



Glacier County 4-H News

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Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

First off, great job to all three of our 4-H clubs for your great participation in the Parade of Lights! In 4-H, the critical components of a successful learning experience are a sense of belonging, independence, mastery, and generosity. Activities such as working together on a float is a great way to foster a sense of belonging within a club and create a place for members to work together for a common purpose. Congratulations to Curry Comb 4-H Club on their second place finish!

At the November Council meeting, officers were elected as follows: Hapi Seewald – President, Raylee Johnson – Vice President, Vicki Bradley – Secretary, and Pam Murray – Treasurer. Thank you to these ladies for their willingness to serve!

With the senior center closed to in person dining, the Soup and Bread Luncheon that 4-H typically hosts will likely not be happening this coming year. The Council is encouraging 4-H clubs to organize a community service activity within their club and the ambassadors will likely be working on a county wide project as well. When developing a community service project, clubs are encouraged to identify needs in the local community that members are passionate about and identify ways that members can meet that need. You might even consider applying for a People Partner grant to fund your service project, applications are due February 1.

This past month Greg Taylor Shelby passed away after a short battle with cancer. Greg was a tremendous 4-H supporter and made a phenomenal impact on our Marias Fair sale each year. Please be thinking of ideas for how local 4-H might honor Greg.

A big thank you to our small animal project leaders and teens for organizing a workshop for January. We'll also have a beef workshop and a book work session over Christmas break. There are some cooking/baking workshops in the plans along with a swine/lamb workshop for later this spring.

We need project leaders and parents to host workshops as well. This could be a county-wide workshop or 15 - 20 minute session at a club meeting. Topics can be project based or cover the Head, Heart, Hands, or Health of 4-H. I have numerous lessons, ideas, etc. I can share if you're not sure where to start. What could the impact be if just 10 parents/leaders each hosted just one project meeting this year?

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season!

In 4-H friendship,



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Cut Bank Parade of Lights

Last month Clever Clovers and Longview teamed up to create an Ag themed float for the Parade of Lights. Curry Comb won 2nd place with their Charlie Brown Christmas float. Great job representing 4-H. Thank you for bringing holiday cheer to the community!



Can you help?

Fred Greco's cancer has unfortunately returned. Fred has been a tremendous 4-H supporter and longtime Food Booth committee member. Donations can be made to Grecos' savings account at First Interstate Bank to help with expenses. If you'd like to physically help, you can chop, blanch, and freeze vegetables for a cancer fighting soup that Fred eats nearly daily. Each soup recipe takes 3 cups of carrots and 3 celery stalks. You can blanch and freeze these in freezer bags and drop off at the Extension Office for Grecos. Katelyn Suta will be organizing a group to do some chopping, please let her know if you'd like to help or donate vegetables, freezer bags, etc. Addisyn Bengtson will also be working on a teen leadership project to benefit the Greco family, stay tuned for details!



Fall Shooting Sports Practice and Registration Details

Rifle - Rifle practice will begin Tuesday, January 5 at the Cut Bank Elk's Lodge. Practice will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and run on Tuesday evenings during January and February.

Archery – There will be two separate practice sessions for Archery this year, a January session and a February session Members can select the Thursday or Sunday practice. Practices will be from 4 – 5:30 p.m. Coaches Don and Carolyn Popelka may choose to extend the practice time to 6 p.m., they'll evaluate this as practice gets going. These two separate sessions will allow for smaller groups/practice and allow for meeting 4-H guidelines for social distancing, etc.

When choosing a practice session, please remember to choose a session that will work for the entire season. You'll have the opportunity to put down your preference for time slots (those who completed their record books and the project last year have first preference at slots) but we will also keep families, cohort groups together as best as possible as well when scheduling. There's a possibility that members will use their scores from a practice session for the Marias Fair tournament, so members will be able to participate in the fair tournament regardless of whether they choose the January session or February session.

Parents, please ask Don and Carolyn how you can help with archery. They will be looking for additional folks who can help and your time and energy will help make the season successful. Help from a few parents and/or older members will be needed to move the air rifle and archery equipment from the former range to the Cut Bank Elk's Club. If you can help, please let Kari or Art Rooney (845-2405) know. A date will be coordinated later in the month. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we navigate the challenges of this year. A big thank you to Don, Carolyn, and Art for their willingness to coach shooting sports. If anyone is interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please let Kari know and we'll keep you posted of upcoming trainings.

IMPORTANT: Please review the Policy and Code of Conduct Agreement (located on the next page of this newsletter) and sign it online at <https://bit.ly/37oKV3H> and submit fees to the Glacier County Extension Office by December 15, 2020 to complete your shooting sports registration. Families must complete the Qualtrics survey for each kid enrolled in shooting sports.

Glacier County 4-H Shooting Sports Policy & Code of Conduct Agreement

Mission

Glacier County 4-H Shooting Sports program is designed to educate and enhance a young shooter's experience regarding the safe handling and operation of firearms and archery equipment, as well as provide a safe environment, equipment and coaching where both youth and adults can enjoy shooting sports.

Program Goals

- * To enhance development of life skills in youth and adults including: self-esteem, decision-making, communications, concern for community and inquiring minds.
 - * To teach safe technique and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.
 - * To develop responsibility, sportsmanship, ethical behavior, respect, and safety to the highest standards.
 - * To provide youth and adults with knowledge, skills and opportunities to participate in shooting sports.
 - * To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting, and related activities.
 - * To promote awareness of shooting sports as an athletic sport or hobby and provide positive competitive opportunities for those who desire to participate.
- If the Shooting Sports Leader is not available for a club meeting involving a live-fire activity, and if the assistant Leader has not completed a State Shooting Sports training, shooting instruction cannot be provided. The meeting or activity should be canceled or a program offered that does not involve live-fire.

Participants Requirements

The program is open to all regular 4-H members who are 9 years of age at the beginning of the Shooting Sports year and enrolled in the County 4-H program.

Code of Conduct

Member will obey all range commands, be expected to progress in their abilities, learn more about their equipment and sport. Members are expected to be in control of their equipment, attitudes and behavior. Members are expected to be at the shooting site ready to participate at the agreed times. Members will treat all equipment, facilities, adults and other members with respect. Members are reminded that this is a 4-H function and all 4-H general rules apply.

Leader Authority & Discipline

A 4-H Shooting Sports Leader has the right to refuse any participant from the shooting sport activity in the interest of safety for the participant and others in the class. Eligibility to use a firearm in the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program is subject to the approval of the 4-H Shooting Sports Leader. The approval is based on the member's ability to follow instructions, and consistently follow all firearms safety rules. A firearm is any device that emits a projectile. 4-H shooting sports participants will **NOT** engage in Horseplay at any time during meetings, practice or competitive matches. **One verbal warning will be given about Horseplay. The second time a 4-H member is talked to about Horseplay; the member will be dismissed from the Shooting Sports Program.** Original 11-2011 Shooting Sports Rules will be enforced by the Instructors and the County Agent. 4-H Council supports the decision of the Instructors and County Agent on matters regarding the Shooting Sports Program. Disciplinary decisions made by Shooting Sports Leaders and County Agent will be final. There is no appeal process.

Parents

Parents may be asked to provide assistance with scoring, recording scores and attendance or other duties as they arise. The shooting areas must be kept clean and neat. Observers are not allowed on the range. Observers will keep noise and distractions to a minimum. Cell phones will be either shut off or put on vibrate mode. Pets will not be allowed at shooting practice or events.

Safety

Everyone involved, including parents, youth, instructors, and range officers, will observe safety as a first priority when involved in the Glacier County 4-H shooting sports program. This means listening to the trained instructors, watching diligently for safety issues that may arise, and paying attention during all activities. A certified 4-H leader **must** be present at all 4-H shooting sports programs. On the shooting range, the Range Officer has final say on safety. Everyone involved in 4-H shooting sports should follow the RO's instructions immediately. There are certain risks involved in shooting sports. The duty of the RO is to minimize those risks. Eye protection is required for Air Rifle and Shotgun disciplines (optional for Archery), as well as ear protection for designated projects. Participants are responsible to dress appropriately. Weather in Montana can be sudden and unexpected, so make sure you come prepared. Generally, clothing will include long pants, sleeved (short or long) shirts and appropriate footwear. Clothing that may distract or cause safety concerns may cause a shooter to miss the event. Safety concerns are the decision of the RO. Due to the nature of the discipline, leaders will have to physically, although respectfully and appropriately, touch youth members for the purpose of getting them into proper position for shooting. If you object to this, please submit a letter to the Glacier County Extension office.

Fees

Fees are \$15/discipline and a \$15 range fee for archery and air rifle. Fees are capped at \$50/family. These funds pay for improvements, equipment, and costs associated with shooting.

Armguards

Will be supplied with club equipment. MSU policy requires armguards on all shooters.

Age classes:

9-10; 11-12; 13-14; 15 and up. - Youth will shoot as of October 1, 2019 age.

Additional Rules:

This is not intended to be an all inclusive culmination of the rules for the shooting sports events and program. Each event may have rules for equipment, contests, range layout, participant requirements, dates, times and places. Events may be regulated by local, state or federal law. Event Coordinators will be aware of such constraints on the program.

Covid-19 Montana 4-H Covid-19 guidelines will be in place. Shooting sports season will be flexible in regards to Covid-19 impacts and 4-H will do its best to make reasonable accommodations as needed.

Please sign online at <https://bit.ly/37oKV3H> and submit fees to the Glacier County Extension Office by December 15, 2020 to complete shooting sports registration.

4-H Reminders:

Enrollment Deadline - December 1 is the deadline to enroll and have your club pay for your member/leader dues.

Families not re-enrolled by December 1 will be removed from our mailing list and must pay their own member/leader dues.

Glacier County 4-H Council Financial Assistance - The Glacier County 4-H Council has funds available (maximum of \$25/ member) if families need financial assistance with project/book fees. If your family is in need, please contact Mandi at 406-873-2239 or at glacier@montana.edu for the form.

Fair designation - Livestock members may choose to market their livestock project at the Marias Fair OR the Charging Home Stampede in Browning. We will assume you plan to exhibit at the Marias Fair unless we hear differently by December 1, 2020.

December Club Meetings

- **Clever Clovers** - Friday, December 4 at 3 p.m. for sledding. Meeting will be held at the Littrell's shop at 5:30p.m.. Bring your white elephant gift and a snack to share.
- **Cloverbuds** - Monday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Glacier County Annex Conference Room. Kids can ride the bus to the Annex after school.
- **Curry Comb** - Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cut Bank Community Bible Church. Bring your gift to exchange, contact Jo Dean if you need to know who to buy a gift for (gifts must be less than \$15).
- **Longview** - Christmas party on Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the St Paul Lutheran Church.

4-H Book Work Session

4-Hers are welcome to come to the Extension Office conference room Tuesday, December 29 from anytime from 1:30 - 4 p.m. to work on their project books and record books. Ambassadors and Kari Lewis will be available to help members write goals, work on project books, etc. Please stop in whenever it works, bring your books, a snack and be ready to work!

Glacier County Food Drive a Success

Great job to Grace Rooney on organizing a local food drive in honor of Kyona Yeager, a Teton county 4-Her. The total weight collected and donated was 645lbs! The 4-H Council donated \$100.00 and Utterback Accounting donated \$50.00. Alberstons donated a \$200.00 gift card which Grace used to purchase numerous groceries as well! Also donated was a large bag of dog food and cat food which was then donated to Quailwings Shelter. Thank you to Leavitt Group for providing a drop off place. If you decorated a box, put a box in your Church, collected food items or passed the word on about the project--Thank you very much for all your time and effort. The food drive was a success!



4-H Teen Leadership Project

Hadley Barbie of the Clever Clovers 4-H club is willing to share the experiences of her teen leadership project. She showed her dog, Gus, at the Marias Fair for five years. But in the fall of 2019, lost him unexpectedly to stomach cancer. He was only 6 years old. She decided to pay tribute to Gus through 4-H and submitted a request to the 4-H Foundation's People Partner Grant. With the \$300 grant that she received, along with the community partnerships she formed, she was able to renovate the dog arena at the Marias Fair Grounds. She would like to share her experience, and encourage other 4-Hers to find projects in their communities, by offering a brief presentation for 4-Hers at club meetings or perhaps as a session on a project day. Please contact her at hilinehadley@hotmail.com or (406) 229-5505 to set up a time.

Goal Setting

Each 4-H year, members set goals for the 4-H year and each individual project. Goals are to be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time based. Goal setting and evaluation is one lifelong skill that helps 4-Hers be successful in future endeavors. Brody was very excited to get his 4-H year underway with goal setting and project work!



3 Tips for Record Book Success

1. 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. If using ZSuites for records books, you'll be able to print out the pages when completed.
2. 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.
3. 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 <https://glacier.msueextension.org/4H.html>, check it out to see what a completed 'My 4-H Year' and project journals should look like.

Livestock Quality Assurance

The following members need LQA in order to sell their market animal at the 2021 Marias Fair:

Alec Morrisett
Bauer Seewald
Brant Seewald
Brinli Murphy
Darci Littrell
Ethan Brown
John Neuhaus
Katelyn Suta
Kortney Hart
Tuff Gilham

Ashlyn Brown
Brandeon Molenda
Bridger Molenda
Brody Stokes
Destini Anderson
Grace Rooney
Josalyn Wilder
Kortlan Murphy
Morgan Wilder
Will Suta

There will be a beef focused livestock quality assurance training Monday, December 28 at 2 p.m. at Chris and Lacy Roberts' ranch (205 Nepstad Road, Kevin, MT). There will also be a swine and lamb focused training later this winter/spring.

Glacier County Ambassadors

Congratulations to Hadley Barbie, Addisyn Bengtson and Katelyn Suta who were selected through an interview process as Glacier County 4-H ambassadors! These three will represent 4-H well and we're excited for their willingness to serve, lead, and mentor other 4-Hers!

Beef Workshop

There will be a workshop Monday, December 28 at 2 p.m. at Chris and Lacy Roberts' barn that will cover replacement heifer and bull selection. Workshop is open to all and will count for Livestock Quality Assurance training. Head east on the Kevin Highway and turn left just west of mile marker 13 on Nepstad Road, follow it for 2 miles. Please RSVP to Kari and let her know if you need a ride.

Butter Braid Fundraiser a Success!

Clever Clovers – 176 Pastries Sold, top seller was Alec Morrisett with 76 Butter Braids sold.

Curry Comb – 132 pastries sold, top seller was Grace Rooney with 54 Butter Braids sold.

Longview – 263 pastries sold, top seller was Lexi Stubbs with 67 Butter Braids sold.

All 3 clubs raised a combined total of \$3,426! They will use the funds for community service projects and club activities. Great job!

Small Animal Barn

'Curtain Sewing Day'

Sewing Day will be held at the First Baptist Church Activity Center on Saturday, February 6th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.. We need all hands on deck! We will be sewing curtains to hang under the shelves in the chicken/rabbit barn for privacy storage during the fair. Please contact Kim Woodring at the Toole County Extension Office by emailing kimberly.woodring1@montana.edu or by calling her Office: 406-424-8350 or Cell: 406-229-1984.



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Parli Pro – Did You Know?

*Each month we'll try to highlight a tip for helping make club meetings successful.
This month focuses on referring to a committee.*

Did you know that in a meeting you can, 'Refer to a committee'? The purpose of referring something to a committee is for a small group (usually 2 to 5 individuals) to work out the details and then report back to the rest of the club.

Here's an example –

The Clover Crew 4-H club wants to do a club community service project this year. However, most discussions at the club meeting either end up with no ideas or LOTS of ideas that need more research and planning. Therefore, the community service project is referred to a committee. At the club meeting, Joe makes the following motion, "I move we refer the community service project planning to a committee." Alex then seconds the motion by saying, "I second that." The president then asks, "All those in favor, say Ay. All those opposed, say Nay." The club votes (passing the motion) and the president announces, "Motion passes," to refer the project to a committee. The president can then ask for volunteers to serve on the committee (the Vice-President should serve on all committees). The committee will then meet, brainstorm ideas, re-search the details, and then return to the next club meeting with a report and proposal. They may share their top two or three ideas and the details, then the club can choose which one to do. Referring to a committee allowed for the people most interested in the community service project to research the details and made the meeting more efficient.



November Cloverbud Meeting

Jodi Duncan and her helpers, Kortney Hart, Mikayla McIlvain, and Camille Bradley did a pumpkin craft with the Cloverbuds in November.

Beef Weigh Ins

Some of the beef members completed their initial weigh in for the Marias Fair. If you have not weighed in your steer, you have 2 more chances: Friday, December 4 at 2 p.m. at Berkram's or Saturday, December 5 at Hibbs from 9 – 10 a.m.



States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal Program



Steps to Participate:

- 1) **SIGN UP**—Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY> and fill in your information.
- 2) **MATCH**—We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).
- 3) **CONNECT**—Write at least twice per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least two messages per month).
- 4) **MAKE FRIENDS**—Share fun facts about your daily life and culture with your pen pal. Be sure to check out our recommended topics of the month as a starting point for your messages.
- 5) **SHARE**—At the end of the program we will be creating an online space for participants to share what they learned from their pen pal.

Program Timeline:

- Online Registration Opens: Nov. 16
- Recruiting and Selection of Pen Pal: Nov. 16 ~ Dec. 11
- Matching Information is Distributed Dec. 18 ~ Jan. 11
- Pen Pal Program Period: Jan. 18 ~ April 18, 2021

Requirements:

- Be between the ages of 9-18
- Currently reside in a States' 4-H member state (AK, AZ, CO, FL, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MD, MI, MO, MT, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, SD, TX, VA, WA, WI)
- Be a 4-H member or former States' 4-H Exchange participant
- Participants must provide TWO working email addresses. One can be a parent's email address
- States' 4-H strongly encourages participants to provide alternative methods of contact when registering (mailing address, phone number, App ID)
- U.S. participants will be asked to write first after being matched with their pen pal

AMBASSADOR TRAININGS

County Ambassadors 14+, 4-H Age
STARTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Ambassador Training Series

Ambassadors, please plan to participate in Session 3 of the training series, Guided Leadership, which will be Sunday December 6 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Be sure to register at http://montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/ambassador.html if you haven't done so yet.

Montana 4-H Leadership Academy Series in Glacier County

4-Hers ages 12 and up are invited to join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy! The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways. The first session will be December 13 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Glacier County Extension office. The session will be "Knowing Yourself & Setting Goals." We'll be joining other groups from around the state along with the Montana 4-H Ambassador officer team to work on skill building, planning and mentorship. More information is available at http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/academy.html.

Please RSVP to Kari Lewis (text 209-2953 or email kari.lewis@montana.edu) to attend.

North Central Montana Sheep Seminar

The North Central Montana Sheep Seminar will be held in Conrad at the Moose Lodge on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 Registration begins at 3 p.m. Dinner is \$8 a plate. RSVP is required for dinner plate count and COVID-19 guidelines. Please call the Pondera County Extension Office at (406) 271-4054 to RSVP or call Adriane Good at 406-271-4054.



Calendar of Events

December

- 4 - Steer Weigh-in at Berkram's - 2 p.m.
- 4 - Clever Clovers meeting at Littrell's shop - 3 p.m.
- 5 - Steer Weigh-in at Hibbs - 9 a.m.
- 6 - Ambassador training online - 4 p.m.
- 7 - Curry Comb meeting at CBCBC - 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Leadership Academy, Extension office - 2:30 p.m.
- 13 - Longview meeting at St. Paul Lutheran church - 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Cloverbuds meeting - Extension Office - 4 p.m.
- 15 - Shooting Sports registration deadline
- 25 - OFFICE CLOSED, CHRISTMAS
- 28 - Beef workshop at Roberts' - 205 Nepstad Road, Kevin - 2 p.m.
- 29 - Book work session - Extension Office - 2 p.m.

January

- 1 - OFFICE CLOSED, NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 3 - Archery practice begins for January session, Sunday group
- 5 - Rifle practice begins
- 7 - Archery practice begins for January sessions, Thursday group



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