

# GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - January, 2024

## Upcoming Events

- January 2 & 5 - Air Rifle/Air Pistol regular practices start, Masonic Lodge
- January 4 - Lambing and kidding and neonatal care webinar, 7 p.m.
- January 8 - Cloverbud meeting, MSU Extension Annex 1210 East Main, 4:15 p.m.
- January 13 - Curry Comb meeting and bowling at Glacier Lanes, 6 p.m. (RSVP to Louise or Regina by January 6)
- January 14 - Open Range 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office
- January 15 - Deadline to apply for cook or assistant cook position at Marias Fair
- January 15 - Deadline to apply to be a Glacier County 4-H ambassador
- January 15 - Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- January 16 & 17 - KMON FFA/4-H Judging Contests, Great Falls, Cascade
- January 17 - Longview 4-H club meeting, 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church
- January 18 - Calving webinar, 7 p.m.
- January 19 - Deadline for Marias Fair archery tournament (without a late fee)
- January 25 - Foaling webinar, 7 p.m.
- January 28 - Marias Fair Archery tournament, Shelby (no practice)
- January 31 - Livestock committee meeting, 7 p.m., Marias River Eclectic, Shelby
  
- February 1 - MT 4-H Foundation People Partner grant deadline
- February 5 - Glacier County 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m, Extension Office
- February 14 - MT 4-H Foundation scholarships due
- February 15 - 4-H Camp Counselor application deadline to Extension Office
- February 25 - Marias Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol tournament, Conrad
- March 24 - Tentative - Soup and Bread Fund-raiser at the Senior Center in Cut Bank
  
- April 19 - 21 - 4-H Rec Lab in Boulder
- May 1 - Drop/Add deadline on ZSuites
- 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

Happy New Year!

It's the time of year that so many try a new 'resolution' and often fail, unfortunately. Instead of resolutions, let's focus on habits this year. How can you develop a new habit? Tie it to one that you already do successfully! If you already successfully feed your steer every day, tie writing down the amount fed to that habit. If you already successfully brush your teeth daily, maybe make it a habit to try one long sit with your dog after teeth brushing. As we embrace 2024, we look forward to seeing each member and leader grow. Please let us know how we can help and thanks to everyone who made 2023 a great one! *Kari and Lisa*

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## Shooting Sports

Thanks to Jack Norman, Hollie Schneiderhan, Rolland Heagy, Chris Wilder, and Morgan Wilder for attending the shooting sports training in Kalispell this past month. Jack, Hollie, and Rolland were certified in archery and Chris became certified in air pistol as well. Morgan is certified as a junior archery coach as well. Great job, and thanks for continuing to share your time with 4-H!

Watch for details on upcoming shooting sports tournaments, etc. at [https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting\\_sports/shooting-sports-SS.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting-sports-SS.html). The Lewis & Clark County Shooting Sports Invitational is on Saturday, January 6th, at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds and starts at 8:00 a.m. Registration is open now and closes Friday, January 5th at 12:00 p.m. Registration is on [www.bowscore.com](http://www.bowscore.com) (search Lewis & Clark).

Members can check out archery, air rifle, air pistol equipment to take to tournaments, just need to check it out with a coach (use the Equipment Check-Out form that coaches have) and return it in the same condition.

The state shoot (which any 4-Her can attend) is March 1-3, 2024, in Bozeman. If you think you might go and spend the night, you might look into hotel rooms now as there's often several events in town that weekend.

### Marias Fair 4-H Archery Tournament

The Marias Fair Archery tournament registration is open for signing up. The details and link were e-mailed and are here as well.

Please read the information and the information on the Bowscore page carefully.

1. If you have used Bowscore before, please use your existing account with email/password. If you've forgotten your password, please use the forgot password feature.
2. If you are NEW to 4-H Archery, you will need to create a Bowscore account. You can also use this to look up your weekly scores.
3. **The entry deadline is Friday January 19th, can enter as late as Jan. 24th with a \$5 late fee.** After Jan. 24th Marias Fair members can still participate in the invitational only and must pay the \$5 late fee.
4. Here is a link to the Marias Fair Invitational <https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-invitational#/> where you will register to select your shooting time, etc.
5. Parents and coaches, help will be needed with set-up (likely Friday, January 26 or Saturday, January 27) and at the tournament with scoring, checking bows, etc. A sign up sheet will be coming soon from Pondera County, please plan to assist. Glacier County receives funds back from the tournament and help is needed to make it run smoothly.

At the tournament, members will complete their Marias Fair archery interview and compete against other 4-Hers in their archery division.



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## Cloverbuds

The next Cloverbud meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th at 4:15 p.m. at the MSU Extension Conference room, 1210 East Main in Cut Bank. The theme for this month's meeting is "Helping the Community" and Cloverbuds will be decorating cookies and creating cards for the Fire Department.

## Welcome to 4-H!

Welcome to new member, Alexis Mummey! We're so glad you joined Glacier County 4-H and look forward to seeing you grow within 4-H this year!

## Glacier County 4-H ambassador applications

The deadline to apply to be a Glacier County ambassador has been extended to January 15. 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. For more information, please see attached letter with the newsletter (originally sent out in October).

## Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships Open for Seniors and College Students

Nearly \$40,000 is available in scholarships to Montana 4-Hers, there are 26 scholarships available to a potential 45 members. Please make sure to read each individual scholarship requirements. All applicants are required to have 2 letters of recommendation and a copy of your most recent transcript. We have had several winners from Glacier County over the years, it is worth applying!

Apply online at: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/Montana4HScholarships2024>



MSU Extension and the Montana Stockgrowers Association distinguished 136 "Steers of Merit" out of 1,290 entries in 2023 from Montana 4-H fairs. In the ultrasound division which the Marias Fair steers participated in, there were 53 out of 735 entries that received the distinction. Congratulations to these exhibitors on ranking in the statewide Steer of Merit contest!

Alex Wahl who placed 2nd in the state was honored at the Montana Stockgrowers Association convention in Billings in December, great job!

Statewide ranking:

2 - Alex Wahl

11 - Alec Morrisett

35 - Addisyn Bengtson

42 - Colt Boyce

43 - Sammie McCauley

## Teen Leadership Branding Project

Howdy, my name is Olivia Bradley. I would like to tell you a little bit about my 4-H leadership project. During the 2024 Lewis & Clark Festival Days, you will have the opportunity to put your stamp on Cut Bank, MT. A branding party will be held at the old Gamble's Building on Saturday, July 27. Irons will be provided, however, you may also bring your own. For only \$30, you are guaranteed a block with your brand. You can fill your purchased block with a brand, three symbol pattern, initials, etc. The funds raised will be split between the Montana 4-H Foundation & future projects focused on the revitalization of Cut Bank. The Montana 4-H Foundation is a non-profit corporation supporting 4-H kids across Montana. There are only 60 blocks available so get yours while the getting is good!

## 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!

## Record Books: We Want Your Feedback!

The Montana Curriculum Advisory Team is seeking to make changes to our Montana 4-H record books, and we want feedback from youth, volunteers, and families! Please complete this survey to tell us how you use them, what you like, and what changes you'd like to see in the future.

Whether a 4-H member, 4-H alumni, 4-H parents and guardians, or fellow volunteers, everyone's input is encouraged! Thank you for your help in improving our record book system.

[https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq)

## 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.

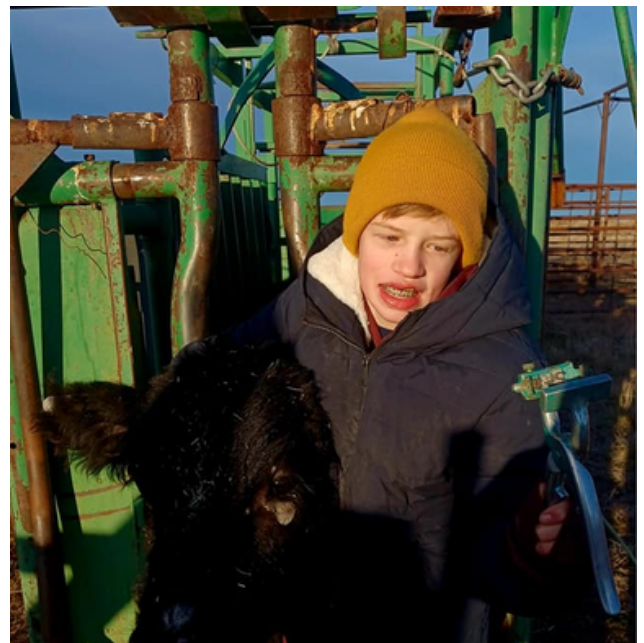
Dates are:

1. January 14: Fake It Till You Make It!
2. February 11: Tools for Facilitation
3. March 10: Authenticity & Self Awareness



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87240913270?pwd=S1pReVphbFFoT095WVMzYjg4V29OQT09>



Thank you to Wade and Leslie Berkram and Andy Hofer and to Rod Hibbs for the use of their facilities/help. Thanks to Andrea Bengtson for being the data recorder at the Saturday weigh-in and to Eric Morrisett for getting the chute adjusted and ready to roll, it's much appreciated!

Glacier County had 17 members weigh in steers for the Marias Fair. Overall, there were 47 steers weighed in for the fair across the four counties (in 2023 there were 46 steers sold at the fair).

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### **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 at least 21 years of age. Contact the Extension office if interested in attending.



Register at

[https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dd63ZSVTGHsiZLM](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dd63ZSVTGHsiZLM)

MSU Extension-Cascade County is offering a FREE webinar series on how to assist sows, nannies, ewes, cows, and mares giving birth.

The webinar will also discuss neonatal care, dystocia, colostrom, and other helpful topics. The webinar series is free. Please check out the flyer on dates and topics.

- January 4 - Lambing and Kidding, Brent Roeder, Extension sheep specialist
- January 18 - Calving, Megan Van Emon, Extension cattle specialist
- January 25 - Foaling - Rose Malisani, Cascade County ag agent

### 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.

### Montana Winter Fair

Registration for the Montana Winter Fair Youth Beef Show is now open. The show is Sunday, January 28 in Lewistown. To sign up and find more information visit <https://www.montanawinterfair.com/events/youth-beef-show>

### KMON MAGIE Judging Contests

Contests held in Great Falls or Cascade include Poultry and Ag Sales (Tuesday, January 16) and Meats, Agronomy, and Livestock Judging on Wednesday, January 17. Details and registration is available at <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=18433>.

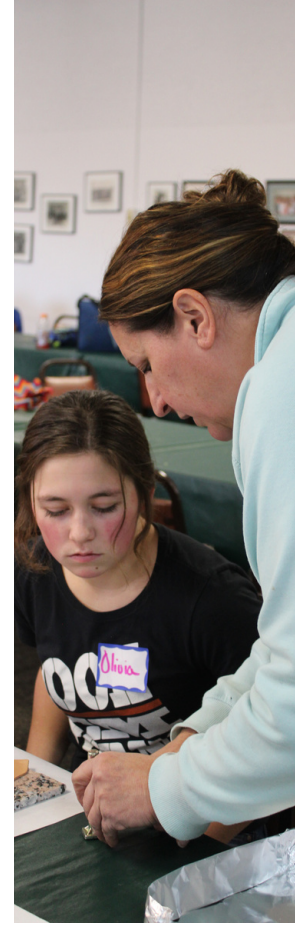
### Looking Ahead....

There will be **Ag Committee** (dog, cat, rabbit, poultry, etc.) meeting coming up soon along with a **Horse Committee** meeting. More members are needed on both committees, if you have any interest in learning more about what these committees do throughout the year and at fair, please contact Kari or Lisa.

**Beef Level 1 Members** - In order to have time to make any needed revisions on the Beef Level 1 books before they go out to all of Montana 4-H in the fall, we're asking all youth and parents/leaders to return their feedback forms to the office by Wednesday, March 27th. Please complete as many of the activities as possible by then but continue working on the book if needed.

**Beef Level 2 and 3 Members** - Please complete your activities and youth/parents/leaders return the feedback forms to the office by July 1.

# WINTER PROJECT DAY



We had a fantastic Project Day thanks to so many who made it possible! Thank you to our incredible presenters Lacy Roberts (bread making and FSA Farm Loans), Kim Woodring on wheat production and flour milling, Chrystle White on 'Business Braniacs,' Rachel Brown and Ashlyn Brown on sewing, Jeanette Jergens on leathercraft, Rachel and Ethan Brown on swine byproducts, Lexi Stubbs on rabbit and poultry showmanship, Andrea Bengtson on cake decorating, and Katelyn Suta and Ashlyn Brown on 'Finding Your Leadership Style.' Thanks to Christiaens Meats for the repro. tract!





Thank you to the Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc. for the grant for our 'Value Added' project which allowed 28 kids to make homemade bread. Stay tuned for jam and meat product workshops this spring/summer to continue the program! Thanks to all the parents who chipped in on washing dishes, baking, clean-up, etc. and to the Presbyterian church for their facilities!



Do you LOVE to cook? We need you! The Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth is hiring a head and assistant cook for the upcoming fair season. See the flyer below for job descriptions and to apply. Either scan the QR code on the flyer or use this link [tinyurl.com/b3krhkc3](https://tinyurl.com/b3krhkc3) The deadline to apply is January 15, 2023.



#### **Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth Head Cook Job Description \$1200 stipend**

- Inventory and order food and supplies prior to the fair in conjunction with the Glacier County FCS Agent. Order additional food and supplies as needed during the fair.
- Attend food booth committee meetings which are held September, January, April and June
- Prepares specials of the day
- Coordinate equipment replacement and repairs with Food Booth Maintenance personnel
- Keep equipment functional during fair with assistance of maintenance personnel
- Prepare food booth for operation during the fair including stocking freezer, fridge, shelves
- Organizing tasks related to food preparation and serving for volunteers complete.
- Coordinate with CHS, Nutrien and other sponsors for daily breakfasts and on morning of livestock shows
- Begins shift at 5:00 a.m. daily and ends coordinating with assistant cook
- In charge of opening food booth for the day
- Participates in pre-fair and post-fair food booth clean up.

Contact Lisa Terry at 406-873-2239 or by email at [lterry@montana.edu](mailto:lterry@montana.edu)

#### **Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth Cook Job Description \$900 stipend**

- Coordinate equipment replacement and repairs with Food Booth Maintenance Committee
- Attend food booth committee meetings which are held September, January, April and June
- Keep equipment functional during fair with assistance of maintenance committee.
- Prepare food booth for operation during the fair including stocking freezer, fridge, shelves
- Organizing task related to food preparation and serving for volunteers complete.
- Assists with specials of the day
- Begins shift later in the morning each day of fair and works until food booth closing
- In charge of closing food booth for the day
- Participates in pre-fair and post-fair food booth clean up.

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