

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - April, 2024

Upcoming Events

- April 7 - Clever Clovers 4-H Club meeting, 12:00 noon, Glacier County Annex Building
- April 7 - Communications Contest, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Church
- April 8 - Cloverbud Meeting, Annex, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. (last meeting for the year)
- April 8 - Marias Fair Food Booth Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. MRE, Shelby
- April 8 - Curry Comb 4-H Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. Glacier County Library
- April 8 - Longview 4-H Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church
- April 10 - Final Deadline for Rec Lab registrations
- April 12 - Glacier County 4-H Graduating Senior Scholarship application deadline
- April 14 - Swine Weigh-In and Breeding Project Submission deadline
- April 14 - Camp counselor meeting, 2 p.m., Chester LDS Church
- April 14 - Open Range 4-H Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. Glacier County Annex Building
- April 16 - Horse Committee meeting, 6 p.m, MRE in Shelby
- April 19 - 21 - 4-H Rec Lab in Boulder
- April 23 - Ag Committee meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom (Kim Woodring will share a link if needed)
- April 26 - Glacier County 4-H Fun Shoot for Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Archery, 12:00 noon

- May 1 - Drop/Add deadline on ZSuites
- May 1 - Deadline to apply for a state 4-H award
- May 15 - Fair registration opens on FairEntry
- June 1 - End of the year Shooting Sports party and awards, 12 p.m., Cut Bank Range
- June 1 & 2 - Sedan Cow Camp, May 1 registration deadline
- June 7 - Logan Health Kids Safety Fair, 12 - 3 p.m., City Park
- June 10 - 12 - 4-H camp (regularly enrolled members 7th grade and down)
- July 9 - 11 - 4-H Congress in Bozeman
- July 17 - 21 - Marias Fair in Shelby

Greetings, 4-H friends!

Thanks to your remarkable community service efforts, this past month has been outstanding. Your dedication to making Glacier County a better place through volunteering, fundraising, and civic projects is truly inspiring. From the Soup & Bread fundraiser to Tie Blankets for our local senior citizens, you have shown what it means to be committed community leaders. The entire county appreciates your hard work and positive impact. Well done!

In 4-H friendship, Kari and Lisa

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Motto -
To Make the Best Better

Shooting Sports

Lexi Stubbs, Morgan Wilder, Katelyn Suta, Will Suta, Madalynn Largo represented Glacier County at the state shooting sports tournament.

Results from the state shoot are available at:

- Archery - <https://tinyurl.com/mryh8yvx>
- 3-D - <https://tinyurl.com/42jtdnyu>

In the archery 3-D division:

- Lexi Stubbs - 118 total score, 2X's
- Katelyn Suta - 187 total score, 2 X's



In the archery Target division:

- Katelyn Suta - 283 total score, 5X's (Bowhunter)
- Will Suta - 279 total score, 5X's (Bowhunter)
- Morgan Wilder - 274 total score, 6X's (Bowhunter)
- Morgan Wilder - 207 total score, 1X (Primitive) -8th for 15 - 18 year old division
- Lexi Stubbs - 231 total score, 1X (Bowhunter)
- Madalynn Largo - 215 total score (Primitive) - 3rd for 13 - 14 year old division

Shotgun

James Barbee and Glenn Krkowski from Shelby are willing to help facilitate/lead if enough interest. Currently we have 5 enrolled in shotgun but are open to more (please enroll on Zsuites).

Practice would be in Shelby at the trap club there, likely from mid-May through early July. Please let Kari know if there are there any days of the week that DON'T work for practice? Some years we've done Sunday afternoons in May and then switched to a weeknight evening once school gets out.

Last year range fees were \$40/member, so it would likely be at least that again (James was checking). There may be an additional fee for ammunition, we'll have to check our stockpiles from the NRA grant and make a decision once we have a better idea on head counts.

Save the Date - June 1 - Fun Shoot

The shooting sports season will wrap up with a fun shoot for Archery, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol members on Saturday, June 1, at the Cut Bank Range. Stay tuned for details! Awards will also be given at this time. Note this change from last month's newsletter.

National Volunteer week is April 21 - 27, 2024.

We can likely all think of at least one volunteer who has made a positive impact on our lives. Take 10 minutes this month to send them a note, text, or e-mail thanking them for their impact.

There are many ways to serve within the community, and we're grateful for each person who chooses to serve with 4-H. 4-H is about developing a place for youth to belong and grow. The impact of 4-H is lifelong, thanks for being a part of it!



Cloverbuds

Our next Cloverbud meeting will be held on Monday, April 8th at 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 pm at the MSU Extension office conference room at 1210 East Main in Cut Bank. Please remember that the pick-up time is 5:15 pm.

Cloverbud Day Camp - Save the Date - June 6th, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Glacier County is in charge of planning Cloverbud Camp this year. Teen leaders are needed as helpers! If you are signed up for the Teen Leadership project, you will receive an email soon to invite you to a planning meeting. We will need the help of as many of you as possible since the number of potential Cloverbud attendees from the four counties is 82! We are not likely to every Cloverbud attend, but want to be prepared in case that happens! More details to come, but be thinking of how you as a Teen Leader can contribute to the Day Camp.

Serving Help Needed

The Cut Bank Farmers Market is hosting their second 'Farm to Table' dinner August 8 here in Cut Bank. Help is needed serving. Last year, the club received \$200 plus tips. Please let Kari know if you're interested. Kim Stoltz at the Glacier County Conservation District, 873-5618, would have more details. Clubs can discuss it at an upcoming meeting and decide if interested.

4-H Camp Counselors

Glacier County is well represented this year with five 4-H camp counselors. Morgan Wilder, Rj Barbie and Brad Hjartarson are all returning counselors and are joined by Will Suta and Ethan Brown as first year counselors. The counselors took the time to submit a resume and cover letter to apply as counselors, great job! They've had one training so far and the next will be Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Chester LDS church.

4-H Camp

4-H camp registration will open April 15 on ZSuites and close May 15. Registration will be \$60/member. Members will be selecting their workshops, so it's to their advantage to register early. Camp is open to regularly enrolled 4-H members, 7th grade and down (no Cloverbuds). Camp will be June 10 - 12, 2024 and transportation will be provided to Camp Kiwanis (south of Havre). It's a wonderful experience to meet other 4-Hers, learn new skills, and have fun.

May 1 - Add/Drop Deadline

May 1 is the final deadline to add or drop a project on ZSuites. If you haven't yet started a project, you might consider dropping it. After May 1, members are responsible for completing all projects enrolled in (by September 30) which includes completing the required number of activities in the project book and an animal or non-animal project journal. If you have questions, please ask prior to May 1. Members may drop or add projects on Zsuites.

Starter Flock Giveaway

The Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association is excited to offer a starter flock program to youth ages 11 – 16 interested in raising registered Columbia Sheep. Selected recipients receive a gift of 4 registered ewes to begin their adventure. With the help of family and the guidance of a knowledgeable sponsor member of the association, this program is a stepping stone towards success for our young breeders. Information and application is available at <https://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html>. Applications must be postmarked no later than August 1.

Planning for fair

As members are starting new projects, many are asking, 'What can I take to fair?'

Check out the 2023 fair book at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/mariasfairbook/> to see what potential exhibits you can take and start working on them now. Aim to complete one exhibit per month and you'll have a box of exhibits to be proud of come, July!

ONE LAST Leadership Academy Virtual Workshop for Teen Members

Sunday, April 14th @ 3:00 p.m.

Montana 4-H is offering one more "Leadership Academy" virtual training on Sunday, April 14th, at 3:00 p.m. Please use the links below to attend the session from the comfort of your own home. This workshop is on authenticity and self-awareness, which are excellent leadership skills.

They will also do a question and answer session related to State 4-H Congress which will be beneficial for anyone thinking about attending. You can also see this link for more information on that event

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html

Montana 4-H Member Spotlight - Lexi Stubbs

Lexi Stubbs was featured on the Voices of Montana radio program on Tuesday, March 5 at 9:40 a.m. The recording of the interview is up on Voices of Montana.

If you know a 4-Her doing great work, nominate them at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/4hers_of_the_month.html.



Thank You



AG WEST Awards \$3,000 grant for Marias Fair Food Booth Ice Cream Machine

The Marias Fair food booth committee extends sincere thanks to AG West Farm Credit for their \$3,000 grant to purchase a new ice cream machine in honor of the late Fred Greco. This generous gift will allow fairgoers to enjoy cool, delicious treats for years to come while celebrating Fred's dedication to bringing people together through food. The committee is grateful for AG West's support of this meaningful project memorializing a beloved community member. We would also like to thank Vicki Bradley for her letter of support to AG West on behalf of Glacier, Liberty, Pondera and Toole Counties 4-H programs.

Grant for Community Beautification Projects

There is a \$1,000 grant available for community beautification projects. This could be purchasing and planting flowers for the planters in downtown Cut Bank, flowers for senior center, care center, dog park, etc. It could be purchasing and planting shrubs/trees, planting grass seed, etc. for a community area, fairgrounds, school, daycare, etc. (if someone was able to water/maintain them). It could be planting a pumpkin patch for a community event, etc. They are looking for ideas related to horticulture, floriculture, etc. The grant went out to teen leaders but we're happy to forward to anyone else as well.

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.

4-H Resources available

Did you know...? The Glacier County 4-H Council has several items available for checkout at no cost to our members. There are cake decorating kits, a beef kit, swine kit, leathercraft items, etc. There is also a small animal scale for weighing pigs, lambs, and goats (please handle with care, return within 48 hours, and NO washing of animals on the scale). The beef and swine kits are fantastic resources that can be used at a club meeting, project meeting, within a family, etc. There are large laminated posters, etc. that are great for hands-on learning. These are free resources, stop in for them!

"GOING FOR GREEN" 2024 REC LAB - April 19-21, 2024 Jefferson County School /Boulder, MT



Registration for the 2024 Montana 4-H Rec Lab, "Going For Green," is now open. This event 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 is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. Montana 4-H Rec Lab is open to youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2023. See https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/rec_lab/ for all the details.

Examples of workshops include: Fiber Arts, Handmade Pasta, Olympic Flags, Crafting your Vision for Gold, Connecting 4-H to 'Adulting,' Camp Activities 101, Don't Make a Mis-Steak, Soil pH, Skit Writing, Survival Skills, Nerf Cowboy Action Shoot, Advanced Swing Dancing, Sapphire Mining, and more.

Registration fee is just \$100 until April 3 after which it increases to \$125. The deadline is April 10th. Fee includes lodging, snacks, meal, t-shirts, workshops and speakers. Please make checks to Glacier County 4-H Council.

Glacier County 4-H Council and Bret Wanken Memorial Funds are available, see <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for forms. Lisa will be taking kids, so sign up early on ZSuites to get first choice of workshops!

Apply for a state 4-H Award

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a project area. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service.

State Award recipients are recognized during the Banquet at Montana 4-H Congress in July and are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November, in Atlanta, GA. Visit <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html> for details and the application. Katelyn Suta was a state winner in swine last year and we have many more deserving members. Applications are due May 1.



At the March Clever Clovers club meeting, members gave presentations or did an impromptu speech or commercial together to practice their public speaking skills and prepare for the county communications contest April 7. All are welcome to come to the county communications contest April 7 to watch members compete and share their knowledge. Public speaking is foundational cornerstone of the 4-H experience.



Clever Clovers 4-H club was busy in March presenting 34 fleece tie blankets that they had made to Glacier Care Center residents enough for each resident to have a new personal blanket! Teen leader, Olivia Bradley, proposed the idea to the 4-H club and they agreed to purchase supplies and lend their helping hands to the project. Funds raised through efforts such as Butterbraid sales, working the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce dinner, working the Cut Bank Farmers Market Farm to Table dinner, etc. helped provide for the project and Olivia has applied for a grant as well to support the efforts. It was all hands on deck at the February club meeting to cut the fleece and tie the blankets, roll them, tie them with ribbon, and add a personal card. March 1, club members joined the residents for their snack and social time to present the blankets, which were extremely well received.



Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest

The Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest which will be Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in Cut Bank at the Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome to come and watch, this is a great opportunity to learn more about this opportunity.

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.

Excellent resources are available at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/4h_communication/index.html or reach out to a club leader, Kari Lewis, or Lisa Terry for help preparing. The best presentations have been presented to multiple people prior to the contest. EVERY members should plan to do a communications presentation at their club, county, or the fair level.

Refreshments will be provided by Longview and Clever Clovers, drinks by Open Range, and paper products by Curry Comb 4-H clubs.

Schedule is being sent out with the newsletter. See attachment.
Presentations will begin at 2 p.m. and awards should be around 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Glacier County 4-H Senior Scholarship

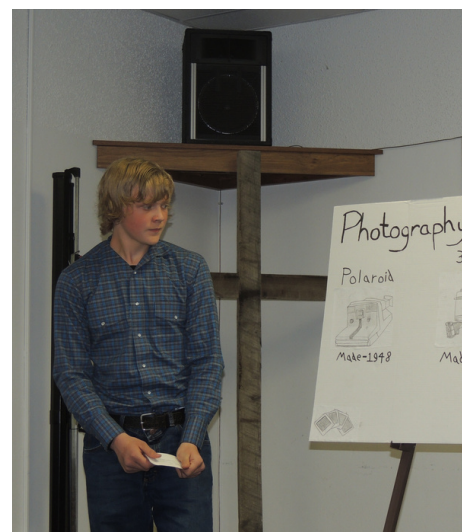
Graduating seniors are eligible to apply for the Glacier County 4-H Council scholarship, which has been made possible through generous donations and memorials to the Council. The scholarship seeks to recognize Glacier County 4-H members who have been active in their club and community and set an example of, "Making the Best Better." Up to \$500 will be available, split no more than two ways.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. April 12 to the Glacier County Extension Office and have been e-mailed out to seniors. Applications will be scanned and sent to a third paper for review, please do not include special folders, etc. Applications may be e-mailed as a PDF to kari.lewis@montana.edu or dropped off as a hard copy.

Rural Leadership

Leadership in rural communities can be challenging. So many, do so much. The Reimagining Rural recordings are now up at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/communitydevelopment/reimagine-rural.html> and are a great resource for anyone involved in rural communities. It's incredibly encouraging to hear what is being done across other Montana small towns and also ways to keep moving forward.

A few quotes from the series that stood out to our Cut Bank group was, "Failure is ok, it is research." "Efficiency is not our goal, community is our goal," and "When you find your people, things happen."



Swine Weighing/Tagging

It's 4-H pig tagging time! Saturday, April 13 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 17. 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.

Marias Fair Swine Weights:
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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 12 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.

Soup & Bread Fundraiser HIGHLY Successful

The Soup & Bread fundraiser for the Parkview Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program was an incredible success thanks to the leadership of 4-H Ambassador Ashlyn Brown. The event raised an amazing \$1,328 - double last year's amount! With a full house packing the venue, a full parking lot, and full tummies all around, it was clearly a hit. A huge thank you goes to Ashlyn, her mother Rachel, and all the 4-H families who provided delicious soups and desserts.

We also extend our gratitude to Parkview for generously donating bread. The 4-H wait staff received glowing compliments for their outstanding service. It was a true community effort that will greatly benefit the vital Meals on Wheels program for our senior citizens. Wonderful job by Ashlyn and everyone involved!



THANK YOU!

LISA TERRY
RAYLEE JOHNSON
KATE MORISETT
KATHLEEN BARBIE
SAHM WINKOWITSCH
DANIELLE GILHAM
MEGAN MCCAULEY
ANDREA BENGSTON
NINA MCKENZIE
COLLEEN REEVERTS
LACY ROBERTS
LOUISE ATOLE
PATTY DOMBOVY
RACHEL BROWN

KATELYN SUTA
WILL SUTA
SAMMIE MCCAULEY
MAC MCCAULEY
SHANNON MCCAULEY
DANNY MCCAULEY
ALEC MORRISETT
MAGGIE MORRISETT
MORGAN WILDER
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