

Upcoming Events

- February 2 - Marias Fair Board meeting, Shelby Ambulance Shed, 6:30 p.m.
- February 6 - Soup and Bread Luncheon at Senior Center
- February 7 - Marias Fair Food Booth Committee meeting, MRE in Shelby, 6:30 p.m.
- February 7 - Curry Comb club meeting, Community Bible Church, 6:30 p.m.
- February 9 - Clever Clovers meeting, 6:45 p.m. at Annex
- February 11 - Deadline for 4-H camp intentions survey
- February 13 - Online Leadership Academy
- February 15 - Deadline to apply to be a camp counselor
- February 20 - Longview club meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- February 27 - Marias Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol tournament, Conrad
- February 27 - Sewing meeting at Kimberly Snyder's, 2 - 4 p.m.

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

First, our FCS and 4-H/Youth Development agent position remains open, the position is posted at <https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/26297> if you know of anyone who may be a good fit.

On the livestock side, there will be some changes at the 2022 fair in regards to sale eligibility of overweight animals. Please read the details in the newsletter. Looking ahead, swine weigh-in deadline will be April 17, lambs will be May 8. I'd encourage you to talk to your breeders early to get appropriately sized livestock lined up. Also, now is a good time to lock in a processor for your spare animal if you haven't done so already as processing remains tight.

I'm excited to report that we had two Montana 4-H Foundation Innovative Programming grants approved. One grant (\$600) will be for helping 4-Hers learn about value added agriculture through guest speakers and developing their own value added product. The second grant (\$600) is to provide a regional leader training for enrolled and prospective project and organizational areas from the area. If you have ideas for either or would be interested in helping organize, please let me know.

I will be out of the office Tuesday through Thursday of the week for 4-H Update in Lewistown, and our office is closed February 21 for President's Day. I'll also be out February 22 for our Barley seminar in Conrad that day.

I'll be touching base soon on a Council meeting date, as our previously scheduled date now conflicts with the Food Booth committee meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

In 4-H friendship,
Kari Lewis



Motto -
To Make the Best Better

- **Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships due April 1**

- Seniors and 4-H alumni enrolled in college are encouraged to apply for Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships. Applications are due April 1, 2021, and can be submitted via <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/montana4hfoundation>. Underclassmen, it's a good idea to look at the scholarships now to plan ahead for submitting applications as a senior.

- **Leadership Academy - February 13**

- Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.
- Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.
- Each month the officer team members will be presenting a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.
- Sunday, February 13 will be, 'Ages and Stages for Mentors' from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Any club officers, teen leaders, ambassadors are highly encouraged to attend.
- Please register at http://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html to receive the link and recording.

- **Sewing Meeting - February 27**

- There will be a beginner's 4-H sewing and quilting project meeting Sunday, February 27, from 2 - 4 p.m. at sewing leader, Kimberly Snyder's home. Please let Kari know if you need directions. Teen members/leaders are invited to help as well. Thanks to Kimberly and Kasey Connors for sharing your time and talents!

NEW webinar series - Estate/Legacy Planning for Parents and Grandparents

Series will be starting on February 3, 2022 from noon until 1:00 PM. Topics for the series include:

1. Who Gets Your Kids and Assets When You Die?
2. What You Can Do With a Will and What You Cannot
3. Revocable and Testamentary Trusts: Solutions to Children/Grandchildren Inheriting Assets at Age 18
4. Saving More for your Children/Grandchildren: Avoiding Probate on Your Assets at Death

This four-part webinar series will be presented by Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Professor and Family Economics Specialist and Mandie Reed, MSU Extension Wheatland County Agent.

Register at:

<https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/epforparentsandgrandparents/registration.html>

Review the descriptions of the sessions at

<https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/epforparentsandgrandparents/schedule.html>

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

4-H camp will be June 13 - 16, 2022 in the Bear Paw's Mountains south of Havre. (Camp may end up being just June 13 - 15, but please save the dates of June 13 - 16 at this point.) Counselors are needed to organize workshops and activities and serve as mentors to the campers. Applications are currently open in ZSuites under 'Events.' The application deadline to apply to be a camp counselor is February 15, 2022.

Qualifications:

- Currently be in 9th thru 12th grade (15-18 years old).
- Enjoy working with children.
- Willing to participate in all counselor-training sessions plus fun-filled days at camp.
- Must be enrolled as a 4-H member and in good standing in your county.



Training Sessions: If you are selected to be a 4-H Camp Counselor, you must attend all camp planning sessions. The dates for these are pending but are typically a Sunday afternoon in late spring.

4-H Camp Interest Survey - Respond by February 11

For the 2022 Multi-County Camp (4-H programs in Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Chouteau and Phillips counties) we are trying to estimate potential camper headcounts. Regularly enrolled 4-H youth currently in 7th grade or below would potentially be eligible (no Cloverbuds).

In recent years, we have been at maximum camp capacity and are acknowledging the strong potential for continued growth. We are looking at potential options of either keeping camp as one but modifying the schedule/activities to account for the large group or splitting camp with potentially older members staying two nights and younger members staying one night.

Camp would be June 13-16, 2022 but your feedback will help us determine the best route to go. If your child has potential interest in participating in 4-H camp, please respond at <https://tinyurl.com/bddmf9fh> by February 1, 2022. Thank you!

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) will again, for the 14th straight year, be offering a free registered Targhee Starter flock to a deserving youth at the 2022 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 18-20, 2022, in Big Timber. Applications, due April 1st, are now available to download at www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Mardy Rutledge at the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com or 702-292-5715).

Any young person, ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2022, whose family does not raise Targhee sheep may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor.

Conference Room

If using the conference room for meetings, etc., please be sure to also check the men's and women's bathrooms before leaving the building to make sure water is turned off, etc. Thank you!

Soup and Bread Luncheon

Ashlyn Brown has volunteered to lead the Soup and Bread service project this winter. Please see the sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4ea8aa2aa2fd0-soup> to see what is still needed (still slots open for soups and desserts).

Members will bring soups and desserts and serve at the luncheon, proceeds benefit the Parkview Senior Center to provide meals for shut-ins. It is scheduled for Sunday, February 6 with the luncheon going from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please invite family, friends, neighbors, etc. to attend.

Shooting Sports Tournaments

Check out <http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/shooting-sports-event.html> for information on upcoming tournaments.

Locally, there will be an invitational archery shoot in Fort Benton on February 26 (Saturday). Indoor target archery competition will be at the Community Bible Center, 3D archery shoot will be in the 4-H Exhibit Building. For more information: Chandee Bomgardner - 406-788-7246 or chandee.bomgardner@gmail.com or Jack Wright - 406-799-4737 or wright4@ttc-cmc.net.

Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee Scholarships

The Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee scholarships are open and posted at <http://mariasfair.msuxextension.org/livestockcom.html>. Scholarships are due by March 30th to the Liberty County Extension office.

There are three (3) Livestock Committee scholarships at \$700 each and one (1) Livestock Committee Carcass scholarship at \$700. Attached are the application guidelines. Please note it is a separate application for the two different scholarships.

Club Meetings

- Curry Comb - February 7, 6:30 p.m. at Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- Clever Clovers - February 9, 6:45 p.m. at Annex, bring \$5 White Elephant gift
- Cloverbuds - To Be Determined
- Longview - February 20, 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Please sign up for February 3 bake sale shift/cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084facaa2fa0ff2-bake>



Record books

Paper record book paper forms are available from the Extension Office or website, <https://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html> OR, you can use ZSuites for online recordkeeping. ZSuites will allow club leaders and the Extension Office to view a member's records, mark them complete or 'needs revision' along with provide comments. These records can also be printed out, if desired. Additional information is available at http://www.montana4h.org/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html.

Glacier County 4-H has the following items available for 4-H families to check-out for use for project or club meetings, practice at home, etc.

- Cooking/Baking - Blenders, food processors, measuring cups/spoons, cutting boards and knives, etc.
- Leathercraft - Kit with basic leathercraft tools, stamps, etc.
- Cake decorating - Kit with bags, tips, spatulas, etc.
- Beef, swine, plant kit - These kits have large laminated posters for numerous hands on activities.

Horse Workshop - February 26

February 26 at 1 p.m. there will be a Horse Clinic at the Exhibit Building in Shelby. This is open to anyone with an interest in horse, horse member or not. Potential topics include horse projects, horse show information (what to expect at fair), horse care and health, tack and tack care, and more. No horse is needed, just come have a fun afternoon learning about horses! There will be a Horse Committee meeting to follow.

Record Book Reminder - Goals

Members should have their goals recorded in their record books by the end of December. Remember, a 'My 4-H Year' goal pertains to the ENTIRE 4-H year (example - Attend 4-H camp, attend 75% of club meetings, serve as a club officer, participate in two community service projects, etc.) while a project goal is SPECIFIC to that project (learn the parts of a pig by February 1, lead a halterbreaking workshop for beef members by March 1, learn how to make homemade pie crust, etc.)



Addisyn Bengtson shared with the Marias Fair Livestock Committee about her plans to install a flagpole at the Marias Fair. The American and 4-H flag would be raised and lowered during the fair by county 4-H ambassadors. Addisyn is currently working on a grant for the project and was seeking the Committee's support as a partner. Earlier this month she presented to the Marias Fair board as well.

Montana 4-H Rec Lab: March 18-20 in Hobson Montana hosted by District 3

Youth ages 13 and up (by October 1, 2021) - plan to attend this statewide event for awesome activities, friends, and fun!

- Schedule highlights include:
 - Kyle Shobe Fergus County 4-H Alumni, entrepreneur, and musician
 - Games and activities by district teen leaders
 - Over 30 hands on workshops
 - Fair Olympics
 - Road Show (Talent Show)
 - Karen Gross, Motivational speaker
- Registration opens in Zsutes February 1st and is just \$75! Late registration (March 1 - 7) is \$125. Members and volunteers will login to their Zsutes profile and click on the event in the calendar or under events and complete the registration. Participants pay the county office and then they county sends Fergus 4-H Council one check for their county registration. Participants will select their workshops during registration. Both the Glacier County 4-H Council Event scholarship and Bret Wanken Memorial Fund scholarships are available to assist with registration cost, forms are available at <https://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>.

Marias Fair 2022 Livestock Rule Changes

The following are rule changes from the Livestock Committee that will be in effect at the 2022 Fair:

- Lamb weight limit - Maximum lamb weight limit has been increased to 165 pounds. This is more in line with other fairs and allows those larger framed lambs to be appropriately finished. A heavier carcass also provides the buyer more meat for their fixed processing costs.
- Maximum Sale Participation Weight – Any animal weighing 12% or more above the maximum payweight will NOT be eligible to sell in the market livestock sale. Those animals may participate in the show but will not be able to sell. Maximum sale participation weights are:
 - Beef – 1,680
 - Lambs – 185
 - Swine – 336
 - Goats – 123

In summary, Minimum Weight to Sell Maximum Payweight Maximum Sale Participation Weight (12% over maximum payweight)

- Beef must weigh at least 1,100 pounds to sell, maximum payweight is 1,500 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 1,680 pounds.
- Lambs must weigh at least 110 pounds to sell, maximum payweight is 165 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 185 pounds.
- Swine must weigh at least 220 pounds to sell, maximum payweight is 300 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 336 pounds.
- Goats must weigh at least 70 pounds to sell, maximum payweight is 110 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 123 pounds.

The Livestock Committee encourages livestock members to choose an appropriate weight animal to start the project, monitor the animal's feed and weight throughout the project, and seek out help from livestock leaders to have an appropriately finished animal at the fair that is of high quality to the livestock buyer.

- Breeding shows - Exhibitors can enter ONLY one entry per class. Exhibitors are encouraged to choose their very best livestock to enter. Additional livestock can be entered in Open Class.

Marias Fair 4-H Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition

The fair shoot for Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be Sunday, February 27, 2022 at the Pondera Shooting Sports Club in Conrad. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 18. Cost per event is \$12/shooter, payment must be included with registration. 4-Hers must complete their Marias Fair interview at the tournament to be eligible for awards or premium points.

Details and registration form are being mailed out with the newsletter, please read through them carefully and complete. If you have questions on which category to enter, please ask the coaches.

Montana State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition

The 2022 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is scheduled for March 4-6, 2022. The event will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and Big Sky Archery. Please see the link <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16421>. You will find attached a guide to assist with registration.

Marias Fair 4-H Archery Shoot

We have not yet received official results, but will share those as soon as they are available. They should be ready early next week, there were a few who still need to shoot due to last minute Covid issues.

2022 Montana Livestock Shows

- March 19 - Deer Lodge (beef only)
- April 23 - Golden Triangle in Great Falls (beef only)
- May 14 - Ronan Livestock Show
- May 28 - 29 - Renegade in Great Falls (all species)
- June 4 - Golden Triangle Preview in Great Falls (swine, lambs, and goats)
- June 10 - 11 - Champions Choice in Helena (lambs, goats, swine)
- June 11 - 12 - Helena Jackpot (all species)
- June 24 - Western Ranch Fitting and showmanship camp - Great Falls
- June 25 - 26 - Western Ranch Jackpot - Great Falls (all species)

Livestock Per Capita Reporting

All Montana livestock owners must report the number of each type of livestock they own on February 1 each year. According to Montana state law (15-24-921, MCA), livestock owners need to report "cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, honey bees, goats, horses, mules, asses, llamas, alpacas, domestic bison, ostriches, rheas, emus, and domestic ungulates." Once reporting is complete, livestock owners pay a per capita fee which funds Department of Livestock programs for monitoring animal health, tracking livestock movement and important, preventing livestock theft, and managing predators. You can report online at [https:// app.mt.gov/livestockreporting](https://app.mt.gov/livestockreporting) or by filling out the form at [https:// app.mt.gov/myrevenue/Endpoint/Form/151](https://app.mt.gov/myrevenue/Endpoint/Form/151) . 4-H members are considered livestock owners, so will need to report. In the event that a 4-Her loses livestock to wildlife predation, they will only receive reimbursement from the Montana Livestock Loss Board if they previously paid their livestock per capita fees.

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Recent meetings included Clever Clovers (top left) doing some team building and problem solving at their January meeting. Longview members had some fun games and a Christmas party in December as well. Cloverbuds (top right) learned about setting the table and filling their plate with food from all five food groups. Thanks to Josalyn Wilder for assisting!

Curry Comb 4-Hers enjoyed their annual Christmas party and gift exchange in December.

