00am - 2:30pm

## \$7.00 entry fee

- At the Marias Fair Exhibit building
- Register on Z-Suite (registration open until June 5th)

-LUNCH PROVIDED-

*Please make Cloverbud Camp checks to **Liberty County 4-H Council** and drop off at the office (leave in locked drop box below front counter if we're out).*

# Multi County 4-H Camp - June 24 - 26

4-H Camp will be June 24 - 26 in the Highwood Mountains for 4-Hers in 7th grade and under this year (no Cloverbuds). Counselors will go down 6/23 to prepare. There will be a bus to transport 4-Hers from Cut Bank to camp and back, courtesy of the 4-H Councils.

Camp registration will be open on Zsuite and workshops are available on a first come, first serve basis, so register early!

Registration closes June 1, do not delay! Camp is \$75/member, checks payable to Phillips-Blaine County 4-H Camp OR you can pay through Zsuite with a card.

Scholarships are available through Glacier County 4-H Council and Bret Wanken Memorial Fund, details are at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> under Opportunities/Resources.



## Montana 4-H Congress - July 7 - 9, 2026



Montana 4-H Congress is an unforgettable experience where teens build leadership skills, discover new interests, and make lasting connections. Be part of the excitement at Montana State University this summer! 4-Hers can participate in workshops, a variety of contests, and make lifelong friends.

See

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs\\_and\\_events/events/mt\\_4h\\_congress/index.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html) for details.

**Registration open in Zsuite on May 1 through June 15<sup>th</sup> for 4-Hers 13 & Up (4-H Age)**

**Scholarships are available from Glacier County 4-H Council and Bret Wanken Memorial Fund.**

# Congratulations, scholarship winners!

## Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships

- Montana Farm Bureau Federation - \$1,000 - Addisyn Bengtson
- June Beaver 4-H Scholarship - \$1,000 - Ashlyn Brown

There were 160 scholarship applications from across Montana!

## Glacier County 4-H Council - \$750 - RJ Barbie

RJ said, "4-H camp was one of the best parts (of 4-H) for me, especially getting to go back as a counselor. The leadership, responsibility, and just learning how to show up for people are things I will carry with me from my time in 4-H."



## Congratulations, seniors!



RJ Barbie Receives Scholarship Certificate from 4-H Council President, Raylee Johnson



***Hats off to RJ Barbie, Peyton Volkman, and Morgan Wilder as they graduate high school this month! Each has stepped up as a leader in their club and community in various ways and will be greatly missed.***

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## 4-H Council Meat Raffle fundraiser

The 4-H Council will again be organizing a meat raffle this spring with tickets sold through the summer and drawing July 31.

Prizes will include 1st - 1/2 processed hog with a small chest freezer, 2nd - 1/2 processed hog, and 3rd - \$150 meat gift certificate to Christiaens Meats. Clubs are asked to each donate \$50 to the Council to purchase the meat gift certificate.

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!

Tickets will be available in May and can be picked up with fair packets/fair registration materials. Each family is asked to sell tickets, all proceeds benefit the Council for general 4-H assistance, scholarships, awards, etc.

## NILE Merit Heifer Program

The NILE Merit Heifer program is open for applications from youth ages 12 to 16 who would like to apply for a heifer. Applications close June 30, information is available at <https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/>. Past local recipients include Janae Roberts, Wyatt Berkram, Mat Tuma, JR Seewald, Coalter Littrell, etc. just from Glacier County! It's certainly worth applying for!

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## Emotions in Motion Story Time

### May 8th - "Sammy Feels Shy"

FCS/4-H Agent Lisa Terry, Library Director, Austin Castle, and Behavioral Specialist Alyssa Flores have teamed up to bring this engaging workshop series to our community.

Designed to help young children explore and navigate their emotions in healthy ways, each session is fun, age-appropriate, and comes with a parent guide full of tips to continue the conversation at home.

- Who: Children ages preschool – 8
- When: Friday, May 8th at 10:30 a.m.
- Where: Glacier County Library
- More Info: Contact Lisa at [lterry@montana.edu](mailto:lterry@montana.edu)



# 2026 4-H Communications Contest

We had a record setting turnout at our Communications Contest with 28 participants! Great job to all the participants, families, and leaders!

Overall results include:

Top Pre-Jr Demonstration and Top Pre-Jr Overall - Shannon McCauley

Top Pre-Jr Speech - Rusty Waller

Top Jr Career Communications and Top Jr Impromptu Speech - Mykee Waller

Top Jr Demonstration and Top Jr Overall - Colt Laverdure

Top Sr Career Communications - Sammie McCauley (tie)

Top Sr Career Communications (tie), Sr. Demo., Sr. Speech - Janae Roberts

Top Sr Impromptu Speech and Top Sr. Overall - Emily Roberts



# Reaching for the Moon – and Giving Back

Congratulations to Sammie McCauley, who presented one of her 4-H community service projects at the Earth Day event at Cut Bank High School. Sammie led a hands-on gardening activity with kids and presented her display board showcasing her "Lunar Leader" Moon Gardening Project for bringing nature and community together.

Sammie was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental and Pest Professionals to make her project a reality. Cloverbuds from Glacier, Toole, Liberty & Pondera Counties will be creating Moon Gardens this season during Cloverbud Camp to donate to senior adult residential homes in their communities.

Moon Gardens feature white and silver plants that shimmer in the evening light, making them a perfect and meaningful gift for residents who may spend quiet evenings outdoors. We are so proud of Sammie and all the young people who will help bring this beautiful project to life.

**Thank you to Amtopp - Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals for providing the grant funding for this special project.**

**Thank you also to Bess Hjartarson for inviting Glacier County 4-H to the Earth Day event!**



# Sewing Project Days

Thanks to a generous partnership with The Sewing Machine Project out of , our 4-H Wisconsin, sewing members have been threading needles and building confidence all season long, each on a refurbished sewing machine given new life for young hands to learn on.

From their very first straight lines and gentle curves to crafting practical, hand-finished water bottle cozies and soup cozies, these young sewists have tackled every challenge with creativity and determination. Along the way they've discovered that patience, precision, and a little seam-ripping are all part of the process!

Their hard work won't stay in the sewing room for long. Members will be proudly showcasing their completed projects at the Fashion Review and at the Marias Fair, so be sure to stop by, cheer them on, and admire everything they've made with their own two hands. A heartfelt thank you goes out to sewing leader MaryJo Wright, whose patience, encouragement, and expertise have guided every stitch along the way. We are so grateful for the time and talent she invests in our 4-H members!

***To cover the shipping costs for their machines, sewing members will make items to sell. Be on the lookout for these and plan to help them out by purchasing a home-stitched creation!***



# No May club meetings for Open Range or Longview, watch for June dates coming up

Record books must be up to date through the end of June for any projects a member is exhibiting in at fair along with project book requirements, check [https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4-h\\_files/CriteriaforRecordBookCompletion.pdf](https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4-h_files/CriteriaforRecordBookCompletion.pdf) for requirements (or grab a hard copy from the hallway rack).

*Applications are open for the Montana 4-H Foundation*

*Youth Representative position:*

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

*This is a role that*

*Katelyn Suta filled a couple of years ago and it was a great experience!*

## Council Updates

- Each club will again be asked to contribute \$10/member for the camp bus (from their club who attends) and also contribute \$50/club to the Council pork raffle third place prize. The Council will cover remaining bus expenses for Glacier County members.
- Thank you to those who have written Montana 4-H Foundation thank you cards for the Murdoch's fundraiser, the quality has been great so far!
- Record Books - Record books and project books need to be checked by club leaders by the end of June (**LAST DAY JUNE 28 at potluck**) for any projects member is participating in at fair. See the checklist at [/https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4-h\\_files/CriteriaforRecordBookCompletion.pdf](https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4-h_files/CriteriaforRecordBookCompletion.pdf)

### **IMPORTANT!**

Record books and project books are due to club leaders Friday, August 7 and to the office Friday, August 14 for those competing for awards.



### **DATE CHANGE**

**FINAL** date to turn in completed record books for their year to the office (AFTER checked by leaders) is Friday,

**September 11!**

## LIVESTOCK BOOTCAMP

MAY 22ND & 23RD, 2026



STILLWATER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

16 SHEEP DIP ROAD COLUMBUS, MT 59019

**REGISTER ON ZSUITE!**

REGISTRATION: APRIL 1ST - MAY 15TH \$60

JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL WEEKEND LEARNING THE INS AND OUTS ABOUT NUTRITION, GENERAL CARE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND FITTING FOR YOUR PROJECT!

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