

# GLACIER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## June 2023

It's time to register for fair! If you haven't picked up your fair packet yet, please do so SOON! **Registration closes June 15!**

Please review ALL materials and get registered in FairEntry early so that we have time to review your entries for accuracy, etc.

Marias Fair website with links to FairEntry, fair book with entry descriptions and rules, etc.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/>

Marias Fair registration:

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18135>

### Upcoming Events:

June 4 - Ag Committee meeting via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

June 8 - Cloverbud day camp, Shelby Splash Park, 10:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 12 - 14 - 4-H Camp

June 15 - Fair registration deadline

June 15 - Curry Comb meeting

June 24 - Livestock showmanship practice, 4 p.m. at Roberts

June 26 - Food Safety training, 8:30 a.m. at Cut Bank Presbyterian Church

June 26 - Added Value, Added Fun, Added Yum program, 9:15 - 3, Presbyterian Church

June 26 - Longview meeting

June 28 - Livestock Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Seewald Barn

July 6 - Marias Fair Fashion Revue judging (Exhibit Building), 6 p.m.

July 15 - Marias Fair Cleanup Day - Food Safety Training, following @ Food Booth

July 19 - 23 - Marias Fair

# LIVESTOCK



## **NILE Merit Heifer program**

The NILE Merit Heifer Program was developed to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business. Selected recipients that are awarded a heifer are chosen based on merit, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth that is between 12 and 16 years of age as of June 30 of the given year and is a 4-H or FFA member may apply. The deadline is June 30, details are available at <https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/>.

## **Spare Animals**

A reminder to get processing lined up early for those spare animals. Prairie Meats in Lothair is a new local option, Clark Diemert is 406-432-0050 if you are interested.

## **4-H Livestock Showmanship Practice & Potluck - June 24**

There will be a 4-H livestock showmanship practice at Saturday, June 25 at 4 p.m. at Chris and Lacy Roberts ranch. Members are encouraged to bring their animals and show equipment. Please RSVP to Lacy if you are coming and will be bringing an animal, 406-209-5378.

They're at 205 Nepstad Road, Kevin, MT, take the Kevin Highway out and turn left (north) just before mile marker 13 and then 2 miles north on Nepstad Road. All are welcome, they just need a headcount for dinner. Meat will be provided, please bring a salad or side dish.

## **Livestock Scale**

Members are encouraged to weigh their market livestock at least monthly from now until fair. For weighing small livestock, we do have the small scale available for lambs and pigs that the Glacier County 4-H Council purchased for our members. There is to be NO washing or clipping on the scale. The scale has electronic parts and if they get wet, that can cause them to become faulty. Please be sure to always lift up when carrying the scale (no dragging). If you need something to wash/clip in for pigs, there is a heavy duty frame for that at Sahm Winkowitsch's that can be borrowed and used, or many folks have modified the plastic chemical shuttles as well. Please return the scale within 72 hours of using it.



## **Montana Range Days - June 19 - 21 - Shelby, MT**

If you are interested in ranching, livestock production, range, etc., this is a great opportunity that rarely comes to our area! The event is for both youth and adults and includes tours, plant identification training, presentations, a banquet, dance, etc. Visit <https://www.montanarangedays.org/range-days/event-details-schedule/> for more details.

# MORE NEWS



## Volunteer Spotlight and Members of the Month

Nominate a volunteer or youth in your county who has done something awesome and deserves a shout-out for making a difference. They will be recognized next month in a Volunteer or Member Spotlight social media post and in the state's monthly newsletter. They will also be eligible for Ag Network's Volunteer or Member of the Month sponsored by Stockman Bank. You are welcome to submit more than one recognition form!

Nominate a volunteer you appreciate: <https://forms.gle/z6qTGfjZEUxAksg9>

Nominate a youth member: <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWKX6>

## Marias Fair Food Booth Food Safety Training

Any member participating in the Marias Fair is required to work their assigned food booth shift. Members must have food safety training every two years to work their shift. Members who do not work their food booth shift will not receive their premium check or be allowed to exhibit at the fair the following year. ALL Glacier County 4-Hers (except Mac McCauley) need food safety training this year.

There will be food safety training on June 26 in Cut Bank at the Presbyterian Church starting at 8:30 a.m. Another one will be offered after the fair clean up on July 15 at the Marias Fairgrounds.

## 4-H Leaders needing to complete training:

Barbara Aspevig, Jay Aspevig, Brian Aspevig, Jacki Boyce, Frank Goings, Brandon Greco, Don Popelka, Carolyn Popelka, Jo Dean Rooney, Bonnie Thies. Please complete in ZSuites under the 'Clover Academy' section

## FIND US ON THESE LINKS



SCAN FOR  
STATE  
4-H CALENDAR



IMPORTANT LINKS  
FOR LEADERS

**ZSUITE**



# Multi-County 4-H Camp



Departure: 7:45 a.m., June 12, Cut Bank Visitor's Center parking lot  
Return: 2:45 p.m., June 14, Cut Bank Visitor's Center parking lot

Please send \$5 with your camper for pizza on the way home. A letter will be emailed with a list of items to bring. Counselors should bring a cot or air mattress if possible.



## Cloverbud Camp

- Thursday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Shelby Splash Park
- Lunch will be provided
- Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty

## Service Opportunities

The Beehive Home is looking for anyone to share a hobby, talent, or skill, etc. with their residents. It could be singing, gardening, sharing a 4-H project, bringing in a pet/4-H animal, scrapbooking, giving a 4-H demonstration or talk, etc. Please contact Meghan Fugle for more information at 873-0012.

## Kid's Corner at the Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market (starting June 28 and running Wednesdays from 3 - 6 p.m.) is looking for people to organize a Kid's Corner with an activity for kids. This is a great leadership opportunity for our 4-Hers!

We'd like to organize a petting zoo with small animals (goats, chickens, sheep, pocket pets, baby calf, etc.) one week. Please let Kari know if you'd be interested and if you have a preference for which week. We're tentatively thinking of doing this before fair as families tend to take vacations, etc. after fair, but we could do it anytime this summer. If a teen would like to take the lead on organizing this for a teen leadership project, even better yet!

Grace is also working on some activities for the Kid's Corner. If any members are interested in assisting (leadership and service opportunity!), please let us know.

## Can you help?

Kari is currently looking for any of the following that someone would want to clear out or save for kids projects:

Clear plastic water bottles

Small to medium jars with lids (jam, pickles, etc.)

Puffs/baby cereal containers (or something similar)

Drink containers (like Crystal Light)

Pringles containers

Formula containers

They can be dropped off at the MSU Extension-Glacier County office. These will be for Cloverbud camp and a summer program.

# CONGRATULATIONS, HADLEY!



Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
winner - \$1,000

Students are chosen for their dedication to 4-H and who exemplify the ideals of leadership, responsibility, and Integrity. In addition, applicants are evaluated based on their academic achievement, their involvement with 4-H and their commitment to community service.



**Congratulations to our Glacier  
County 4-H seniors, Hadley Barbie  
and Kolton Running Crane!**



Clever Clovers spent an evening  
cleaning up the library flowerbeds  
and lawn and honoring their  
graduating senior, Hadley.

Great job, 4-Hers!

# Youth State Award & State Events

**County Ambassadors interested in applying to be State Officers Applications due June 15.**

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth\\_leadership/officer\\_team.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/officer_team.html)

## **Montana 4-H Congress 2023 - SAVE THE DATE**

- Registration is May 1 - June 15
- Event MSU Bozeman Tuesday July 11- Friday July 14
- Pre-Congress and Officer Selection Sunday July 9 - Tuesday 11

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt\\_4h\\_statecontests/index.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html)

## **International Hosting Opportunities**

Experience cultural exchanges firsthand and broaden your global experience!

Montana families have the opportunity to host the following 4-H youth:

- 2 Norwegian Delegates for approximately 4 weeks, arrive end of June 2023
- 13 Japanese Delegates for approximately 4 weeks, arrive mid-July 2023
- 2 Japanese Delegates for the Academic Year Program (AYP) arrive in mid-late August 2023 through early June 2024

Apply to Host: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Contact: [c.sommersaustin@montana.edu](mailto:c.sommersaustin@montana.edu) for more information

## **Fair manager position**

Toole County is looking for a Fairgrounds Manager. This position is part-time. The Fairgrounds Manager is responsible for the planning, organization, and supervision of the daily operations of the County fairgrounds. If you know someone who may be a good fit, please refer them to [https://toolecountymt.gov/employment\\_opportunities.html](https://toolecountymt.gov/employment_opportunities.html).

## **Attention Parents - Sizzlin' Summer Steppin' Program Offered**

Blackfeet Reservation Glacier/Toole MSU Extension is partnering to offer a summer walking program for residents 18 and older. Free pedometers are available. For more information and to sign up see attached flyer with the QR code or call 406-873-2239.

## **Added Value, Added Fun, Added Yum workshop**

Please see the flyer emailed with the newsletter for details on this fun and free program June 26. This event will focus on value added agriculture with youth learning about adding value to various agriculture products. 4-Hers will make bread, jam, and a meat product. There will be a guest speaker related to marketing and selling products at Farmer's Markets. 4-Hers will practice marketing a product, whether that be a 4-H livestock project for the fair or jam for the Farmer's Market, for example.

# 4-H Ambassadors, Destini Andersen and Ashlyn Brown assist with jam-making lesson to 4th Graders



Ambassadors, Destini Anderson and Ashlyn Brown, assisted in teaching a jam-making demonstration for 4th graders at Anna Jeffries Elementary. This was an educational experience that enabled children to explore the world of jam-making and entrepreneurship. Click the jar of Strawberry Jam for the complete story from Cut Bank Pioneer Press.



## Attention Youth Entrepreneurs!

The Cut Bank Farmers Market is looking for young business people ages 12-18 to set up youth booths. Youth booths are \$5 a market and an adult must accompany the booth during market hours. OR Pick a date for your team to do a food fundraiser during one of the summer markets. Early advertising of your food fundraiser will help you reach your fundraising goal! Email inquiries to [cutbankfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:cutbankfarmersmarket@gmail.com) as we hope to cultivate young Cut Bank entrepreneurs!



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