GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - December, 2023

Upcoming Events

- December 1 Steer weigh-ins at Berkram's, 10 a.m., 1346 Reagan Road, Cut Bank
- December 1 & 2 Shooting Sports training in Kalispell
- December 2 Steer weigh-ins at Hibbs, 9 11 a.m.
- December 2 Cut Bank Parade of Lights, 6 p.m.
- December 5 Sheep Seminar and Wool Pool meeting, Conrad Moose Lodge, 2 7 p.m.
- December 10 Virtual Leadership Academy, Effective Brainstorming, 3:00 p.m.
- December 10 Open Range Club Christmas party, 7 p.m. Annex at 1210 East Main
- December 11 Cloverbud Christmas meeting, 4:15 p.m. at the Annex, 1210 East Main
- December 11 Clever Clovers Club meeting, 6:00 p.m., Annex, 1210 E. Main, White Elephant gift and finger foods
- December 11 Curry Comb Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. Glacier County Library basement
- December 15 Youth beef nutrition workshop in Havre, 1 p.m.
- December 15 & 16 Shooting Sports training in Belgrade
- December 15 Holiday Gifts in a Jar, adult education workshop, location TBA
- December 21 Farrowing and neonatal care webinar, 7 p.m.
- December 18 Longview club meeting, 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church
- December 28 Project Day Registration coming out soon and location TBA
- January 4 Lambing and kidding and neonatal care webinar, 7 p.m.
- January 15 Deadline to apply for cook or assistant cook position at Marias Fair
- January 15 Deadline to apply to be a Glacier county 4-H ambassador
- January 31 Livestock committee meeting
- February 1 MT 4-H Foundation People Partner grant deadline

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

Warm holiday greetings to our 4-H community! As we embrace the promise of a new season, we find ourselves inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication that each of you brings to our Glacier County 4-H program. Your commitment to personal growth, community service, and the development of life skills continues to be the driving force behind the success of 4-H in our county.

This newsletter serves as a way of connection, a platform to share achievements, celebrate milestones, and foster a sense of unity among our diverse 4-H family. As Extension Agents, we are here to support you on your journey of discovery and growth. Whether it's through workshops, engaging events, or the countless opportunities that lie ahead, we look forward to cultivating a thriving community where each member can flourish. Contact us if you'd like us to help in any way with your club or events. Please also contact us each month for things your club is doing that you'd like to add to the newsletter. We celebrate you this holiday season and look forward to learning, leadership, and lasting memories in the spirit of 4-H! In 4-H friendship, Lisa and Kari

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Motto -To Make the Best Better

Shooting Sports

There will not be any archery practices December 1 as the leaders are in Kalispell for training. There WILL be practice Sunday, December 3 (correction from Kari's email on Thursday). December practices will be December 3, 8th or 10th, and 15th or 17th (depending on practice group). We have 14 kids signed up for Air Rifle and Air Pistol (yay!) so coaches will be meeting to determine how to divide practices up as have more kids than originally expected. We'll be following up with those families enrolled in Air Rifle and Air Pistol.

Watch for details on upcoming shooting sports tournaments, etc. at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting-sports-SS.html. The Lewis & Clark County Shooting Sports Invitational is on Saturday, January 6th, at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds and starts at 8:00 a.m. Registration is open now and closes Friday, January 5th at 12:00 p.m. Registration is on www.bowscore.com (search Lewis & Clark).

Welcome to 4-H!

Welcome to new members, McCoy Singer, Joshua Stoltz, Atrayu Wilder, Cidney Ramsom, Elliot Wahl, and Stella Wahl, and Cloverbuds, Makenzie Ramson and Xavier Wilder! We're so glad you joined Glacier County 4-H and look forward to seeing you grow within 4-H this year!

Glacier County 4-H ambassador applications

The deadline to apply to be a Glacier County ambassador has been extended to January 15. A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of our Montana 4-H Program. A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and non-4-H youth. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations. For more information, please see attached letter with the newsletter (originally sent out in October).

Destini Anderson raises \$750.00 for Marias Fair Food Booth Ice Cream Machine

Open Range 4-H Club member, Destini Anderson, has demonstrated both creativity and generosity by raising \$750.00 for the Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth. Anderson took the initiative to design and sell Marias Fair sweatshirts with the aim of supporting the food booth and honoring the memory of Fred Greco. The Marias Fair holds a special place in the hearts of the community, and Greco, a beloved figure, is remembered fondly for his food booth contributions. Pictured is Destini presenting the check to Lisa Terry, FCS/4-H Agent who is wearing one of the sweatshirts. Thank you Destini!



4-H members contributing to the Ice Cream Machine Fund

Longview 4-H Club, donated \$200.00 to the ice cream machine fund while three siblings, Alec, Maggie and Jillian Morrisett of Clever Clovers 4-H Club sold cookies at their personal yard sale raising \$100.00 and donated it back to the food booth ice cream machine fund. Clever Clovers 4-H Club also donated their 4-H Fair dance proceeds for two years which was a little over \$200.00. THANK YOU to all these 4-Hers!









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Cloverbuds Christmas Party, Monday, December 11th

The next Cloverbud meeting will be a Christmas party on December 11th at 4:15 p.m. Get ready for some great fun with your friends as we continue to recite the 4-H pledge and learn about all things 4-H. Parents, don't forget that many of the projects they create during the year at their Cloverbud meeting, at school, or at home can be shared at the Marias Fair during their Cloverbud interviews. Each Cloverbud will have the opportunity to sit down with a judge and share the things they've learned and what they've done this year. So, don't throw that project away! Have a special location for them and then in July, you can let them choose what to bring to the fair! They will receive a participation medal for interviewing and to celebrate their successes!

Record books/Project books/Livestock Feed Sheets

Project books are in, please pick yours up if you haven't yet. Please make checks to Glacier County 4-H, and double check that you've received everything you ordered.

Please check out the resources on our website,

https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html, for record books. Members may use the printed sheets available in our office for their project journals and My 4-H year, or can complete them on ZSuites under the Record Book tab.

We now have daily livestock feed sheets available as well. We highly encourage members to keep this in the barn on a clipboard and write down the amount fed daily, then transfer the totals to their record book at the end of the month. It is critical to track the amount of feed fed daily to know if feed needs increased/decreased, cost of feeding, etc. A big part of 4-H is helping youth develop habits. If we can develop the habit of just writing down one thing daily (pounds fed), that is an excellent habit. Please see a club leader, Kari or Lisa for help getting started on record books if needed.

Project Day Thursday, December 28th

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming 4-H project day to be held on Thursday, December 28th here in Cut Bank. There will be workshops in several project areas including animals, baking/cooking, leadership, etc. If there's a project area you'd like to see that day, contact our office. This event will be open to all regularly enrolled 4-H members (no Cloverbuds).

If there is a workshop that you would be willing to take the lead on, that would be great. We do have kits available in beef, pig, cake decorating, and leathercraft. If you know someone who might be a good guest speaker, that would be perfect too. Some of these can be combined to cover multiple project areas.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you might be able to lead a workshop or line up a speaker. We hope to have a fun and educational day for our 4-Hers and appreciate your help in making it happen! We will send out more information once the details for the day are finalized. Contact Kari or Lisa at the Extension office at 406-873-2239. We need your help to make this a fun and educational project day.

Project Leaders

What would be the impact of three project meetings between now and fair on your project? Please visit with Kari or Lisa on organizing project meetings within your project area.

Cheesecake Bakeoff profits \$450 to Glacier County 4-H Council



Katelyn, Jed, Lexi, Ken, Addisyn, Olivia, Landon, and Maddie were on hand with other 4-Hers to keep everything running smoothly at the annual Cheesecake Bakeoff. Thank you to the Glacier County 4-H ambassadors for organizing the event and to all who worked, set up, cleaned up, baked, etc.! Judges Jared Berkram, Morgan Berkram (Glacier County 4-H alum!), and Karla Gregory selected the top three cheesecakes from Raylee Johnson, Rachel Brown, and Shauna Lunnie. Thanks for supporting Glacier County 4-H to fund leader trainings, member awards, workshops, senior scholarships, travel, etc.

Record Books: We Want Your Feedback!

The Montana Curriculum Advisory Team is seeking to make changes to our Montana 4-H record books, and we want feedback from youth, volunteers, and families! Please complete this survey to tell us how you use them, what you like, and what changes you'd like to see in the future.

Whether a 4-H member, 4-H alumni, 4-H parents and guardians, or fellow volunteers, everyone's input is encouraged! Thank you for your help in improving our record book system. https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq

Leadership Academy Monthly Virtual Workshops for Teen Members, 3:00 p.m. Sundays through March

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023-2024 4-H year. 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 present 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. Dates are:

- 1. December 10: Effective Brainstorming
- 2. January 14: Fake It Till You Make It!
- 3. February 11: Tools for Facilitation
- 4. March 10: Authenticity & Self Awareness

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87240913270?pwd=S1pReVphbFFoT095WVMzYjg4V29OQT09

Open Range 4-H Club Visits Hidden Lake Colony

Members of the Open Range 4-H Club visited the Hidden Lake Hutterite Colony's poultry and dairy barns. They were able to observe and learn about the milking process as well as a little bit about the life of a Hutterite! Thank you leaders and parents for providing this educational opportunity to your club members! Open Range Club plans to participate in the Parade of Lights this weekend as well, let's attend and cheer them on!









A Little Hutterite History

Hutterites came to Montana in 1874 and are a religious group who consider themselves Anabaptists. They were named after Jacob Hutter who was martyred for his beliefs in 1536.

Greytak Calendars available for \$15 in the office. 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.



Planning for fair

As members are starting new projects, many are asking, 'What can I take to fair?" Check out the 2023 fair book at https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/mariasfairbook/ to see what potential exhibits you can take and start working on them now. Aim to complete one exhibit per month and you'll have a box of exhibits to be proud of come, July!

Youth Pie-Making Workshop Deliciously Successful!

Twelve 4-H members and local youth enthusiastically took part in a delightful Thanksgiving piemaking workshop hosted at Cut Bank High School's FACS classroom. Participants had the choice of crafting a pumpkin, pecan, or apple pie to grace their Thanksgiving tables. They delved into the art of creating a crust from scratch, covering essential skills such as distinguishing among pastry shells, single or double crusts, perfecting fluting techniques, executing cutting-in methods, dough rolling, dough transfer, recipe reading, and the art of crafting tasty pie fillings. Alongside these hands-on skills, attendees also learned the fascinating history of pie making, rounding out a truly enriching culinary experience. Look for more cooking/baking project days and get signed up early to secure your spot. There will be a limit of 12 for each of these classes.

Lisa would like to thank Olivia Bradley who helped with the youth workshop and Lexi Stubbs for helping with the adult education workshop that afternoon. Your help was greatly appreciated!





Pizza Parli Pro @ Curry Comb 4-H Club Meeting

Parliamentary Procedure is a skill that we learn in 4-H and is something that we will more than likely use for the rest of our lives. Having the skills to successfully run a meeting is essential and many adult groups who never had 4-H or FFA struggle with having effective and engaging meetings.

Curry Comb 4-H Club recently invited Lisa to come and do a Parli Pro Pizza demonstration where club members voted on what toppings to put on their pizza. They baked the pizza and were then able to eat the pizza they created!

A fun time was had when a motion to add anchovies died for lack of a second. They also were able to amend a motion and then return to vote on their original motion. Club members did an awesome job in making motions and learning the democratic process of majority rules. Great job, Curry Comb!





Beef Weigh-Ins

Members will have two options for weighing in steers:

- Friday, December 1 Wade and Leslie Berkram's 10 a.m.
- Saturday, December 2 Hibbs Livestock 9 11 a.m.

Please let Kari know if you'll be weighing in at Berkram's as there's not cell service there and we don't want to miss anyone.

The minimum weight for 2024 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 by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April 2024). 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, 2023. 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 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. If you have any questions on what is needed, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001. Please bring your Bill of Sale to weigh-ins so that we can make sure you have it.

Save the Date - 2024 REC LAB / April 19-21, 2024 / Jefferson County School / Boulder, MT What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event. Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun! This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team-building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

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 cost will be around \$100.00. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1. Adult chaperones must be as least 21 years of age. Contact the Extension office if interested in attending.

New to 4-H?

If you're new to 4-H, welcome! We'd like to organize a new family orientation to cover the basics of 4-H and will be sending out an email soon to find a date/time that works best for the most families. Please watch your email and we hope you can join us!

Logan Health - Cut Bank Toy Drive

- The toy drive is available for children ages 0-14. Donations and applications will close on December 1st, and pickup will be at the Logan Health Cut Bank Rural Health Clinic, South entrance, on December 15 from noon-5pm. Clubs might consider making a donation or shopping for toys (we encourage shopping locally with our great 4-H supporting businesses!!)
- New, unwrapped toy donations can be dropped off at Billman's True Value, First Interstate Bank, Stockman Bank and Norman's Sports & Western. Monetary donations can be made online or turned into the front desk at Logan Health – Cut Bank or Rural Health Clinic.
- Information and Make a Donation to support the Toy Drive

https://www.logan.org/foundation/current-initiatives/logan-health-cut-bank

Geospatial Skills Summer Camp @ MSU

Youth-serving organizations in rural Montana can apply to host a week-long summer camp called Geospatial Skills Camp. The Montana State University Science Math Resource Center has received funding from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to choose five rural communities that will receive full funding and training to host a camp in June 2024. The camp is designed for rising 9th and 10th graders who have been under-served in STEM. All camp supplies and curricula are provided; the host organization also receives educator training and funding for staff time, room rental, transportation, lunches and snacks, and STEM supplies for students. The camp will be hosted by you IN YOUR COMMUNITY. MSU will provide training and a curriculum, but much of the camp will be fully customizable to address your community's local issues and meet your students' personal interests.

Applications are due Dec. 22, 2023, and an informational Webinar about the program will be hosted on Nov. 29, 2023. Learn more at http://www.montana.edu/smrc/geo-skills.html

"I spy, Katelyn!"

Katelyn Suta and Raylee Johnson recently participated in National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. Katelyn is pictured with fellow Montana 4-H delegates. Katelyn received the opportunity to attend due to winning a state 4-H award (in the swine project) while Raylee served as a chaperone.

For members interested in applying for a state award in the future, check out the application at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html. Applications are due May 1, so start planning now . Members can also attend National Congress by winning a state 4-H competition (such as Hadley Barbie winning Career Communications last year).



Montana 4-H Foundation Online Auction Buy a gift AND give to Montana 4-H - a gift that gives twice!

The Montana 4-H Foundation online auction is open at

https://gardnerauction.hibid.com/auctions through December 4. Please bid, share the link online, etc. and encourage family and friends to bid!

There are some incredible items from Montana 4-H supporters, including the breakfast basket from Glacier County 4-H. The event planned was cancelled due to weather, so they've converted to an online auction and need our help to spread the word. Auction closes December 4.











Thirteen members hone livestock judging skills

Livestock judging is the practice of comparing four animals and placing them best to worst based upon their market or breeding characteristics. It teaches analysis, critical thinking, selection, communication skills, confidence, finding the positives, and much more. November 10, 4-Hers had the opportunity to hone their knowledge of judging meat goats, sheep, cattle, and wool at the McCauley ranch and practice their oral reasons.

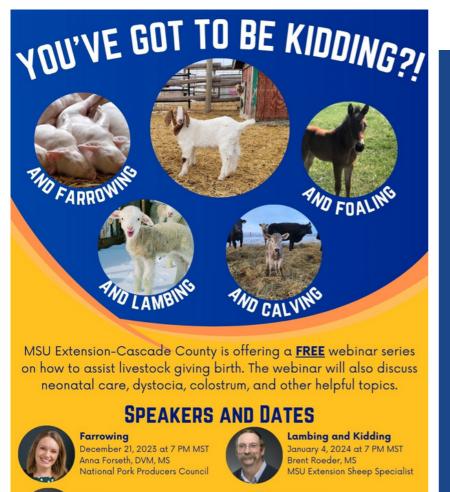
Thank you to Eddie McCauley, Meg, Sammie, and Mac for providing quality livestock and a great facility, to Andy Van Haur and Jaxon for bringing meat goats, and to Montana State University Extension Sheep Program specialist Brent Roeder for bringing fleeces and teaching sheep and meat goat judging. Each member also set at least one goal for the year and discussed the importance of daily record keeping as well. Hands on learning is the best learning!

Livestock Quality Assurance training - December 28

There will be a Livestock Quality Assurance training offered at Project Day on December 28. Livestock members are required to complete LQA training every other year to sell a market livestock animal at the Marias Fair. Members needing LQA include: Atrayu Wilder, Beau Dagel, Brandeon Molenda, Bridger Molenda, Dallas Berkram, Elliot Wahl, McCoy Singer, Miles Geer, Ryatt Reeverts, Wesley Dagel, and Will Suta.

Youth Beef Workshop - December 15

Friday, December 15 there will be a 4-H Nutrition and Feed workshop at 1 p.m. at the Northern Ag Research Center in Havre. The CHS nutritionist will focus on feeding your 4-H beef project and there will be a tour of the research feedlot. Please register on ZSuites or RSVP to the Hill County Extension office at 406-400-2333 or hill1@montana.edu. If anyone is interested, Kari will take 4-Hers. This workshop will county as LQA training as well.



MSU Extension-Cascade County is offering a FREE webinar series on how to assist sows, nannies, ewes, cows, and mares giving birth.

The webinar will also discuss neonatal care, dystocia, colostrom, and other helpful topics. The webinar series is free. Please check out the flyer on dates and topics.

Register at https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/f orm/SV_dd63ZSVTGHsiZLM

Contact Kari if you'd like to attend the youth beef workshop and she can take kids over and back. We'd likely leave Cut Bank around 9:30 a.m., have lunch in Havre, attend the workshop, and return around 5 p.m. If interest, we could even go earlier in the day and check out the 900+ head of females at Hanson Ranch just down the road that will sell in the 'Heart of the Hiline' sale the following day and practice livestock evaluation on them as well.

Calving

January 18, 2024 at 7 PM MST

MSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist

Megan Van Emon, PhD

This workshop would fulfill LQA requirements as well.



Fair designation - December 1 deadline

January 25, 2024 at 7 PM MST

MSU Extension Agriculture Agent

Rose Malisani, MS

Livestock members may choose to market their livestock project at the Marias Fair OR the Charging Home Stampede in Browning. We will assume you plan to exhibit at the Marias Fair unless we hear differently by December 1, 2023.

Do you LOVE to cook? We need you! The Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth is hiring a head and assistant cook for the upcoming fair season. See the flyer below for job descriptions and to apply. Either scan the QR code on the flyer or use this link tinyurl.com/b3krhkc3 The deadline to apply is January 15, 2023.

MARIAS FAIR 4-H FOOD BOOTH HEAD COOK JOB DESCRIPTION \$1200 STIPEND

INVENTORY AND ORDER FOOD AND SUPPLIES PRIOR TO THE FAIR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GLACIER COUNTY FCS AGENT. ORDER ADDITIONAL FOOD AND SUPPLIES AS NEEDED DURING THE FAIR.

ATTEND FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL, AND JUNE

PREPARES SPECIALS OF THE DAY

COORDINATE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS WITH FOOD BOOTH MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

KEEP EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONAL DURING THE FAIR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

PREPARE FOOD BOOTH FOR OPERATION DURING THE FAIR INCLUDING STOCKING FREEZER, FRIDGE, AND SHELVES

ORGANIZING TASKS RELATED TO FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

COORDINATE WITH CHS, NUTRIEN, AND OTHER SPONSORS FOR DAILY BREAKFASTS AND ON MORNINGS OF LIVESTOCK SHOWS

BEGINS SHIFT AT 5:00 A.M. DAILY AND ENDS COORDINATING WITH ASSISTANT COOK

IN CHARGE OF OPENING THE FOOD BOOTH FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPATES IN PRE-FAIR AND POST-FAIR FOOD BOOTH CLEAN UP.

CONTACT LISA TERRY AT 406-873-2239 OR BY EMAIL AT LTERRY@MONTANA.EDU



MARIAS FAIR 4-H FOOD BOOTH COOK JOB DESCRIPTION \$900 STIPEND

COORDINATE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS WITH THE FOOD BOOTH MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

ATTEND FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL, AND JUNE

KEEP EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONAL DURING THE FAIR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE

PREPARE FOOD BOOTH FOR OPERATION DURING THE FAIR INCLUDING STOCKING FREEZER, FRIDGE, AND SHELVES

ORGANIZING TASKS RELATED TO FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

ASSISTS WITH SPECIALS OF THE DAY

BEGINS SHIFT LATER IN THE MORNING EACH DAY OF FAIR AND WORKS UNTIL FOOD BOOTH CLOSING

IN CHARGE OF CLOSING THE FOOD BOOTH FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPATES IN PRE-FAIR AND POST-FAIR FOOD BOOTH CLEAN UP.

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