



Glacier County 4-H News

December 2019



Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

Congratulations to the Curry Comb and Longview 4-H clubs for their great job representing 4-H in the Cut Bank Parade of Lights! Both floats looked great, and we hope this was a fun project, great job!

Great job to Katelyn Suta on organizing the Cheesecake Bakeoff, and thanks to all those who helped bake a cheesecake or work a shift. This is a great fundraiser for the 4-H Council, and over \$900 was raised which will go towards member awards, thank you gifts for presenters, educational materials, member travel scholarships, etc.

Given our winter weather, we had a pretty decent turn out at the our 'What's Next?' session last week. The slides have from the presentation been emailed out to first year families, and please don't hesitate to ask any questions on the coming 4-H year, record books, etc.

Thank you to all those who helped support the chili and cinnamon roll benefit for Pam Murray. Whether it was baking cinnamon rolls, donating a raffle item, helping set up, or helping clear tables, your support was much appreciated! Just under \$6,000 was raised to help Pam with medical and travel expenses, thank you for 4-H for being a part of the bigger 4-H family!

At our November Council meetings, officers were elected with Hapi Seewald as President, Raylee Johnson as Vice-President, Vicki Bradley as Secretary, and Pam Murray as treasurer. Rachel Brown and Jo Dean Rooney volunteered to assist as needed, thank you, all! Hapi gave an update from the Food Booth committee that more aprons and bar rags are needed for the food booth, if a club is interested in donating please check with Hapi for details.

The Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants are again available, and now is a great time to be thinking about applying. Up to \$500 is available to a group for a project within the community, last year Clever Clovers received \$500 to plant flowers and make patio seat cushions for the Senior Center. A few ideas that could support the Marias Fair would be materials for curtains in the Rabbit/Poultry barn to cover up the tack, etc. that goes below the shelves, purchasing 10 foot panels for the hog show ring (easier to maneuver than the current 16 foot panels), etc. I would be happy to help a teen member write and submit a grant, or Camille Bradley would be a great resource as well.

Lastly, all of our Marias Fair committees have had their first meeting and many will be electing officers in January. Parents, leaders, and members are welcome to attend any of the committee meetings, watch the calendar for January meeting dates. The Ag Committee, which oversees the rabbit, poultry, cat, dog, and pocket pet shows along with the Horse Committee would especially like to have some additional members. Feel free to check out a meeting or two and see how you can serve!

We wish you a very blessed Christmas season, and happy new year!

Kari Lewis

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Club Meetings

Curry Comb— December 3 at 6:30p.m. at the Cut Bank Community Bible Church

Clever Clovers— December 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the nursing home (please bring white elephant gift)

Longview— December 8th, 6:30 p.m. at Glacier County Annex, bring a \$5 gift exchange item

Cloverbuds— Monday, December 16 at the Glacier County Public Library

Club Financial Reports

Club treasurers, please make sure to turn in your end of the year financial report to the Extension Office by December 16. We will be reviewing club financial information at the February Glacier County 4-H Council Meeting. You can find the form online at <http://montana4h.org/resources/index.html>.

3 Tips for Record Book Success

- Assemble your records in a 3 ring binder or in your record book, making sure to have a 'My 4-H Year form', a non-animal project journal for *each* non-animal project (example - Archery, Photography, Shotgun, Cooking, etc.) and an animal project journal for each animal project (example - Swine, Horse, Cat, Dog, etc.) Make sure check that you have project books for each project.
- Each project journal should be labeled with the current 4-H year, project name, and at least 3 goals written/project. Goals should be SMART - Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Based.
- Choose at least one time per month to work on record books. This may be on school holiday days, one evening per week (with no TV/social media from 7 - 8 p.m.), on days when parents sit down to pay bills, etc. With just 20 minutes a month, it's easy to stay organized for the 4-H year!

There is an example of a completed record book online at <http://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html>, check it out to see what a completed 'My 4-H Year' and project journals should look like.

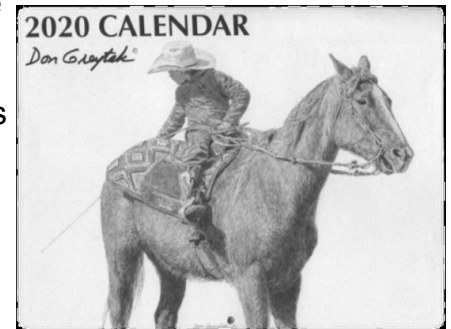
Soup & Bread

The Soup & Bread Luncheon is a county-wide community service project hosted by the Glacier County 4-H clubs with a freewill offering going to the Parkview Senior Center to provide meals for homebound Senior Citizens. Donations of soup and desserts will be needed with youth and parents to work shifts during the luncheon, help with set-up and cleanup. Grace Rooney will be working with the clubs to organize the event, watch for additional details at club meetings and the January newsletter, it will tentatively be January 19.



Greytak Calendars

These calendars feature pencil drawings of 4-H and rural Montana scenes by Don Greytak. They are available in the Extension Office for \$15 each and 1/3 of the proceeds go to the Glacier County 4-H Council. They make great gifts!



Cloverbud Thanksgiving Fun

The Cloverbuds enjoyed making pumpkin pie in a bag and Indian Corn for their November Meeting. Thank you to our club leader, Jodi Duncan, and her teen leaders/helpers, Grace Rooney and Camille Bradley! Cloverbuds is a non-competitive, educational club for 4-H'ers aged 5 - 7 years old.



Holiday Bazaar Cheesecake Booth



Thank you to Katelyn and Raylee Suta for coordinating the cheesecake booth fundraiser for the Glacier County 4-H Council! They made over \$900! Thank you to everyone who donated a cheesecake or worked a shift! The first place winner was Amber Cartwright with her raspberry cheesecake, second place was Sonja Ray,

Vicki Bradley, and Lisa Wyrick with their chocolate raspberry cheesecake, and third place was Samantha Langan with her s'mores cheesecake.



4-H Service Project Opportunity

Parents and junior leaders – looking for a project that will have a big impact? When Jordan Stoltz and Rebecca Ratzburg spearheaded the Marias Fairgrounds bathroom project for their junior leadership project, they were very successful in fundraising and there's money remaining that can be used to provide needed upgrades to the bathrooms across from the Seewald barn. We are looking for an individual or team willing to take the lead on this project to have improvements done by fair 2020. The fundraising is already done, but someone is needed to solicit bids and coordinate the work. If you are interested in learning more about how to be involved, please contact your local Extension Agent.

Steer Weigh-In

Saturday, December 7 - Rod Hibbs - 9 to 11 a.m. (93 Pendergrass Rd)

Members need to attend one weigh-in. If you have an emergency that day, please let Kari know at 406-209-2953.

Important reminders from the rules in the fair book:

- Minimum weight for 2020 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds, max payweight is 1,500 pounds, select steers accordingly.
- Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. If doing a pen of three, four market animals may be weighed in.
- Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April, 2020). So, if you are doing a breeding project, your animal does not need to be weighed in at steer weigh-in, but must have an appropriate tattoo by April.
- All steers must be dehorned prior to weigh-in, as horned steers are NOT allowed at fair. Also, make sure your steer has been fully castrated and is not a stag.
- All steers must have been born after January 1, 2019.
- 4-Her must be 10 as of Oct. 1 to show a market beef animal.

Information you need to bring to weigh-in:

- Steer's birth date
- Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed)
- Breeder's name and address



Butter Braid Fundraiser a Success!

Great job to Curry Comb, Clever Clovers, and Longview on a successful Butter Braid Fundraiser! Congratulations to Maddie Largo from the Curry Comb 4-H Club for selling the most Butter Braids!



Glacier County 4-H Project Day

Project day will be Monday, December 30 at Cut Bank Community Bible Church. Please see the flyer for details. If anyone is available to help, please let Kari know.

Livestock Quality Assurance

LQA will be offered at Project Day December 30.

****IMPORTANT**** This may be the last opportunity to attend LQA in Glacier County this year. Livestock Quality Assurance is required for all members who wish to participate in the livestock sale at the Marias Fair. **The following members need to take LQA this year: Colt Boyce, Corin Brown, Danny Rooney, Emily Roberts, Miles Geer, Riley Rooney, Sammie McCauley, and Regan Walter.**

4-H Rabbit Agility

Tabitha Vermulm would like to bring the wonderful world of rabbit agility to the Marias Fair! She will be organizing monthly practices for anyone in the four counties who is in the rabbit project. The first one will be December 30 from 9:30-11:30 at the exhibit building. The Ag Committee is looking at adding Rabbit Agility to the 2020 Marias Fair as an exhibition or contest.

2020 Montana Winter Fair

Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Fergus County Fairgrounds, Hwy 191 North, Lewistown, MT. Registration forms can be found online at Montana-WinterFair.com.



Registration must be received by January 10, 2020

Livestock Judging Entry Fees:

\$50 per team

\$15 per individual

Ag Ambassador Contest Topic:

"Economic Impact of Agriculture in Your Community"

1st Place- \$1,000 Scholarship

2nd Place- \$500 Scholarship

3rd Place- \$250 Scholarship

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Please visit <http://montana4h.org/programs/events/shooting-sports-event.html> for more information on upcoming 4-H Shooting Sports Tournaments throughout the state.

2020 Marias Fair Archery Tournament:

The Marias Fair Archery Tournament will be at the Shelby Middle School on Saturday, January 25, and Sunday, January 26. The registration deadline is January 7 and the cost is \$10 per discipline. Late registrations will be accepted for the invitational only and will cost \$25 per discipline. Registration will be online again this year and the information will be emailed out to Archery Members.

2020 Marias Fair Air Rifle Tournament:

The Marias Fair Air Rifle Tournament will be held on February 23rd at the Pondera County Shooting Sports Complex in Conrad. Registration is due by February 14 to the Liberty County Extension Office. The registration fee is \$10 per discipline. Late registrations will only be accepted until February 19 and will cost \$25 per discipline.

Other County Invitationals:

Helena, MT— 1/18/2020 Archery, 3D Archery, Rifle, Pistol will be offered. Please contact:

lc4hss@gmail.com

Great Falls, MT— 2/1/2020 Cascade County Archery Inv. Please contact: cascadecoshooting-sports@gmail.com

Montana People Partner Grants

Due February 1, 2020. Please visit <http://www.montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html> for more information. These grants from the Montana 4-H Foundation (up to \$500) can be used for any project in the community. The website lists previous grants recipients, which has included funding for making quilts for homeless teens, an community Easter Egg hunt, vinyl 4-H banners at the fairgrounds, building picnic tables, updating community road signs, fleece tie blankets for the nursing home, etc. Last year the Clever Clovers received \$500 for planting flowers at the Parkview Senior Center, if you have questions on the process please ask Camille Bradley.

November Happenings

Thank you to our 4-H'ers who worked a shift in the Holiday Bazaar Cheesecake Booth! Pictured Right: Lexi Stubbs; Top Right: Beretta Winkowitsch, Katelyn Suta, Addisyn Bengtson, and Elyse Bengtson; Bottom Left: Madalynn Largo; Bottom Middle: Janae Roberts.



Thanks to Coalter Littrell (pictured above) for sharing beef showmanship and training knowledge. Our beef members are ready to kick off the year, we have five first year steer members in Glacier County 4-H!



Our 4-H baking and cake decorating members have teamed up to bake and decorate cakes for the Glacier Care Center's November birthday party. Addisyn Bengtson (pictured Left) did a great job with this holiday masterpiece, honing her cake decorating skills!

If you would still like an opportunity to support our 4-H Council Treasurer, Pam Murray, while she undergoes cancer treatments, you may still purchase 4-H Strong Wristbands for \$5 or Raffle Tickets for a chance to win a wood pellet grill, 1/4 beef, large smoker/grill, Rhino Lining for pickup truck, 9mm Pistol or 17 HMR Rifle! Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Drawing is December 20! Stop by the office!

4-H Strong Wristband \$5 each





Calendar of Events

December

- 1 - Club Financial Reports due
- 3 - Rifle Practice begins
- 3 - Curry Comb Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- 7 - Steer weigh-in at Rod Hibbs - 9 to 11 a.m. (93 Pendergrass Rd)
- 8 - Longview Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Glacier County Annex
- 16 - Clever Clovers Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Nursing Home
- 16 - Club Financial Reports Due
- 25 - OFFICE CLOSED, CHRISTMAS**
- 30 - Project Day, Cut Bank Community Bible Church

January

- 1 - OFFICE CLOSED, NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- 13 - Small Animal Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Toole County Courthouse
- 18 - KMON MAGIE Livestock Judging Contest - Great Falls
- 18 - 26 - Montana Winter Fair, Lewistown
- 19 - Soup and Bread Luncheon, tentatively
- 22 - Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Marias River Electric - Shelby
- 25 & 26 - Marias Fair Archery Tournament



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