

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - November, 2025

Upcoming Events

- October 31 - Glacier County 4-H ambassador applications due
- November 1 - Cheesecake and pie bakeoff - Holiday Bazaar
- November 2 - Longview 4-H club meeting, 7 p.m. - Cut Bank High School lobby
- November 2 - Open Range 4-H club meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Extension Office
- November 3 - BTI 4-H Livestock and Nutrition Clinic, 7 p.m., Civic Center
- November 5 - 4-H Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- November 7 - 9 - 4-H Fall Leadership Training in Butte
- November 9 - Horse project meeting, 5:30 p.m., Glacier County Annex
- November 10 - Cloverbuds @ 3:45 & Butterbraid pick up, 4:00 p.m. Voting Center
- November 16 - Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Glacier County Library
- November 14 - Kid's Kitchen Day, Cut Bank High School, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- November 17 - Marias Fair 4-H Horse committee meeting, 6 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- November 21 - Sewing Project Day, Cut Bank High School, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- November 25 - Glacier county 4-H Council meeting/Ambassador interviews, 7 p.m., Annex
- December 5 - Steer weigh-in at Laverdures, 1 p.m.
- December 6 - Steer weigh-in at Hibbs, 9 a.m.
- January 9 & 10 - 4-H Archery leader training in Fort Benton

Greetings, 4-H families!

Excellent job to all our families on getting enrolled in a timely manner. If you haven't completed your enrollment yet, please do so on Zsuite so that you can participate in 4-H activities, be covered under our insurance, and we can get your books ordered.

For new families, our ambassadors will be helping with a new family orientation coming up soon. Watch for details! Please reach out to club leaders and/or our ambassadors - Elyse Bengtson, Olivia Bradley, or Janae Roberts with questions, or to Lisa or Kari in the office as well.

As the new 4-H year kicks off, we'd invite parents and teen leaders to consider joining a 4-H fair committee if they aren't currently serving. Most committees (Livestock, Ag/Small Animal, Food Booth, and Horse) meet just 3 - 4 times per year, and the Exhibit Building typically meets once. Please let Lisa or Kari know if you'd be willing to serve.

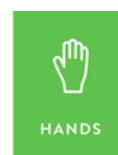
In 4-H Friendship, Kari & Lisa

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<https://4h.zsuite.org/> <http://www.montana4h.org/>

Motto -
To Make the Best Better





Eric & Kate Morrisett - District 3 Volunteers and Montana Volunteers of the Year

Eric and Kate were honored in Billings this month as the district AND state volunteers of the year. They have made numerous contributions at the local, county, regional, and state level for the betterment of 4-H and 4-H youth. Please give them a big congratulations and thank for their service! They attended several workshops and met other 4-H leaders.

"The Volunteer Institute provided 4-H leaders the opportunity to network with individuals from all across the state of Montana. The 4-H record book workshop focused on breaking down the importance of attacking the record book in small bite size sessions vs. an end of the year cram session." -Eric

Kate said, "A voice is a tool. We were given voices to communicate and talk amongst others. Something I learned is how to give more value to 4-H members by allowing them to use their voice. By allowing a kid to use their voice they gain value in confidence while improving communication skills while growing relationships. I came back with ideas, especially how to work with team leaders to grow forms of communication and how to work together vs apart. TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More"

SADDLE UP WITH 4-H HORSE!

Join 4-H horse for monthly beginner horse project meetings! Meetings will be a variety of indoor and outdoor lessons, taught by local horse enthusiasts.

As a 4-H teen leadership project, Beretta Winkowitsch will be organizing monthly 4-H horse project meetings for 4-H beginner horse members.

Potential topics:

- Tack and hoof care
- Parts of the horse and horse breeds
- Vaccinations
- Horsemanship patterns

To participate, enroll in your local 4-H program through 4h.zsuite.org and select a beginning horse project:

- Horseless Horse - Horse is not required
- Western Horsemanship - Basics of western riding
- Working Ranch Horse - General ranch work

For more information: Glacier County Extension, 873-2239, kari.lewis@montana.edu

**Sunday, November 9
5:30 p.m.
Glacier County Annex**

Grace Rooney will be presenting a hands on workshop related to helmet education/safety. Horse members are required to complete the training once as a junior (8 - 13 year old) and once as a senior (14 and up) member. Workshop is open to all.

**Marias Fair 4-H Horse
Committee member needed**

If you'd be willing to represent Glacier County on the 4-H Horse Committee, please let Kari know. The group typically meets just 4 - 5 times/year.

B.T.I. Feeds & Ben Taylor Inc. invite you to a 4-H Livestock Nutrition & Selection Clinic

**Monday, November 3, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.
Cut Bank Civic Center**

GUEST SPEAKERS

- **JOSH STROH- HUBBARD BEEF FIELD NUTRITIONIST**
- **A.J. LARSON - HUBBARD WESTERN FEED MANAGER**

Please join us to learn tips on feeding your animal and pointers on what to look for when selecting your animal. Beef and swine will be major focus, with time for sheep and goats as well if interest.

Please bring your questions!

For any questions or to RSVP, please call:

BTI Feeds – 406-873-4433

- RSVP requested but not required
- Light refreshments to be provided

Steer Weigh-Ins

- Friday, December 5 – 1 p.m. at Richie and Andee Laverdure's north of Cut Bank (506 E Sweetgrass Road)
- Saturday, December 6 – 9 – 11 a.m. at Hibbs' west of Cut Bank

If these dates/times don't work for you, please schedule an alternate time with Kari ASAP.

Members must be 10 by October 1, 2025 to enroll in a cattle project.

Beef Weigh-Ins

The minimum weight for 2026 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,650 pounds, select steers accordingly. Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. 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 2026).

All steers must be dehorned, fully castrated, and born after January 1, 2025. Information to bring to weigh-in: Steer's birth date, Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed), Breeder's name and mailing address, and Bill of Sale. 4-Hers are also encouraged to have a Show Cattle Permit as well for transportation purposes. 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 Tom Seifert at 406-873-5700.

Montana 4-H Beef Level 1 in Print!

Good news! The new Montana 4-H Beef Level 1 book is in print and out the door to 4-Hers! Thank you to all who have been a part of this process with feedback, ideas, piloting, etc. There is a Beef 1 answer key available online for parents/leaders at [https://store.msuextension.org/Products/Growing-4-H-Beef-Level-1-Answer-Key-\(Download-Only\)-5370_5370.aspx](https://store.msuextension.org/Products/Growing-4-H-Beef-Level-1-Answer-Key-(Download-Only)-5370_5370.aspx).

Beef 2 and 3 members, photo copies are available if needed, hopefully those books will be in print in the next year as well.



Growing 4-H Beef



4-H Enrollment Continues

- Please enroll by December 1 to have your club pay your dues. After that, families will be responsible for their own dues.
- The following families have books to pick up or invoices to pay in the office - Alberda, Barbie, Clay, Dagel, Fugle, McCauley, Ramson, Roberts, Singer, Suta, Tuma, Vanek, Waller, and Wilder.
- Record books - Please be sure to get forms picked up for the new year, each members needs a My 4-H Year and animals journals for all animal projects (livestock, small animals, etc.) and non-animal project journals for any non-animal projects (cooking, sewing, shooting sports, etc.). Please see <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for record book resources and/or the sample record book in the Extension Office.
- Drop/Add deadline - Members have until May 1 to drop or add projects.

Project Age Requirements

- **Youth must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2025 in order to enroll in each project.**
- Cloverbuds - 5 years old, Regular 4-H - 8 years old
- Shooting Sports - 9 years old
- Market Beef & Beef Breeding - 10 years old
- Teen Leadership - 13 years old • Ambassador - 14 years old
- Colt to Maturity - 11 years old and have completed Horsemanship Levels 1, 2, and 3

4-H Fair Designation

4-H members enrolled in Blackfeet 4-H or Glacier, Liberty, Pondera or Toole County 4-H programs may only exhibit at one local fair, either Charging Home Stampede or Marias Fair. 4-H members must tell their local Extension office by December 1 of the current 4H year which fair they will participate in if it is not their local 4-H fair. Blackfeet 4-H Fair is Charging Home Stampede & Glacier/Liberty/Pondera/Toole Fair is Marias Fair.

Shooting Sports

Archery, Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be starting in December with weekly practices, watch for an email on practice times. If any adults are interested in volunteering, please contact Kari Lewis. Upcoming shooting sports trainings include December 12 - 13 in Kalispell, January 9 - 10 in Fort Benton. To be certified as a shooting sports leader, leader must be at least 21 years of age, enrolled as a leader and pass a background check, complete the 4-H training and shooting sports modules, and attend a training (good for 7 years).

Glacier County 4-H shooting sports received an \$800 donation this month from the Cut Bank Sportsman's Association to assist with utilities for the building during shooting sports and targets. Clubs and members are encouraged to write them a thank you at PO Box 114, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Thank you to the Sportsman's Association for their support!

National 4-H Week



4-H spirits were high to kick off the year with National 4-H week October 5 - 11. The week included window decorating, delivering cookies to 4-H supporters, and presenting the 4-H flag at the volleyball game. Great job to all involved and congratulations to Clever Clovers (1st) and Open Range (2nd) on their window displays.

Welcome

TO GLACIER COUNTY 4-H

New 4-H'ers:

- Ryder Vanek
- Mykee Waller
- Avery Frey
- Aiden Roberts
- Kayden Berkram
- Emeree Lassle
- Crue Laverdure
- Maggie Morriett
- Carter Parrish
- Norah Sutor
- Makenzie Volkman
- Weston Frydenlund

New Cloverbuds

- Oliver Alberda
- Landon Berkram
- McKenzie Clay
- Harper Lehner
- Jillian Morrisett
- Aubree Parrish
- Ruby Seifert
- Sean Stoltz



The Clever Clovers 4-H club provided dinner and entertainment for the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department October 15 as a community service project and thank you. They made and served dinner and played a variety of games together for a fun evening.





Butter Braid Fund-Raiser Success! Clubs raise just under \$4,000

Delivery is scheduled for Monday, November 10th, at 4:00 PM at the Voting Center located at 913 East Railroad Street in Cut Bank. Please be sure to plan for freezer storage if you don't plan to deliver that day. The will come frozen.

Shout out to our clubs for selling **547** Butter Braids this year!
Top sellers in each club are as follows:

Cloverbuds - Beau Murray selling **38** braids
Clever Clovers - Kayden Berkram selling **40** braids
Longview - Wahl/Frydenlund Family selling **22** braids
Open Range - Dagel Family selling **29** braids

Top Selling Club - Clever Clovers selling **264** braids!



Top Seller
Kayden Berkram
40 Braids!

Children's Christmas Store

The Cut Bank Glaciereens are looking ahead to their Children's Christmas store and are seeking help. They'll be setting up the store at Anna Jeffries on December 5 beginning at 9 a.m., and then will need help on the 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. running the store, cleaning up, etc. If you can assist, please call Pam McLean at 873-2693 and leave a message if needed. The Christmas store provides low cost items for children to purchase for Christmas gifts for their family and the proceeds go into the Glaciereens scholarship fund.



Next Cloverbud Meeting:

When: Monday, November 10th

Time: 3:45 - 5:00 pm

Where: HC Davis Cafeteria

Parents: Remember to read the newsletter sent home each month

Refreshments: Lisa will email a sign-up sheet for help with refreshments

Club Related

- **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**

- October 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.

Open Range 4-H Club Officers:

President: Elyse Bengtson
Vice President: Sammie McCauley
Secretary: Mykee Waller
Treasurer: Lexi Stubbs

Clever Clovers 4-H Club Officers:

President: Janae Roberts
Vice Pres.: Peyton Volkman
Secretary: Olivia Bradley
Treasurer: Hugh Bradley
Parliamentarian: Emily Roberts
Historian: Knox Singer
Games: McCoy Singer

Club Secretaries - Please e-mail club minutes to kari.lewis@montana.edu and lterry@montana.edu after each meeting.

Club treasurers - Your club bank statements will come to the Extension Office. Please stop by to pick them up monthly.

Clubs - please complete your club's yearly plan and submit it to the office by January 2nd.

Officer manuals are available online at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html>, each officer should have a copy and the office can print if needed.



**Greytak Calendars Available
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Was it **4-H** that helped you **grow**?

Would you give
40% of one item
you **grow** to
support **4-H**?



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mt4hfoundation.org



PO Box 173580,
Bozeman, MT 59717

The Montana 4-H Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

The Montana 4-H Foundation is asking all ag producers to consider giving 40% of ONE sale of a calf, bull, lamb, hog, fleece, combine hopper, load of grain/lentils/hay/beets or even 40% of one bin. Please give 40% of any commodity unit and help 4-H Grow.

To do so, mail a check to Montana 4-H Foundation,
PO Box 173580, Bozeman, MT 59717 and add the memo, "40% for 4-H."

MARIAS FAIR



Marias Fair Stadium Cup Logo Contest 2026

We are taking submissions for this year's Marias Fair Food Booth Cup Logo
Submission deadline: February 15th email, JPEG file to Lisa, lterry@montana.edu

Requirements: Must include the official 4-H Logo

If including county list, must include Blackfeet Reservation, Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, and Toole Counties. Youth entries only.



Wylie Frydenlund (hot dog) and Ketchup earned the Best Horse/Rider combination at the 4-H Halloween Horse party while Weston Frydenlund (Pooh) and Tigger were named 'Most Creative.' Thanks to the 4-H Horse Committee for organizing the event!

Kid's Kitchen Thanksgiving Workshop

November 14th, 2:00 - 4:00pm



Get ready for Thanksgiving! Join us for a special Kid's Kitchen workshop on Friday, November 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the FACS classroom at Cut Bank High School.

Participants will learn to make a variety of Thanksgiving foods while mastering the basics of kitchen safety, knife skills, and cooking techniques. This is a great opportunity for kids to gain confidence in the kitchen and help with their family's Thanksgiving meal preparation!

Cost: \$10.00 per person (checks payable to MSU Extension or exact cash only)

Registration Deadline: Sign up on Zsuite by Monday, November 10th.



Sewing Workshop, November, 21st, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Cut Bank High School FACS Classroom, Ages 7-12

Join us for our next sewing workshop on Friday, November 21st from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Cut Bank High School FACS classroom! If you attended the last session, please bring the bags that were sent home with you. We're excited to continue building sewing skills together!

A big thank you to MaryJo Wright, our new sewing leader, for heading up these wonderful project classes!

Teens interested in helping with the workshop as part of their leadership projects should contact Lisa at the extension office. See you there!

Cheesecake & Pie Bakeoff Raises \$500 in Dessert and Greytak Calendar Sales

A huge thank you to Lexi Subbs from Open Range 4-H Club and Will Suta from Longview 4-H Club, along with their parents, for organizing our amazing Cheesecake and Pie Bakeoff fundraiser!

We're so grateful to all our community members who baked, sold, and took orders. Your hard work made this event a success! A special shout-out to our three fantastic judges who had the tough job of tasting all those delicious entries.

Winners were:

1st Place Cheesecake, Patty Dombovy, with her Vanilla Bean cheesecake with Biscoff cookie crust and brown butter whipped cream.

1st Place Pie, Lisa Terry, with her Cherry Harvest Crumble Pie, with a golden oatmeal-maple crumble topping, enriched with brown sugar, flax, and chia seeds.

To everyone who brought their homemade pies and cheesecakes, and to all our wonderful community members who came out to support us today! THANK YOU! We couldn't do this without your support. We appreciate each and every one of you!

