

#### Greetings!

A few weeks ago I was in a local business and the owner was asking about the Marias Fair livestock auction. The owner hadn't participated in the auction before, but hopes to this year. The owner then described a 4-Her who they had seen participating in a 4-H club community service project this spring, and asked who that 4-Her was. They were impressed by the member's hustle, enthusiasm, attitude, and willingness to give back to their community through the community service project. Without even knowing the member's name or about the 4-H'ers livestock, that owner had decided that was someone that they wanted to support and invest in. Quality livestock and meat is important, but these businesses are investing in people.

This was a great reminder that one never knows who is watching. Attitude, enthusiasm, and hustle are noticed, whether we realize it or not. We serve our community and participate with our club because it's the right thing to do, and because through those experiences we grow and develop incredible lifelong skills. Not every 4-Her will sell a market livestock animal, but every 4-Her can develop lifelong skills through 4-H that down the road will be noticed by potential employers, teachers, coaches, etc. Keep making the best better and strive to be a purple ribbon 4-Her!

Fair registration deadline is June 15. Please start now so that we have time to check your registration and make any corrections if needed. Please read your fair packet, a lot of time went into preparing that information.

The Marias Fair will be hiring an Open Class superintendent and assistant. The folks who have done it for many years will train someone this year, but then are ready to pass the reins on. This would be a summer position with flexible hours. Please contact Rachel Brown or Blaine Suta for more details, or call Fair Board manager, Ramona Kinyon, at 406-460-0671. Please watch their Facebook page and website for details as well.

I am in and out of the office a bit this time of year with field visits and A.I.ing cows, etc. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of help.

In 4-H friendship,

Kari Lewis

Fair packets are available on the office counter. Please pick them up for fair registration information and forms. Camper forms are date/time stamped when turned in.

# June 15 Marias Fair Registration Deadline

#### **Contact Us**

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**Glacier County Library Cleanup** - Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. there will be a cleanup and flower planting at the Glacier County library, if anyone is available to help. Please bring shovels, rakes, hand gardening tools, gloves, etc. There are folks who will be planting flowers from the Friends of the Library at the same time. They said a pickup for hauling away tree branches would be great as well.

Montana 4-H Congress - Montana 4-H invites all members 4-H age 13 and older to the 2021 Montana 4-H congress on the Bozeman campus of Montana State University July 13 - 16.

This year's theme "4-H Camp Congress" will offer lots of time to socialize with friends old and new, hands on outdoor activities for learning new skills and ideas, and time for small group activities you may have seen at 4-H camp. Congress participants will get a taste of college life eating meals in Miller Dining Hall, visiting several campus buildings and classrooms, and staying in the Yellowstone dorm on the south west side of campus.

4-Hers will be participating in workshops, games, and activities with other 4-Hers. There are also numerous contests that a 4-Her can choose to compete in as well.

Registration is open on ZSuites and closes June 18. Registration is \$215 and includes lodging, meals, and program costs. The Glacier County 4-H Council and Bret Wanken fund have scholarships available, please see glacier.msuextension.org for details. Please contact Kari if interested in attending.



#### Cloverbud camp

There will be a Cloverbud day camp on Monday, June 21 at Cut Bank Community Bible Church (102 North Central Ave.) from 10:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is no cost to participate, and any enrolled Cloverbuds are welcome. Snacks and lunch will be provided, and Cloverbuds will be making several exhibits for fair. *Please register with the Glacier County Extension office at 873-2239 or glacier@montana.edu* by June 4. Be sure to register your Cloverbud via FairEntry for the Marias Fair as well, so that they can exhibit their items.

#### 4-H Camp

The camp for bus will be at the Cut Bank Visitor's Center parking lot at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15 and will return Thursday, June 17 in the afternoon. A list of items to bring to camp and more information will be emailed to campers. Thanks to Dayne, Jacob, Hadley and Josalyn for serving as counselors, it should be a great time!

#### **Food Safety training**

Food Safety training is required every other year to work the Food Booth (more details in your fair newsletter). EVERYONE planning to participate in fair needs to complete it this year.

#### Options are:

- Wednesday, June 9 6 p.m. Cut Bank High School FCS room (before Meat and Compete)
- Monday, June 21 9:30 a.m. Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- Monday, June 21 6:30 p.m. Pondera Center in Conrad
- Tuesday, June 29 12:00 p.m. Cut Bank swimming pool park (before Clever Clovers record book check/ swimming)
- Tuesday, June 29 6:30 p.m. Valier (tentatively) contact Pondera County Office at 271-4054 for details

Please RSVP to the Glacier or Pondera Extension Office for which session you'll be attending.



## Regenerative Ag Field Tour Friday, June 18, 2021

8 a.m. - Diamond D Angus (4092 Valier-Dupuyer Rd, Valier, MT)

- Intensive grazing under pivots and reducing synthetic fertilizer use
   -Mark DeBoo
- Winter corn grazing and regenerative ag experiences - Trent and Holly Stoltz
- 11 a.m. KW Insurance (714 E. Frontage Rd., Sunburst, MT)
- Intensive grazing on dryland pastures, cover crops, balegrazing, and more -Korey and Wendy Fauque

Please RSVP by June 16 to Glacier County Extension - 873-2239. Complimentary lunch will be offered at KW Insurance.

This would be an excellent learning opportunity for livestock members and parents.

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

#### **Livestock Sale Weights**

Remember the minimum sale weights for selling your animal at the Marias Fair: Steer - 1,100 pounds (max payweight is 1,500 pounds), Hog - 220 pounds (max is 300 lbs.), Lamb - 100 pounds (max is 145 lbs.), Goat - 70 lbs. (max is 110 lbs.). The Extension Office has a portable scale that can be used to check your lamb, pig, or goat's weight to make sure it is on track for fair. Any steers are welcome to weigh at Kari and Kaleb Lewis's ranch.

#### **Fashion Revue**

Fashion Revue 2021 judging is Thursday, June 24th beginning at 5:30 pm. at the Exhibit Building. Members will enroll on FairEntry. It is found under Sewing and Textiles. There are two categories: Item You Sewed or Ready ToWear. Youth need to be enrolled in the sewing, crochet, knitting, quilting or ready to wear project to participate in fashion revue. The judging emphasis is on the presentation (modeling, speaking, accessorizing) with a nod to quality of construction if the garment is made by the youth. How well the item is sewn is of less importance than the presentation.

#### **Donations Needed For Silent Auction**

This year the silent auction at the fair (held in the Exhibit Building) will benefit the Exhibit Building. The committee is hoping to purchase a chair dolly with the funds, and will also use the proceeds for their general operating. Clubs and/or individuals are encouraged to drop an item off on Clean-Up Day (July 17) or on Wednesday, July 21. You might pick a theme and put together a basket of similar items. Thanks for your support!

#### Goat barn renovations

There is \$500 available that was donated from Reta Rae Weisgram that was earmarked for improvements to the Marias Fair goat barn. If any teen leaders or parents/leaders are interested in taking the lead on making some upgrades to the barn, please come to the June 23 Livestock Committee meeting (6 p.m. at the Seewald barn) to share your ideas (or let your extension agent know).

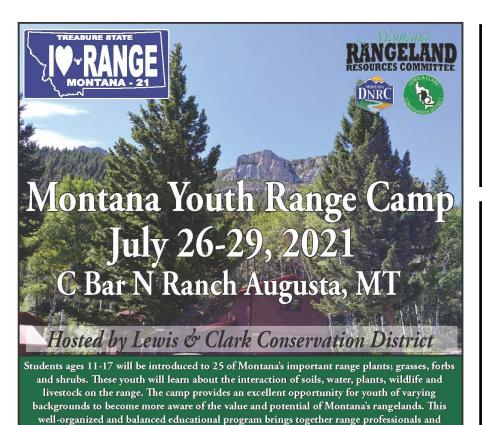
#### **Marias Fair Prep**

Monday, June 21 at Cut Bank Community Bible Church (before Cloverbud camp) there will be an interview practice sessions from 9 - 9:30 a.m. where we'll prep for fair interviews and then there will be food safety training from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Members are welcome to come for one or both sessions.

#### **Montana State 4-H Horse Event**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Montana State 4-H Horse Events this year. Please contact our office for the registration packet (registration open June 1) or it's also posted and available to print on Facebook Page <u>"Montana 4-H State Horse Events"</u>. Dates to remember:

- Working Ranch Horse Finals- August 28-29: 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT
- Montana State 4-H Horse Show- September 24-26: Cottonwood Event Center in Joliet, MT



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- Plant I.D. & Anatomy
- Grazing Management
- Range Monitoring

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#### Fun activities: Hiking

- Swimming
- Fishing
- Survival Skills · and more!
- Campfires

#### Stacey Barta Rangeland Resource Program Coordinator

Check us out on Facebook http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd rangeland-resource-program

To Register:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/montana-youth-range-camp-2021-tickets-74834848045 [eventbrite.com]

interested students to learn in the great outdoors. Evening programs and activities allow campers

an opportunity to meet new friends and develop lasting friendships!

· Soils/Geology

• Water/Riparian

Please contact the Glacier County Conservation District for scholarship information for this camp, it should be a great one!

Contact Kim Stoltz for more information at glaciercountycd@gmail.com or 406-873-4292

#### NILE Merit Heifer Program

Youth ages 12-16 are encouraged to apply - recipients are selected based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for an animal. Through the program, not only are youth awarded a live, heifer calf, but they gain knowledge of all facets of the industry.

Applications for the 2022 NILE Merit Heifer Program are NOW AVAILABLE!

More information available at https:// www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/ meritheifer.

June 30, 2021 - Application deadline. Please ask Wyatt Berkram for more information on the program.



THURSDAY 7/22: INDIAN RELAY RACES 7 PM, NICK CRAWFORD BAND 9 PM

FRIDAY 7/23: PRCA MARIAS RIVER STAMPEDE RODEO 7 PM, ERYN BENT 9 PM

SATURDAY 7/24: PRCA MARIAS RIVER STAMPEDE RODEO 7 PM. BUCKY BEAVER & THE GROUND GRIPPERS 9 PM

**SUNDAY 7/25: DEMOLITION DERBY 1 PM** 









**OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS** 

There will be a carnival at the fair this year, watch the Marias Fair Facebook page and website for more details.

Remember, event passes for 4-H families must be purchased by the June 15 fair registration deadline, see your fair packet for details!

Thank you to Blaine Suta and Rachel Brown for representing Glacier County on the Fair Board.







There were numerous activities in May for 4-Hers. Thank you to Don and Carolyn Popelka for hosting the 3-D Archery shoot and awards on a rainy May day.

Clever Clovers 4-H club teamed up to clean up the Glacier County Library exterior, which was MUCH appreciated by the library staff and community.

The Marias Fair Invitational livestock judging contest in Shelby was a great opportunity for 4-Hers to polish up their judging skills and see other 4-Hers from the area.







# "Meat and Compete" - Lamb Style



Ashlyn Brown, Morgan Wilder, Emily Roberts, and Maddie Largo took to the kitchen to prepare and sample a lamb chop dish together at the Meat and Compete event. Before the session, participants had cooked lamb on average 0.3 times and had eaten lamb on average 1.5 times. Sarah Thies, Glacier County 4-H alumni and recent MSU graduate taught the lamb cooking portion.



Janae Roberts, Karsen Keller, Beretta Winkowitsch, and Grace Rooney teamed up to prepare lamb chops together at the Glacier County 4-H Meat and Compete. 4-Hers said the most important things they learned through the session was how to set a table, how to cook lamb, what lamb tasted like, and to not over season the lamb.



Katelyn Suta, Josalyn Wilder, and Dallas Berkram teamed up to prepare lamb chops together at the Glacier County 4-H Meat and Compete this month. Katelyn also presented how to correctly set a table while, Raylee Johnson, taught the 4-Hers two ways to fold cloth napkins.



Thanks to a Montana 4-H Foundation Innovative Programming grant, Kaida Kaquatosh, Wyatt Berkram, Jackie Waller, and Tegan Boyce and other 4-Hers were able to try their hand at cooking lamb at the Glacier County 4-H Meat and Compete. As a result of the session, 75% of participants said their knowledge of cooking lamb increased somewhat or in-

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension<sup>Creased</sup> greatly.

### Congratulations, 2021 graduates!

Glacier County 4-H has two graduating seniors, Grace Rooney and Camille Bradley. Both were awarded a \$250 scholarship from the Glacier County 4-H Council through a competitive application process.

**Grace Rooney** - Grace said, "4-H has shaped me as a person in the best way possible. When I started my 4-H journey at the age of nine, I was shy and didn't have any public speaking skills. Now, I excel at public speaking and the projects that I have entered. Through the 4-H program, I have also made lifelong friends and have developed values that I use each day. Since enrolling in animal projects, I have been taught time management, organization, and work ethic, especially with a breeding project. These are skills that I will use during and after college. Another major part of 4-H is helping others grow. I enjoy helping anyone in need, giving back to my community, and teaching others new things, whether about livestock or other trades such as welding."

Some of her most valuable 4-H memories were the older 4-Hers helping her out with the pig, sheep and horse projects when the was first starting. Grace said, "They gave me tips and tricks to help me excel with showing and were always there to cheer me on even if the show wasn't going well. It has helped me along the way, and I am sharing my knowledge with younger members and giving them advice that I

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learned when I first started. It is very rewarding to watch them succeed in the showering or in public presentations."

Grace plans to attend the University of Montana Western, to major in Natural Horsemanship and minor in Animal Science.



**Camille Bradley** - Over the past 10 years, Camille has been involved in cooking, art, leadership, horse, shooting sports, woodworking, and other projects and said she enjoyed changing projects as she grew and developed new interests and skills. Camille noted that 4-H, "Has been such an impactful group in my life and has prepared me for the outside world since the first day I walked into Cloverbuds."

4-H said that the Teen Leadership project allowed her to be more involved in the community and grow her leadership skills, which helped her lead other groups, such as president of her class and president of the National Honors Society. It has also helped her to become comfortable with taking the lead in a group and be willing to stand up for the underdog.

Camille said, "4-H gave me good qualities and great friends who have similar interests and desires as I. My favorite part of 4-H was that it also allows kids who don't live on a farm and do animal projects to be still involved and succeed. As the 4-H program moves forward, I would like to see the Glacier County Program continue to welcome

kids and make it known that you can do 4-H without taking animals. Thank you to 4-H, and thank you to the fellow leaders who have mentored me over the past ten years. I will forever be grateful for what you have all done."



## Calendar of Events



#### June

- 1 Ag Committee meeting, Toole county courthouse, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Curry Comb club meeting
- 7 Horse committee meeting, Exhibit Building, 7 p.m.
- 8 Small animal showmanship workshop in Shelby
- 9 Food Safety training 6 p.m., Meat and Compete at Cut Bank High School FCS room, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Counselors leave for 4-H Camp
- 15 FAIR REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- 15 4-H camp
- 21 Interview practice, 9 a.m., Food Safety training, 9:30 a.m. Cloverbud camp, 10:45 a.m., Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- 23 Livestock committee meeting, Seewald Barn, 6 p.m.
- 29 Food Safety training, 12 p.m. Clever Clovers book check/meeting, 12:30 p.m. at swimming pool

#### July

- 5 Tack checks, horse assessments, and freestyle info. due
- 7 Meat and Compete at Cut Bank High School FCS room, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Fair cleanup, 8 a.m.
- 21 25 Marias Fair



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