

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - January, 2025

Upcoming Events

- January 10 - Kid's Kitchen Workshop, Cut Bank High School, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- January 11 - Livestock Judging Practice, 10 a.m., Laverdure Livestock (506 E. Sweetgrass Road, Cut Bank)
- January 13 - Cloverbud Meeting, HC Davis Cafeteria, 4:00 p.m.
- January 13 - Marias Fair Food Booth meeting, MRE in Shelby, 6:00 p.m.
- January 16 - Marias Fair Horse committee meeting, MRE in Shelby, 6:00 p.m.
- January 19 - 21 - Citizenship Seminar in Helena
- January 19 - Soup and Bread Fundraiser Parkview Senior Center, 11:30 am to 2:30 p.m.
- January 20 & 21 - Legislative Breakfast in Helena
- January 21 - Ag Committee, 7 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- January 22 - Marias Fair Archery tournament registration deadline
- January 26 - Marias Fair 4-H Archery tournament, Shelby MT
- January 29 - 4-H Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- February 1 - Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants due
- February 7 - Camp Counselor applications due on ZSuite
- March 28 - 30 - Rec Lab in White Sulphur Springs
- April 13 - Swine weigh-in deadline, breeding project submission deadline
- May 4 - Lamb and goat weigh-in deadline
- June 24 - 27 - 4-H Camp at Montana's Farmer's Union camp near Highwood
- July 16 - 20 - Marias Fair

Happy New Year, 4-H families!

There are numerous 4-H opportunities coming up locally and statewide. Please mark your calendars for our annual Soup and Bread Fundraiser on Sunday, January 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Parkview Senior Center. This annual event brings our community together and supports local homebound senior citizens. We'll need volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up, so see the info and attached flyer to sign up. If you have questions, contact our event coordinator, Ashlyn Brown at ashbscout@gmail.com. Don't miss this chance to warm up your winter weekend and make a difference in Cut Bank residents' lives!

If you are interested in the statewide opportunities, remember we have scholarships available through the Bret Wanken fund and 4-H Council, please take advantage of those and participate in these excellent opportunities! We're happy to share more details, coordinate travel, etc.

In 4-H Friendship, Kari and Lisa

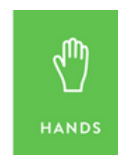
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<http://www.montana4h.org/>

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 - due February 1

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.

Families with Books or Invoices to Pick up

- Barbie
- Brown (treasurer book)
- Gonzalez
- Luse

Camp Counselor Applications Open

Even though only January 1st, it's time to start thinking about the 2025 Multi-County 4-H Camp! 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. It is a great learning experience and a lot of fun! 4-H Camp will be June 24-27, 2025, at the Montana Farmer's Union Camp near Highwood. 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. The application is available from the Extension Office or on ZSuite. Please contact the Extension Office with any questions.

Save the Date

4-H Camp, June 24 - 27

**Camp is open to regularly enrolled
4-H members in 7th grade and below**

Shooting Sports

Archery practices resume Sunday, January 5. Air Rifle/Air Pistol practices resume Tuesday, January 7 in the evenings from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Marias Fair Archery Tournament

The Marias Fair archery tournament registration is open at <https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-invitational-2025#/register>. You will need to create a free Bowscore account if you don't already have one. Register early to get your preferred shooting time. Registration and payment is due by Wednesday, January 22. The cost is \$15 per event shot, a late registration fee will be added for all registrations after January 22, 2025. The tournament will be at the old Shelby Middle School, details are on the Bowscore link.

Additional shooting sports tournaments are listed at:

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

January 25 - Kalispell, February 8 - Conrad (Airgun), February 15 - Great Falls, March 1 - Fort Benton, etc. Please see website for details or contact Kari Lewis.

MONTANA WINTER FAIR – AG AMBASSADOR COMPETITION 2025

Visit <https://www.montanawinterfair.com/events/ag-ambassador-contest> to register

This event is open to ANY junior high or high school student. All components of this event except the prepared speech may be completed remotely.

As part of the event, students are asked to tell the story of agriculture through a variety of methods. For 2025, participants should focus on the topic of Agriculture in a Changing World. The prompt is intentionally broad because we want to encourage students to be creative. Examples of topics students can focus on include changes being made on their own/family farm/ranch, changes in the industry, new technology available, etc.

The prizes awarded for the competition are as follows:

- Prepared Speech (delivered in person): 1st Place - \$150, 2nd Place - \$75
- Newspaper Article: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50
- Radio Spot: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50
- Social Media Posts: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50

The newspaper, radio, and social media posts will be completely virtual, but the prepared speech will be an in-person event, to be delivered in Lewistown during the Winter Fair on January 18th.

- Newspaper Article - completely virtual – 500-800 words, due January 12
- Radio Spot - completely virtual – 50-60 seconds long, pre-recorded and due January 12
- Social Media Posts - completely virtual – 3 posts on any appropriate platform, including a picture or video (max. 60 sec/video), and posts written using 60 words or less; due Jan. 12
- Prepared Speech – 7-12 minutes, delivered in person in Lewistown on the day of the competition

Note - this could also be used for your communications contest locally and at Congress. Please contact Kari with questions or for assistance.



Monday, January 13th at 4:00 p.m.
HC Davis Cafeteria

Cloverbud News:

Join us for an exciting Cloverbud meeting on Monday, January 13th, at 4:00 p.m. We will explore the wonderful world of beef! Young members will get hands-on experience creating their own leather craft project - perfect to entering in the Marias Fair. They'll also learn the fascinating facts about beef cattle and the importance of the beef industry in our community. Don't miss this fun-filled educational session that combines creativity and agricultural learning. You'll also take home a cow! Yes, that's right, a cow! See you there! For questions, contact Allie Tuma at glacrgriz13@gmail.com.

Kid's Kitchen Series: Eggs-actly What You Need to Know! **January 10th @ 10am**

Join us for an egg-citing 4-H cooking class in our Kid's Kitchen series! Young chefs **ages 7-19** will discover the incredible world of eggs in this hands-on cooking class. Learn how to safely crack, whip, scramble, and cook eggs while exploring their amazing nutritional benefits. We'll crack open the secrets of protein, learn kitchen safety, and create delicious egg-based recipes that will make your taste buds dance. Don't miss this cracking good opportunity to boost your culinary skills and nutrition knowledge! Bring your appetite for learning, and get ready to become an egg-pert! 4-H members sign up on Zsuite! Registration opens December 31st.

If you have non-4-H friends who would like to attend, have them use this link
<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/34757>
Pre-registration is required.

Date: January 10, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Cut Bank High School FACS room
Cost: \$7.00 per student
Registration: Register on Zsuite



Soup and Bread Fundraiser, January 19th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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. We need lots of soups and lots of help! See flyer below and use this link to sign up to work and bring soups
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4EA8AA2AA2FD0-54097367-soup>

Soup & Bread Fundraiser

JANUARY 19, 2025

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PARKVIEW SENIOR CENTER CUT BANK, MT



Glacier
County
4-H

Please come enjoy a lunch of homemade soup, bread, and dessert, served by the Glacier County 4-H'ers.

Free will offering from luncheon is used to provide meals to local homebound senior citizens. Luncheon hosted by Longview, Clever Clovers, Open Range 4-H Clubs.

Statewide 4-H Opportunities

- **Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships**

- 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 our website: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>



Please join us at the twentieth biennial **Legislative Breakfast** to hear about the impact of 4-H in Montana and share how 4-H has helped shape you! The event is January 20 & 21 in Helena (prep dinner evening of January 20 and breakfast morning of January 21).

4-H provides tools and opportunities to become "Beyond Ready" for anything! Whether it's leadership, serving local communities, building new skills, or overcoming obstacles, 4-H is here to help youth grow and thrive.

The breakfast will be held on January 21, 2025, at 6:30 a.m. at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial in Helena.

Montana Citizenship Seminar is designed to inspire 4-H youth as they learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Youth delegates gain hands-on experience with the legislative process by participating in a mock legislature, create and debate bills, work with other youth from across the state, meet with elected officials, tour the capitol, and participate in a service-learning project. Learn more at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/Cit-Seminar.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawHg_19leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHfhxlSHBYOQwqovtRGMQAEVplZV9yNLb-JQ06cicolxA4QBSkfl_HKRzsw_aem_3rCSZF1TBf7101ohOxtoFg. This is January 19 - 21 in Helena, registration is \$95, for members 13 and up (4-H age). This fee *includes* the Legislative Breakfast.

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.

MONTANA WINTER FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING COMPETITION



SAVE THE DATE FOR JANUARY 17TH!

The Livestock Judging Contest for Montana Winter Fair will be held in the pavilion at the Central Montana Fairgrounds on January 17th. Registration will begin at 1pm with the contest starting at 2pm. Classes will consist of cattle and sheep. Registration will be open through Thursday, January 16th. Please register on the Montana Winter Fair website by this date.

<https://montanawinterfair.com/events/livestock-judging>

Important note!

Livestock Judging Contest is now being held on Friday afternoon! The week of Winter Fair has also been changed from previous years.

Livestock Judging Practice

There will be a livestock judging practice (emphasis on bulls) on Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m. at Laverdure Livestock. Their "Open Corral" for bull viewing is at noon with lunch so Kari will do a judging practice/bull selection session prior to that, members welcome to stay for lunch (thanks, Richie and Andee!) Please let Kari know if you plan to attend, members should bring a notebook or clipboard and pencils.

Montana Winter Fair

The Montana Winter Fair in Lewistown is January 17 - 19 and includes a poultry show, youth beef show, livestock judging, chili cookoff, quilt show, dog weight pull & clinic, and much more. Details are at <https://montanawinterfair.com/>.

KMON MAGIE

Wednesday, January 15

4-H Livestock, 4-H Meats, Poultry - \$6/contestant

Registration open through 1/4, Late Registration 1/5 - 1/15

4-H & FFA KMON JUDGING CONTEST

INFORMATION

January 15-16, 2025 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Schedule

Contest	Date	Time	Location
Poultry	Wednesday, January 15	4:15 Check-in Judging starts 4:30	Cascade High School
Ag Sales Judging	Wednesday, January 15	Staggered. Judges meeting -5:30, judging starts at 6:00.	Cascade High School
Meats Judging	Thursday, January 16	7:15-8:00 Check-in 8:00-Noon, Judging	MT ExpoPark's Family Living Center, Fine Arts and Atrium
Agronomy Judging	Thursday, January 16	8:15 instructions 8:30-11:00, Judging	MT ExpoPark Fine Arts
Livestock Judging	Thursday, January 16	11:00-11:45, Check-in 11:45-12:00, Instruction 12:00-3:00, Judging	MT ExpoPark's Family Living Center and Livestock Pavilion
Awards Ceremony	Thursday, January 16	3:30 or as soon as scores are tabulated	MT ExpoPark's Livestock Pavilion (weather permitting)
<p>***if you do not remain for the awards ceremony, it will be your responsibility to contact KMON (406-761-7600) To make arrangements to receive your awards. High Individual(s) must be present for awards in order to receive their checks. ***</p>			

Registration

Registration (online at judgingcard.com by Sunday, January 5, 2024, 11:00 pm MST)

\$6 per person per contest

Late Registration (after January 5, 2024)

\$10 per person per contest including registrations accepted at the door.

Dinner Tickets for Wednesday

Lunch Ticket sold on or before January 5th- \$10.00

Lunch ticket sold after January 5th- \$10.00

Lunch Tickets for Thursday

Lunch Ticket sold on or before January 5th- \$10.00

Lunch ticket sold after January 5th- \$10.00

For more information and/or to register, visit

<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=21212>

Livestock judging contest will be held in Great Falls, please contact Kari if you're interested in attending and we can take a few kids down and back.

Kid's Kitchen Christmas Treat Day Fun!



Around 20 young bakers ages 5 - 14 brought their holiday spirit and creativity to the kitchen.

A HUGE shout out to our fantastic volunteers who made this magical day possible: Parent Travis Murray, volunteer Steve Terry, and 4-H teen leaders Rubie Bowland, Ava, and Lainey Thorne. These incredible volunteers helped our young 4-H members create delicious holiday treats for their parents, spread joy, and learn valuable cooking skills. The smiles and laughter were as sweet as the treats they made!





Christmas Service - The Open Range 4-H club adopted residents of the local care center, shopped for, and packaged gifts as part of the 'Secret Santa' program. Clever Clovers 4-Hers set a budget and divided members up to purchase and assemble hygiene kits, canned foods (supplies for a green bean casserole), and celebratory items. Members also volunteered at the food pantry the past two days getting ready ready for distribution of Christmas dinners, bagging up potatoes, etc.





Excellent job to the Clever Clovers and Longview 4-H clubs on teaming up for this year's entry in the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce Parade of Lights, winning the 2nd place trophy!

4-H steer weigh-ins were also in December with a record 19 beef members weighing in steers! A big thank you to Berkrams, Laverdures, and Hibbs' for allowing us to use their facilities. Thanks to all the parents and leaders who pitched in to make it go smoothly!

