



Hi everyone,

Spring is just around the corner and planning for summer events is in progress.

Upcoming Events:

- 4-H Congress : Montana 4-H is moving ahead with planning Congress for the MSU campus in July, with some modifications. More information will be coming.
- 4-H Camp: In order to provide a safer environment, the decision was made to split 4-H camp this year. Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Pondera, and Chouteau counties camp for 1.5-2 days, and Hill, Phillips, and Blaine counties camp for 1.5-2 days. Camp will be June 14 - 17, 2021. More information will be coming as soon as the schedule is set. Counselors will be there for all four days. Thank you to Jordan Leach, Ty Backen, Martin Fulbright for volunteering to serve as camp counselors this year.



Marias Fair Updates:

The 2021 Marias Fair starts on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

Lower Valley Processing, our processor for lambs, pigs, and goats, is overbooked, so will not be able to process animals this year. Vandevanter Meats in Columbia Falls has agreed to process those fair animals for us. They also process Teton and Cascade county 4-H animals, with great reviews. Members with spare animals should make arrangements to process spare animals soon, as processing schedules are tight.

The hog weigh-in deadline is April 11th. Remember the minimum weight to be able to sell at the Marias Fair is 220 pounds.

The lamb/goat weigh-in deadline is May 9th. Minimum weight for lambs is 100 pounds and 70 pounds for goats.

Fair Entry Registration: Since we no longer have an account with 4honline you will have to create a new FairEntry account. If you participated in the State 4-H Shoot you had to create a Fair Entry account. You will use that information for the Marias Fair registration as well. More information will be coming, so stay tuned.

Horse Committee:

Patterns have been chosen for the 2021 Marias Fair. Click on the link below to view.

[2021 Horse Patterns](#)

Marias Fair Shooting Sports Tournament

The Marias Fair Shoot will take place Tuesday, March 2nd at the regularly scheduled shooting sports practice at the Wilbur-Ellis hangar.

Covid-19 Update

Current Covid guidelines from MSU Extension include managing events or gatherings to accommodate CDC social distancing guidelines and follow local health directives regarding face masks. The Liberty County Board of Health is also recommending that we continue wearing face masks, practice social distancing and be diligent about hand washing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Hey folks! We will be working on the curtains for the Rabbit/Poultry barn in April. We would be happy to have all the help we can get to make these. You do not have to be in sewing or have a small animal to help. Please respond to the doodle poll by clicking on the link below and choose which day works best for you! Thanks!

https://doodle.com/poll/v6rxpmmq73fe2s3r?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP – CAT AND DOG

LeAnne Winkowitsch would like to host a workshop for cat and dog projects at the Exhibit Building in Shelby. She will be teaching 4-Hers to create a cat scratch post and a wall hanging sign for the dogs. She is looking to host the workshop towards the end of March or the beginning of April. LeAnne would like to get a headcount so she can have the supplies rounded up. Please contact Kim Woodring at 424-8350 or Kimberly.woodring1@montana.edu and let her know before **March 15th** if you would be interested in attending and we will contact you when we pick a date.



Liberty County 4-H cooking members try their hand at making biscuits with the assistance of leader, Betty Ann Wolery. The best part is sampling the results!

4-H COUNCIL RECEIVES GRANT

The Liberty County 4-H Council recently received word that they will be receiving \$400 in grant money from the local Golden Prairie Community Foundation to purchase 10 compasses. These compasses will be used by Jesse to teach interested youth about compass work and GPS's. More information about when this will be organized will be forthcoming as the weather warms up.

Club Meetings

Prairie Pals 4-H Meeting: Sun., Mar. 7 at Harmon's s at 4:00.

Tiber 4-H Club Meeting: Second Sunday of the month at Wicks Hangar at 2:00 Check out Facebook

Sweet Grass Clover 4-H Club Meeting:

- **Members** - Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the Liberty Co. Ext. Office.
- **Cloverbuds** - Third Tuesday of the month at the Liberty Co. Ext. Office, right after school.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office if you have any questions or suggestions that would benefit our 4-H program in Liberty County. Also, please send any articles and photos of what your members are doing throughout the year to liberty@montana.edu.

	March		April
21	Camp Counselor training at 2:00 via Zoom	5	Easter
31	Livestock Committee meeting	11	Hog weigh-in deadline
		11	Deadline to Submit info for Breeding Project
	May		
1	Drop/Add deadline for Projects		
9	Sheep and Goat weigh-in deadline		-