

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - November, 2023

Upcoming Events

- November 1 - 7 p.m. - Livestock Committee meeting, MRE in Shelby
- November 2 - 7 p.m. - Horse Committee meeting, Pizza Hut in Shelby
- November 2 - 7 p.m. - Glacier County 4-H Shooting Sports Open House, Masonic Lodge
- November 4 - 8:30 a.m. - Cheesecake Bakeoff at Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar, Cut Bank High School
- November 6 - 4 p.m. - Butter Braid pick up at Voting Center
- November 6 - 6 p.m. - Clover Clovers meeting, Annex, bring 2 dozen cookies/family
- November 6 - 7:00 p.m. - 4-H Leader's Council meeting. All 4-H Leaders are encouraged to attend so your club has a vote and stays informed on important county matters.
- November 10 - 2 p.m. - Sheep/Goat/Wool/Cattle livestock judging practice at McCauleys
- November 12 - 7 p.m. - Open Range 4-H club meeting at Annex
- November 13 - 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. - Cloverbud Meeting at Annex
- November 13 - 6:30 p.m. - Curry Comb 4-H club meeting at Glacier County Library
- November 13 - 7 p.m. - Longview 4-H club meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church
- November 17 - 10:00 a.m. - Pie-Making class, Cut Bank High School FACS Class
- November 23 & 24 - Office closed for Thanksgiving
- December 1 - Steer weigh-ins at Berkram's, 10 a.m.
- December 2 - Steer weigh-ins at Hibbs, 9 - 11 a.m.
- December 2 - Cut Bank Parade of Lights

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

It has been a busy October! We already have more members enrolled now than we did at the end of the last 4-H year! We have a new 4-H club that has started (Open Range with Andrea Bengtson leading), three new archery leaders in the works (Chris Wilder, Jack Norman, Rolland Heagy), one fundraiser done already (way to go, Butterbraid sellers), workshops scheduled, and project books picked up. The new 4-H year has definitely started!

If you are new to 4-H, welcome! Thank you for choosing 4-H. There are SO many opportunities available and everyone is very willing to help, please don't be afraid to reach out to our office or fellow members/leaders/parents. 4-H veterans, please welcome our new families in and help them navigate the waters of 4-H. A simple, "Would you like to sit with me?" or "What questions do you have?" can go a long ways. 4-H club meetings are a very important part of 4-H where friendships are made, members learn how to run a meeting, and there is the opportunity for youth to make decisions and grow together. 4-H is unique in that it is a youth led organization.

We'll be planning project workshops over Christmas break, potentially December 28. We will need parents/leaders/teens to lead workshops. If you have a willingness to help, please let us know.

In 4-H friendship, *Kari and Lisa*

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Motto -
To Make the Best Better

Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

- December 1 - 2, 2023 - Kalispell, MT. Disciplines offered; Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Coordinator.
- December 15 - 16, 2023 - Belgrade, MT. This is an Advanced Training for Rifle, Pistol, and Archery. More information will be shared as this training is planned and organized.

Leaders, please register on ZSuites and contact Kari for more information.

Shooting Sports practice times

Archery practices will begin November 10 and practice times will be Friday 10 – 11:30 a.m., 12 – 1:30 p.m. or Sundays 5 – 6:30 p.m. with coaches Chris Wilder, Brad Hjartarson, Jack Norman, and Rolland Heagy. (If needed, we can do a Sunday 3:30 – 5 p.m. practice, but hoping we can get everyone in between the two Friday and one late Sunday practice. Please note - Depending on how final numbers end up, we may try to condense practices if needed to make it most efficient for coaches and have full practices). Air Rifle/Air Pistol practices will begin in January and be Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 p.m. with Frank Goings, Art Rooney, and Chris Wilder. Practices will be weekly through February (with the exception of around holidays/trainings, etc., we'll distribute a calendar with practices.) Members who completed their record book last year received priority for choosing practice times this year.

You can currently go in and select practice times and complete the shooting sports registration. To select a practice time, please login to ZSuites, go to Events, and then select Glacier County 4-H Shooting Sports registration. Through this shooting sports registration, members will select a practice time, agree to the shooting sports waivers, and select a t-shirt size (provided).

Butter Braids bring in profit of approximately \$3,711.00, pick up is Monday at 4 p.m.

Congratulations to all our Butter Braid sellers for this year's fund-raising efforts. Around 546 braids totaling a profit of roughly \$3,700.00 were raised in this event making it a highly successful event. Thank you to all the sellers, but a special thanks to our top ones: Alec Morrisett of Clever Clovers was the top seller at 123 sold. Sebastian McKenzie of Curry Comb was second, selling 99. Third place was Landon and Case Connors of Clever Clovers at 57. Great job, guys!



Butter Braid pickup is Monday, November 6 at 4 p.m. at the Voting Center. If any members can come a little early to help unload the truck, please let us know. Butter braids MUST be picked up Monday, and either delivered immediately or kept frozen until you can deliver. We do not have space here to store, please make arrangements!

Pie-Making Workshop for 4-H Members & Parents Friday, Nov. 17

- November 17th, 10:00 a.m. Cut Bank High School FACS Class
- Get ready for Thanksgiving by attending this pie-creating workshop for 4-H members and parents. Cost \$10.00, call the Extension office to register. 406-873-2239 and talk to Lisa.



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Cloverbuds

The next Cloverbud meeting will be held on **Monday, November 13th at 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the courthouse annex, 1210 East Main.** We ask that parents sign-up for bringing snacks this year. We will have a sign-up sheet there for you on the 13th.

Project Age Requirements

You must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2023 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

**MT 4-H International Programs' Mission
is to enhance world understanding and global citizens
through immersing oneself in another culture**

**7 INTERNATIONAL OUTBOUND SUMMER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
for the New 2024 Program Year for MT TEENAGERS!!!**



2024 Travel Dates

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2024
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024



December 1, 2023 Application Deadline: 2024 Online Application Link <https://smr.to/p92010>

For program eligibility & fees contact Christine at c.sommersaustin@montana.edu or 406.994.3504!

Record books/Project books/Livestock Feed Sheets

Project books have been ordered, Kari will e-mail/text when yours are available for pick up. Please make checks to Glacier County 4-H, and double check that you've received everything you ordered.

Please check out the resources on our website, <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html>, for record books. Members may use the printed sheets available in our office for their project journals and My 4-H year, or can complete them on ZSuites under the Record Book tab.

We now have daily livestock feed sheets available as well. We highly encourage members to keep this in the barn on a clipboard and write down the amount fed daily, then transfer the totals to their record book at the end of the month. It is critical to track the amount of feed fed daily to know if feed needs increased/decreased, cost of feeding, etc. A big part of 4-H is helping youth develop habits. If we can develop the habit of just writing down one thing daily (pounds fed), that is an excellent habit.

Please see a club leader, Kari or Lisa for help getting started on record books if needed.

Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar and 4-H Cheesecake Booth - November 4

The 4-H Cheesecake Booth will again be back at the Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar this year, which will be Saturday, November 4 at the Cut Bank High School. Proceeds will benefit the Glacier County 4-H Council which funds the senior scholarships, awards for Achievement Day and Communications Contest, pays for leader background checks, purchases food for Leadership Lunches, etc.

Families are needed to bake cheesecakes (and encourage families/neighbors to do so as well) for the bakeoff. Cheesecakes will be sold by the slice after judging (1st, 2nd, and 3rd places awarded). Members and parents will be needed to help sell and serve cheesecake as well.

Glacier County 4-H Cheesecake Bakeoff

November 4, 2023
Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar

Enter your best cheesecake in the bakeoff at the 4-H booth at the Holiday Bazaar.

Cheesecakes can be dropped off starting at 8:30 a.m. and judging will begin at 9:30 a.m.



Stop by for a slice of cheesecake while you shop or grab a slice to go! All proceeds benefit Glacier County 4-Hers.




SCAN ME

Cheesecakes and workers are still needed! Thanks for your support to help make this a successful event for all of Glacier County 4-H!

Please:

- Bake or encourage a friend/family member to bring a cheesecake
- Sign up for a shift
- Stop by and purchase a slice!

Set up and Sales, 8 - 9:30 a.m. shift	Lexi Stubbs, Need 2 more
Sales, 9 - 10 a.m. shift	Need 4 more to sign up
Sales, 10 - 11 a.m. shift	Sahm, Jed, & Ken Winkowitsch, Madalynn Largo
Sales/Clean Up shift	Need 3 more to sign up

To bring a cheesecake: <https://tinyurl.com/594uxhxc>

To work a shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084FACAA2FA0FF2-45335664-cheesecake#/>

2024 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

1. CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS: CWF is THE event for teens to learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy, and our amendments in Washington DC.

Week 1: June 15 – 22, 2024

Week 2: June 20 – 27, 2024



2. NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE: National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement

April 14-19, 2023

Hyatt Regency, Crystal City

Arlington, Virginia

For more information on these national events, contact Kari or Lisa at the Extension office.

Montana 4-H Foundation Silent Auction Breakfast Basket

Thank you to all 4-H members and families who participated in making the lovely breakfast gift basket for the Montana 4-H Foundation Auction. Thank you to Beretta Winkowitsch, woodworking member, for making the custom breakfast tray and to Ashlyn Brown, quilting member, for making the fall table runner. Thanks to all the clubs and families who donated items to represent Glacier County 4-H well! Watch for details on an upcoming online auction for the Foundation as the live event was unfortunately cancelled due to weather and roads last week.



4-H Livestock Judging & Animal Selection Workshop

Brent Roeder, MSU Extension Sheep specialist, wool shearer, and commercial sheep producer, will cover sheep, goat & wool judging and basic feeding for 4-H sheep and goats.

Kari Lewis, Glacier county agent, will cover cattle judging and selection of 4-H steers.



Members will be practicing livestock judging. Members should dress warmly and bring a notebook and pencil.

This will be great practice for members of any level/stage/interest.

Friday, November 10 - 2 p.m. - McCauley Ranch, Ethridge, MT

Please RSVP to Kari Lewis at (406) 873-2239 or kari.lewis@montana.edu by November 9

Interested in learning more about livestock judging? Please contact Kari and she is happy to explain it and work with kids as their schedule allows.

Directions to Eddie and Meg McCauley's:

Turn south on Sullivan Bridge Rd (across from Meadowbrook Road at the refinery), go 9.1 miles and it's the brown house at the bottom of the hill.

Help Needed - The Marias Fair Horse Committee is in need of members. The committee meets approximately four times/year to plan the fair shows, develop workshops, etc. If you are interested in learning more or serving, please contact Kari Lewis. Thank you!

Greytak Calendars available for \$15 in the office for at the Holiday Bazaar. They feature 13 pencil drawings of rural MT life and are made exclusively for Montana 4-H.

\$5 of each calendar goes to the Glacier County 4-H Council. These would be great Christmas or livestock buyer thank you gifts.



Beef Weigh-Ins

Members will have two options for weighing in steers:

- Friday, December 1 - Wade and Leslie Berkram's - 10 a.m.
- Saturday, December 2 - Hibbs Livestock - 9 - 11 a.m.

Please let Kari know if you'll be weighing in at Berkram's as there's not cell service there and we don't want to miss anyone.

The minimum weight for 2024 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,500 pounds, select steers accordingly. Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. If doing a pen of three, four market animals may be weighed in. Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April 2024). So, if you are doing a breeding project, your animal does not need to be weighed in at steer weigh-in but must have an appropriate tattoo by April.

All steers must be dehorned before weigh-in, as horned steers are NOT allowed at the fair. Also, ensure your steer has been fully castrated and is not a stag. All steers must have been born after January 1, 2023. 4-Her must be 10 as of Oct. 1 to show a market beef animal. Information to bring to weigh-in:

- Steer's birth date
- Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed)
- Breeder's name and address.



Beef members, as you are purchasing steers, please be sure to get a Bill of Sale as this will be needed at the fair. Unless the steer is from the 4-Her's immediate family (father/mother), they need to have a Bill of Sale indicating a Change of Ownership. A Bill of Sale IS needed if purchasing from cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, etc. They are also encouraged to have a Show Cattle Permit as well for transportation purposes. If you have any questions on what is needed, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001. Please bring your Bill of Sale to weigh-ins so that we can make sure you have it. We will try to have some extra Bill of Sale forms available at our December weigh-ins if anyone needs as well.



Attention Swine Members/Jr. Leadership Members

The livestock committee would like to purchase a swamp cooler/large fan for the swine barn. This would be a great Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grant (due February 1). We are looking for a 4-H member (or few) to take the lead on the project and submitting the grant (livestock committee will serve as a partner). If you are interested, please let Kari Lewis or Jesse Fulbright know.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WINDOW DISPLAYS



1st Place - Curry Comb

2nd Place - Clever Clovers



**3rd Place -
Longview**



In honor of National 4-H week, our clubs created window displays around Cut Bank. Curry Comb was the 1st place winner and will receive \$30 from the Glacier County 4-H Council and Clever Clovers will receive \$25 for 2nd place, nice work!

Welcome to our new Glacier County 4-H members:

Angelo McCullough, Ela Povey, Case Connors, McCoy Singer, Rubie Bowland, Sabien Bowland, Ashley Heagy, Ryatt Reeverts, Isabela Gonzalez, Ainsely Conner, Roy Conner, Wesley Dagel

Welcome to our new Glacier County 4-H Cloverbuds:

Delilah Gonzalez, Leonardo Gonzalez, Taci Hagberg, Terrence Hensley, Emeree Lassle, Beau Murray, Rylie Reeverts, Norah Sutor, Renley Fugle

Montana Swine Symbol of Excellence Statewide Rankings

- Knox Singer - 51st out of 94 heavyweight SOE carcasses
- Corin Brown - 21st out of 91 lightweight SOE carcasses
- Mac McCauley - 27th out of 91 lightweight SOE carcasses
- Ethan Brown - 41st out of 91 lightweight SOE carcasses

Glacier County 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, NOV. 2 - 7 P.M.
MASONIC LODGE
BASEMENT
CUT BANK



For more information:

Glacier County Extension - Kari Lewis
kari.lewis@montana.edu, 406-873-2239 or

Coaches - Frank Goings, Rolland Heagy, Brad Hjartarson, Jack Norman, Art Rooney, Chris Wilder

All are welcome to come meet the coaches and learn about the program. Youth must be 9 by October 1 for Archery, Air Rifle, or Air Pistol, or 8 for BB Gun Safety.

If you have a youth interested in 4-H shooting sports, please plan to attend an Open House on Thursday, November 2 in the basement of the Masonic Lodge here in Cut Bank. This will be an opportunity to meet the coaches, see the facility, and learn what is involved.

Archery (for youth 9 and up by October 1, 2023) will be starting in early November. Air Rifle and Air Pistol (for youth 9 and up by October 1, 2023) along with BB Gun Safety (for youth 8 and up by October 1, 2023) will be starting in January.

All youth must be registered on <https://4h.zsuite.org/> with Glacier County 4-H before participating, and then register for a shooting sports practice time/agree to Code of Conduct under 'Events.' A big thank you to our coaches for their support of this program!

Thank you, Almes!

Thank you to Henry and Diana Alme for their generous donation of \$850 to the Glacier County 4-H shooting sports program. This greatly helps keep our costs reasonable, pay for t-shirts, fund leader training costs, purchase equipment, etc. Clubs, please send a thank you to Almes at P.O. Box 293, Cut Bank, MT 59427.

“I pledge my hands to larger service....”

Community Service and/or Fundraising Opportunities

Logan Health - Cut Bank Toy Drive

- The toy drive is available for children ages 0-14. Donations and applications will close on December 1st, and pickup will be at the Logan Health Cut Bank Rural Health Clinic, South entrance, on December 15 from noon-5pm. Clubs might consider making a donation or shopping for toys (we encourage shopping locally with our great 4-H supporting businesses!!)
- New, unwrapped toy donations can be dropped off at Billman's True Value, First Interstate Bank, Stockman Bank and Norman's Sports & Western. Monetary donations can be made online or turned into the front desk at Logan Health – Cut Bank or Rural Health Clinic.
- Information and Make a Donation to support the Toy Drive

<https://www.logan.org/foundation/current-initiatives/logan-health-cut-bank>

Christmas gift wrapping

The Marketplace on Main is doing a Christmas Open House on December 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is looking for a group to do gift wrapping. (Gifts would not have to be purchased at their store in order to be gift wrapped). Lisa Cline said they would have tables, boxes, and help promote. The group would need to supply gift wrap supplies and the labor and could charge whatever they'd like. Or, it could also be done as a 'free will offering' with donations going towards a specific cause (purchasing gifts for the Toy Drive, food bank, etc., etc.) If a few kids are interested (even from different clubs), it could be done as a couple shifts within that time period. If interested, please contact Lisa Cline at 406-799-4858.

Food Pantry donations needed

The Harvest Food Pantry is in need of donations. They've recently reduced the amount of food they're distributing weekly. Both cash donations (c/o Vonnie Winterrowd, 709 1st St SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427) and donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, etc. would be appreciated!

Glaciereens Children's Store Help Needed

Glaciereens are looking for helpers with the Children's Store. Setup is December 1 and December 2nd is shopping. They will need help in getting items to Anna Jeffries's school probably over Thanksgiving weekend.....From the Glaciereens, "Thank you for the help and support from 4H." If interested, please contact Pam McLean for more details - 873-2693.

Cut Bank Parade of Lights

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 2 for the annual Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to create a float for the parade, feel free to join up a couple 4-H clubs and get creative! Help is also needed to untangle the lights/check bulbs, etc. and set up the display on the Courthouse lawn. If you are potentially interested in helping, please let us know and we'll get you contact information for the organizers.

