

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER



May 2023

Happy May! If you haven't heard yet, the Marias Fair Board voted to keep the fair dates for 2024 and beyond the same (beginning the 3rd Wednesday of July). Thank you to all who provided input, attended the meeting, etc.

Fair packets will be ready May 15. Camping spots are available on a first come, first serve (and paid) basis for anyone new, wanting to move spots, etc. Please review ALL materials and get registered in FairEntry early so that we have time to review your entries for accuracy, etc.

This year there will be increased premiums. Premiums will be increased to:

Purple - \$5, Blue - \$4, Red - \$3, and White - \$2

EVERY member should be doing an exhibit in their projects, start now and let's fill up the Exhibit Building with some high quality exhibits, go Glacier County!

Upcoming Events:

May 1 - Project Drop/Add Deadline

May 1 - 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

May 6 - Lamb/market goat weigh-in/tagging deadline

May 8 - Curry Comb 4-H club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Glacier County Library

May 15 - Fair packets available, Grace Rooney starts

May 15 - Deadline to register for 4-H Camp and Cloverbud camp

May 22 - Cloverbud camp planning meeting, virtually, 7:30 p.m.

June 8 - Cloverbud day camp, Shelby

June 12 - 14 - 4-H Camp

June 15 - Fair registration deadline

June 26 - Project Day / Food Safety training, 9 - noon, Location Pending

July 6 - Marias Fair Fashion Revue judging (Exhibit Building), 6 p.m.

July 15 - Marias Fair Cleanup Day

July 19 - 23 - Marias Fair

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NILE Merit Heifer program

The NILE Merit Heifer Program was developed to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business. Selected recipients that are awarded a heifer are chosen based on merit, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth that is between 12 and 16 years of age as of June 30 of the given year and is a 4-H or FFA member may apply. The deadline is June 30, details are available at <https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/>.

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.

Livestock Scale

Members are encouraged to weigh their market livestock at least monthly from now until fair. For weighing small livestock, we do have the small scale available for lambs and pigs that the Glacier County 4-H Council purchased for our members. There is to be NO washing or clipping on the scale. The scale has electronic parts and if they get wet, that can cause them to become faulty. Please be sure to always lift up when carrying the scale (no dragging). If you need something to wash/clip in for pigs, there is a heavy duty frame for that at Sahm Winkowitsch's that can be borrowed and used, or many folks have modified the plastic chemical shuttles as well. Please return the scale within 72 hours of using it.

Shotgun information

Shotgun practice will be in Shelby and will start in mid May (Sunday afternoons) and then switch to a weeknight evening once school is out. James Barbee has noted that the will be gone some this summer, but the the Vice-President of the Shelby Trap club is also a certified 4-H Shotgun leader and has volunteered to fill in as needed.

Volunteer Spotlight and Members of the Month

Nominate a volunteer or youth in your county who has done something awesome and deserves a shout-out for making a difference. They will be recognized next month in a Volunteer or Member Spotlight social media post and in the state's monthly newsletter. They will also be eligible for Ag Network's Volunteer or Member of the Month sponsored by Stockman Bank. You are welcome to submit more than one recognition form!

Nominate a volunteer you appreciate: <https://forms.gle/z6qTGfjZEZUxAksg9>

Nominate a youth member: <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWKX6>

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There were 50 4-Hers and family members in attendance for the 3-D shoot. A big thank you to Don and Carolyn Popelka for organizing the fun afternoon, to Volkman's for the beef, and to Brad, Katelyn, Jed, and Ken for their help setting up and tearing down.

Marias Fair Food Booth Food Safety Training

Any member participating in the Marias Fair is required to work their assigned food booth shift. Members must have food safety training every two years to work their shift. Members who do not work their food booth shift will not receive their premium check or be allowed to exhibit at the fair the following year. ALL Glacier County 4-Hers (except Mac McCauley) need food safety training this year.

There will be food safety training on June 26 in Cut Bank in the morning (location to be determined). Another one will be offered after the fair clean up on July 15 at the Marias Fairgrounds.

4-H Leaders needing to complete training:

Barbara Aspevig, Jay Aspevig, Brian Aspevig, James Barbee, Jacki Boyce, Frank Goings, Brandon Greco, Don Popelka, Carolyn Popelka, Jo Dean Rooney, Bonnie Thies. Please complete in ZSuites under the 'Clover academy' section

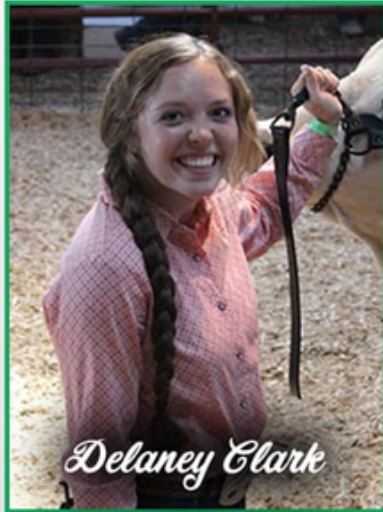
**IMPORTANT LINKS
FOR LEADERS**



CONGRATULATIONS, BRAD!



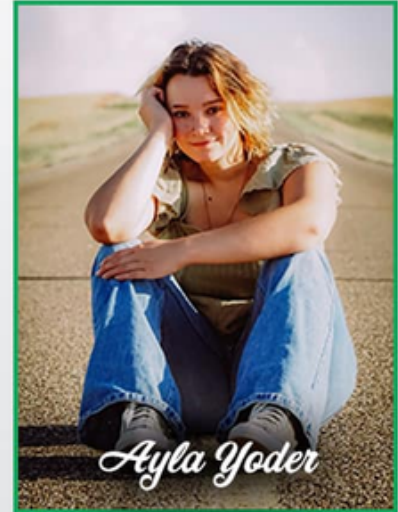
MAY NOMINEES SPONSORED BY



Delaney Clark



Brad Hjartarson



Ayla Yoder

NORTHERN NEWS NETWORK  NORTHERN AG NETWORK

This Wednesday, May 1, from 9 - 10 a.m., Montana 4-Hers Brad Hjartarson, Delaney Clark, and Ayla Yoder will be spotlighted and live on the radio! You can stream it LIVE at <https://voicesofmontana.com/> OR catch the playback as they'll upload the podcast to Northern Ag Network and Voices of Montana Facebook pages. Congratulations to these members, and please nominate a member for the spotlight!

Brad's nomination said:

This 4-H year, Brad Hjartarson became a certified youth 4-H archery coach by attending the 4-H Shooting Sports training. Since then, he has assisted at all three weekly practices for 10 weeks, a minimum of a five-hour commitment each week. He has been extremely dedicated to this role, making all but one practice due to another obligation. The archery coaches have said that Brad has been a huge help for them in leading the 30 youth in the county archery program. They have paired him up with youth who have needed extra help and he's been able to work one on one with them, and also challenge older members as well. They noted he has 'clicked' with members who they've had a hard time drawing out of their shell, at times, and has gotten youth to engage in ways they hadn't previously.

In addition to helping coach archery, Brad has served as a 4-H camp counselor, led multiple poultry workshops, and served as a club officer. Brad is 16 years old and a sophomore at Cut Bank High School where he maintains an extremely high GPA and is active in football, track, Science Olympiad, BPA, and more. In addition, he is active with his church youth group, lifeguards in the summer, and also assists at the local vet clinic. Brad is a fantastic example of a 4-Her, he can be a quiet leader but one who consistently leads by example and is always willing to help with a smile and positive attitude as well.

4-H Camp Registration closes May 15

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. Registration will run April 15 - May 15 on ZSuites. Checks should be made to Phillips/Blaine 4-H Camp. NEW this year - campers will choose via the registration process their workshops. Please read the workshop descriptions to know what each workshop will entail.

Any remaining applicants will be on a waiting list. 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>.



THURSDAY JUNE 8 10:30AM-3:30PM

SHELBY SPLASH PARK
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
\$5 REGISTRATION FEE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MAY 15
COME FOR A FUN DAY OF ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, CLOVERBUDS WILL BE MAKING NUMEROUS EXHIBITS FOR THE MARIAS FAIR OPEN TO ALL MARIAS FAIR 4-H PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION ON Z-SUITE
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE TOOLE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Bus Update - It will be approximately \$500 for a 27 passenger bus through Northern Transit to go to camp. We will likely need two buses between Toole, Pondera, and Glacier counties. The Council voted to pay up to 1/3 of the total bus cost and then will have each club pay \$10 for each of their members who attends camp to help offset the bus cost.



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STATE
4-H CALENDAR



CONGRATULATIONS, HADLEY!



Glacier County 4-H senior, Hadley Barbie, has received the Glacier County 4-H Council Graduating Senior Scholarship (\$250) and Mary Jane Kinyon Memorial scholarship (\$550).

Hadley plans to attend Montana State University with a goal to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Hadley has been an active 4-H member the past 10 years. She noted that the dog project has been her favorite but her Teen Leadership project is where she has had the most growth and accomplishments.

Hadley shared that through her club's community service visiting nursing home residents, she realized her call to become a certified nursing assistant (CNA), and from there, her career goal of nursing.

Some of her greatest 4-H accomplishments have included planning, fundraising for, and rebuilding the Marias Fair dog arena, leading Cloverbuds this past year, serving as a camp counselor, organizing a Cloverbud day camp, leading dog workshops, and winning the Montana 4-H Career Communications contest resulting in a trip to National 4-H Congress.

Hadley said, "4-H has impacted me personally by giving me many of the tools and skills I need to succeed... I have seen the value of volunteering and have experienced the rewards of sharing my time, skill, and knowledge with others. 4-H has taught me the value of hard work, learning new material, and the importance of involvement in school, work, and the community. Because of the opportunities I have had through 4-H, I am enthusiastic about my decision to become a nurse. It is a natural fit for me, and 4-H has prepared me to be confident starting this next chapter of learning."

**The Clever Clovers 4-H
Club served dinner at
the Glacier County Cut
Bank Community
Connection Expo.
Thanks for your
service!**



Youth State Award & State Events

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 is May 1 - June 15
- Event MSU Bozeman Tuesday July 11- Friday July 14
- Pre-Congress and Officer Selection Sunday July 9 - Tuesday 11

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

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.

Cloverbuds

There is no Cloverbuds meeting for May, please get registered on ZSuites for Cloverbud day camp! A big thanks to Jodi Duncan, Hadley Barbie, and Elyse Bengtson for their dedication in leading Cloverbuds this year, there were 25 Cloverbuds!

June Project Day

There will be a project day/fair prep day on June 26 in Cut Bank (9 a.m. - noon), including food safety training. If any junior leader, parent, etc. would be willing to teach a workshop or help, please let us know.

Help Needed - Let's earn \$1,000 for Glacier County 4-H!

Murdoch's stores in Montana provided a retail roundup at the register in the summer of 2022. Through the advertising at the register, Murdoch's indicated that the roundup money would support local 4-H. The Montana 4-H Foundation has worked with counties that have Murdoch's store(s) to determine a process for distribution of the funds. Counties that DO NOT have a Murdoch's store (like Glacier County) are still eligible to apply for funds (up to \$1,000) for their 4-H Council IF they submit at least 20 thank you cards to the Montana 4-H Foundation by May 15. (The Montana 4-H Foundation will use these thank you cards to thank donors for their support).

Would you or your 4-Her be willing to take 5 - 10 minutes to write a blue ribbon quality thank you card? We have the cards and folks can stop by to pick one up, or sit down in the conference room and write one out too.

We do have example thank you's, wording, etc. that folks can use on their card. The cards SHOULD NOT be addressed to anyone specifically as again the 4-H Foundation will essentially keep them on file and then use these as donations come in. The cards are simply a way for us to do a small amount of work to potentially get \$1,000 for the Glacier County 4-H Council. The Council of course provides the bus to camp, gives scholarships to seniors, buys awards for communications contest and Achievement Day, etc.



Attention Youth Entrepreneurs!

The Cut Bank Farmers Market is looking for young business people ages 12-18 to set up youth booths. Youth booths are \$5 a market and an adult must accompany the booth during market hours. OR Pick a date for your team to do a food fundraiser during one of the summer markets. Early advertising of your food fundraiser will help you reach your fundraising goal! Email inquiries to cutbankfarmersmarket@gmail.com as we hope to cultivate young Cut Bank entrepreneurs!

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