

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - December, 2025

Upcoming Events

- December 5 - Steer weigh-in at Laverdures, 1 p.m.
- December 6 - Steer weigh-in at Hibbs, 9 a.m.
- December 7 - Longview 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m. - Cut Bank High School FCS Room
- December 7 - 4-H Leadership Academy workshop - 6 - 7 p.m. via Zoom
- December 9 - New Family Orientation, 6:00 p.m. - 1st Presbyterian Church
- December 12 - Gifts in a Jar Workshop, 10:00 a.m. & Sewing Project Day, 1:00 p.m.
- December 13 - Livestock judging contest - Choteau Weatherbeater - 8:30 a.m. start
- December 14 - Open Range Christmas Party - 6 p.m. - Location pending - Gift exchange, games, snacks
- December 14 - Horse project meeting and halter making - 5:30 p.m. - Annex
- December 14 - Clever Clovers - Nursing Home Christmas Caroling - 2 p.m. followed by meeting at library and food pantry distribution/activity
- December 14 - Sheep Seminar and Wool Pool Meeting in Conrad - 2 p.m.
- December 30 - Livestock Quality Assurance training, 10:45 a.m. - 1st Presbyterian Church
- December 30 - 4-H Project Day, 12 - 4 p.m. - 1st Presbyterian Church
- January 9 & 10 - 4-H Archery leader training in Fort Benton
- March 27 - 29 - Rec Lab in Columbus - will include a county tour
- June 24 - 26 4-H Camp in Highwood Mountains (counselors go down 6/23)
- July 7 - 10 - 4-H Congress

Greetings, 4-H families!

At the 4-H Fall Leadership training this month, guest speaker Cash Yount noted, "All 5 of the people on my team are 4-H products, and that is no accident!" He shared about his first 4-H demonstration which resulted in tears, to now being with a Fortune 100 company and managing a team with confidence thanks to his 4-H background. Cash served as a state 4-H officer 20 years ago and noted that, "4-H kids are gold," when it comes to them being hired due to the skills they've learned in 4-H and being self-starters. Cash's story reinforced the value of the work we do within 4-H, thank you for choosing 4-H and being a part of this!

For any new families or families who've joined 4-H in recent years and are still figuring out 4-H, we invite you to our 'Welcome to 4-H, Now What?' session December 9 @ 6:00 p.m. at 1st Presbyterian Church for fun, learning, networking, the basics of 4-H, and a 'Taco Tuesday' potluck, hope to see you!

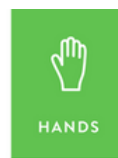
In 4-H Friendship, Kari & Lisa

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<https://4h.zsuite.org/> <http://www.montana4h.org/>

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To Make the Best Better



SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H HORSE WORKSHOPS

Join 4-H horse for monthly beginner horse project meetings!

All meetings will be at Glacier County Annex in Cut Bank:

Upcoming:

- December 14 - 5:30 p.m. - Halter making with Remington and Danni Campbell
- January 11 - 5:30 p.m. - Horse vaccinations and deworming with Dr. Steven Hjartarson
- February 8 - 5:30 p.m. - Horseshoeing and trimming with Remington Winkowitsch



To participate, enroll in your local 4-H program through 4h.zsuite.org and select a beginning horse project:

- Horseless Horse - Horse is not required
- Western Horsemanship - Basics of western riding
- Working Ranch Horse - General ranch work

For more information: Glacier County Extension, 873-2239, kari.lewis@montana.edu
Thanks to Beretta Winkowitsch, teen leader, for organizing!!

**Sunday
December 14
5:30 p.m.
Glacier County
Annex
Halter Making**

Please RSVP to LeAnne at 406-391-0154 by December 10 for halter making workshop so they can plan for supplies.

Thanks, Megan!
Megan Irvin has volunteered to serve as the Glacier County 4-H Horse Committee representative.

EHV - 1 and EHM (Equine Herpes Virus)

1. The statewide authority for the movement of horses, mules and donkeys is the Montana Department of Livestock. Check their website at liv.mt.gov for the most current updates. The current emergency travel requirements will be in place until December 18th- 28 days after the November 20th order.
2. For specific questions, contact your regular veterinarian. They will have the most knowledge of your situation. Note that your veterinarian might be taking extra biosecurity measures during your regularly scheduled appointments, so allow for extra time and new expectations.
3. For more regional and national news, check out the Equine Disease Control Center <https://www.equinediseasecc.org/> and see webinar at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXzuuYmIEQY>.

Beef Weigh-Ins

The minimum weight for 2026 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,650 pounds, select steers accordingly. Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo OR Bangs vaccination tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April 2026).

All steers must be dehorned, fully castrated, and born after January 1, 2025. Information to bring to weigh-in: Steer's birth date, Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed), Breeder's name and mailing address, and Bill of Sale. 4-Hers are also encouraged to have a Show Cattle Permit as well for transportation purposes. If you have any questions on what is needed or need to get a Brand Inspection, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001 or Tom Seifert at 406-873-5700.

Steer Weigh-Ins

- Friday, December 5 – 1 p.m. at Richie and Andee Laverdure's north of Cut Bank (506 E Sweetgrass Road)
- Saturday, December 6 – 9 – 11 a.m. at Hibbs' west of Cut Bank

If these dates/times don't work for you, please schedule an alternate time with Kari ASAP.

Members must be 10 by October 1, 2025 to enroll in a cattle project.

Livestock Quality Assurance Training

Livestock quality assurance training is required every other year to show/sell a market livestock project at the Marias Fair. LQA training will be offered at the 4-H Project Day on Tuesday, December 30 at 10:45 a.m., watch for registration information. If you can't make that time, an additional time/day will be offered.

Members needing the training in 25/26 4-H year include:

- Beau Dagel, Ray Dagel, Wesley Dagel
- Brody Stokes, Elyse Bengtson
- Lexi Stubbs
- McCoy Singer
- Miles Geer
- Peyton Volkman, Mackenzie Volkman
- Ryder Vanek
- Weston Frydenlund
- Emeree Lassle
- Crue Laverdure
- Kayden Berkram
- Maggie Morrisett
- Carter Parrish
- Aiden Roberts
- BillieJo Tuma
- Mykee Waller, Rusty Waller

Save the Date! 4-H Project Day December 30

Please 'Save the Date' of December 30 for 4-H Project Day at 1st Presbyterian Church. There will be a variety of workshops for members to choose from, watch for an email with registration details. Project Day typically runs from 10:45 - noon with Livestock Quality Assurance training and then various workshops in the afternoon until approximately 4 p.m.

Teen leaders, parents, and project leaders are needed to teach sessions. Please let Kari or Lisa know if you'd be willing to teach a 45 minute, hands on workshop, or have an idea or potential presenter for one. We can share resources, curriculum, etc. to help you teach!

4-H Fair Designation

4-H members enrolled in Blackfeet 4-H or Glacier, Liberty, Pondera or Toole County 4-H programs may only exhibit at one local fair, either Charging Home Stampede or Marias Fair. 4-H members must tell their local Extension office by December 1 of the current 4H year which fair they will participate in if it is not their local 4-H fair. Blackfeet 4-H Fair is Charging Home Stampede & Glacier/Liberty/Pondera/Toole Fair is Marias Fair.



Montana 4-H Leadership Academy Monthly Zoom Meetings, 6 - 7 p.m.

December 6 - Understanding Yourself as a Leader

January 11 - Planning and Running a Project

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Members 12+, 4-H Age, join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2025-2026 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.

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.

The workshops will be focused on basic leadership skills to get 4-H'ers more prepared as they move into larger and more demanding leadership roles, like camp counselors, teen leaders and county ambassadors.

Register for the link at https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NR9vgT1TwOc3xl.

Shooting Sports

Archery, Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be starting Friday, December 5 with weekly practices on Fridays. Archery will be 12 - 1:30 p.m. and Air Rifle/Pistol/BB Gun will be 3 - 4:30 p.m. Practices will be at the Masonic Lodge in Cut Bank. Please be sure to complete Shooting Sports registration in Zsuite to complete waivers. A big thank you to Chris Wilder and Jack Norman for their dedication to the program!

If any adults are interested in volunteering, please contact Kari Lewis. Upcoming shooting sports trainings include December 12 - 13 in Kalispell, January 9 - 10 in Fort Benton. 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).

MONTANA 4-H REC LAB

MARCH 27-29, 2026 | COLUMBUS, MT



This year's Rec Lab will include a county tour and a trip to Montana Silversmith's Outlet Store. We plan to share lots of Stillwater County educational opportunities with you. More info to come!



Montana 4-H Rec Lab Workshop Proposals Needed

✱ This year's theme: "4-H Escape: Do You Have the Skills to Unlock Your Potential?"

Bring your creativity and skills to life with a workshop that challenges participants to grow in leadership, communication, and team-building — the core of Rec Lab's mission!

Workshop proposals will be submitted through Google Forms at the link here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcMYQsAHodX-ry3QCH-U8g-71JWZSvfSVSW8BS0YjvlSOZIQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

Deadline to submit proposals is Monday, January 5, 2026

Both teens and adults (4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, community members & people from other organizations) are encouraged to submit workshop proposals. Please share with those who might be interested in presenting from your communities!

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications - Seniors and College Students

The Montana 4-H Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for secondary education. These scholarships are available to both high school graduating seniors and current undergraduate college students.

- Important Dates:
- An email will be sent through ZSuite on December 9, 2025.
- Applications are due by February 14, 2026.

Visit: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html> and click on the "Application Platform" tab to prep materials.

Application Link:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/Montana4HScholarship2026>

Welcome

TO GLACIER COUNTY

4-H

New 4-H'ers:

- Emerson Morley
- Emmitt Norman
- Rusty Waller

New Cloverbuds

- Quinn Bell
- Iris Morley
- Zeke Waller
- Anders Ziegler
- Rosemary Ziegler



Welcome to 4-H!

NOW WHAT?

Session will be led by
teen ambassadors and
Extension to cover 4-H
basics, opportunities,
record books, and what
to expect in the 4-H year.



- Tuesday, December 9, 2025
- 6 p.m., 1st Presbyterian Church
- Taco dinner potluck
- Activities and fun for both
parents and youth

**If you've recently joined 4-H or still learning all
things 4-H, please join us, all are welcome!**



Please RSVP to Glacier County Extension
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**If you're new to 4-H or still learning the ropes, please join us! Please sign
up for a 'Taco Tuesday' potluck item and join us for dinner and fun
activities for parents and 4-H youth.**

North Central Montana Sheep Seminar

~sponsored by~

Front Range Wool Pool

Conrad Moose Lodge

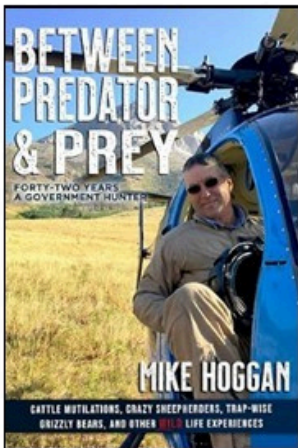
Sunday, December 14

Registration @ 2 pm

Educational Program @ 2:30 pm

Lamb Supper @ 5:00 pm

Front Range Wool Pool Meeting 5:45 pm



A great night with Mike Hoggan who spent 40+ years working for Wildlife Services and had many interesting experiences. Also a Skippy Simms current Wildlife Services will demonstrate thermal scopes for predator control. General Public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Update from Livestock Committee:

Members who show multiple market animals at the fair will be able to pay \$50/each to have those additional animals shipped with the fair animals and participate in the carcass contest, have processed meat returned on the truck, etc. Details will be firmed up as time gets closer.

Example - 4-Her shows a steer and lamb, and sells the steer. They can have the lamb go on the truck, participate in the carcass contest, etc. for the \$50 fee.

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.



Next Cloverbud Meeting:

When: Monday, December 8th, 2025

Time: 3:45 - 5:00 pm

Where: HC Davis Cafeteria

Parents: Remember to read the newsletter sent home each month

Refreshments: Lisa will email a sign-up sheet for help with refreshments. Look for that in your email box.

Club Related

Congratulations, Longview 4-H Club Officers!

President: Will Suta

Vice President: Stella Wahl

Secretary: Morgan Wilder

Treasurer: Ethan Brown

Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner Grants

The Montana 4-H Foundation is excited to announce that People Partner Grants are now open for applications! See details below as also on our website here:

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html> Please share with groups and individuals that may be interested.

Grant Purpose

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Application Deadline: February 14, each application is eligible for up to \$500.

Eligibility

4-H groups and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.

Project will make it possible for individuals involved to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps the target audience reach a higher quality of life.

There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidence by "partners" listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.

The project has lasting benefits. See grant application for more details.

Application Process

Complete the application online here:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/PeoplePartnerGrant2026>



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





Angel Tree for Dogs

Teen leader, Beretta Winkowitsch has an angel tree for the Cut Bank Animal Shelter set up at the Northern Veterinary Clinic. Beretta has added a gift basket to one lucky winner. Buy an item for Shelter dogs and put your name in to win. Adopt a dog from Animal Shelter and put your name in 10 times to win.

Dog food, chew bones, treats and etc. are needed for the shelter animals. You can donate from now until December 19 and she will draw winner live on Facebook on December 22nd.

Gifts in a Jar Workshop for kids & parents - December 12 - 10 am

Join us at the Cut Bank High School FACS Classroom on Friday, December 12, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We will be making Gifts in a Jar that can be taken home and given as Christmas gifts. Sign up on Zsuite today! We are partnering with FAST Blackfeet on this workshop.

Sewing Project Day, CHS FACS Room - December 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

Our next sewing project day will be December 12, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00. Bring your worksheets from last time. We will create another fun project you'll be able to take to the fair and fashion review.

Livestock Judging Contest - December 13

There will be a livestock judging contest/educational session on Saturday, December 13 at the Weatherbeater (3rd Ave. SE) in Choteau. Registration is open on judgingcard.com or members can register the day of. The contest will start at 9 a.m. Please contact Kari if you're interested in going, more details will be coming and we can likely carpool for members who are interested in participating. There will be two classes each of cattle, sheep, and goats with one class of swine. For more information, see <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=24066>.

Join us for

“Emotions in Motion” Youth Mental Wellness Story Time
Friday, December 19th @ 10:30 a.m. Glacier County Library.

MARIAS FAIR



Marias Fair Stadium Cup Logo Contest 2026

We are taking submissions for this year's Marias Fair Food Booth Cup Logo
Submission deadline: February 15th email, JPEG file to Lisa, lterry@montana.edu

Requirements: Must include the official 4-H Logo

If including county list, must include Blackfeet Reservation, Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, and Toole Counties. Youth entries only.

4-H In Action



Janae Roberts, Emily Roberts, Sammie McCauley, Olivia Bradley, and Elyse Bengtson attended the 4-H fall Leadership Training in Butte November 7 - 9. These 4-Hers grew their leadership skills through skill building workshops, networked with fellow 4-H teen leaders, heard from some phenomenal speakers, and gained ideas to grow their 4-H clubs and community.



For their teen leadership project, Elyse Bengtson and Olivia Bradley are raising funds for the Elementary School's book vending machine. They, and fellow 4-Hers, helped serve and bus tables at the BTI Feeds dinner and helped wherever needed. All tips were designated for the project and BTI Feeds offered to match the tips as well. When the baskets came back, \$1,000 had been donated which will result in an incredible \$2,000 raised!



The Open Range 4-H Club voted at their club meeting to donate \$500 from the proceeds they'd made working concessions to Cut Bank Schools to help pay off unpaid lunch balances. They are pictured presenting the check to school administration. Great example of generosity and giving back!

Cloverbuds Snow-making & Weather



Sewing Project Day



Thanksgiving Dinner Cooking & Etiquette Day

