Hello 4-H Families!

Public Presentation Day is coming up soon. We have it planned for April 7th. Location is TBD.

If you are participating in the pig project, it will be about time to start thinking about where you will get your pigs. The chicken project will be starting again soon. Spring will be around the corner before you know it!

Please make sure you have all the project books that you need for the year. If you are missing one that you need, please let us know and we will get it ordered. The following members still have books in the office: Regan Torgerson, Layla Blonde, Clara Blonde, and Rowen Russell.

If your child is a senior and is in the livestock project, please be sure to fill out the scholarships for 4-H. There are two available on the website http://mariasfair.msuextension.org/livestockcom.html

As always, our door is open for folks with 4-H questions. Please don't hesitate to ask!

Kim & Jackie
HOW TO USE LIVESTOCK FEED SHEETS
Glacier County Agent, Kari Lewis, has shared a couple of options to help livestock members keep a better record of the feed that they are providing for their livestock project. Whichever method is used, at the end of the month, the totals from the sheet should be transferred to the Animal Journal of the record book. Keeping good records will help you to make decisions for next year. You may want to change your start weight, your type of feed and ration, the breed of animal, etc.

Livestock Daily Feed Record
This PDF can be printed and is meant to be kept in the barn (on a clipboard, in a folder) and the feed amounts recorded each day as feed is fed and weighed.

Livestock Daily Feed Record (Excel)
This is the Excel spreadsheet of the Livestock Daily Feed Record. This can be downloaded and saved to your computer and daily weights added to the spreadsheet. There is a tab for each month which will then calculate the monthly total automatically.

Leadership Academy Monthly Virtual Workshops for Teen Members,
3:00 p.m. Sundays through March
Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023-2024 4-H year. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways. Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning, and mentorship. Each month the officer team members will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

Leadership Training Dates are:
March 10: Authenticity & Self Awareness
Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87240913270?pwd=S1pReVphbFFoT095WVMzYjg4V29OQT09

Project Age Requirements
You must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2023 in order to enroll in each project.
Cloverbuds - 5 years old
Regular 4-H - 8 years old
Shooting Sports - 9 years old
Market Beef & Beef Breeding - 10 years old
Teen Leadership - 13 years old
Ambassador - 14 years old
Colt to Maturity - 11 years old and have completed Horsemanship Levels 1, 2, and 3
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sewing with Ashley at MRE**
Ranching Rascals Club Leader Ashley Denno is hosting a couple sewing project days for all clubs to attend! She asked if you would please bring your project, your machine, water bottle, lunch, and record book.
Cloverbuds are also welcome to attend, parent or guardian must stay and help them. They also need to bring their project, machine, water bottle, lunch, and record book!
If you have any questions please contact Ashley Denno!

**Upcoming Shooting Sports**
- Montana 4-H State Shoot- March 1st-3rd in Bozeman. All are welcome to participate. Registration and shoot information is up at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports-SS.html.

**Sentence Grants Available to 4-H Clubs**
A mini-grant program available from Montana Farmers Union bolstered Montana 4-H club projects this past year with applications now open for another $10,000 in funding in 2024.
The process is simple to encourage clubs to apply by submitting a sentence about how they would use $100.
Last year we received a few of them to go towards different clubs.

**4-H Rabbit for Sale**
A 4-H Family is looking to rehome their bunny! Bunny and cage will be included. If you get this rabbit and want to take it for the rabbit project, please let Kim know and she will work with you on showing your bunny.

Please call Savannah for more details: 509-910-4436
Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2024 - Going For Green!
April 19-21, 2024
Jefferson County School - Boulder, Montana
4-H youth 13+

Save the Date - 2024 REC LAB / April 19-21, 2024 / Jefferson County School / Boulder, MT
What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event. Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun! This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team-building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.
This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network. The cost will be around $100.00. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1. Adult chaperones must be as least 21 years of age. Contact the Extension office if interested in attending.

Extension Staff and volunteers: The idea of sleeping on an air mattress in a school gym may not be your idea of a fun weekend, but this is a great event for you too! The program is conducive to meeting people from around the state and exchanging ideas. You are sure to gain some great info and bring home motivated youth leaders.
Registration will be through Zsuite beginning in February. The cost will be around $100 to $125 per person. Participants will have the opportunity to pick from a list of workshops during registration. Please SAVE the DATE and GO FOR GREEN in 2024! Talk to your 4-H friends about attending this great event!

Ben Sisk Memorial
Conlan Kerfoot and his Ben Sisk Award Belt Buckle
4-H Volunteer Orientation Instructions
If you are a club leader or plan to be driving other people's children at 4-H events, please sign up as a leader. You will be covered by insurance and eligible for leader awards.
1. Log into your Z-Suite Account
2. Select the profile of the volunteer that is taking the course.
3. Click on Clover Academy from the menu on the left.
4. Click on the blue box “Launch Clover Academy”.
5. You will be taken to the Clover Academy website.
6. Scroll down to find the Montana 4-H Orientation course. Click on “Enroll Now”.
7. On the course page you will see an overview of the course. Scroll down to see the four modules that make up the orientation. Click the blue box “See More” under module one.
8. Follow the instructions to navigate the course.
9. When you get to the end of the module, (Slide will say you completed module). Scroll down and click on the blue box “Mark as Complete”. Box will turn blue once you have completed the module.
10. Select the next lesson to load the next module. Your progress will be saved and you can return later to complete the remaining modules.

Planning for fair
Check out the 2023 fair book at https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/mariasfairbook/ to see what potential exhibits you can take to fair!

Join a Lifesaving Adventure: FREE CPR Class for YOUTH
Are you a responsible young person looking to level up your babysitting game? Are you eager to learn crucial life-saving skills that can make a difference in an emergency? Look no further! A specially designed CPR class is tailored just for you! This class will be held on March 9, 1:00 - 5:00 at the Logan Health Hospital in Conrad.
For more information and to register, contact Marlene Moon at 406-271-2130 or by email at rmllpkbt@gmail.com

Calling All Young Artists!
Do you have a framed photo or painting from the fair or another piece of artwork available you’d like to display? Folklore Coffee is looking to display art at their new coffee shop, no fee or commission to do so. You can message them on Facebook for more details.

Livestock Committee Scholarships now available
There are (3) $700 Livestock Committee scholarships, (1) $700 Livestock Carcass scholarship and (1) $550 Mary Jane Kinyon Memorial scholarship now available for high school seniors to apply for. Graduating seniors can apply for each scholarship. Applications have been emailed to senior members and are due to the Liberty County office by March 26, 2024.
Air Gun Shooting Sports Results

Prone Rifle
Age 9-10
Annka Kidder- 3rd place with a score of 199
Luke Erickson- score of 170

Age 11-12
Breckynn Kempf- score of 245
Tye Gray- score of 232

Age 13-14
Kyla Calangi- 2nd place with a score of 280
Kacey Wipf- 3rd place with a score of 266

Rifle 3P
Age 11-12
Breckynn Kempf- 3rd place with a score of 201
Tye Gray- score of 174
Age 13-14
Kacey Wipf- 2nd place with a score of 237
Kyla Calangi- score of 232

Basic Pistol
Age 9-10
Annaka Kidder- 1st place with a score of 333

Standing 1 hand
Age 13-14
Kyla Calangi- 1st place with a score of 272
Kacey Wipf- 2nd place with a score of 257
2024 Chouteau County Invitational Archery Shoot
Bow Hunter age 9-10
Charles Benjamin- score of 292
Anissa Smith- score of 249

Bowhunter 11-12
Joe Benjamin- score of 292
Desirae Salois- score of 284
Bridger Ergenbright- score of 283
Gwendolynne Hegyes- score of 237
Cameron Strader- score of 235
Morgan Riphenburg- score of 220

Bow Hunter 13-14
Avalyn Smith- score of 293
Alethea Smith- score of 288
Trinity Mulvaney- score of 280

2024 Chouteau County Invitational Archery Shoot 3D Target
Bow Hunter age 9-10
Charles Benjamin- score of 187
Anissa Smith- score of 150

Bowhunter 11-12
Joe Benjamin- score of 187
Gwendolynne Hegyes- score of 179
Bridger Ergenbright- score of 174
Desirae Salois- score of 153
Cameron Strader- score of 144

Bowhunter 13-14
Avalyn Smith- score of 163
Alethea Smith- score of 157

Unlimited 13-14
Morgan Riphenburg- score of 151
**MARCH**

1st- Ranching Rascals Cloverbuds 3:30-5:00pm @ Alissa Besancon's house  
2nd- Sewing with Ashley 9am-2pm @ MRE Meeting Room  
3rd- Blazing Saddles Club Meeting 2pm @ Ambulance Barn  
5th- EV3 Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
6th- Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria  
   • Please bring snack and water bottle  
7th- 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
7th- Ranching Rascals Chicken Club 3:45-5:15pm @ Amy Smith's house  
8th- West Butte Club Meeting  
8th- Ranching Rascals Club Meeting  
9th- Free CPR class for youth 1-5pm @ Logan Health Hospital in Conrad  
10th- Kountry Kids Club Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building  
14th- Chicken Club members (not cloverbuds) after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn- will be doing project books.  
19th- EV3 Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
20th- Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria  
   • Please bring snack and water bottle  
21st- 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
26th- Livestock Committee scholarships due to Liberty County Office  
27th- Livestock committee meeting 7pm @ Marias River Electric

**APRIL**

2nd- EV3 Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
3rd- Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria  
4th- 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
7th- Public Presentation Day  
12th- Ranching Rascals Chicken Club Meeting 3:30-5pm @ Amy Smith's house  
16th- EV3 Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn  
17th- Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria  
18th- 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn

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