

Upcoming Events

- May 1 - Montana 4-H state award applications due
- May 1 - Drop/Add deadline in ZSuites
- May 2 - Council meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office
- May 4 - Gavel Games practice, 12 p.m., High School FCS room
- May 7 - Lamb weigh in and tagging deadline
- May 16 - Cloverbuds, 4 - 5 p.m. at Extension Office
- May 16 - Fair packets available at Extension Office
- May 16 - Clever Clovers meeting, 6 p.m. at Extension Office
- June 9 - Cloverbud Day Camp
- June 13 - 15 - 4-H Camp in Havre
- June 15 - Deadline for Montana 4-H Congress registration
- June 16 - Marias Fair Fashion Revue, Exhibit Building
- June 16 - Deadline to register for Marias Fair
- July 11 - 13 - Montana 4-H Pre-Congress
- July 13 -16 - Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman
- July 20 - 24 - Marias Fair

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

It's hard to believe that May is here already! I'm excited to share that this coming Friday we will be interviewing two candidates for the FCS agent position and two candidates for a part-time administrative assistant through the summer. Hopefully, we are able to get an FCS agent hired, but due to not knowing a potential start date, we'll be able to have some additional office coverage through the summer with some part-time help.

Also on the hiring front, Adriane Good, Pondera Ag agent has accepted a position in Saskatchewan and will be leaving June 10. Please give her a thank you for your efforts these past four years, and keep your ears open for any possibilities for that position.

A reminder for those ages 13 and up (as of October 1, 2021), Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman is coming up July 13 - 15 on the MSU campus. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other 4-Hers, participate in workshops and/or competitions, and get a small taste of life in the dorms as well. Details are available at http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html. We do have scholarships available for attending these type of events, please take advantage of them. Ambassadors are eligible to apply to be state ambassadors as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Now is a great time to be working on fair exhibits. With many supplies being backordered, I would encourage members to plan early, order supplies early, and start early!

In 4-H friendship,
Kari Lewis



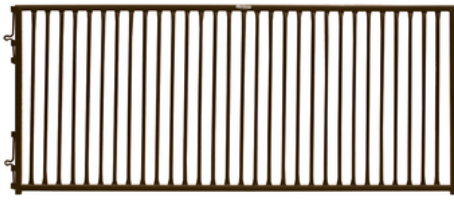
Motto -
To Make the Best Better

Marias Fair Livestock Show Ring Re-Design Update

Livestock Panel Project Update – Currently, 30% of the funds needed to purchase the new Hog, Sheep, and Goat panels for the fair livestock ring have been received. With a pending grant and some additional donations, having the project complete for the 2022 Marais Fair is very doable! If every Marias Fair livestock member contributed \$50, the project would be fully funded!

This new ring (with swine on deck pens) will eliminate the need for multiple set-ups and tear downs throughout the fair, will reduce stress on animals, and be safer for exhibitors. Any and all donations are appreciated and will be recognized publicly. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee, 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Please mail donations by June 1, 2022, to ensure panels can be purchased in time for the 2022 Marias Fair! For more information, please contact Katelyn at ksuta1030@gmail.com.

Tired of moving panels at fair? Donate to Katelyn's project to eliminate multiple ring set-ups and tear downs during fair!



Thanks to Clever Clovers 4-H Club, Longview 4-H Club, Dylan Johnston, Arnie & Linda Johnson, Johnson Cattle, Walter & Charlotte Barry and the MT 4-H Foundation for donations thus far.

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.

Food Safety and Livestock Quality Assurance training

To participate in the fair, livestock members must complete livestock quality assurance training every other year and any members planning to exhibit must complete food safety training every other year as well. The following members need these trainings for the 2022 fair.

- LQA - Miles Geer
- Food Safety - Avery Barbee, Mya Beausoleil, Ricky Gobert, Mac McCauley, Maguire Peters, Kolton Running Crane, James Snyder, Matthew Snyder, Benjamin Waller, Mykee Waller, Taos Wellman

Please coordinate with Kari a time to complete these trainings if you plan to exhibit at the Marias Fair. Any member who exhibits at fair is required to work a Food Booth shift, and food safety training is needed to work in the food booth.

Drop/Add Deadline

May 1 is the deadline to drop or add any projects for the year in ZSuites. After that point, members are responsible to complete those projects and their records for the year. Please make sure you have enough remaining activities to complete in the project books as well.

Marias Fair Updates

Fair Registration Highlights

- Fair packets will be available to pick up at the office on May 16, 2022 with registration details (including camper forms). Be sure to read informational letter included.
 - The last day to register for fair will be June 16, no exceptions!
 - Fair registration will be online at <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16054>.
 - The fair book will be posted online at <http://mariasfair.msuextension.org/> on May 15.
 - A paper copy of the fair calendar will be included in the first fair packet. Paper copies of the fair book will not be included in the fair packets, but can be requested from the office.
- **FOOD BOOTH:** Members are required to work their assigned food booth shift. If extenuating circumstances come up and the member cannot work their shift, they must make arrangements with the food booth day chair or Wendy Wedum, to reschedule another 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.
- **ENTERTAINMENT:** The inflatable bounce houses and carnival will be back, and there will be Indian Relay Races Thursday and Friday nights, rodeo Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. 4-H Family entertainment passes will be \$150/family (immediate family only).
- **MARIAS FAIR SILENT AUCTION:** Glacier County 4-H Clubs are asked to donate an item to the silent auction in the Exhibit Building. The proceeds this year will go to the sidewalk project (spearheaded by Pondera 4-Her, Breana Erickson). You can bring your items on Clean up Day or Wednesday of the fair. You can also bring your silent auction item to the Extension Office if you would like to contribute, but will not be attending the fair.



Addisyn is spearheading installing a flagpole on the 4-H side of the Marias Fair fairgrounds for the American and 4-H flags.

Katelyn is fundraising to purchase new panels for the livestock showing and swine on-deck pens at fair, eliminating the need for multiple show set-ups and teardowns throughout fair.

2022 MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION PEOPLE PARTNER GRANT RECIPIENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ADDISYN BENGTONSON AND KATELYN SUTA ON BOTH RECEIVING FUNDING (\$500) FOR THEIR GRANT APPLICATIONS.



Club Meetings

- Curry Comb - To Be Announced
- Clever Clovers - May 16, 6 p.m. at Annex
- Cloverbuds - May 16, 4 - 5 p.m. at Annex
- Longview - May 15, 7 p.m. at Lutheran Church

4-H Camp Registration Closes May 13

Multi-County 4-H Camp will be in the Bear Paw Mountains south of Havre June 13 - 15 for regularly enrolled members (no Cloverbuds) in grades 7 and below. Registration is open April 1 through May 13 on ZSuites under events. Registration is open on a first come, first served (and paid) basis for 120 campers. After that, a waiting list will be started. Camp is \$60 per member (checks to Glacier County 4-H Council, 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT), scholarships are available through the Council and Bret Wanken fund with forms available at <https://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>.

Cloverbud Leader Needed - 2022 - 23 4-H year

After nearly 20 years of dedicated service, Jodi Duncan has decided it's time to retire as Glacier County Cloverbud leader. Thank you, Jodi, for all your incredible years of service!

On that note, we will be in need of a Cloverbud leader for the 2022 - 23 4-H year. This can be a couple parents/adults who rotate monthly meetings or co-lead. Cloverbuds can also be a great opportunity for teen leaders to take a month or more and develop the meeting.

Cloverbud meetings have recently been held after school, however, they could be done whenever best fits the leader's schedule. Meetings typically are an hour in length and include a snack, activity, and games. There is a fund to purchase supplies. Cloverbuds is for youth ages 5 to 7 years of age and encourages hands-on learning, discovering 4-H, and developing age-appropriate skills and abilities.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kari Lewis or Jodi Duncan.

Fred Greco

There will be a Celebration of Life for Fred Greco on May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Joe Meagher Memorial Civic Center. Fred has been a tremendous leader for the 4-H food booth over the years, ordering food and supplies, doing prep, and going above and beyond! We have been asked to help with set-up and teardown for the service, which should go fairly quickly with a few sets of hands.

Set-up could be done Saturday morning (or if necessary, potentially Friday night) and would include setting up tables, chairs, and putting out tablecloths and some table décor Jamie has. Jed and Ken Winkowitsch and Brandeon and Bridger Molenda have already volunteered to help with set-up. Tear down after the service would include taking down tables and chairs, throwing away garbage, etc. (and I would bet lots of folks there would pitch in to help too). Please let Kari know if your family can help.

Thanks to Kate Morrisett for setting up a Meal Train for Jamie and Brandon, you can sign up for a meal at <https://bit.ly/3MCbEgj>. May 23 and May 30 are still open.

Maximum Sale Participation Weights

Market animals (any species) that are over the maximum sale participation weight (1,680 for steers, 185 for lambs, 336 for swine, 123 for goats) will show ONLY for showmanship and will NOT sell.

Western Ranch Supply Show Clinic and Jackpot - Great Falls, MT

Western Ranch Supply will be hosting a show clinic and jackpot in Great Falls, MT, June 24th-26th. This is a great opportunity for young stockmen to advance their knowledge in fitting and showmanship.

Contact Jena Wagner at (406)2 52-6692 for more details or check out their website.

Avian Flu

Thanks to Dr. Steven Hjartarson for organizing an Avian flu meeting recently. The recording (geared towards backyard producers) is <https://youtu.be/awQAX7dEYMA>. The Montana Department of Livestock website has updates and resources available at <https://liv.mt.gov/Animal-Health/Avian-Influenza-2022>.

Gavel Games practice

High school members interested in practicing for Gavel Games (mock 4-H meeting), we'll have practices on May 4 in Mrs. Brown's FCS room. Please bring a lunch. All members are invited to come and learn more, let's get a team of 4 to 6 for Congress!

Cloverbud Day Camp

There will be a Cloverbud Day camp tentatively Thursday, June 9, hosted by Toole County at Williamson Park, 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Teens are needed to lead workshops, games, etc. If interested in helping, please let Kari know as we'll try to do a planning meeting via Webex May 4 or 5. The registration form and details will be sent out to Cloverbud families.

Shotgun

Shotgun practice will be Sunday, May 22 (4 p.m.), Monday, May 30 (6 p.m.) and then Monday evenings through June/early July at 6 p.m. Practices will be at the Shelby Trap club. Fees must be paid to Glacier County 4-H Shooting Sports.

Record Books

To participate in the Marias Fair, record books need to be up to date through the end of June with at least 3 goals, specific to the project, recorded, financial journal and animal journals up to date, and activities recorded with what was learned. Project books need to have activities completed as well (livestock projects need at least 5 activities done). Books need to be checked by club leaders.

Predator Deterrent Electric Fencing

Montana Wildlife Services has a new 4-H Carnivore Conflict Reduction program. They recently piloted a project providing predator deterrent electric fencing to Montana's youth producers and given their success, are hoping to roll it out statewide.

Producers must be under 18 years of age and possess livestock to be shown as part of a 4-H.

Producers must assist specialist with installation and any future enclosure maintenance. Proof of value of protected livestock must be documented, otherwise national average is applied. A legal guardian must agree to have work performed on the specified property/site and be present on the project build date. For info., contact Adam Baca at 406-360-1476 or adam.m.baca@usda.gov. Brochures were e-mailed out as well.



Club meetings for April included Longview focusing on various project areas including making pig pens with Mary Anderson, beef project work with Eddie McCauley, and fruit and yogurt parfaits with Raylee Johnson. Clever Clover members practiced doing commercials, a communications contest category.

Congratulations to Wyatt Berkram, Marias Fair Livestock Committee scholarship winner (\$700). Wyatt plans to attend Northwest College in Powell, WY to study Range Management and Animal Science. Long-term, Wyatt plans to return home to farm and ranch.



"4H gave me a place to belong, life-long friendships with kids and adults both, leaders to look up to, and a path to achieve my goals. I never could have accomplished building my own registered cow herd without the skills I learned through our 4H program. I learned to step out of my comfort zone and talk to people. I learned hard work and responsibility. I learned nothing happens without the help of volunteers and I learned to help others.

4H is about making the best better, leading by example, living with a healthy head and heart, and giving back to your community. I can honestly say that I was lucky enough to join a 4H program that gave me all of this and more. Most of all, I was lucky enough to have leaders who make me want to give back and advocate for the 4H program."

-Wyatt Berkram

2022 Montana Livestock Shows

- 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)

NILE Merit Heifer Applications Open

Applications for the 2023 NILE Merit Heifer Program are now live! 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 also gain knowledge of all facets of the cattle industry. Wyatt Berkram, Coalter Littrell, JR Seewald and Mat Tuma are all recent winners.

Apply Today at <https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer>, applications due June 30.

How is MSU Extension doing in Glacier county and statewide?

MSU Extension is conducting a statewide needs assessment and we need your help to identify local needs. You can participate in the online survey at <http://ow.ly/ocmF50HuY7o>. Everyone who completes the online survey is eligible to be entered for a \$50 Visa gift card drawing as well!



Our April Leadership Lunch included time for recognizing our volunteers with trail mix and thank you's! Thanks to the 4-Hers who helped and/or delivered!



FLESCH FAMILY
BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION
SATURDAY - APRIL 30TH

5:00 PM FREE-WILL OFFERING
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SILENT AUCTION STARTS

6:30 PM LIVE AUCTION STARTS
WITH RAFFLE WINNERS
ANNOUNCED

9:00 PM LIVE MUSIC WITH Stanton Creek Band

Listing of auction and raffle items on Marias River Livestock Association Facebook Page

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2022 Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest



Participants in the Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest included (Back Row) – Katelyn Suta, Ken Winkowitsch, Jed Winkowitsch, Morgan Wilder, and Josalyn Wilder and (Front Row) – Alec Morrisett, Sammie McCauley, Janae Roberts, Lexi Stubbs, Kaida Kaquatosh, and Mac McCauley.

2022 Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest Winners

- Sammie McCauley
 - Top Pre-Junior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk & Overall Pre-Junior Winner
- Janae Roberts
 - Top Junior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk and tie for Overall Junior Winner
- Lexi Stubbs
 - Top Junior Career Communications and tie for Overall Junior winner
- Katelyn Suta
 - Top Senior Impromptu Speech
- Josalyn Wilder
 - Top Senior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk
- Jed Winkowitsch
 - Top Senior Career Communications and Overall Senior winner
- Curry Comb 4-H Club
 - Highest percentage of club members participating (\$100)

Thanks to Glacier County 4-H Council for the awards, judges: Patsy Peek, Carolyn Berkram, Austin Castle, and Barb Claybourn, and to Curry Comb, Clever Clovers, and Longview 4-H clubs for refreshments.