

Upcoming Events

- September 8 - Beef Breeding Inherit Select meeting, 7 p.m. virtually & Extension Office
- September 10 - Deadline to turn in record books to club leaders and be recognized at Achievement Day
- September 28 - Achievement Day, Sunday, September 28th, St. Paul's Lutheran Cut Bank
- September 28 - Open Range 4-H meeting (following Achievement Day)
- September 28 - Longview 4-H Leader Meeting (following Achievement Day)
- September 30 - Final day to turn in COMPLETED record books to Extension Office
- October 1 - Enrollment opens on Zsuite
- October 5 - 11 - National 4-H Week, window display judging
- October 13 - 1st Cloverbud Meeting of the year, 3:45 - 5:00 pm HC Davis Cafeteria
- November 1 - Cheesecake and pie bakeoff - Holiday Bazaar

Happy, Fall!

As the leaves begin their vibrant transformation and the crisp autumn air settles in, we're excited to share some important updates and upcoming events that make this season truly special for our 4-H community. The fall months bring wonderful opportunities for our members to showcase their hard work, celebrate achievements, and prepare for another exciting year of learning and growth. We hope you're as enthusiastic as we are about the activities ahead!

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming Achievement Day on **September 29th** – this is always one of our many highlights of the year! It's a time to recognize the incredible dedication and accomplishments of our 4-H members throughout their project work. See the newsletter below for more details!

As we approach National 4-H Week, the 1st week in October, we're reminded of the lasting impact our organization has on young people across the country, fostering leadership, citizenship, and life skills that extend far beyond project completion.

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year will open on **October 1st**, so families should start thinking about which projects and activities they'd like to explore in the coming year.

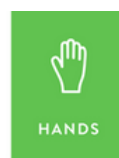
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Motto -
To Make the Best Better



Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute

- October 3 - 5 - Billings, MT

Grow. Learn. Inspire.

Get ready to connect, recharge, and gain fresh ideas at the Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute! This statewide event welcomes all Montana 4-H volunteers—whether you're brand-new or have years of experience. Spend the weekend learning from inspiring guest speakers, participating in hands-on workshops, and sharing ideas with fellow volunteers who share your passion for helping youth thrive. Together, we'll build skills, spark creativity, and strengthen the 4-H experience in every corner of Montana with essential training and meaningful connections with statewide 4-H Volunteers! This event is open to all Montana 4-H Volunteers & are encouraged to come!



- **Dates:** October 3-5, 2025
- **Location:** Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Ln, Billings, MT 59101
- **Registration & Accommodation:** Registration Fee: \$75
- **Workshops:** Register for workshops at the event
- **Hotel Information:** Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Ln, Billings, MT 59101, (406) 248-7151, \$129 Double Queen Room Call and ask for the 4-H Room Block
- **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, September 21st at 11:45pm.

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41341>

Silent Auction Items Sought -

To keep registration costs as low as possible for the event, the silent auction is back. Counties, clubs, participants, etc. are asked to donate an item, gift basket, etc. If you'd like to donate, please the office know so we can coordinate transportation. If any leaders would be interested in attending and/or presenting a workshop, please let Kari or Lisa know.



**Calling all teens
(14 and up by
October 1)...**

Fall Leadership Training

- November 7-9 in Butte, Montana at the Copper King Hotel
- Registration cost is \$185 per person and includes lodging (4 to a room), Saturday and Sunday meals, and program costs.
- You can register in 4h.Zsuite any time and your registration will roll over to the new 4-H year that begins October 1. Please enroll for the new 4-H year by updating any personal information and complete all waivers prior to the start of this event. You can complete/update your club/project enrollment after the event if needed.
- Schedule will be coming, but last year Destini, Elyse, Olivia, and Alec had a great time and came back with some workshop ideas they shared. Please let Lisa or Kari know if you want to attend, scholarships are available. See <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for applications.

Achievement Day – September 28, St. Paul Lutheran church

- **1 – 1:45 p.m. – Cloverbuds**
- **1:45 – 2:15 p.m. – Root beer floats for all**
- **2:15 – 3 p.m. – Club member awards and recognition**



**Greytak Calendars Available at
Achievement Day**

Don't Miss Achievement Day – Celebrating Our 4-H Community!

Achievement Day brings our 4-H community together to publicly celebrate each member's accomplishments, creating an inspiring environment where young people feel recognized for their hard work while learning to cheer for and support their peers' successes. When members witness their friends being celebrated, whether in Ag, FCS, leadership, community service, or project work, it motivates them to set higher goals and pursue their own passions with greater enthusiasm. Your presence matters to every young person who takes the stage, creating lasting memories and strengthening our 4-H family!

Each club, please bring 1 gallon of ice cream and a 2- liter bottle of pop or one 12 can pack of pop.

4-H Enrollment Opens October 1

- **BEFORE enrolling:**

- Pick up the 4-H Clover from the Extension Office or view it at https://www.montana.edu/extension/pubs-linked-in-store/4-H_Clover_2024-2026_WEB.pdf to see projects available.
- Check the project age requirements for enrolling (below).
- Determine which level member should be in. If they completed a level in their project book last year, they need to move up to the next level. It is the family's responsibility to ensure member is placed in correct level at enrollment.
- Discuss as a family and/or with club leader how many projects are reasonable. For EACH project, member will complete approximately 7 activities in their project book AND a project journal for the year. For a beginning member, 1 to 2 projects may be reasonable, for an intermediate or advanced member, they are encouraged to take on additional projects and challenges. Members can drop or add any project up until May 1 with no penalty, but are responsible for project book costs.

Project Age Requirements

- **Youth must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2025 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
- **4-H enrollment opens October 1. Members must be enrolled by January 1, 2025 for clubs to pay their member dues. Families are responsible for Cloverbud dues and any project costs (shooting sports fees, book fees, etc.) Following enrollment on ZSuite, families will receive an invoice and information on picking up project books, etc.**
- **Enrollment For Re-Enrolling Families**
 - Using your computer, smart phone or other device go to 4h.zsuite.org.
 - Click Sign Up. Complete all of the fields. Use the FAMILY email address from 4honline as the ADULT EMAIL to connect your previous enrollment with ZSUITE. If you are not sure what your "family email" is contact your MSU Extension office and they can tell you. Click LET'S GO.
 - Arrive at your HOUSEHOLD DASHBOARD. Click on the name of the family member you want to re-enroll, click on the blue "start enrollment" button and follow the steps.
 - Complete/Update the personal information, waivers, club and projects and hit SUBMIT. Extension Office will follow up with payment step/project books.
- **Enrollment For New 4-H Families (families not enrolled in the last 2 years)**
 - Using your computer, smart phone or other device go to 4h.zsuite.org.
 - Click Sign Up. Complete all of the fields. Click LET'S GO.
 - Arrive at your HOUSEHOLD DASHBOARD and begin adding family members. Click on the name of the family member you want to enroll, click on the blue "start enrollment" button and follow the steps.
 - Complete the personal information, waivers, club and projects and hit SUBMIT. Extension Office will follow up with payment step/project books.

Record Book Reminders

Before turning in record books to club leaders, members and parents should both complete the checklist on the 'Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book for the Marias Fair' to ensure that the criteria for a 'Gold Seal of Excellence' is met. The 4-H member and parent should walk through this checklist, and if anything is missing, make sure to correct it before turning the book into the club leader or Extension office. This checklist is also available <http://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>. If this criteria is met, the member will receive a Gold Seal of Excellence and be eligible to compete in the Roundtable for top awards.

Resources - <http://montana4h.org/resources/> has a guide that explains what should be recorded where (For the Record: A Guide for Completing 4-H Records), and fillable record book forms are also available. See <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for examples as well.

DON'T FORGET:

Market Animal Growth Record -

- Total Weight Gain = Ending weight at fair - beginning weight at initial weigh-in
- Average daily gain = Total Weight Gain / Days on Feed
- Feed Cost per lb. gain = Total Feed Cost / Total Gain Example: If you spent \$500 in feed costs, and your steer gained 600 pounds, it cost \$0.83 to add one pound of gain.

Expenses other than feed - Expenses such as livestock commission (4% to the Livestock Committee, brand inspection, livestock picture, show supplies, etc. should be recorded).

Prize money - Premium money received both in 4-H and in open class (specific to the project) should be recorded. (Example: Premium money from showing a chicken in 4-H and open class is recorded in the poultry project, but premium money from Legos, a non-4-H exhibit, is not recorded).

My 4-H Year should be completed, don't forget to record newspaper or radio interviews as Promotional Presentations, your fair ribbons and awards under Awards & Honors, your project interviews under Communications Activities, etc.

Record Books and Awards Process

- The Awards Showcase interviews were completed August 24, awards will be given at Achievement Day.
- **September 10** - Deadline to turn in completed books and receive recognition at Achievement Day. Please turn books into club leaders for completion check.
- **September 30** - Deadline for Completion - All record books must be completed (according to the 'Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book') and turned in by September 30. If completion criteria is not met by September 30, members are not eligible to enroll in a market animal project or request any scholarship money from the Glacier County 4-H Council next year.

Thank You Ads and Livestock Photos

- Just a reminder that the Trader's Dispatch will do free thank you ads for 4-Hers, just email a photo (if desired) and what you want it to say to advertising@tradersdispatch.com. Livestock photo downloads are free at <https://www.breeswansonphoto.com/2025-Marias-Fair> if you want your professional photo.

Cloverbuds 1st Meeting of the Year!

The first Cloverbud meeting of the year will be held on **Monday, October 13th, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm** at the HC Davis cafeteria. At this meeting, we'll discuss what the upcoming year will look like and explore the exciting projects we'll be doing together. Parents are encouraged to attend this kickoff meeting! Please ensure that you sign up your Cloverbuds beginning October 1st on Zsuite.org. Create a family account, then select "Cloverbuds" as the club you will join. To be eligible for Cloverbuds, children must be 5 by October 1st. For questions, contact Allie Tuma at 406-450-4671.

National 4-H Week is October 5 - 11

- Clubs are encouraged to create a window display that can be up through 4-H Week (and October, ideally) showing how 4-H is Beyond Ready. Displays will be judged with clubs receiving \$30 (1st place) or \$25 (2nd place).
- Clubs will receive a list of 4-H supporters to deliver goodies to during 4-H Week as a thank you for their support
- Homecoming Parade - 4-H clubs are invited to participate in the Homecoming parade



Beyond Ready!
National 4-H Week
October 5 - 11

FSA Youth Ag Loans

If you are looking for a way to finance your 4-H projects for this year (or wanting to take on a larger livestock project), consider visiting with the Farm Service Agency. They recently increased the loan limit to \$10,000 and funds can be used for the purchase of animals, feed, supplies, etc. Youth between the ages of 10 and 20 are eligible. Loans are repaid annually and can be termed out for up to seven years for the purchase of breeding stock. The interest rate is currently 4.875%. Please contact Lacy Roberts or Eric Morrisett at the Glacier County FSA at 406-873-5618 ext. 2.

Beef Members - Zoetis Inherit Select Meeting

Last spring we completed Zoetis Inherit Select testing on several 4-H heifers/cows. We did get the results back earlier this summer, but hadn't been able to get anything for a meeting scheduled with our Zoetis rep. We will be having a virtual meeting with Jed Hutchinson with Zoetis on Monday, September 8 at 7 p.m. We'll go through the results, how to read the reports, apply the results, etc. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join, but especially those who participated in the testing.

Anyone is welcome to come for a 'watch party' at the Extension Office (food will be provided, so let Kari know) or you can join at home via the link being sent out. If needed, you can call in via phone, 406-384-3803, phone conference ID 474 363 762# but Teams is encouraged so you can see slides, etc. Please contact Kari if you'd like the link to join (those who participated will automatically get it).





Butter Braid Fund-Raiser September 29th - October 27th

Get ready for our annual Butter Braid fundraiser! These delicious, flaky pastries are always a hit with customers and make perfect holiday gifts. The fundraiser runs from September 29th through October 27th, giving you plenty of time to spread the word and take orders from family, friends, and neighbors!

Payment Process:

1. Individual buyers write their checks directly to **your club**
2. Your club keeps 40% as profit and writes **ONE CHECK** for the remaining 60% to "Success in Fund-raising"
3. Your club submits that single check along with the order forms to Lisa at the Extension office

Important: Please do NOT turn in individual customer payments to the Extension office. All customer payments go to your club first.

Deadline: October 29th for final order forms and totals, as well as club check submission to Lisa at the Extension office. Please make copies of your order forms before turning them in.

Example: If your club sells \$1,000 in butter braids:

- Your club keeps \$400 (40% profit)
- Your club writes one check for \$600 to "Success in Fund-raising"
- Submit the \$600 check + order details to Lisa

Delivery is scheduled for Monday, November 10th at 4:00 PM, perfect timing for Thanksgiving and holiday gatherings! Please note that delivery dates and times are subject to change. Happy selling!

Cheesecake/Pie Bakeoff - Nov. 1st

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 1st, 2025**, for our annual Cheesecake/Pie Contest! This year, we're excited to announce that our teen leaders Lexi Stubbs and Will Suta will be spearheading this delicious fundraising event. They'll be creating sign-ups and flyers to distribute to clubs and throughout the community.

Big news this year – we've added pies to the contest! Along with our traditional cheesecake competition, bakers can now enter their favorite pie creations. Be sure to spread the word about this exciting new addition and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to participate as contestants, judges, or supporters.

This community event is a vital fundraiser for the Glacier County 4-H Leader's Council. All proceeds directly benefit our county's 4-H programs, supporting projects, scholarships, and general 4-H education that helps our young people grow and thrive!



Congratulations to our Glacier County 4-H carcass winners!

Beef: 1st - Dallas Berkram, 3rd - Colt Boyce, and 4th - Stella Wahl Steer of Merit distinctions to those three and Peyton Volkman, Tegan Boyce, and Emily Roberts as well.
Swine: 4th - Nash Singer
Lamb: 4th - Shannon McCauley



GRANTS AVAILABLE

2025

FOR CUT BANK COMMUNITY PROJECTS

SEPTEMBER 1-28

MINIMUM GRANT AWARD

\$500

**www.cutbankfoundation.org
cutbankfoundation@gmail.com**

Thanks to Jett Running Wolf, Alec Morrisett, Brody Stokes, Colt Laverdure, Crue Laverdure, and Emeree Lassle for their help unloading the fair lamb, pork, and goat meat and loading it in buyer's vehicles. There was 10,000 pounds+ of frozen meat boxed up that need distributed (quickly and correctly) and they did a great job!

Do you see a way to improve Cut Bank? Apply for a grant with the Community Foundation by 9/28!

2025 Awards Showcase Interviews



There were 11 4-Hers who participated in the 4-H awards showcase interviews August 24, showcasing their record books and sharing about their year with a judge. Members identified for completing high quality work and went above and beyond will receive project awards at the Achievement Day September 28. Thanks to the clubs for providing dinner and to judges Sahm Winkowitsch, Lisa Cline, Lori McCauley, and Grace Rooney.

