

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



March 2023

Spring is almost here - we hope! We have lots of great things going on in Glacier County 4-H!

Just to remind you, please send us any photos or information related to your clubs and members by the last week of the month so we can get it in the newsletter. We want to share what you are doing!

Upcoming Events:

- March 3-5 - State Shooting Sports Tournament - Bozeman
- March 5 - Final Leadership Academy 3:00 pm - Extension office
- March 6 - Curry Comb Club meeting 6:30, Glacier County Library
- March 12 - Camp training zoom meeting - 1:30 pm
- March 12 - Longview Club meeting - 7:00 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- March 13 - Cloverbud meeting - 4:00 - 5:15 pm, Extension office
- March 13 - Livestock Quality Assurance, 4 p.m. at Kari's office
- March 13 - Clever Clovers Club meeting - 6:15, Extension office
- March 15 - Rifle/Pistol fun night 7:00 pm, Masonic Lodge
- March 17-19 - Montana 4-H Rec Lab, Culberston, leaving at 10:00 am
- March 26 - Communication Day, 2:00 pm, 1st Presbyterian Church
- March 28 - Livestock Committee scholarship deadline
- March 29 - Livestock Committee Meeting, MRE, 7 p.m.
- April 23 - Archery Fun Shoot, BBQ, and awards, 12:30 pm
- April 15 - Swine weigh-in/tagging deadline
- April 15 - Breeding project information submission deadline
- April 16 - Camp Counselor meeting in Chester, afternoon
- May 1 - Project Drop/Add Deadline
- May 6 - Lamb/market goat weigh-in/tagging deadline



Correction to the February newsletter - **Madalynn Largo** scored a 208 in primitive at the Marias Fair 4-H Archery tournament for 1st place! Maddie also competed in the Chouteau County tournament in Fort Benton this month where she shot her personal best with a 229 including 2 10 X's and placed first in the Primitive Bow, 13 – 14 year old division.

Good luck at the state shoot, Maddie!

Madalynn Largo at Achievement Day, Cascade County, Chouteau County tournaments. She also participated in Pondera County.



STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

BEST OF LUCK TO OUR MEMBERS PARTICIPATING THIS WEEKEND AT THE STATE SHOOT – BRAD HJARTARSON, MILES GEER, KATELYN SUTA, WILL SUTA, TAOS WELMAN, MADDIE LARGO, AND LEXI STUBBS!

End-of-the-Year Shooting Sports Parties:



March 15 – 7 p.m. – Rifle/Pistol fun night at the Masonic Lodge – Please come for pizza and a fun night to wrap up the season.

April 23 – 12:30 p.m. – Archery Fun Shoot, BBQ, and awards – This will be at the Cut Bank gun range (by the airport). Don will BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, and if any families can bring a side dish or dessert, that would be great. Everyone is invited to attend, regardless of whether you have something for the potluck; come one and all!! There will be a 3-D shoot set up, and awards will be presented from the year. Hopefully, by doing this in April, the weather will be warmer, and the range dried out compared to previous years!

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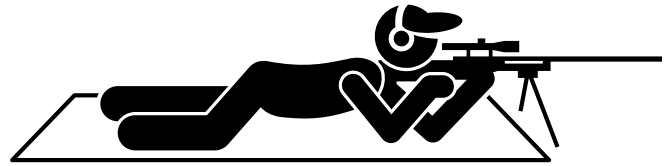
Our shooting sports coaches, Don and Carolyn Popelka, Brad Hjartarson, Art Rooney, Chris Wilder, and Frank Goings have together volunteered nearly 300 hours to our Glacier County 4-Hers over the past three months! A tremendous amount of time, resources, and effort goes into making each week's practices run smoothly. Please be sure to give these coaches a big thank you for their efforts and dedication this year.

Carolyn also mentioned how great the kids have been about helping clean up, asking what needs to be done at the end of practices, etc. Great job, parents; please keep up the good work!



Middle Shooter: Mac McCauley of Longview

Morgan Wilder of Curry Comb



4-H Volunteer Leaders Training

Thank you to the leaders who were able to come to the potluck and complete the mandatory 4-H Leader's Training modules as a group. If you have not completed your modules, you will need to do so as soon as possible.

Here is a list of those who completed and those who still need to. You will go to Zsuites, click in the left column under "Clover Academy," and then follow the prompts. If you need assistance, please let us know. Training must be done by Sept. 30., 2023.

Completed Training:

Andrea Bengtson
 Rachel Brown
 Jodi Duncan
 Bess Hjartarson
 Brittany Hotchkiss
 Raylee Johnson
 Louise Kaquatosh
 Kate Morrisett
 Eric Morrisett
 Art Rooney
 Hapi Seewald
 Sarah Thies
 Chris Wilder
 Leanne Winkowitsch
 Sahm Winkowitsch

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR LEADERS



NEEDS TO COMPLETE TRAINING:

MARY ANDERSON
 BARBARA ASPEVIG
 JAY ASPEVIG
 BRIAN ASPEVIG
 KATHLEEN BARBIE
 JAMES BARBEE
 JACKI BOYCE
 FRANK GOINGS
 BRANDON GRECO
 DON POPELKA
 CAROLYN POPELKA
 JODEAN ROONEY
 BONNIE THIES
 REGINA WILDER



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.

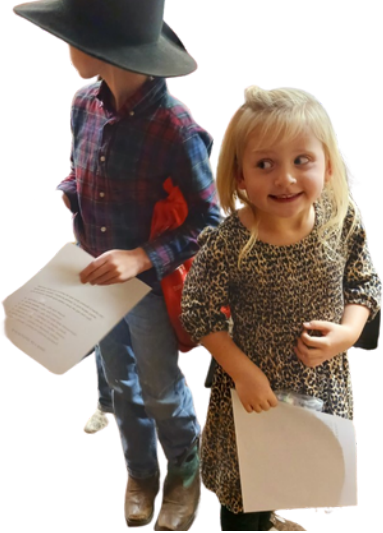
**THIS YEAR'S ATTENDEES ARE:
ELYSE BENGTON
ETHAN BROWN
OLIVIA BRADLEY
WILL SUTA**

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.



CLOVERBUDS WILL MEET ON MONDAY, MARCH 13TH AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FROM 4 - 5 P.M. CLOVERBUDS CAN RIDE BUS 4 TO THE OFFICE, BUT NEED TO SEND A NOTE TO THE SCHOOL AND LET YOUR CLOVERBUD'S TEACHER KNOW. THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE A SNACK, GAMES, AND ACTIVITIES. CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud day camp will be **Thursday, June 8 at the Shelby Splash Park** in Shelby, open to all area Cloverbuds. It will be a pirate theme this year!

Please 'Save the Date' if you have a Cloverbud or teen willing to help with workshops/games/crowd control, etc.





GLACIER COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITIES



SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON

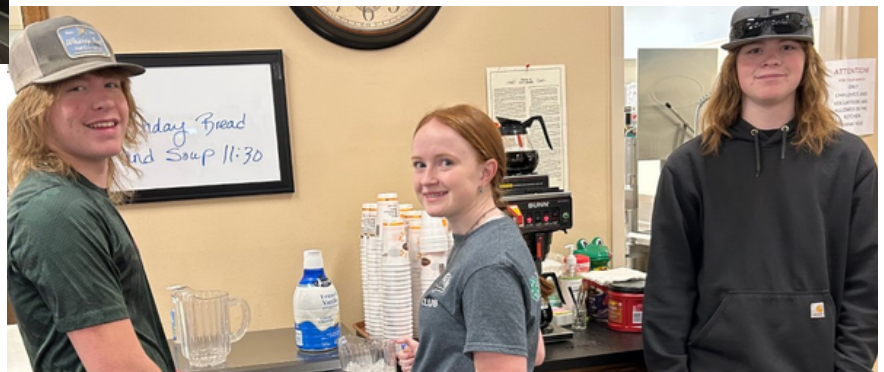
There was \$710 raised for the Parkview Senior Center through the Soup and Bread luncheon. A big thank you to those who brought soups and desserts, worked a shift, etc. Thanks to Ashlynn Brown for coordinating and overseeing the event. The funds will provide meals to homebound senior citizens.



Ashlynn Brown presents Laura McKenna, Parkview Senior Citizen Center Director with a check for \$710.00 which will go towards the center's homebound feeding program. They feed 40 people per day in their homes. Thank you to all who supported this project by coming and eating the delicious soup!



The Soup and Bread was well received and there were 16 choices of soup!



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SCAN FOR
STATE
4-H CALENDAR



Camp Save the Date

4-H camp will be **Monday, June 12 through Wednesday, June 14**, 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. 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>.



Camp Counselor Training

We had a record number of camp counselor applications, and they are currently being reviewed. We will be letting counselors know by early next week if they were selected for the 2023 camp.

The first counselor training/planning session will be **Sunday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. via Webex**. The session will help set the theme, discuss some potential ideas and cover basic expectations, etc. The next training will be April 16 in Chester.

Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest

The Communication Contest will be **Sunday, March 26 at 2p.m.** at the First Presbyterian Church. Every club is responsible for getting a judge. Please provide your judge names and contact information to the office by March 10.

Registration is open on ZSuites and is due March 20. EVERY member should plan to do a communications presentation at their club, county or the fair level (hopefully all three!)

Clever Clovers will bring plates, cups, etc., Longview will bring snacks, Curry Combs will bring drinks,



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." One \$250 scholarship will be available. **Applications are due by 5 p.m. April 24** to the Glacier County Extension Office and will be e-mailed out with the March newsletter.

Marias Fair Info

Fair manager position

Toole County is looking for a Fairgrounds Manager. This position is part-time. The Fairgrounds Manager is responsible for the planning, organization, and supervision of the daily operations of the County fairgrounds. If you know someone who may be a good fit, please refer them to

https://toolecountymt.gov/employment_opportunities.html.



Fair Book

The 2022 Marias Fair book is available online at

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/index.html>. There will likely be very minimal changes for 2023 so this is a great guide to begin planning exhibits, checking livestock minimum/maximum weights, etc. (Swine must weigh 220 – 300 at fair, steers: 1,100 – 1,500, meat goats: 70 – 110, and lambs: 110 – 165), etc.

The Marias Fair Open Class information from last year is also up at

http://www.mariasfair.com/open_class.html and can be used as a reference. Open Class is open to ANYONE.

Cloverbuds CAN exhibit at the fair in the Cloverbud division,

<https://www.montana.edu/.../mariasfairbook/Cloverbud.html>. Cloverbuds can bring items that they make at the Cloverbud meetings, in school, home, etc. and will interview with a judge on Wednesday, July 19 at fair in the afternoon on those items. It is non-competitive but they receive ribbons for their exhibits and it's a great way to get them introduced to fair. So, save some of those Cloverbud treasures until fair!

NEW in 2023 – INCREASED PREMIUM MONEY

Due to the tremendous generosity of our local sponsors to the premium fund, we'll be increasing the premiums at the 2023 Marias Fair! Premiums per exhibit will be as follows:

Purple - \$5

Blue - \$4

Red - \$3

White - \$2



We'd strongly encourage you to begin working on those exhibits, educational displays, etc. NOW! Glacier County has been extremely well represented in the Exhibit Building in recent years, let's keep it up! EVERY member should aim to have an exhibit in each of their projects.

More Fair Information...

Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee Scholarships

The Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee scholarships are open and posted at <http://mariasfair.msuxextension.org/livestockcom.html>. Scholarships are due by March 28th 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. There is also the Mary Jane Kinyon scholarship at \$550, which does NOT have to be a livestock member.

Swine Weighing/Tagging

It's 4-H pig tagging time! Saturday, April 15 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 19. Fair minimum weight is 220 pounds, maximum pay weight is 300 pounds, and 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 approximately 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.

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.



AND MORE FAIR INFORMATION.....

**LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING MAKE-UP SESSION
(COLT LAVERDURE, ALEC MORRISSETT, BRODY STOKES, AND CORIN BROWN)
WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 13 AT 4 P.M. AT KARI'S OFFICE.**



Space for Livestock

If any 4-Hers are interested in having livestock (horse, pig, sheep, rabbits, goats, chickens) but need a place to keep them, please visit with Kari. There is a local landowner with a barn, round pen, etc., within a couple of miles of Cut Bank who is open to renting space to 4-Hers for their animals.

Food Booth Update

The food booth committee has voted to use a digital system such in order to take debit/credit cards at the food booth this year. We had several people ask if we took cards last year, and we had to turn them away, so we will give this a try this year! This will make it much easier, so people do not have to carry cash.

Opportunity for Club Donations to Food Booth

The food booth committee is purchasing black aprons as the white ones are badly stained and many are in disrepair. We are also in need of a new ice cream machine and the cost of replacement is very high. If your club would like to donate toward these purchases, contact Lisa at the Extension office. Also if you know of parents, grandparents or community members who would like to donate, let us know!



Food Safety Training on Clean-Up Day

There will be a food safety training on clean-up day immediately following clean-up day at the food booth. If you do not attend one in your county, this will be your last opportunity to get the training.

Food Booth Donated \$2,000.00 to the Premium Fund this year. Thank you Food Booth!

Drop/Add date - Deadline!

May 1 is the final date to drop or add a project. After May 1, NO changes can be made and members are responsible to complete any projects they enrolled in. You can make changes via ZSuites. Members MUST be enrolled in the project to exhibit in it at fair.



**TO INVEST IN 4-H IS TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE.
4-H'ERS EXCEL.**

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about more likely to contribute to their community.	more likely to make healthy choices.		nearly more likely to graduate college.

Youth State Award & State Events

State Award

Deadline is May 1, 2023. Members apply in a project area they have mastered and "gone above and beyond" regular project expectations. Communication, Goals/Learning, Leadership and Service are the 4 categories. We have several 4-Hers in our county who fit this criterion.

For more information and to apply for a state award, use this link.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

Leadership Plan of Action - for those in the teen leadership project

Due June 1

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/plan_of_action.html

County Ambassadors interested in applying to be State Officers Applications due June 15.

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/officer_team.html

Montana 4-H Congress 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

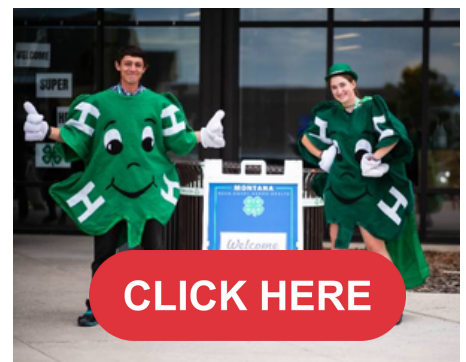
Registration will open May 1

Registration Deadline is June 15

Event MSU Bozeman Tuesday July 11- Friday July 14

Pre-Congress and Officer Selection Sunday July 9 - Tuesday 11

State Contests Wednesday, July 12



https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html



International Hosting Opportunities

Experience cultural exchanges firsthand and broaden your global experience!

Montana families have the opportunity to host the following 4-H youth:

- 2 Norwegian Delegates for approximately 4 weeks, arrive end of June 2023
- 13 Japanese Delegates for approximately 4 weeks, arrive mid-July 2023
- 2 Japanese Delegates for the Academic Year Program (AYP) arrive in mid-late August 2023 through early June 2024

Apply to Host: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Contact: c.sommersaustin@montana.edu for more information





4-H CLUB FUN!



Curry Comb Bowling Night!



Clever Clovers Club Meeting!

Clever Clovers created Valentine's Day cards for The Glacier Care Center and for the Beehive home. Thank you Clever Clovers for brightening the day of these elders in our community!



Longview Club Competes at shooting sports events

Club Members

Ashlyn Brown, Katelyn Suta, Will Suta and Ethan Brown attend archery tournaments.



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