

Upcoming Events

- July 9 - 12 - Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman
- July 13 - Fair cleanup, 8 a.m., Marias Fairgrounds
- July 13 - Pre-Fair cleanup, 8 a.m. at Marias Fairgrounds, food safety training to follow, Small Animal member meeting at 10 a.m. at Rabbit barn
- July 17 - 21 - Marias Fair
- July 31 - Carcass awards show, 6 p.m. in Cut Bank, Extension Office
- August 2 - Completed record books due to club leaders to compete for awards
- August 5 - 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Annex Conference Room
- August 9 - Completed record books due to Extension Office to compete for awards.
- August 25 - Awards Showcase interviews, 5 p.m. for members who turned in completed books by August 9 to Extension Office
- September 30 - Deadline to turn completed record books in for the year

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

It's Marias Fair time!

It's the month we anticipate all year long...Marias Fair Fun Time! Fair packets will be ready by Wednesday 7/3, please stop by to pick yours up and make sure you have everything you need. Thanks to Grace for all of her diligent work on them.

Kari will be at 4-H Congress July 9- 12 with Katelyn Suta and Ashlyn Brown as they compete in Livestock Judging and the Quilt contest. Katelyn will also be wrapping up her term on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board as a youth representative.

As we head into fair, thank you for everyone who has volunteered (and/or will!). Our fair numbers are down significantly across the four counties and we need everyone's help to make an in person fair possible! Fair is also a great time to introduce a friend or family member to 4-H, invite them to tour the Exhibit Building, watch public presentations, visit the animals, etc. The most successful 4-H recruits are those who have a friend/mentor, let's share the 4-H experience as there as so many who can benefit from it!

Lastly, please take the time to thank the volunteers, judges, etc. who help make fair possible. In 4-H friendship, Kari Lewis and Lisa Terry

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To Make the Best Better

Help Needed

It takes a lot of volunteers for an in person fair...can you help with the following?

- **Clean - Up Day - Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m.**

Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. to help prepare the fairgrounds for fair. Help is needed to clean the Food Booth, Exhibit Building, barns, put wood chips in all the barns, scrub the small animal cages, wash down the bleachers in the Old Sale Barn and Seewald Barn, set up the panels around the steer area and the livestock ring, etc. Many hands make light work!

- **Interview Judging**

Wednesday, July 17 - Thanks to those who've volunteered!! Additional volunteers are needed, especially for the 2:30 - finish (approximately 5 p.m.) shift on Wednesday. This could include putting ribbons on exhibits, directing kids to interview judges, etc. Please let the office know if you can help.

- **Exhibit Building Clean-Up**

Glacier County is responsible for Exhibit Building clean-up Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. Additional volunteers are needed. It should go fairly quickly, but another one or two families would be much appreciated.

- **Pre Sale Social**

This event is an opportunity for buyers to interact with 4-H youth prior to the sale and show our appreciation. Help is needed for the Pre-Sale social on Saturday, July 20 at the Seewald Barn. 4-H families are encouraged to help by bringing cookies/bars and/or working a shift. 20 dozen cookies/bars are needed, please bring to fair by Friday and contact Raylee Johnson (450-8041), Katelyn Suta (845-6099), Mary Anderson (450-8053), or Destini Anderson (450-3218) to drop off. Cookies/bars should be in a disposable bag/container.

Members are needed to help set up, work, and tear down after the Pre-Sale social. Help is especially needed for cleaning up afterwards to get tables and chairs returned to the Exhibit Building. All livestock members benefit from this event and are highly encouraged to contribute. Any 4-H member is welcome to participate through baking cookies and/or working. Please sign up to bring cookies or work a shift at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45AFA72BABF49-49927051-marias#/>

Pig Washing

Reminder, 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.

Review the Rules

A reminder to read the fair book (at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/2024FairBookUpdated.pdf>) to know what rules pertain to your exhibits, etc. Dress code is covered, if recipes need to be included, self-waterers are required in pig pens, cattle must have a neck rope, etc.

Marias Fair Updates and Reminders

FAIR PACKETS

Fair packets will be available Wednesday, July 3 with stall cards, camper passes, event passes, food booth schedules, etc. Please be sure to look through your packets and let us know if you think you're missing anything.

4-H DANCE

Clever Clovers 4-H club will be hosting a 4-H Dance on Thursday, July 18 in the Food Booth from 9 – 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$2 or a can of food for the food bank.

FOOD BOOTH

Members are required to work their assigned food booth shift. If extenuating circumstances come up and the member cannot work their shift, they must make arrangements with the food booth day chair or Lisa Terry, to reschedule another 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.

MARIAS FAIR SILENT AUCTION

Glacier County 4-H Clubs are asked to donate an item to the silent auction in the Exhibit Building. This year's proceeds will benefit the Exhibit Building for building improvements and maintenance. Items can be dropped off clean-up day or Wednesday of fair.

You can also bring your silent auction item to the Extension Office if you would like to contribute, but will not be attending the fair. (Families, please consider donating as well).

MARKETING 4-H LIVESTOCK

Flyers are available at the office and each livestock family will have some in their 2nd fair packet coming in early July. Each livestock member should plan to invite at least 5 businesses or individuals to the sale. Businesses are happy to hang the flyers in their business, they just need delivered by a smiling, sharp dressed 4-Her!

Writing and mailing letters and flyers or delivering in person teaches skills of writing, marketing, interacting with adults, customer service, introducing yourself and speaking to others, etc. These are extremely important skills and the members who do it ARE noticed!

Check out <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/livestockcom.html> for resources on marketing your livestock. We have additional flyers and brochures in the office if needed.

SWINE SHOW

The show ring and layout for the Marias Fair swine show will be similar to last year. Members will be expected to have full control of their hogs from the swine barn into the show ring. The ring will be much larger so members should be very comfortable driving their hogs around a large ring. There are numerous training resources and video available at http://montana4h.org/projects/animal_science/swine.html (and on YouTube, etc.). Please reach out to a livestock leader or senior swine member for help and tips on training your hog if needed.



Open Class

- Open Class registration is open through July 17 at 2024 Marias Fair
<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20569> - You can register your exhibits ahead of time and then the process is streamlined for dropping your exhibits off.
- Poultry, waterfowl, rabbits and all things handmade and crafty including food are accepted. They award Blue ribbons (\$6.00 to \$7.00), Red ribbons (\$4.00 to \$5.00), and white ribbons (\$3.00) and Best of Show for \$10.00. For children under 6, they receive a beautiful ribbon for participation.
- Register online or in person Wednesday July 17 by 6:00 pm at the Open Class office under the grandstands. This is a great opportunity to take kid's craft projects, Lego projects, baking, cooking, last year's quilting/sewing, canning projects off the shelf, rabbits, chickens, etc., etc.

Open Class information is available at:
https://www.mariasfair.com/open_class.html

Entertainment

Visit <https://www.mariasfair.com/grandstand-events> for information on grandstand events including:

- Thursday - Whacky Western Family Night (Kid's Chicken Race, Mutton Bustin, Rawhide Race, Calf Dressing, Sweetheart Race, Boot Race, and 3 Man Steer Muggin)
- Friday - NRA Rodeo followed by Levi Blom
- Saturday - NRA Rodeo followed by John King
- Other events include a Cornhole tournament, FFA Barbacoa, Cowboy Church (Sunday at 9 a.m.) and more

Time is running out...to 'Brand Your Mark on Cut Bank'

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! Forms are available at the Glacier County Extension Office.

Starter Flock Giveaway

The Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association is excited to offer a starter flock program to youth ages 11 – 16 interested in raising registered Columbia Sheep. Selected recipients receive a gift of 4 registered ewes to begin their adventure. With the help of family and the guidance of a knowledgeable sponsor member of the association, this program is a stepping stone towards success for our young breeders. Information and application is available at <https://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html>. Applications must be postmarked by 8/1.

Beef Members

Beef members, please turn in your completed Beef 2 and 3 books and feedback forms to Kari Lewis. Parents/leaders are also highly encouraged to turn in the piloting feedback forms. These will be used to revise the Beef 2 and 3 books as needed before they are published for all of Montana to use. Anyone who turns in a completed feedback form will be eligible for a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate for Cut Bank businesses (1 for youth, 1 for parent/leader). Please turn in all forms by July 31 (we extended the deadline, thanks to Bengtsons for getting theirs in already)!



Katelyn Suta is one of the July Montana 4-H Member Spotlights, congratulations! Katelyn will be featured on the Northern Ag Network 'Voices of Montana' radio show on Friday, July 19 from 9 - 10 a.m.

Katelyn excels in market hog, market goat, leadership, and archery projects. Katelyn has been heavily involved locally and statewide in 4-H, taking advantage of nearly every opportunity available. Her teen leadership projects have impacted many, and she's always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. Congratulations, Katelyn!

Record Book Deadlines

- **August 2 - Completed record books due to club leaders for review to compete for awards**
- **August 9 - Completed record books due to office to compete for awards**
- **September 30 - Final day to submit COMPLETED record books for the year**

Fair Prep



Thanks to Chris and Lacy Roberts for hosting the showmanship practice session and potluck June 29. This was a great opportunity for members and animals to practice before fair. Market steers, breeding heifers, a market swine and market lamb were all in action!

Thank you to Addisyn, Elyse, Brody, Alec, Ray, Beau, Wes, Andrea, and Shellisa for helping stuff 94 livestock buyer packets. Many hands make light work! Thanks to Brittany Hotchkiss for her work in getting the buyer meal tickets designed as well.

2024 4-H Camp



It was a great week at camp for our 4-Hers with a ton of fun activities and learning.

Great job to counselors Brad, Morgan, RJ, Will, and Ethan for their leadership with the kids!



Thanks to the Glacier County 4-H Council and clubs for assisting for the bus to transport kids to and from camp.



Check out more pictures on Facebook.



2024 Glacier County 4-H campers and counselors included (Back Row) - Will Suta, Corin Brown, Morgan Wilder, Bodie Barbie, Brad Hjartarson, Hugh Bradley, RJ Barbie, Ethan Brown, Emily Roberts, (Front Rows) - Mac McCauley, Brody Stokes, Ryatt Reeverts, Alec Morrisett, Landon Connors, Elliot Wahl, Case Connors, Sammie McCauley, Knox Singer, Colt Laverdure, Nash Singer.

2023 Cloverbud Day Camp



Our Cloverbuds had so much fun at Carnival Cloverbud camp in Shelby! There were amazing decorations, games, food, etc. Thanks to Addisyn, Elyse, Emily, Janae, Katelyn, Lexi, and Olivia for helping from Glacier County! Cloverbuds had a wonderful time learning to make spin art, animal masks, animal balloons, and juggle scarves. They also learned about nutrition and fitness. Participants included: Renley, Ryker, Dawsyn, Taci, Emeree, Crue, Shannon, Beau, Rylie, Aiden, Samantha, Norah, BillieJo, and Emallea. We hope to see lots of those creations at fair in the Cloverbud or Open Class division!

Thank you to Montana Farmer's Union for their generous donation, which made the camp possible. Thanks also to all the volunteers who donated supplies and helped with the day.

2024 Summer Project Day



Thank you to the Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc. for sponsoring our Summer Project Day through an Innovative Programming grant! Participants started the day off with identifying ground meat and what percentage fat each of the four meats were, before learning about intramuscular fat, blending meat to increase value of cull cattle, how fat impacts meat, and then making meatballs. Participants made meatballs that were either 100% beef, 100% pork, or a blend of beef and pork, and then enjoyed a spaghetti meatball lunch. 4-Hers also made homemade strawberry jam and hot water bath canned it, made homemade biscuits, practiced fair interviews, learned livestock marketing tips, and completed food safety.

Marias Fair Food Booth Stadium Cups 2024

4-H families, get ready to snag a piece of Marias Fair history! For the first time ever, the beloved 4-H Food Booth will be offering limited edition stadium cups featuring the iconic booth logo. With only 200 cups available, these are sure to become a coveted collector's item. Grab yours early at the Fair before they're gone! Next year begins a new era of stadium cups featuring artwork of a lucky 4-H member from one of our Marias Fair 4-H counties.

Food Booth Tipping System

Please note that our food booth tipping system has been updated. If a patron or family member wishes to tip a 4-H member for their excellent service during their food booth shift, they should tip that 4-H member directly. There will still be a cup for anyone wishing to add a tip to their order; however, that money will go into the food booth general fund, which will be used to benefit all counties in the Marias 4-H Fair and will not be divided up among 4-H members working the food booth as in past years. This new rule was set in place last year to simplify our accounting process with our new debit card system.

Food Booth Debit/Credit Card System Reminder

We're thrilled to remind our patrons that the 4-H food booth now accepts debit and credit cards through our Square payment system. Introduced last year, this convenient option has made purchasing your favorite fair treats quicker and easier than ever. No need to worry about carrying cash or exact change - simply swipe, tap, or insert your card to enjoy our delicious offerings. The Square system is fast, secure, and user-friendly, ensuring a smooth transaction every time. Whether you're craving a quick snack or a full meal, our modernized payment method is here to enhance your Marias Fair food booth experience. You may also tip using this easy method of purchase. All electronic and cash cup tips go directly into our food booth fund to benefit all Marias Fair 4-H members.



Food Booth Stadium Cup Logo Artwork Contest

Attention 4-H members! We're thrilled to announce the Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth Stadium Cup Artwork Logo Contest. This is your chance to unleash your creativity and design a logo for our new stadium cups. The contest is open to 4-H members (excluding Cloverbuds) from Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, Toole Counties, and the Blackfeet Reservation 4-H programs. Your design should be two colors and fit within a 4-inch by 3.5-inch space.

Submit your logo drawings to the Glacier County MSU Extension office in Cut Bank by October 1st, 2024. The food booth committee will select the winning design. For more details, contact Lisa Terry at 873-2239 or lterry@montana.edu. Don't miss this chance to leave your mark on the Marias Fair beginning in 2025!

New Food Booth Menu Items

Indulge in our newest treat: premium hard-serve Wilcoxson's ice cream! Choose from classic flavors like chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry, or satisfy your adventurous side with bubble gum or cookie dough. A new flavor awaits you daily!

You can choose from our new mouthwatering pulled pork sandwich or explore our rotating daily specials, featuring items such as the French dip or Santa Fe chicken sandwich. Don't forget to try our crisp, new pickle selection!

Beat the heat with a refreshing root beer float – the perfect finale to your meal on those scorching summer days ahead! Come experience these delicious new offerings each day at our Marias Fair Food Booth!

Final Food Booth Safety Training

The last available food safety training will be held at the Marias Fair 4-H food booth immediately following clean-up day on Saturday, July 13th beginning around noon. 4-H Members need the training every other year.

Initial Food Booth Clean-Up Day



Help is needed Thursday, July 11th at 1:30 p.m. for an initial booth clean-up day. If you have a teen who needs service-learning hours, this is a great opportunity to get those hours in. This initial cleaning is to do some of the deep cleaning needed prior to our regular clean-up day on Saturday, July 13th. This clean-up day is an “extra” day and will not count towards your regular required food booth shift. However, it can be added as community service to your record book.

Clarification on Food Booth Rules

We've received inquiries about the rules for food booth operations during the fair. For clarity, please refer to the Food Booth policies in your second fair packet newsletter. If you need further information, don't hesitate to contact Lisa Terry at the Glacier County Extension office: 873-2239 or lterry@montana.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Can I eat during my shift?
No, except for workers on the last shift of the day, at the Day Chair's discretion.
2. Can I check on my animal during my shift?
No, unless there's an emergency. Please tend to your animals before or after your shift.

For any additional questions about food booth rules, consult your Day Chair.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and efficient operation of our food booth!