



Glacier County 4-H News

July 2021

It's Marias Fair Funtime!

I am so excited for the Marias Fair, as I know you all are too! The Fair Board has done a great job lining up activities and entertainment this year, be sure to watch their Facebook page and website, www.mariasfair.com, for details on upcoming activities. Please review your second fair packet (available next week) carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

Great job to our Glacier County 4-H camp counselors this past month, Dayne Barbie, Hadley Barbie, Jacob Hjartarson, and Josalyn Wilder. They all did a great job connecting with the kids and put in some long, HOT hours running two separate camps this year. I appreciate the time they put in to prepare and organize workshops and activities and it seemed everyone had a great time and is looking forward to next year!

Best of luck to our Shotgun members as they compete at their Marias Fair tournament on July 17. James Barbee has been reporting great practices and we appreciate all of his work with the members!

Grace Rooney is headed to Montana 4-H Congress this month and we wish her the best of luck there. Grace and Camille Bradley will be recognized there for their Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships they received this year as well.

As we head into fair, thank you to each and every person helping out across the fairgrounds whether it's the food booth, exhibit building, barns, on the Fair Board, etc. It truly takes a community to make it happen, so thank you for sharing your time and talents! There will be Open Class this year, so I hope you all take advantage of that, details are on the fair website.

Please let us know if you have any questions in the coming days.

In 4-H Friendship,

Kari Lewis

**“We don’t
have kids
to help
raise our
livestock,
we have
livestock to
help raise
our kids.”**

**CLEVER CLOVERS
4H CLUB
INVITES YOU TO A
4H
DANCE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
4H FOOD BOOTH**

**\$1 with a can of food
donation or \$2 without**



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Marias Fair Fun Time

2nd Fair Packet

Fair packets will be ready to be picked up at the Extension office on Wednesday, **July 7**. Your packet will include stall cards, exhibit tags, wrist bands, parking passes, camper map, food booth schedule and other important information. Be sure to pick up your packet.

Wristbands

Green wristbands are for everyone staying overnight at the fairgrounds. This includes 4-Hers, parents and family members.

White wristbands are for 4-Hers exhibiting at fair, but not staying overnight

Red wristbands are event passes for all events held in the grandstands for everyone who requested and paid for them. Green and white wristbands must be worn by kids under age 18 while on the fairgrounds. Red wristbands must be worn to enter the grandstands, otherwise you will be asked to pay again.

Carcass Awards Show

Please join your county location (Cut Bank -Extension Office, Shelby - Exhibit Building, Conrad - Moose Lodge or Chester - Extension Office on Wednesday, August 4 at 6 p.m. for a short educational program regarding the carcass results. At 6:30 p.m., carcass results will be announced live and on the Marias Fair 4-H Facebook page (Live) for anyone unable to attend in person.

What to Wear at Fair

Casual clothes are ok for working with animals, unloading, etc. but you should wear clean, neat dress clothes for interviews, demonstrations, showing your animal, the sale, etc. When working the Food Booth, you should wear jeans or long shorts, a clean baseball cap, closed toe shoes, and a clean shirt (4-H club t-shirts are great!) A pink shirt for 'Tough Enough to Wear Pink' is appropriate for the sale if it's a dress shirt. Don't forget to wear your muck boots to wash animals in. Closed toe leather shoes **MUST** be worn for all livestock activities including weighing-in, washing, etc. Always bring extra clothes, as they get dirty quickly, and make sure to try them on so you know they still fit.

MARIAS FAIR DATES

July 7 – 2nd fair packets ready

July 17 – Pre Fair Clean Up

July 21-25 – Marias Fair Fun Time!

August 4 – Carcass Program, Glacier County Annex at 6 p.m. (awards will be streamed live on the Marias Fair Facebook page)

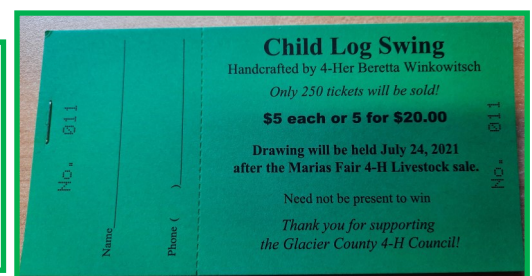
What to pack for fair

In addition to your supplies for animals and exhibits, these are some recommendations from a list compiled by Dena Fritz.

- Markers/Pens/Pencils/Hi-lighters/Scrap paper/Scissors (make sure to bring a notebook to the livestock judging contest for your reasons notes!)
- Thank-You poster for livestock buyer pre-made
- Wire ties/Wire/Wire cutter (you'll need to hang your animal's sign)
- Calculator (you'll need to calculate your animal's daily gain, etc.)
- Safety pins/Straight pins/Tacks/Staplers--big and small (you'll receive an exhibitor number that will need to be pinned on your shirt)
- Tie straps/Bungee cords
- Tape, Rubber bands, glue
- Spare batteries
- Hammer/Screw drivers/Pliers
- Extension cord/3 prong adaptors
- Ruler/Tape measurer
- Laundry bag—there'll be lots of dirty clothes!
- Water, water, water!
- Flash light
- Paperclips
- Needle/Thread/Buttons
- Memo board—to serve as a communications center for everyone in your camper to know who will be where and when.
- Bill of Sale and Travel Permits

Glacier County 4-H Council Fundraiser

Since we did not get to have a Cheesecake Booth fundraiser to benefit the Council this year, Beretta Winkowitsch is generously donating a child size log swing to be raffled off at the Marias Fair. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We need people to help sell tickets. Please stop by the office if you are interested in helping out!



Marias Fair Fun Time

Fair Clean-up

All 4-H members are needed to help in either pre or post fair cleanup.

Pre-Fair cleaning will be Saturday, July 17 at 8 a.m. The barns and Exhibit Building will be cleaned and readied for Fair. Please bring brooms, shovels, buckets, hoses, wheelbarrows, rakes, pitch forks, paper towels, window cleaner or anything that you think might be useful in helping spruce up the fairgrounds.

Post-Fair cleaning will be Sunday, July 25 in the morning. Post fair cleanup includes cleaning and closing the barns, the Exhibit Building and the Food Booth. Litter also needs to be picked up around the fairgrounds.

Marias Fair Silent Auction

The Marias Fair Exhibit Building Silent Auction will benefit the Exhibit Building Committee this year. The Committee is requesting that every club and Extension Office donate an item to the silent auction. Please bring your items to the to the Fairgrounds on cleanup day, or to the Extension Office. Anyone is welcome to donate an item and, of course, to bid on items at the fair.

Fair Sportsmanship Tips

Good sportsmanship applies to everyone involved in the fair: 4-H members, parents, leaders, volunteers, and others.

- Say, 'Thank you!' - Interview judges, show judges, communications judges, exhibit building monitors, livestock weigh-in helpers, show and sale ring men, fashion revue set up crew, food booth day chairs... the list of volunteers goes on and on. The Fair wouldn't be possible without them. These folks give up time from their jobs and families to support 4-H, please treat them with respect and tell each one thank you!
- Congratulate the winner - Celebrate and encourage one another, and appreciate the competition they bring.
- Respect the "game," livestock, and those involved - Respecting and following the rules of the event and 4-H policy is critical.
- Look for the lesson - We may not always agree with each judge's opinion, but we can still learn from their evaluation and the process, and appreciate their feedback to make our best better!
- Reminder: When you're not competing at fair, check out the exhibits and shows and support your fellow members!

Marketing Your Livestock Project

Livestock members – It is up to YOU to market your livestock animal. Each member should plan to invite (personally and/or with a letter and picture of their animal) at least 10 to 20 businesses, individuals, etc. Members should post the flyers that are in your 2nd fair packet, and there is also a tri-fold brochure that members can distribute which contains sale information. When inviting businesses, etc. think outside the box – orthodontist, eye doctor, dentist, insurance agent, grocery store, restaurant, mechanic, relatives, parents' employer, etc., in addition to the folks you typically see at the sale. In a research study of over 2,000 buyers at a 4-H sale who had received letters from 500 4-H youth, 80% of the buyers wanted to read about the youth's history and their project work and personal story. 80% of buyers wanted a picture of the animal and the youth. Buyers want to know what members have done in their club and projects, how members have then been active in community service projects, if they shared their knowledge with other members, and what they have learned. Have you developed work ethic and perseverance through challenges in your project? If you would like more tips on marketing your livestock project, please call or e-mail Kari, she has some great resources available!

ONLINE AUCTION: A listing of livestock members and their livestock species will be posted in mid-July on <https://jerrycollinsauctions.hibid.com/>. Members can submit a photo of themselves and their animal and a brief marketing description to be posted on the auction website.

PHOTO- Photo should contain the 4-Her and animal and be high quality, clear, in focus, and relatively close up. Animal should be washed and groomed and 4-Her should be clean and in show attire. Photo should be uploaded to the appropriate county folder within the Google Drive folder, t.ly/TSma. Photos need to be named FirstNameLastNameSpecies (example – JoeSmithBeef), or your local office will rename if necessary. For best photos, choose a neutral background (grass field, barn, etc.) and avoid photographing during times of high sun when shadows are common. If you have trouble uploading the picture and bio, please email it to glacier@montana.edu.

Marias Fair Fun Time

Common Showmanship/ Interview Questions

- What breed is your animal?
- What do you like about your animal? What would you like to change? (This is referring to your animal's finish, muscling, structural correctness, etc.)
- Parts of the animal
- Cuts of meat
- Do you think your animal is finished? (Steer should have around 4/10 of an inch of backfat, which feels like the back of a wrist)
- What have you fed your animal? Know the pounds and feed type and protein level.
- What is gestation length of this animal?
- What have you learned in your project?
- What has your animal gained?
- What does your animal weigh? (It's ok to tell an interview judge what the animal weighed as close to fair as you know).
- What is the breed known for that you are showing?
- Is the breed a meat or wool breed (sheep), maternal or terminal breed (hogs), meet or milk breed (beef)?
- What would you like to do differently next year?
- Where is the loin?
- What is the market price of this animal?
- What is dressing percentage?
- Where are the most valuable cuts on this animal?
- What size loin eye (hogs and sheep) or ribeye (beef) do you think your animal will have?
- Know diseases of the species (PEDv for hogs, Scrapies for lambs, BSE for beef, etc.)
- What do you think quality and yield grade will be of animal?
- Why did you do your project the way you did (put in a zipper a certain way, make your own pie crust, etc.)

Exhibit Building Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of volunteers in the Exhibit Building on Wednesday and Thursday. Please fill out the sheet in your 2nd fair packet if you are able to help. Thanks!

Exhibit Judging Assistant Wednesday, July 21, 2021	
Shift 1- 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
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Shift 2 - 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
	Regina Wilder
	Jo Dean Rooney
Shift 3 - 2:45 p.m. until finished	
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Tips for Minimizing Shrink in Livestock

Going to the fair is stressful, especially on the animals! When they are taken to a new environment with new people, sounds, and other animals, it's stressful. The animal can stop drinking or go off feed, which also means they'll weigh less than they did at home. Before the fair, load up your animal and take them to another location so they get experience with a trailer ride and new surroundings. At the fair, your animal may not drink the water due to the chlorination, so bring some 5-gallon bottles of water from home. This will help keep your animal drinking. You can also mix Gatorade (or any flavoring) into the water at home and at fair so the taste and smell is similar. Providing your lamb or steer long-stemmed hay a couple hours before the show will give them a full appearance and also help relax them as they can chew their cud during the show. A hand sprayer with water can be used to mist your pig off before you go in the show to keep them relaxed.

IMPORTANT: All market livestock need to be in their stalls by 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.

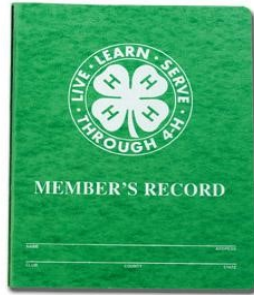
Review the Rules

A reminder to review your division's rules in the Marias Fair Book, which is available online at <http://mariasfair.msuetension.org/mariasfairbook/index.html> For example, self-waterers are required in pig pens, cattle must have a neck rope, etc.

Glacier County Exhibit Building Monitor Schedule Thursday, July 22, 2021	
Shift 1	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
1	Hapi Seewald
2	Kate Morrisett
Shift 2	11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
2	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Shift 3	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
1	Jo Dean Rooney
2	Sahm Winkowitsch
Shift 4	2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
1	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
2	Regina Wilder
Shift 5	4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
1	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
2	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Project/Record Book Deadlines

July 1 - All project books must be current in all projects that are being entered in the Marias Fair and checked by your project leader, organizational leader or Extension Agent. You must have 5 activities and 2 learning experiences completed in order to participate in the Marias Fair. Some books have varying requirements, please check your project book and if you have questions be sure to ask a leader or the Extension Office.



August 6 - Record Books due to Club Leaders to compete for awards

August 13 - Record books are due to the Extension Office if competing for awards, and project books need to be complete for the year (7 activities and 2 learning experiences completed).

We Need Photos of Your 4-H Projects!

The Marias Fair Board is looking for pictures of 4-Hers working on their projects that they can share on their Facebook page in the upcoming weeks to help promote the fair and 4-H! Let's help them out with this project! Please e-mail photos (clear and in focus) to Lindsey Habets, Marias Fair webmaster at lindsey@hilinewebdesign.com, along with answers to any or all of the following questions:

- What is your Name, Age and County?
- What projects will you be taking to the fair?
- What is your favorite project?
- Tell us several things about your project.
- What is your favorite part about 4-H?
- What is one thing you learned this year?
- What are your goals for the future?

Curry Comb 4-H Club Community Service

Great Job, Curry Comb for taking part in the Highway 2 clean-up with the Lions Club and Cut Bank Bark Park clean-up!



Small Animal Project Day

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped lead the Small Animal Project Day in Shelby last month.



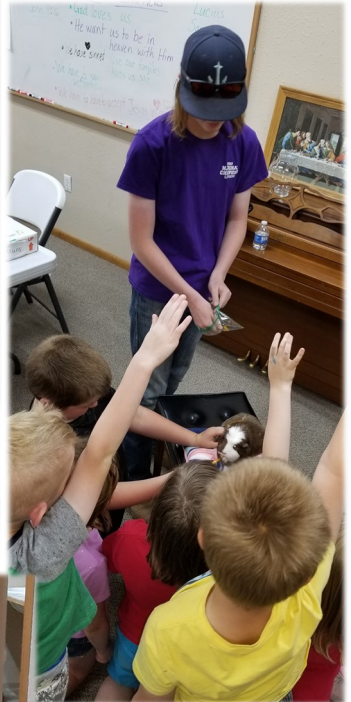
Fashion Review 2021

Great job to Emily Roberts for representing Glacier County in this year's Fashion Review!



2021 Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud Camp 2021 was a success! Thanks to Hadley Barbie for taking the lead on organizing for her Teen Leadership project and to Barb Larson, Jodi Duncan, Kathleen Barbie, Jed and Ken Winkowitsch, Ashlyn Brown, Jadis Scarborough and Clara Blonde for helping as well. They made sidewalk chalk, did straw painting, made fruit kabobs, checked out a mini pony, goat, and guinea pig, made stick horses, made grass puppies, etc. They all went home with exhibits for fair and a smile!



2021 Multi County 4-H Camp



Thank you to our camp counselors Dayne Barbie, Hadley Barbie, Jacob Hjartarson, and Josalyn Wilder. They all did a great job connecting with the kids and put in some long, HOT hours running two separate camps this year. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's camp a success!



Meat and Compete

Last month Glacier County 4-H'ers had a food safety lesson followed by the Pork Meat and Compete session. The kids learned all about pork and then got to cook themselves BLT's for dinner! Thank you to everyone who participated.

The next Meat and Compete session will take place on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School FCS room.





Calendar of Events

July

- 1 - Record Books due to club leaders for projects you are exhibiting at the fair
- 5 - Curry Comb Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at city park, bring a dish for the picnic, meeting to follow
- 7 - 2nd Fair Packets Ready to be picked up at the Extension Office
- 7 - Meat and Compete, 6:30 p.m. at the Cut Bank High School FCS room
- 17 - Pre Fair Cleanup Day, 8:00 a.m. Marias Fairgrounds
- 21-25 - Marias Fair Funtime!

August

- 4 - Carcass Program/Awards, 6:00 p.m. at the Glacier County Courthouse Annex
- 6 - Record books due to club leaders to compete for awards
- 13 - Record books due to Extension Office to compete for awards



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