

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - October, 2025

Upcoming Events

- October 1 - Enrollment opens on Zsuite
- October 5 - Longview 4-H Club meeting, Leavitt Group, 2 p.m.
- October 5 - Open Range 4-H Club meeting, 2:30 p.m. - Glacier County Extension Office, window decorating at Billman's Warehouse to follow
- October 5 - Clever Clovers 4-H Club meeting, 5 p.m. - Northern Ford for window decorating with pizza to follow at Glacier County Extension Office
- 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
- October 17 - Sewing Workshop, FCS room, Cut Bank High School, 1 - 3 p.m.
- October 20 - 23 - Extension Office closed for Extension Annual Conference
- October 26 - Halloween Horse Party - Balkenbush Arena, 545 Pioneer Road, Conrad, 5 p.m.
- October 27 - Butterbraid sales end
- October 31 - Glacier County 4-H ambassador applications due
- November 1 - Cheesecake and pie bakeoff - Holiday Bazaar
- November 3 - 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m. - Extension Office
- November 5 - 4-H Livestock Committee, 7 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- November 7 - 9 - Fall Leadership Training in Butte
- December 6 - Steer weigh-ins

Happy New 4-H Year!

We're excited for the start of a new 4-H year and all that it will bring! Thank you for choosing 4-H, there are a tremendous number of activities and responsibilities competing for everyone's time, and we're honored that you chose 4-H. There are so many life skills and opportunities that can be gained through 4-H, opportunities to grow in confidence, responsibility, goal setting, communication, leadership, work ethic, and so much more.

If you're new to 4-H, we'd encourage you to read the newsletter monthly, ask the club leader how to become involved, and participate as much as possible. It can take some time to learn how to navigate 4-H but the spark that lights in families when they begin to understand how kids are growing in 4-H is amazing to see.

If you're a 4-H 'veteran' (youth or adult), we'd encourage you to reach out to the new families, invite them to sit with you at a meeting, provide mentorship throughout the year, and celebrate those new members as they become involved in their 4-H career.

In 4-H Friendship, Kari & Lisa

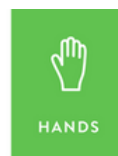
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<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

<http://www.montana4h.org/>

Motto -
To Make the Best Better



Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute - October 3 - 5 - Billings, MT

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 let the office or Kate and Eric Morrisett know today or Friday morning as Morrisetts will be attending the Institute.



Please RSVP to
pondera@montana.edu by
October 21 for the 4-H Halloween
horse party on October 26.

National 4-H Week Flag Presentation

Glacier County 4-Hers will be presenting the 4-H flag as part of the October 9 homecoming volleyball game at 4:15 p.m.

4-Hers are invited to wear their 4-H shirt or green and accompany the 4-H flag onto the floor. Participating 4-Hers should find Raylee Johnson and/or Elyse Bengtson to assemble as a group before the flag presentation.

Thanks to Longview 4-H club for organizing the opportunity!

Fall Leadership Training

Registration Now Open



When & Where

November 7-9, 2025

Copper King Hotel and Convention Center in Butte

Registration deadline October 17.

Registration Fee is \$195 per person and includes: lodging for two nights, all meals Saturday, breakfast Sunday and program costs.

Who Should Attend:

- Teen leaders (14+) looking to step up in their clubs and communities
- County 4-H Ambassadors eager to expand their leadership role
- 4-H volunteers looking to network and learn how to support teen leadership.

Email on 9/22 with more details



- 4-Hers 14 and up are invited to attend Fall Leadership
- See <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for scholarship applications to attend

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.

New Family Orientation

We're excited to announce that we'll be hosting a New Family Orientation this year to welcome families who are just joining 4-H or have joined recently! Details and dates will be shared once plans are finalized. At the orientation, we'll cover 4-H basics including project selection, meeting schedules, record-keeping requirements, volunteer opportunities, and how to get involved in county and state events—everything you need to help your family have a successful first year in 4-H! Look for more details to come.



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 December 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.

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.
- Homecoming volleyball game - 4-Hers are invite to join ambassadors in presenting the 4-H flag during the flag presentations. Please meet with Raylee Johnson and ambassadors (Elyse Bengtson, Olivia Bradley) prior to the varsity game to get lined up.
- Wednesday, October 8 - 4-Hers are encouraged to wear 4-H club t-shirts or green to school and post to social media with #BeyondReady.



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

Glacier County 4-H Ambassador Applications Open

A 4-H ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of our Montana 4-H Program. A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and non-4-H youth. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

Montana 4-H Ambassador Purpose

- Represent 4-H in a public relations role
- Promote 4-H with potential members, parents, and the general public
- Help plan, implement and evaluate 4-H events
- Organize 4-H promotion activities
- Develop personal leadership skills and self-confidence
- Encourage financial support for 4-H

Qualifications to serve as an Ambassador are as follows:

- Candidates must be 14 years of age by October 1 of the current year
- Candidates must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years and must be currently enrolled in their County 4-H program.
- Candidates must be or have been a Teen Leader or a Club Officer
- Candidates must have a desire to serve and accept the responsibilities outlined in the Constitution and Handbook
- Candidates must exhibit and practice good moral standards
- Ambassadors must enroll in the Montana Teen Leadership Project.
- Must submit to the selection process.
- Must be responsible and have time available to fulfill the role
- Must be willing to travel, attend training sessions, and serve in the ambassador roles when asked.
- Must have a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.5.
- Must be capable and willing and to get out of school on a limited basis

Teen members will be receiving an email with further details. Members who apply will be invited to interview with the Glacier County 4-H Council at the November 3 meeting.

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.

Zoetis Inherit Select Testing

This past spring, nineteen 4-H youth from four different county/reservation 4-H programs genomically sampled 31 head of cattle thanks to a MT 4-H Foundation Innovative programming grant and partnership with Zoetis Genetics. The samples (tissue samples from the ear) were then submitted to Zoetis for analysis through the Inherit Select test to provide genetic predictions for commercial cattle.

This project provided an interest in genetics for several youth, leading one 4-Her to further research the test and give a 4-H demonstration on the topic. September 8, members met virtually with Jed Hutchinson of Zoetis (through a 'watch party' at the office or at home) to review the results of the testing and learn more about applying genomic testing to their cattle herds.

Overall, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the participants said the project greatly increased their knowledge of genetics tools available to commercial producers, and over half said their understanding of using genomically enhanced EPDs for selection, mating, and marketing decisions greatly increased. 100% of the 4-Hers and 40% of the adult participants have definite plans to pursue genomic testing in the future.

One 4-Her commented, "I learned so much and it was super cool!"

Thanks to Richie and Andee Laverdure and Elyse Bengston for their collaboration on the grant, and to all who participated!





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! We gave out some order forms during Achievement Day. If you need one, let Lisa know.

Cheesecake/Pie Bakeoff - Nov. 1 - Holiday Bazaar

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 1st, 2025**, for our annual Cheesecake/Pie Contest at the Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar! This year, teen leaders Lexi Stubbs and Will Suta will be spearheading this delicious fundraising event. 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. Entries should be dropped off by 9 a.m. November 1 for judging.

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!

Please sign up for a shift at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084FACAA2FA0FF2-59156246-cheesecake> and recruit for cheesecake or pies! Please share the flyer from Facebook as well to promote the event to friends, family, and neighbors.



Funding Support for 4-Hers with Native American Heritage

Are you a 4-H member with Native American Heritage who wants to attend or provide Montana 4-H leadership opportunities such as 4-H Congress, Rec Lab, Fall Leadership Training, or a local 4-H camp, but need resources to do so?

Are you a 4-H member with Native American Heritage who wants to make a difference in your community? Or a 4-H member who lives on or near a tribal area who has an idea for service or education?

We have funding support for you! We have a donor that desires to support youth with Native American Heritage/First Nations Youth.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be a 4-H member as of October 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Funding could be used to develop a 4-H service, educational, leadership event led by youth who are of Native American Heritage or are serving a Native American population.
- Must be a current member of a Montana 4-H program (club, county, tribal area) when applying.
- If applying to attend leadership events preference is for youth 13+ and older.
- Funding may be used to help support youth attending county events if other parameters are met.
- If you have ideas outside of these criteria, please contact the Montana 4-H Foundation staff at 4hfdn@montana.edu or 406-994-5911.

How to Apply?

If eligible, please complete the following application. <https://forms.office.com/r/2bus1Ls4Ke>
Application details are also on our website: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/native-american-heritage-funding-application.html>



**Greytak Calendars Available
Now at the Glacier County
Extension Office!
\$15.00 each
Proceeds to Glacier County
4-H Council**



Club Related

- **Social Media**

- Just a reminder that social media is a good place to post reminders, share pictures, etc. However, planning of club activities, making decisions, etc. needs to happen within the scope of a club meeting where all youth members can participate in the discussion and voting, and youth are growing and leading the decision-making. Find us on the links below.

- **Club Planning**

- October is a great time to plan your coming 4-H year and decide what activities you would like to focus on. Use the Yearly Club Plan at http://montana4h.org/documents/resources/club/program_plan_fillable.pdf to outline your year.

Club Officers - what do they do?

Club officers are elected annually, with the number of officers determined by the club. Officers should regularly attend meetings and take a leadership role for their club. Each club has officer manuals that outline officer duties. Here are some basic responsibilities for club officers:

- President - Prepares the agenda with other officers and leader input, and presides at club meetings.
- Vice President - Assumes President's duties in their absence, and has the responsibility to oversee committees within the club.
- Secretary - Keeps complete and accurate records/minutes of each club meeting, and writes all club correspondence (such as thank you notes, etc.) Keeps club attendance records, and submits meeting minutes to the Extension Office monthly.
- Treasurer - Handles all club money, keeps accurate and up-to-date financial records, picks up bank statements from Extension Offices, and advises club monthly of their current balance.
- Historian - Maintains and updates the club's history book to preserve information for future club members.
- Reporter - Writes news stories and/or takes pictures of club events for the 4-H newsletter and/or local newspaper.
- Recreation Leader - Leads club in recreational activities such as games, icebreakers, etc. during or after the meetings.
- Additional club offices may be added/removed as determined by the club needs.

Shooting Sports

Archery, Air Rifle and Air Pistol will tentatively be starting in November/December with weekly practices. If any adults are interested in volunteering, please contact Kari Lewis. Upcoming shooting sports trainings include December 12 - 13 in Kalispell. To be certified as a shooting sports leader, leader must be at least 21 years of age, enrolled as a leader and pass a background check, complete the 4-H training and shooting sports modules, and attend a training (good for 7 years).

40% for 4-H Foundation Campaign

40%
for
4-H



What is **ONE** experience that made a difference during your growing years to prepare you for a future in ag production?

Was it **4-H** that helped you **grow**?

Would you give
40% of one item
you **grow** to
support **4-H**?



Visit mt4hfoundation.org or scan the QR Code to give online.

mt4hfoundation.org



PO Box 173580,
Bozeman, MT 59717

The Montana 4-H Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

The Montana 4-H Foundation is asking all ag producers to consider giving 40% of ONE sale of a calf, bull, lamb, hog, fleece, combine hopper, load of grain/lentils/hay/beets or even 40% of one bin. Please give 40% of any commodity unit and help 4-H Grow.

To do so, mail a check to Montana 4-H Foundation,
PO Box 173580, Bozeman, MT 59717 and add the memo, "40% for 4-H."

Children's Christmas Store

The Cut Bank Glaciereens are looking ahead to their Children's Christmas store and are seeking help. They'll be setting up the store at Anna Jeffries on December 5 beginning at 9 a.m., and then will need help on the 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. running the store, cleaning up, etc. If you can assist, please call Pam McLean at 873-2693 and leave a message if needed. The Christmas store provides low cost items for children to purchase for Christmas gifts for their family and the proceeds go into the Glaciereens scholarship fund.



Fashion as a Reflection of Time and Place



The Davis 4-H Clothing Collection with Leslie Davis Burns



Leslie Davis Burns brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise having built a distinguished career in fashion and academia. Her journey began in elementary school in Cut Bank, Montana, where she first developed a passion for sewing. Through her 4-H club, Leslie began making clothes for herself. In high school at CM Russell High School in Great Falls...

The culmination of Leslie's high school years was marked by two impressive 4-H projects: a tailored suit for her father and a wool coat ensemble for herself, winning her the Montana State 4-H Dress Revue. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fashion Merchandising and Design from Washington State University and later received her Ph.D. in Consumer Sciences and Retailing from Purdue University.

Saturday, October 11, 2025

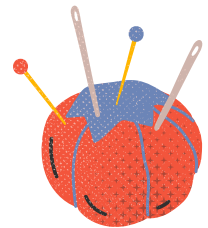
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FREE

**The History Museum
422 2nd St S
Great Falls, MT**



Basic Sewing Workshop October 17th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Cut Bank High School FACS Classroom, Ages 7-12



Join us for a fun and educational 4-H Sewing Workshop designed for youth ages 7-12! This hands-on class will be **held at the Cut Bank High School FACS classroom from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on October 17 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm** where participants will learn basic sewing skills in a welcoming environment.

Our new sewing leader, Mary Jo Wright, and Lisa Terry will guide students through fundamental techniques perfect for beginners. Mary Jo is a lifetime seamstress, quilter and former nurse at Indian Health Services for over 30 years. She comes to us on the recommendation of McCoy and Michalle Singer who have worked with her for years on projects related to sewing, baking, cooking and this list goes on! You will NOT want to miss this workshop.

Whether your child is picking up a needle and thread for the first time or looking to build on existing skills, this workshop offers a wonderful opportunity to develop creativity and practical life skills. You do NOT have to be in a sewing project to attend. Cloverbuds ages 7 and up are also invited to attend and this will be a perfect time for you to beginning sewing a project for the Fashion Review! Invite your friends!

Space is limited, so be sure to register early on Zsutes by searching for "4-H Sewing Workshop." We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 Glacier County 4-H Achievement Day



Cloverbuds received recognition and graduation gifts at Achievement Day.



**Cloverbud Flag Bearers,
Crue Laverdure & Weston Frydenlund**



Market Beef project winners - Elyse Bengtson, Janae Roberts, Olivia Bradley, Hugh Bradley, Emily Roberts, Sammie McCauley (not pictured - Mac McCauley)



4-Her of the Year, Janae Roberts, receives plaque, certificate and belt buckle from Amabassdor, Elyse Bengtson



Members display their hardware and smiles after Achievement Day and root beer floats



Volunteer leader of the year, Brittany Hotchkiss

Glacier County 2025 Achievement Day Awards

Member Recognition

- Gold – Janae Roberts, Elyse Bengtson

Gold recognition requires 5 or more years in 4-H, attending 50% or more of club meetings, giving a communications presentation, completing a record book, assuming a leadership role in a project, participating in a speaking or judging contest, enrolling in Teen Leadership and completing a project, and completing 8 additional activities.

2025 Project Awards

- Baking – Olivia Bradley
- Beef Breeding – Elyse Bengtson, Janae Roberts, Sammie McCauley, Alec Morrisett, Mac McCauley
- Crop Science – Alec Morrisett
- Dairy Goat – Shannon McCauley
- Dog – Lexi Stubbs
- Market Beef – Hugh Bradley, Olivia Bradley, Elyse Bengtson, Emily Roberts, Janae Roberts, Sammie McCauley, Mac McCauley
- Market Lamb – Sammie McCauley, Shannon McCauley
- Rabbit – Lexi Stubbs
- Sewing – Shannon McCauley
- Sheep Breeding – Emily Roberts, Sammie McCauley
- Swine – Alec Morrisett
- Teen Leadership – Lexi Stubbs, Janae Roberts, Elyse Bengtson, Olivia Bradley
- Vet Science – Lexi Stubbs, Janae Roberts

Project winners were identified through their record book and interviews at the Awards Showcase August 24 with a judge.

• Community Service and Leadership Recognition

- Janae Roberts – Service and Leadership
- Lexi Stubbs – Service and Leadership
- Sammie McCauley – Service and Leadership
- Elyse Bengtson – Leadership
- Alec Morrisett – Leadership
- Olivia Bradley – Leadership

• Outstanding Member

- Janae Roberts

Cloverbud Certificates of Participation

Year 1

Jakob Alberda, ShelbyLee Alberda*,
Hattie Tuma, Josephine Stoltz,
Chance Stewart, West Singer

Year 2

Norah Sutor*, Makenzie Ramson,
Beau Murray, Emeree Lassle*,
Leonardo Gonzalez*, Delilah Gonzalez*,
Renley Fugle, Kayden Berkram*

Year 3

BillieJo Tuma*, Samantha Stewart*,
Aiden Roberts*, Maggie Morrisett*,
Crue Laverdure*, Weston Frydenlund*

* Graduating Cloverbuds

Member Certificates of Completion

- Year 1 - Shannon McCauley,
Emallea Wahl
- Year 2 - Joshua Stoltz, Stella Wahl,
Elliott Wahl
- Year 4 - Wylie Frydenlund, Colt
Laverdure, Mac McCauley
- Year 5 - Brody Stokes
- Year 6 - Bodie Barbie, Hugh Walker
Bradley, Sammie McCauley, Emily
Roberts
- Year 7 - Alec Morrisett, Janae
Roberts, Lexi Stubbs
- Year 8 - Elyse Bengtson, Olivia
Bradley, William Suta
- Year 9 - Rhett 'RJ' Barbie
- Year 10 - Dallas Berkram

These members turned in completed record books by Sept. 10. Members who turned in books after Sept. 10 will receive their certificates from the office.

Glacier County 2025 Leader Recognition

- Year 1 - Richard Laverdure, Andee Laverdure, Meg McCauley, Mat Tuma, Allison Tuma, Tysen Tuma
- Year 2 - Shellisa Dagel, Jack Norman, Chrystle White
- Year 3 - Regina Wilder
- Year 4 - Andrea Bengtson, Eric Morrisett, Kate Morrisett
- Year 6 - Jacki Boyce, Brittany Hotchkiss, Christopher Wilder, LeAnne Winkowitsch, Samantha Winkowitsch
- Year 7 - Sarah Thies
- Year 8 - Mary Anderson
- Year 9 - Rachel Brown
- Year 11 - Brian Aspevig
- Year 12 - JoDean Rooney
- Year 13 - Raylee Johnson, Art Rooney
- Year 15 - Kathleen Barbie
- Year 17 - Bonnie Thies
- Year 19 - Hapi Seewald
- Year 24 - Jodi Duncan
- Year 29 - Jay Aspevig
- Year 33 - Barbara Aspevig

Volunteer leader of the year, Brittany Hotchkiss

Brittany Hotchkiss, a passionate 4-H alumni and volunteer leader was honored at the 2025 Glacier County 4-H Achievement Day as the Outstanding 4-H Leader of the Year. Brittany is extremely active helping with the Open Range 4-H club, Marias Fair Ag Committee, Marias Fair Food Booth committee, and helping wherever needed.

Brittany has demonstrated exceptional dedication and innovation as treasurer of the Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth over the past two years. Her contributions have significantly improved the booth's operations and financial management. Brittany helped implement the new Square digital system last year, created point of sale menu items, developed coupon system, and handled all financial procedures.

Before the fair, Brittany helped set up the system, and during the event, she provided crucial on-call support. Her commitment extended beyond the fair itself, as she spent hours afterward analyzing the POS system and creating customized reports for the food booth committee. Brittany also did a tremendous amount of research related to ice cream freezers, milkshake machines, etc. to help the committee determine the most economical and effective option for the food booth long-term.

Brittany also serves as the Ag Committee treasurer and is integral to the dog, cat, rabbit, and poultry shows. She is a consistent and reliable committee member who provides new ideas, helps get everything ready for shows, and also serves as barn superintendent during fair. Her passion for the small animal projects shines through.



"As a child I was a 3rd generation 4-Her, on both the paternal and maternal side. The 4-H program encourages confidence, cultivates life skills, and creates friendships. Great programs like this don't just happen. They require hard work from people who are committed and passionate about the cause. I volunteer because I realize the skills I acquired as a youth member, and I enjoy seeing the program and its members continue to improve and succeed. I would like to encourage anyone with the slightest interest in volunteering to do so and help keep 4-H available in our communities for generations to come."
-Brittany Hotchkiss

**Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar
November 1, 2025
Cut Bank High School**

Annual Cheesecake and Pie! Baking Contest

Supporting the 4-H
Council this holiday
season!



Entries should be dropped off by **9:00
a.m.** and judging starts at **9:30 a.m.**



**For more information: Contact Lexi Stubbs or Will Suta at
lexi.r.stubbs@gmail.com, wtrsuta@gmail.com**