

Upcoming Events

- March 1 through March 7 - Rec Lab late registration (on Zsuites)
- March 7 - Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Annex
- March 7 - Curry Comb 4-H club meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church
- March 12 - Air Rifle and Air Pistol Fun shoot with pizza, 2 p.m. at Cut Bank Elk's
- March 12 - Longview 4-H club cosmic bowling and pizza, 7 p.m. at bowling alley
- March 14 - Cloverbuds, 4 p.m. at Annex
- March 18 - 20 - Rec Lab in Hobson, MT
- March 20 - Archery Fun Shoot with BBQ, 1 p.m. at Cut Bank Shooting Range
- March 20 - Longview 4-H club meeting, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- March 20 - Sewing meeting at Kimberly Snyder's, 2 p.m.
- March 22 - Leadership Lunch in Mrs. Brown's FCS room, 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- March 30 - Livestock Committee scholarships due to Liberty County Office
- March 30 - Marias Fair Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., MRE
- April 1 - Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships due
- April 16 - Pig weigh in and tagging deadline
- April 17 - Glacier County Communications Contest Registration due on Zsuites
- April 24 - Glacier County Communications Contest, 2 p.m., Cut Bank
- May 7 - Lamb weigh in and tagging deadline

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

There is lots of important information and exciting news here, so please read through the newsletter.

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.

Glacier County 4-H is embarking on a 4-H strategic planning process. The first stage of planning is collecting feedback from critical stakeholders, this means you! The answers to these questions will help give us an important perspective on what our members, parents, volunteers and community partners think. It will provide valuable information that will be used in setting plans for the future. Your answers will remain anonymous. Surveys are due April 15. This can be done online at <https://bit.ly/3hrP9wW> or paper forms are available from the Extension Office.

In 4-H friendship,
Kari Lewis



Thanks to Jed and Ken Winkowitsch for sharing their Pocket Pets project with the Cloverbuds. The Cloverbuds were thrilled to learn about guinea pigs and followed it by making a pocket pet craft.



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/montanta4hfoundation>. Underclassmen, it's a good idea to look at the scholarships now to plan ahead for submitting applications as a senior. If submitting an application, please let Kari know so that she can then review it and sign off (and upload a letter of reference).

- **Sewing Meeting - March 20**

- There will be a beginner's 4-H sewing and quilting project meeting Sunday, March 20, from 2 - 4 p.m. at sewing leader, Kimberly Snyder's home. Please let Kari know if you need directions. Thanks to Kimberly and Kasey Connors for sharing your time and talents!



Multi-County 4-H Camp
June 13 - 15
Camp Kiwanis - Havre
7th grade and younger
4-Hers
\$60/camper

- **4-H Camp Update - June 13 - 15**

- 4-H camp will be Monday, June 13 through Wednesday, June 15, similar to previous years. Camp will be for 4-Hers in 7th grade or below (no Cloverbuds). Registration will be available on a first come, first serve (and paid) basis until we reach 120 campers. Any remaining applicants will be on a waiting list. Registration details will be coming later this spring. Camp will be \$60/camper, due to higher food and supply costs. The Glacier County 4-H Council Event scholarship and Bret Wanken Memorial Fund scholarship are both available, applications are available online at <https://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>.

- **Shooting Sports Fun Days - Air Rifle/Air Pistol and Archery**

- There will be an **Archery** 3-D fun shoot tentatively Sunday, March 20 at 1 p.m. at the Cut Bank Gun Range. Don and Carolyn Popelka will be providing drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and the fixings. Families are welcome to bring chips, sides, desserts, etc.
- There will be an Air **Rifle/Air Pistol** fun shoot on Saturday, March 12 with pizza at the Cut Bank Elk's Club, beginning at 2 p.m. All air rifle and air pistol members are invited to attend.

A big thank you to our shooting sports coaches, Don and Carolyn Popelka, Art Rooney, Chris Wilder, Frank Goings, and to Allister Bunch for assisting as well. These folks give up a tremendous number of evenings, weekends, etc. to commit to leading the program. Please be sure to thank them for their time, leadership and dedication!

Best of luck to Brad Hjartarson, Jacob Hjartarson, Katelyn Suta, Will Suta, and Taos Wellman at the state archery shoot in Bozeman this weekend!

2022 Marias Fair Archery Tournament Results

Age	Name	Bow Division	Target Score	Ribbon placing	4-H Medal Placing	Invitational Placing	Interview
11 - 12	Madalyn Largo	Primitive	160, 1X	Blue	1st	1st	Blue
9 - 10	Miles Geer	Bare Bow	91	Blue	3rd	1st	Blue
9 - 10	Brody Stokes	Bare Bow	55	Red		2nd	Blue
11 - 12	Madalyn Largo	Bare Bow	150	Blue	1st	2nd	Blue
11 - 12	Janae Roberts	Bare Bow	74	Red			Blue
15+	Kolton Running Crane	Bare Bow	124	Red	3rd	2nd	Blue
9 - 10	Emily Roberts	Limited	70	Red	1st	1st	Blue
9 - 10	Sammie McCauley	Limited	69	Red	2nd	2nd	Blue
11 - 12	Alec Morrisett	Limited	36	Red	1st	1st	Blue
9 - 10	Corin Brown	Bowhunter	123	Red			Blue
11 - 12	Will Suta	Bowhunter	212	Red			Rosette
11 - 12	Ethan Brown	Bowhunter	192	Red			Blue
13 - 14	Brad Hjartarson	Bowhunter	270, 4 X's	Blue	1st	1st	Purple
13 - 14	Ashlyn Brown	Bowhunter	255, 4 X's	Blue	2nd	2nd	Rosette
13 - 14	Taos Wellman	Bowhunter	247, 4 X's	Blue	3rd		Blue
13 - 14	Peyton Volkman	Bowhunter	220, 2 X's	Red			Blue
13 - 14	Ricky Gobert	Bowhunter	138	Red			Blue
15+	Jacob Hjartarson	Bowhunter	287, 11 X's	Blue	1st	1st	Purple
15+	Ken Winkowitsch	Bowhunter	281, 5 X's	Blue	2nd	2nd	Blue
15+	Katelyn Suta	Bowhunter	275, 2 X's	Blue		3rd	Rosette
15+	Jed Winkowitsch	Bowhunter	259, 2 X's	Red			Rosette

Top Overall Shooters (trophies)

Primitive - Madalyn Largo

Limited - Emily Roberts

Bowhunter - Jacob Hjartarson

Top Interviews (rosettes)

Ashlyn Brown

Katelyn Suta

Jed Winkowitsch

Awards will be distributed at the 3-D Shoot. The invitational results are available online at <https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-4-h-only-invitational-2022#/results?round=round-1>.

Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee Scholarships

The Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee scholarships are open and posted at <http://mariasfair.msuextension.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.

Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest

Registration is open on Zsuites under 'Events' for the Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest which will be Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. in Cut Bank. All members are encouraged to participate.

There are a variety of contests available including demonstration/illustrated talk, prepared speech, impromptu speech, career communications, videography, promotional package, commercial, and for the Cloverbuds, reciting the 4-H pledge. Members who participate fulfill their communications requirement for the end of the year Member Recognition awards, and members ages 13 and up are eligible to compete with their presentation at Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman in July for state level awards.

NEW in 2022 - The club (Clever Clovers, Curry Comb, or Longview) with the highest percentage of members participating will receive \$100 from the 4-H Council to use for a pizza party, ice cream party, or other treat of their choice.

Please reference http://www.montana4h.org/projects/4h_communication/index.html for scoring rubrics and guidelines on presentation preparation.

Cattle AI workshop

Sunday, March 13, Tiffany Barcus is inviting any 4-Hers interested for a small cattle artificial insemination (AI) demonstration at 2 p.m. in her garage (24047 US HWY 2, Cut Bank). She will have reproductive tracts available from cows and go over the basics of the process. Please RSVP with Kari (406-209-2953 or kari.lewis@montana.edu) if you plan to attend. This would be an excellent learning opportunity for any livestock, vet science, breeding members, etc.

Club Meetings

- Curry Comb - March 7, 6:30 p.m. at Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- Clever Clovers - March 7, 5:30 p.m. at Annex
- Cloverbuds - March 14, 4 - 5 p.m. at Annex
- Longview cosmic bowling and pizza - March 12
- Longview - March 20, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church

Marias Fair 4-H Family Passes Update

Please note, 4-H Family entertainment passes will be \$150/family this year (immediate family only) but will include Indian Relay Races Thursday and Friday and rodeo Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Fair expenses can quickly add up so we recommend budgeting now for these summer expenses. If you receive a tax refund, earmarking part of that for summer activities, whether 4-H camp, fair passes, school supplies, or otherwise, can be a great idea.

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.msueextension.org/4H.html>.

Swine Weighing/Tagging

It's 4-H pig tagging time! Saturday, April 16 is the deadline to tag a pig in for the Marias Fair. Please coordinate with Kari Lewis a time to weigh/tag/deworm your pigs. It is much preferred to tag them while in the trailer versus after they've been let out into a pen. Members need to have the following information:

- Breed of pig
- Date of birth
- Beginning weight
- Breeder's name and address

Remember, fair weigh-in date is Wednesday, July 20. Fair minimum weight is 220 pounds, maximum payweight is 300 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 336 pounds. As a generalization, many of the show pig types tend to gain around 1.5 - 2.0 lbs/day while a commercial type pig can be 2.0 - 2.5 lbs/day. Calculate the days until fair from when you purchase your pig to determine what an appropriate beginning start weight would be.

For example, if we purchase our pigs April 1, that's 110 days until fair. If we start with 85 pound pigs...

- Pig Zippy gains 1.75 pounds/day, he gains 193 pounds and weighs 278 at fair.
- Pig Zelda gains 2.3 pounds/day, she gains 253 pounds and weighs 338 at fair (doesn't sell).

In this example with Zelda, we would probably want to get a lighter weight pig to start with, and/or purchase our pig closer to the April 16 deadline.

Marias Fair Swine Weights:

Minimum - 220 pounds

Maximum Payweight - 300 pounds

Maximum Sale Participation Weight - 336 pounds



Breeding Projects

Members with breeding projects must submit to Kari Lewis (kari.lewis@montana.edu) by April 16 any of the following forms of identification on any breeding animals they plan to exhibit at fair:

- Bangs tag number
- Scrapie tag number
- Association registration tattoo
- Picture of animal

4-H'ers needs to have full possession of their project animal at this time.



Glacier County 4-H Council Senior Scholarship

Graduating seniors are eligible to apply for the Glacier County 4-H Council scholarship, which has been made possible through generous donations and memorials to the Council. The scholarship seeks to recognize Glacier County 4-H members who have been active in their club and community and set an example of, "Making the Best Better." Depending on the number and quality of applicants, members receive up to \$500, but no less than \$250. Applications are due by 5 p.m. April 25 to the Glacier County Extension Office and will be e-mailed out with the March newsletter.

*Council
Senior
Scholarship
due 4/25*

Glacier county 4-H members participating at the Marias Fair Air Rifle and Pistol tournament were Morgan Wilder and Taos Wellman, pictured below with coaches Chris Wilder and Art Rooney. Taos and Maddie Largo also competed at the Chouteau County Archery shoot in Fort Benton this past weekend. Taos placed 4th in the Bowhunter, 13 - 14 year old division with a score of 268 and



Leadership Lunch - March 22

There will be a Leadership Lunch Tuesday, March 22 in Mrs. Brown's FCS room during the middle school and high school lunch period. All Glacier County 4-Hers are invited to attend for a free lunch courtesy of the 4-H Council and some fun, interactive activities. This month we'll be practicing our communication skills in anticipation of the Glacier County Communications contest. Please RSVP to Kari (406-209-2953) if you plan to attend.

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)

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.

How is MSU Extension doing in Glacier county and statewide?

Montana State University (MSU) Extension is gathering feedback from community members to inform and improve programs for Montanans. Please click to link to the online survey and tell us what you think. At the end of the survey, enter for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card. <http://ow.ly/ocmF50HuY7o>



It was a -30 degree day, but Brad Hjartarson, Jacob Hjartarson, Wyatt Michaels, and Ken Winkowitsch pitched in to help Katelyn Suta unload swine holding pens which will allow for having 'on deck' pens for pigs to go into the ring. The pens were purchased by the Livestock Committee and Katelyn is now fundraising for sheep/goat/pig panels that could be used to make the show ring and eliminate multiple set-up/tear downs during the fair. Katelyn is organizing this for her Jr. Leadership project.

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Thank you to all who supported the 4-H Soup and Bread Luncheon today. A record setting \$1,554 was raised for the Parkview Senior Center to specifically provide meals for homebound Senior citizens. Great job to Ashlyn Brown for coordinating and a big thanks to all the 4-H families who brought soup, desserts, worked a shift, etc.



The Clever Clovers 4-H club enjoyed decorating cookies and a gift exchange at their February meeting in honor of Valentine's Day. Thanks to Seewalds for hosting and also to Katelyn Suta for coming and sharing about her leadership project, resulting in a donation from Clever Clovers 4-H club for a panel!

Curry Comb members planted flower seeds at their February meeting, thanks to Louise for leading the activity! Hopefully these flowers will bring on some spring showers!

4-H Motto: Make the Best Better