

Upcoming Events

- December 6 - Steer weigh-in at Berkram's - 9 a.m.
- December 7 - Steer weigh-in at Hibbs - 9 - 11 a.m.
- December 8 - Clever Clovers caroling at Care Center, 2 p.m. followed by meeting
- December 8 - Open Range meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Glacier County Annex for party
- December 13 - Cloverbuds meeting at Kid's Kitchen Baking Day, Cut Bank H.S. 10:00 a.m.
- December 13 - Kid's Kitchen Day at Cut Bank High School - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- December 14 - Sheep seminar and Wool Pool meeting, Conrad Moose Lodge, 2 p.m.
- December 15 - Longview Christmas party - 7 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran with gift exchange
- January 2 - Winter Project Day with Livestock Quality Assurance training
- January 19 - Soup and Bread Fund-raiser Parkview Senior Center, 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.
- January 26 - Marias Fair 4-H Archery tournament
- January 29 - 4-H Livestock Committee meeting
- February 1 - Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants due

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

As winter's chill settles in, our 4-H members continue to shine bright with enthusiasm and dedication.

This month, we're celebrating the incredible achievements of our young leaders who have been working tirelessly on projects from learning about weather, to baking, to community service initiatives.

Join us as we reflect on the remarkable growth and spirit of our 4-H family during this festive season of giving and learning. Have a Happy Holiday Season!

In 4-H Friendship,
Kari and Lisa

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Motto -
To Make the Best Better



Youth Leadership Needed - Seewald Barn Misters

The Livestock Committee is looking for a youth to take on a leadership role of designing and implementing an updated mister system for the Seewald barn. The current system leaks in numerous places and is in need of repair and/or updating. Eric Morrisett is willing to mentor a 4-Her on this project. If you're interested, please reach out to Eric at eric.morrisett@yahoo.com at 406-845-4372.

Montana 4-H People Partner grants - start planning now!

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 1st

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 evidenced 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.

Livestock Quality Assurance training

Livestock Quality Assurance training is required for market livestock members to complete every other year to show and sell an animal at the Marias Fair. The following members need to complete LQA this year. LQA will be offered at the Project Day January 2, and an additional time if needed.

Alec Morrisett, Alex Wahl, Ashlyn Brown, Beretta Winkowitsch, Colt Boyce, Colt Laverdure, Corin Brown, Dawsyn Geer, Destin Anderson, Emallea Wahl, Emily Roberts, Ethan Brown, Hugh Bradley, Janae Roberts, Jett Running Wolf, Knox Singer, Lexi Stubbs, Nash Singer, Reace Wilder, Riley Wilder, Shannon McCauley, Tegan Boyce

Families with Books or Invoices to Pick up

- Barbie
- Berkram
- Bowland
- Brown (treasurer book)
- Geer/Anderson
- Gonzalez
- Luse
- Ramson
- Wahl (Alex)
- Wilder

Members and leaders MUST be enrolled and paid prior to participating in 4-H events. Enrollment ensures members and leaders are covered under 4-H safety and liability insurance, and provides accurate reports for planning project days, events, etc. and communicating with families.

4-H Council Updates

Thanks to Raylee Johnson (President), Andrea Bengtson (Vice-President), Lacy (Treasurer), and Andee Laverdure (Secretary) for serving as officers this coming year. The Council is planning on a pork raffle for summer, 2025, stay tuned for details!

Congratulations to Janae Roberts who was selected as a new 4-H ambassador and will be serving with Destini Anderson, Ashlyn Brown, Olivia Bradley, and Elyse Bengtson.

Shooting Sports

Air Rifle/Air Pistol practices begin next Tuesday, December 10 and will be Tuesday evenings from 4:30 - 6 p.m. with Chris Wilder. There is no scheduled practice December 17 (MS/HS Choir Concert) and then will resume January 7 with weekly practices. Archery practices resume this week through December 20 and then break for Christmas until January 5.

4-H Resources

There are a plethora of resources available. Visit <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/> for numerous 4-H resources or inquire at the Extension Office. We have numerous project resources, swine and beef learning lab kits, beef fitting and showmanship DVDs, cake decorating kits, leathercraft kits, etc. available for check out.

Visit <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/2024FairBookUpdated.pdf> to see what you can exhibit at the Marias Fair, begin planning now and work on one exhibit / month!

North Central Montana Sheep Seminar

~sponsored by~

Front Range Wool Pool

Conrad Moose Lodge

Saturday, December 14

Registration @ 2 pm

Educational Program @ 2:30 pm

Lamb Supper @ 4:30 pm

Front Range Wool Pool Meeting 5:00 pm

A Tour of Australia's Sheep & Wool Industry & Genomics and DNA Testing for Sheep



Beef Books

Beef 1 members have received an email in regards to beef project books for this year. Beef 2 and 3 members will receive an update via email soon as well. Unfortunately the publishing process on these new books has been delayed, but we'll be providing paper copies for this year to use.

Beef and Sheep Breeding Members

We have received a Montana 4-H Foundation Innovative programming grant related to genomic testing of beef and sheep breeding projects. This will be a fantastic learning opportunity thanks to Zoetis and the 4-H Foundation. We'll have more details coming via email/Project Day.



Temporary day & time change

Cloverbud News: The regular meeting of Cloverbuds will be canceled this month due to unforeseen circumstances. We will instead **merge Cloverbuds with the Kid's Kitchen Baking Day on Friday, December 13th at 10:00 am** at the High School FACS classroom. We will be creating Christmas goodies and Christmas gifts for our parents! See the class announcement below and sign up today! We will once again need as many teens as possible to assist. If you can help, contact Lisa.

Cloverbuds: Future Meteorologists?



Cloverbud leaders Allie and Tysen Tuma brought the wonders of meteorology to life for their young explorers. In an engaging session, the Cloverbuds dove into the fascinating world of weather, creating their own snow, constructing a homemade barometer, and exploring the intricate landscapes of clouds, cloud formations, and precipitation. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated leaders who inspire curiosity and learning, and to the parents who support this incredible program that nurtures the minds of children aged 5 to 8.

December Delights: Kid's Kitchen Christmas Treats Workshop



December's Kid's Kitchen is to be held on **Friday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m.** at Cut Bank High School FACS Class. We will create treats for Christmas that you can give as Christmas gifts. See more registration details in next month's newsletter. If you are in the baking or cooking project and would like to help with these classes, contact Lisa at 406-873-2239 or lterry@montana.edu. You do not have to be in a baking project to help or attend. The deadline to register is Thursday, Dec. 12th.

Cloverbud parents: Please use the link or QR code to sign your Cloverbud up for this class. This is being held in place of the regular Cloverbud meeting this month.

Sign up at this link or at the QR code: <https://tinyurl.com/3mpn42s2>
You may also contact Lisa at lterry@montana.edu



Baking Memories: November's Delicious Kids' Kitchen Extravaganza!

Our November cookie-baking workshop was a delectable success! We whipped up an incredible variety of treats, including Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Chip, Sugar, Cream Cheese, Toffee Chip, and gluten-free options. A huge shoutout to our amazing teen leaders Ashlyn, Beretta, Elyse, Stella, and Rubie for their fantastic guidance and support. And kudos to the parents who are raising such outstanding, helpful young bakers!



New Volunteers - Clover Academy Volunteer Orientation

New volunteers will need to complete a volunteer orientation in Zsuite. Log into your personal account, look on the left panel, then scroll to “Clover Academy,” and click to begin your four training modules. This training takes around an hour to complete. Each module usually takes about 15 minutes. We cannot finalize your leader status until this orientation is completed. For more information or to sign up to be a 4-H Leader, contact Lisa at lterry@montana.edu or call 406-873-2239. Your leadership can make a difference in young lives! We need you!

Marias Fair Cup Logo Contest

Thank you to all who submitted your wonderful designs for the Marias Fair Cup Logo contest. We appreciate the time you all spent on making the designs and can't wait to see the winning design on our Marias Fair Stadium Cup. The committee will meet soon and decide on a winner. We will announce on our Facebook pages as well as our newsletters.

Glaciereens Kids Store

The annual Glaciereens Kids Store is December 7 (10 - noon). They could use help setting up on Friday, December 6 starting at 9 a.m. and on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. as well, and tearing down at the end. Please contact Pam McLean if you can assist or want more information or to donate items.

Greytak Calendars

Calendars are available for \$15 in the office or at the Holiday Bazaar. They feature 13 pencil drawings of rural MT life and are made exclusively for Montana 4-H. \$5 of each calendar goes to the Glacier County 4-H Council. These would be great Christmas or livestock buyer thank you gifts.



Sweet Success: Cheesecake Booth Raises Funds for 4-H

Teen 4-H Ambassador Destini Anderson led a successful cheesecake booth fundraiser that generated over \$300 for the Glacier County 4-H Council. The funds will directly support critical educational programming and scholarships for local youth. This sweet initiative demonstrates the power of community involvement and youth leadership in supporting important local causes. Thank you to Destini and her mother, Mary, for their leadership in this project.

Cheesecake Bakeoff Winners:

1st Place: Hapi Seewald

2nd Place: Patty Dombovy

3rd Place: Rachel Brown



Top 4-H Fund-raisers: Clever Clovers Club Success!



1st Place: Sebastian Makenzie - 215 Butter Braids

2nd Place: Ryker Fugle - 180 Butter Braids

3rd Place: Colt Laverdure - 50 Butter Braids

These three top-selling members from the Clever Clovers 4-H Club collectively raised \$3,026, not including additional sales from other club members.

Thank you to these young men for their contributions to their club! Thank you to parents for delivering all those Butter Braids!

Club Related

- **MSU Extension Conference Room**

- The conference room is again available at the Extension Office for meetings, etc. Please contact Kari or Lisa to get on the calendar and about picking up a key. Please be sure to leave the room clean and tidy when leaving (chairs pushed in, garbage thrown away, etc.) The schedule is online at <https://glacier.msuextension.org/calendar.html>.

- **Social Media**

- Just a reminder that social media is a good place to post reminders, share pictures, etc. However, planning of club activities, making decisions, etc. needs to happen within the scope of a club meeting where all youth members can participate in the discussion and voting, and youth are growing and leading the decision-making. Find us on the links below.

- **Club Planning**

- Fall is a great time to plan your coming 4-H year and decide what activities you would like to focus on. Use the Yearly Club Plan at http://montana4h.org/documents/resources/club/program_plan_fillable.pdf to outline your year. Sticky notes are a great way to have each member write one idea for a service project, recreation, learning activity, etc. and add to a list on the wall.

Secretaries, please e-mail your meeting minutes to your club leaders, Kari Lewis (kari.lewis@montana.edu) and Lisa Terry (lterry@montana.edu) following your meeting.

Treasurers, please stop by the Extension Office each month to pick up your club's bank statements.

Winter Project Day January 2, Presenters Needed

January 2 will be our Winter Project Day here in Cut Bank. There will be Livestock Quality Assurance training offered along with several varied workshop topics for youth to choose from. We are in need of workshop presenters that could be on any variety of topics - recreation, leadership, dressing for success, parliamentary procedure, communications contests, food/nutrition, livestock, small animal, preparing for scholarships, dancing, etc. If you are willing to present, we have several resources available and can help provide workshop material, etc. Please contact Kari or Lisa this week, and the agenda and registration will be up in ZSuite early next week.

Soup and Bread Fund-raiser, Sunday, January 19th



Join us for a heartwarming Soup and Bread Fundraiser on January 19th at the Parkview Senior Center. Every bowl served supports the critical Meals on Wheels program, ensuring our community's seniors receive nutritious meals. Your participation directly helps feed homebound neighbors in need. Come make a difference while enjoying delicious comfort food! Workers will be needed along with donations of soup, desserts, etc. Stay tuned!



Clever Clovers and Longview members teamed up to prepare a float for the Parade of Lights coming up on Saturday. Thanks to Richie and Andee Laverdure for hosting and all the great teamwork to put together the float. Thanks for representing 4-H!

**Cut Bank Annual Parade of Lights
December 7, 6 p.m.
Main Street
Floats line up at
Glacier Motors at 5:30 p.m.**

A True Montana Christmas
ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS
12.07.2024 6:00PM
MAIN STREET

LINEUP FOR THE PARADE WILL BE AT GLACIER MOTORS AT 5:30. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 6:00. JOIN US AT JOE MEAGHER MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER FOLLOWING THE PARADE TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR PEOPLES CHOICE, AND HAVE COOKIES AND COCOACIDER!

Beef Weigh-Ins

Members will have three options for weighing in steers:

- Friday, December 1 - Wade and Leslie Berkram's - 9 a.m. (1396 Reagan Road)
- Friday, December 1- Richie and Andee Laverdures - 10:30 a.m. (506 E. Sweetgrass Road)
- Saturday, December 2 - Hibbs Livestock - 9 a.m. (101 Pendergrass Road)

Please let Kari know if you'll be weighing in at Berkrams or Laverdures as cell service is spotty and we don't want to miss anyone.

The minimum weight for 2025 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,500 pounds, select steers accordingly. Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. If doing a pen of three, four market animals may be weighed in. Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo OR Bangs vaccination tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April 2025). So, if you are doing a breeding project, your animal does not need to be weighed in at steer weigh-in but must have an appropriate tattoo by April.

All steers must be dehorned before weigh-in, as horned steers are NOT allowed at the fair. Also, ensure your steer has been fully castrated and is not a stag. All steers must have been born after January 1, 2024. 4-Her must be 10 as of Oct. 1 to show a market beef animal.

Information to bring to weigh-in:

- **Steer's birth date**
- **Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed)**
- **Breeder's name and mailing address**

Beef members, as you are purchasing steers, please be sure to get a Bill of Sale as this will be needed at the fair. Unless the steer is from the 4-Her's immediate family (father/mother), they need to have a Bill of Sale indicating a Change of Ownership. A Bill of Sale IS needed if purchasing from cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, etc. They are also encouraged to have a Show Cattle Permit as well for transportation purposes. At the Marias Fair weigh-in in July, 4-Hers will be asked to sign a "ranch raised affidavit" if their steer is from their family.

If you have any questions on what is needed or need to get a Brand Inspection, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001, or local brand inspectors Chad Scarborough at 406-470-0712 or Tom Seifert at 406-873-5700. Please bring your Bill of Sale to December weigh-ins so that we can make sure you have it. We will try to have some extra Bill of Sale forms available at our December weigh-ins if anyone needs as well.

Livestock Financing Limits have Increased

If you are looking for a way to finance your 4-H projects for this year, consider visiting with the Farm Service Agency. They recently increased the loan limit to \$10,000 and funds can be used for the purchase of animals, feed, supplies, etc. Youth between the ages of 10 and 20 are eligible. Loans are repaid annually and can be termed out for up to seven years for the purchase of breeding stock. The interest rate is currently 5.25%. Please contact Lacy Roberts or Eric Morrisett at the Glacier County FSA at 406-873-5618 ext. 2.



Glacier County 4-H had four 4-Hers attend Fall Leadership training in Billings. They participated in leadership workshops on topics related to leveraging 4-H for resume building, dressing for success, knowing your leadership style, state 4-H events and opportunities, and more. Destini Anderson, Olivia Bradley, Elyse Bengtson, and Alec Morrisett grew their leadership skills, met 4-Hers from across Montana, and took on new challenges outside their comfort zones. Way to represent!



Leaders at the 2024 4-H Volunteer Summit in Shelby practiced placing the parts of the agenda with Kate Morrisett organizing. Thanks to Kate, Eric Morrisett, and Sahn Winkowitsch for taking the time to participate. The event had leaders from Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Cascade, and Teton counties and included excellent information and networking. Thank you to Tegan Boyce and Elyse Bengtson for providing babysitting to allow many young families to participate and to Lisa Terry and all the cookie bakers who provided fantastic treats for the day. The event was supported by a Montana 4-H Foundation Innovative Programming grant, thank you!

Virutal Sourdough Starter Class Offered

Sourdough is all the rage - let's get in on the action with this virtual Sourdough Starter class hosted by Montana State and Colorado State University Extension. Mark your calendars now! December 9th @ 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Sign up at this link <https://bit.ly/BringingDoughToLife>

Sourdough Starter WORKSHOP



Learn the tools and method to make and maintain a homemade sourdough starter

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1:00PM - 2:30PM

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

* **Free to attend**



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Please use the following link to register:

<https://bit.ly/BringingDoughToLife>

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