



Glacier County 4-H News

Happy New Year!

As we close out 2019, thank you to each and everyone person who has been a part of Glacier County 4-H this past year. I'm grateful for the folks we have willing to lead, serve, and contribute to 4-H.

A special thank you to Rhonda and Coalter Littrell, Andy Hofer, and Mike Waller for their help at beef weigh-ins shoveling snow and helping things go smoothly. We had 12 members weigh in steers that averaged 731 pounds. A reminder that the 2020 minimum Marias Fair weight is 1,100 pounds and the maximum payweight is 1,500 pounds. Please see me if you'd like some help making sure your steer is on track to be finished at fair (most steers should be in the 1,275 - 1,400 pound range).

Thank you to those who made our Winter Project Day possible as well - CHS, Wyatt Berkram, Greta Gustafson, Kim Woodring, Darci Littrell, Dayne Barbie, Kathleen Barbie, Raylee Johnson, Katelyn Suta, and Sarah Thies. I really appreciate these folks stepping up to provide learning opportunities, we had 36 members attend throughout the day. The day included Livestock Quality Assurance training, goal setting, learning the parts and breeds and selection of beef cattle, learning swine basics, develop pork commercials, practicing hands-on fire extinguisher safety, learning cat showmanship, learning poultry breeds, and making bread in a bag. Each club is encouraged to write a thank you specifically to CHS (CHS, 23 N Central Ave., Cut Bank, MT 59427) for their time leading the fire extinguisher training. Shelly Lighthizer, Travis Shook, and Nicole Shook provided the instruction and hands-on practice for the members, let's show them our appreciation.

We recently asked for junior leaders and parents willing to take on leading improvements for the bathrooms across from the Seewald barn at the Marias Fair, in order to have improvements done by fair 2020. The fundraising is already done thanks to Jordan Stoltz and Rebecca Ratzburg's efforts, but bids need to be solicited and the work coordinated. Addisyn Bengtson, Katelyn Suta, Kortney Hart, Ashlyn Brown, and Destini Anderson are interested in working on this but would like to invite other Glacier County middle school or high school 4-H members to join their team. If you are interested, please let Addisyn or myself know.

A reminder that Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants are due February 1, <http://www.montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html>. For members in the teen leadership project, this would be a great place to get funds to lead a workshop or community service project (purchase needed supplies), receive funding for fairgrounds improvements (could be curtains in the Rabbit/Poultry barn, upgrades to buildings or facilities, etc.) If you need ideas, please come visit with me. I would encourage you to look at the list of past recipients, online they include everything from making quilts for homeless teens to supplies for a community Easter Egg Hunt to planting trees, building picnic tables for a community dam, updating community road signs, making tie blankets for an ambulance service and more. The projects do not have to be complex, just serve a local need.

Happy, 2020!
Kari Lewis

January 2020



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2020 Rec Lab

SAVE THE DATE: April 24 - 26, Hobson, MT
"Perfect Vision for the Future"



This event 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 is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. This is an ideal event for younger senior members to attend a state event for the first time and begin to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broadening their own skills and widening their network. Rec Lab will be hosted by District 3 in Hobson on April 24-26, 2020. **Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2019.**

Soup and Bread

**January 19, 2020, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Parkview Senior Center**

Grace Rooney is coordinating this year's 4-H Soup and Bread community service project. All funds raised are used to provide meals to homebound senior citizens.



Each club is asked to contribute soups and desserts. Shifts for set-up, serving, and clean up are 10 - 11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 1 - 3 p.m. An online sign up is available at <https://bit.ly/3751os9> or please text or call Grace at 845-2408.



National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference will be held in Washington D.C. on March 27/28 to April 2, 2020. Application Deadline is January 15. Montana sends a delegation of up to 4 participants (including one adult chaperone). Youth must be 15-18 years old and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply to attend. An adult chaperone must be an enrolled 4-H volunteer (25 years or older).

2020 KMON Judging Contest



January 17-18 in Great Falls
Registration is online at www.judgingcard.com and the deadline is Friday, January 10, 2020 at 11:00 p.m. When registering at judging-card.com, your username and password are both "MT1038" if you are registering from Glacier County 4-H. If you are registering from a different county, your username and password will be MT10 - followed by your county's number. The registration fee is \$6 per person per contest. Late Registration (after January 11, 2020) is \$10 per person per contest, including registrations accepted at the door. Lunch Ticket sold on or before January 10th cost \$6.00 and tickets sold after January 11th will cost \$8.00.

Montana People Partner Grants

**Application
Deadline:
Postmarked by
February 1
Applications
are eligible for
up to \$500.**

These grants provide incentives and financial

support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. If you have questions on the process, Camille Bradley's application was a recipient last year and she would be a great resource.





➤ BOW SCORE

To register for Marias Fair 4-H Archery Tournament:

Go to <https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-4-h-only-invitational#/>

Click 'Sign Up' then login if you have a current account or click 'Create Account'

Once logged in:

- Enter appropriate class and divisions (they are drop down menus)
- Select appropriate line time
- Once those 4 fields are filled out, click on register. It will confirm all complete registrations or kick up error in overlooked or incorrect field, highlighted in red

4-H Marias Fair Archery Invitational

When: January 25-26, 2020

**Deadline to register is Jan 17, 2020*

Where: 133 6th Ave S, Shelby MT, 59474
(The Old Middle School)

Entry fee: \$10 per discipline per child. Entry fee(s) can be paid online or paid by a check made payable to "Blazing Arrows" which can be sent to the Pondera Co. Extension office at 20 SW 4th Ave, Conrad, MT 59425. Starting January 18th, the registration fee is \$15 per discipline per child

Awards: All youth are eligible for the Invitational awards, and Marias Fair youth who enter by January 17th are eligible for the Marias Fair awards.

Any youth in the 4-county Marias Fair entry who enter after the January 17th deadline can still participate, but only in the invitational awards.

Time Slots: We are offering a Saturday, January 25th time slot at 4 p.m. (20 shooters) all other time slots are on Sunday, January 26th. There will be an adult/coach shoot at 3 p.m. and awards will be given out after the adult/coach shoot.

If anyone has questions please contact the Pondera Co. Extension office at 271-4054.

Help Needed

Please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45afa72babf49-2020> to sign up for a volunteer shift. Help is needed with scoring. Scorers should arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of their shift for training. This is a statewide invitational with proceeds benefitting our local programs (we received \$250 last year!) so volunteers from all Marias Fair counties are needed to help make the invitational a successful fundraiser for our programs. If you have any questions, please contact the Pondera county Extension office at 406-271-4054 or wendy.wedum@montana.edu. Concessions will not be offered this year.

To change "Bale Assignments"

- Bale assignments can be changed after that shooter's registration is completed
- Select assignments in the left menu column
- Find tournament, click on "Assignments" in left menu column (BowScore will automatically assign shooters to the first available bale that fits assigned criteria)

To change, you must click on the "-" behind the shooter you wish to move

- ⇒ Then click on drop down arrow on desired bale in the desired line time
- ⇒ It will show the shooter as unassigned, click on their name and it will put them on that bale

To enter a shooter in 2 different classes

Click on "My Registration" in left menu column, details of that shooter are shown

- ⇒ Near the right menu (towards the top) you must select "Register Again"
- ⇒ Select "Continue" then go to "Assignments" and look for your shooter with the (2) behind it
- ⇒ Confirm in "Assignments" that the shooter is in the correct line time and assigned to a bale
- ⇒ You may move that shooter by following the above steps





Montana's Next Generation Conference

Montana's Next Generation Conference is on Friday, January 31, 2020 - Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Coyote Club and Events Center and the Shelby High School (respectively) in Shelby, MT. If you register by January 17, 2020, you qualify for the Early Bird registration fee, which is \$25 per person per day, or \$40 per couple per day. You can still register from January 18—24, the late registration fee is \$30 per person, per day, or \$50 per couple, per day. There are 36 workshops to choose from on Saturday and the content is tailored toward ag production and financial management. 4-H members and their families are encouraged to register. You can register online at <https://mtnextgen.com/>.

Ranch Profitability Workshop Series



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Workshops will be held at the Glacier County Extension Office, 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT, from 1 – 4 p.m. There is a \$15 registration fee that includes all three classes and refreshments. Checks should be made to Glacier County Extension and mailed to 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT 59427 by January 3, 2020. Please plan to attend all three sessions as each session builds on the previous lessons.

The Ranch Profitability workshop series is a series of 3 workshops designed to help Ranchers calculate their cost of production. The dates for the workshops are: **January 7, January 21, & February 11.**

Farm and Ranch Ready

MSU Extension in Glacier, Toole, and Pondera counties is teaming up to host 'Farm and Ranch Ready' **January 11, 2020**. The event will be held at the St. Luke's Lutheran Parish Hall in Shelby (222 2nd St S). The event will run from 9 to 3:30 p.m., and pesticide points will be available. 'Farm and Ranch Ready' will provide participants with a broad background in topics relevant to farm, ranch, and rural living. Cost for the event is \$15 per person which will include lunch, refreshments, and door prizes.

Registration is available online at <http://pondera.msuextension.org/>, by calling the Pondera County Extension Office at (406) 271-4054 or e-mailing pondera@montana.edu. Checks should be made to Pondera County Extension and mailed to Pondera County Extension, 20 4th Ave SW, Conrad, MT 59425, by January 3, 2020.

Glacier County 4-H Beef Weigh-ins

Addisyn Bengtson, first year beef member, is pictured with her steer, Ace, at steer weigh-ins.

Thank you to Hibbs Livestock for the use of their scale and facilities.



4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due February 10, 2020



Camp Counselor applications have been emailed out for 4-H camp on June 8 – 10, 2020. Counselors must be

Freshman - Seniors (15 – 18 years old by camp time). Applications AND the completed signed counselor responsibilities sheet are due to the Extension Office by 5 p.m. on February 10. Being a counselor is a great way to develop leadership skills, mentor younger 4-Hers, and gain community service hours. We're looking for motivated, self-starters who enjoy working with kids.



Club Meetings



Clever Clovers - Sunday, January 19 after Soup & Bread, bring sled for sledding and meet at Littrell Electric for pizza

Cloverbuds - Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Glacier County Library Basement from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Curry Comb - Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Cut Bank Community Bible Church.

*meetings will now be first Monday of the month.

Longview - Sunday, January 12, 2020 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, time TBD

2020 Marias Valley Archery Polar Sizzler January 4 and 5 Shelby Old Middle School

There is an open archery shoot at the old Middle School Gym in Shelby with youth classes included. The event starts at 9 a.m. and 90% of all fees are paid out. Sign up on www.Bowscore.com to register and contact Brent Hanson with questions at 460-0325, or see Glacier County 4-H Facebook group.



Check out more Project Day pictures on our Facebook page. Thank you Wyatt, Greta, Kim, Darci, Dayne, Kathleen, CHS, Raylee, Katelyn, and Sarah for leading workshops to make the event possible!



Calendar of Events

January

- 6** - Curry Comb Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- 12** - Longview Meeting, Time TBD, St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 13** - Cloverbuds Meeting, Glacier County Library basement, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- 13** - Ag Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Toole County Courthouse basement
- 19** - Soup and Bread, Parkview Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 19** - Clever Clovers meeting and sledding, Littrell Electric following Soup & Bread
- 20** - Horse Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Clark's Restaurant in Shelby
- 22** - Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Marias River Electric in Shelby
- 26** - Marias Fair Archery Invitational, Old Middle School, Shelby, MT
- 31** - Montana's Next Generation Conference

February

- 1** - People Partner Grant Application Deadline
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4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension