

## Upcoming Events

- September 4 - Ambassador Taco in a Bag fundraiser at the Farmer's Market, 4 - 6 p.m.
- September 7 - Marias Fair 4-H Trail Ride
- September 9 - Curry Comb meeting, Extension Office, 6 p.m.
- September 20 - 21 - Shooting Sports training in Conrad
- September 20 - Deadline to turn completed record books in for Achievement Day recognition
- September 29 - Achievement Day, 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church
- September 29 - Open Range meeting for window decorating, location pending
- September 30 - Deadline to turn completed record books in for the year
- September 30 - October 21 - Butter Braid Sales, watch for more information
- October 1 - New 4-H year begins
- October 6 - 12 - National 4-H Week - Theme: "Beyond Ready"
- October 11-12 - Kid's Kitchen Day, Medieval Meat Pies, H.S. FACS room, 10:00 a.m.
- October 14 - Office closed, Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
- October 14 - First Cloverbud meeting of the year, 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm, location, TBA
- October 18 - Deadline to register for Fall Leadership training
- October 30 - Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., MRE in Shelby
- November 1 - 3 - Fall Leadership Training, Billings, MT
- November 2 - Cheesecake Bakeoff, Holiday Bazaar
- November 16 - Golden Triangle 4-H Volunteer Summit, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Shelby

## Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

Are you "Beyond Ready" for an exciting new 4-H year? As October 1st approaches, marking the beginning of our 4-H calendar, we can't help but feel a surge of enthusiasm for all the adventures, learning, and growth that lie ahead. This year's National 4-H week theme, "Beyond Ready," challenges us to push our boundaries, dream bigger, and prepare ourselves for whatever comes our way. Whether you're a veteran 4-H'er or just joining our family, let's gear up to go beyond expectations, beyond comfort zones, and beyond what we thought possible. Together, we'll make this year one that truly takes us "beyond ready" and into extraordinary!

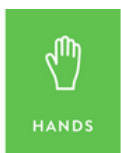
In 4-H friendship, Kari and Lisa

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To Make the Best Better

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## **Achievement Day, Sunday, September 29th, St. Paul Lutheran, 2 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Achievement Day - a time to celebrate the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our amazing 4-H members. We're inviting everyone, including grandparents, to join us for this special occasion. Come share in the pride and joy as we showcase accomplishments, present awards, and reflect on another successful year. Your presence makes this day meaningful, so let's come together to applaud our 4-H'ers and inspire them for future achievements. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a day filled with smiles, stories, and the spirit of 4-H! Awards from showcase interviews and completion certificates will be awarded.

### **Club responsibilities for refreshments:**

Each club please bring 1 gallon of vanilla ice cream and a 12 pack of root beer, in addition to:

Curry Comb - Spoons for 75

Clever Clovers- Straws for 75

Longview - Cups for 75

Open Range - Napkins for 75

### **Butter Braid Sales begin September 30**

Selling begins September 30. More info to come. Proceeds will benefit your individual club.

### **Elyse Bengtson - September 20 spotlight**

Tune into the Voices of Montana program September 20 to hear Elyse Bengtson, a Montana 4-H Spotlight! The program will air from 9 - 10 a.m.

### **Fall Leadership Training**

#### **Nov. 1-3, 2024 in Billings, Montana**

Fall Leadership Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources.

Youth 14 and up (as of October 1, 2024) are eligible. Participants must register in ZSuites (registration to come).

The weekend runs from Friday evening (5:30 p.m. start) to Sunday morning (10:30 a.m. close) with all meals and lodging included. This is a great opportunity to meet other 4-H teen leaders from across MT and grow as a leader.

### **Volunteer Sign-Up Begins October 1st!**

Attention 4-H supporters! Leader sign-ups begin October 1st, and we encourage you to sign up during that first week so paperwork can be processed quickly. New volunteers will need to complete a volunteer orientation. For more information or to sign up, contact Lisa at [lterry@montana.edu](mailto:lterry@montana.edu) or call 406-873-2239. Your leadership can make a difference in young lives.

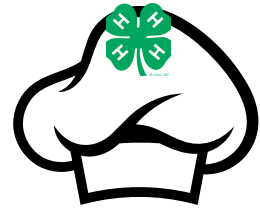


## Cloverbud News: New Leader and a New Location!

We're thrilled to welcome Allie Tuma as our new Cloverbud leader! Get ready for fun-filled **Monday afternoons (second Monday/month) from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM**. Our Cloverbuds can look forward to educational lessons, crafts, learning about 4-H and its projects, recreation time, and yummy snacks. Mark your calendars now for the first Cloverbud meeting of the year on Monday, October 14th, at 4:15 p.m. Location TBA.

We're also moving to a new location – stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Join us in welcoming Allie and kicking off a fantastic year of Cloverbud adventures. Don't miss out on the fun! If interested in joining or learning more about Cloverbuds, contact Lisa at 873-2239 or lterry@montana.edu.



## Calling All Young Chefs: Kid's Kitchen Launch!

Get ready to don your aprons and chef hats! We're excited to announce a new "Kid's Kitchen" series. Join us on the second Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cut Bank High School FACS classroom for culinary fun and learning!

Our first adventure will be a two day event and kicks off on **October 11th & 12th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day**. We're traveling back in time with "*Medieval Baking: The History of Pies*"! Discover the tasty secrets of the Middle Ages as we explore the origins of these delicious pastries that started as eating vessels.

You do not have to be in a cooking project to take the class. Invite your school friends to attend as well. This is an excellent opportunity to help us recruit new members to join the number one youth development program in the United States! This is also the perfect time of year to join!

Don't miss this chance to bake, learn, and have a blast! Space is limited, so mark your calendars now! The deadline to enroll in the class is Friday, October 4th but don't wait that long to register! Class cost is \$10.00 in exact cash or checks made payable to MSU Extension.

You may contact Lisa to sign up for the class by emailing her at lterry@montana.edu or call her at 406-873-2239. You may also register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dhab2hm> or scan this QR code.



**Example of  
Medieval Meat Pie  
we will create**



## Record Book Reminders

Before turning in record books to club leaders, members and parents should both complete the checklist on the 'Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book for the Marias Fair' to ensure that the criteria for a 'Gold Seal of Excellence' is met. The 4-H member and parent should walk through this checklist, and if anything is missing, make sure to correct it before turning the book into the club leader or Extension office. This checklist is also available <http://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>. If this criteria is met, the member will receive a Gold Seal of Excellence and be eligible to compete in the Roundtable for top awards.

**Resources** - <http://montana4h.org/resources/> has a guide that explains what should be recorded where (For the Record: A Guide for Completing 4-H Records), and fillable record book forms are also available.

## Record Books

- **September 20** - Final day to submit COMPLETED record book to receive completion recognition at Achievement Day
- September 29 - Awards will be given for the Showcase interviews at Achievement Day, year-end completion certificates, member and leader recognition, etc.
- **September 30** - Deadline for Completion - All record books must be completed (according to the 'Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book') and turned in by September 30. If completion criteria is not met by September 30, members are not eligible to enroll in a market animal project or request any scholarship money from the Glacier County 4-H Council next year.
- **National 4-H Week is October 6 - 12, the theme is Beyond Ready.**
  - Clubs are encouraged to create a window display that can be up through 4-H Week (and October, ideally) showing how 4-H is Beyond Ready.
  - Wednesday, October 9 - Wear your 4-H shirts to school
  - Clubs will receive a list of 4-H supporters to deliver goodies to during 4-H Week as a thank you for their support
  - Homecoming Parade - 4-H clubs are invited to participate in the Homecoming parade
  - Locker decorating - Ambassadors are planning to decorate middle school & high school 4-Her's lockers. If you'd like a picture of you with a 4-H project on your locker, please send to Destini Anderson by September 15 at [destinianderson15@icloud.com](mailto:destinianderson15@icloud.com).

## "Make a Difference Grants"

The Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the "Make A Difference Grant" opportunity. Beginning August 1st through October 1st local businesses and organizations can apply for up to \$2,000 to assist in projects for their entity. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to exterior paint, updated signs, curb appeal, broken windows, ADA compliance, etc. Please complete the application on the Chamber website before October 1st to be eligible. Reach out to [cutbankchamber@gmail.com](mailto:cutbankchamber@gmail.com) with questions.

This is a great opportunity for a club or teen leaders to fund an upcoming project. Need an idea? Visit with Kari or Lisa!



**Beyond Ready!**  
**National 4-H Week**  
**October 6-12**



# Community Service



The Cut Bank Farmers Market hosted their annual Farm to Table dinner and the Open Range 4-H club served the dinner. Destini, Addisyn, Elyse, Lexi, Sammie, Brody, and Mac spent the evening serving food, filling waters, and helping serve the dinner guests. Thanks for representing 4-H well!

4-H teamwork! Dallas and Colt helped set up at the Glacier Community Health Center 20th anniversary celebration with Morgan Wilder taking the clean up shift. Great job, crew!



4-H ambassadors, Elyse, Olivia, Destini, and Ashlyn met in August and after choosing their own personal values that represent them, our Glacier County 4-H ambassadors chose the values of Growth, Teamwork, Leadership, Fun, and Community for their ambassador team this year. They identified their gifts and that of their fellow team members and discussed how to help other 4-Hers find their gifts as well.

**Our ambassadors are planning activities for Achievement Day, 4-H Week, Project Day, and within their clubs to help share the fun and excitement of 4-H.**



# Shooting Sports Trainings

*Would you be interested in volunteering with archery, air rifle, air pistol, or shotgun? Trainings are coming up, please contact Kari for details. A certified leader is required to conduct practices and these are also an opportunity for youth leaders to become certified as well.*

To be a certified leader in the State of Montana, must:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be enrolled as a leader in their respective County. Passed a background check and successfully completed the Montana 4-H Volunteer Training Modules.
- All training attendees must complete the four National 4-H Shooting Sports modules on Z-Suites to be certified at the end of the practicum day. Please go to the 4-H Shooting Sports College at [4-hshootingsportscollege.com](http://4-hshootingsportscollege.com). The code for Z-Suites is NSS-MSU-FQ99W5JMD. Please see the attached instructions.
- Be trained and certified in any discipline(s) that they are teaching at the county level.
- Participants must attend the entire training and successfully complete all aspects to receive their respective discipline certification.
- Certification is good for seven (7) years. If the discipline is not taught in the first 2 years, the course must be retaken.

To be a youth leader, youth need to be 14 or older.

Local trainings include:

- **Conrad – September 20-21, 2024.** We will offer Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun
- **Kalispell – December 6-7, 2024.** We will offer Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Shotgun



Thanks to Will Suta, Ashlyn Brown, Ethan Brown, Corin Brown, Brody Stokes, Mac McCauley, Addisyn Bengtson, and Elyse Bengtson for their work August 17 getting 9,000+ pounds of 4-H pork, lamb, and goat meat unloaded and to buyer's vehicles all in less than 30 minutes! Thank you to Kim Woodring and Andrea Bengtson for managing the paperwork as well.

Meat was brought back from Vandevanter Meats/Glacier Processing Coop by Kingsbury Colony and then brought to Shelby by Jeremy Curry for buyers to pick up.

# Brittany Hotchkiss

## August Montana 4-H Volunteer Spotlight



Brittany Hotchkiss has demonstrated exceptional dedication and innovation as treasurer of the Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth over the past two years. Her contributions have significantly improved the booth's operations and financial management. Brittany helped implement the new Square digital system last year. She took on the responsibility of creating point-of-sale menu items and developing a coupon system for essential workers and good deeds. She streamlined shift changes and deposit procedures, managed all financial transactions, created invoices for vendors and sponsors, and handled all bill payments and reimbursements.

Before the fair, Brittany helped set up the system, and during the event, she provided crucial on-call support. Her commitment extended beyond the fair itself, as she spent hours afterward analyzing the POS system and creating customized reports for the food booth committee. Brittany's tireless efforts have enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the 4-H Food Booth, making her an invaluable asset to the organization. Brittany also did a tremendous amount of research related to ice cream freezers, milkshake machines, etc. to help the committee determine the most economical and effective option for the food booth long-term. She serves as the Ag Committee treasurer and is integral to the dog, cat, rabbit, and poultry shows. She is a consistent and reliable committee member who provides new ideas, helps get everything ready for shows, and also serves as barn superintendent during fair. Her passion for the small animal projects shines through. Her outstanding service and financial stewardship make her highly deserving of recognition for her contributions to the 4-H community.

*Do you know a deserving volunteer? Submit them for a Montana 4-H Volunteer spotlight!*

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The Golden Triangle 4-H Volunteer Summit will be Saturday, November 16 at the First Baptist Church in Shelby from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and childcare is pending.

Anyone involved in a 4-H volunteer or leadership role is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please 'Save the Date' and watch for upcoming registration information.

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## 2024 Golden Triangle 4-H Volunteer Summit

*Saturday, November 16, 2024*

**First Baptist  
Church**  
Shelby, MT

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Lunch Provided  
Childcare Pending

**Workshops &  
Networking**



For more information:  
Contact your location Extension Office or  
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# Awards Showcase

## INTERVIEWS



Members completed 55 interviews with five different judges throughout the evening. Great job, 4-Hers!



A big thank you to Coalter Littrell, Butch and Doreen Gillespie, Jo Dean Rooney, Lori McCauley and Kimberly Suta Woodring for their time with our 4-Hers doing awards showcase interviews to select year-end project winners. Thanks to the 4-H Council and clubs for organizing and providing dinner! Members who completed their record books by the early deadline were eligible to compete for year-end project awards.





# AFTER FAIR TRAIL RIDE

AT THE  
**SULLIVAN BRIDGE RECREATIONAL AREA**  
CHARLIE LINCOLN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

September 7th 2024  
Ready to Ride at 10 a.m

Text 406-868-9149  
RSVP/Questions

Everyone Welcome  
Bring own Sac Lunch



- To get there from Ethridge turn onto Ethridge N for 3.2 miles. Then turn left on Hjartarson Rd for 2.8 miles, follow McCormic Rd for 2.5 miles
- To get to there from I-15, take exit 358 and head east on Marias Valley Road North for 3.5 miles. Then turn west on Hjartarson Road and travel for 10.2 miles, then turn south for 2.5 miles.

**All are welcome for a  
fun ride together.**