

Upcoming Events

- December 2 - Steer weigh in at Berkram's, 9 a.m.
- December 4 - Steer weigh in at Hibbs, 9 - 11 a.m.
- December 6 - Curry Comb 4-H club meeting, Community Bible Church, 6:30 p.m.
- December 4 - Horse project meeting at Exhibit Building in Shelby, 1 p.m.
- December 11 - Sheep seminar at Conrad Moose Lodge, 12 p.m.
- December 12 - Clever Clovers 4-H club meeting at Annex, 4 p.m.
- December 13 - Cloverbuds meeting at Extension Office, 4 p.m.
- December 14 - Leadership Lunch, High School FCS room, 11 a.m. & 12 p.m.
- December 17 - Deadline for shooting sports enrollment and payment
- December 19 - Sewing project meeting at Kimberly Snyder's, 2 - 4 p.m.
- December 19 - Longview 4-H club meeting/Christmas party at Annex, 6:30 p.m.
- December 30 - Livestock Quality Assurance training (11 a.m.) and Project Day (12:30 p.m.), Community Bible Church, Cut Bank
- December 30 - Archery equipment set-up, 4 p.m. at Voting Center

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and took some time to count your blessings. I am grateful to be able to work with all of you and often think how 4-H has allowed me to meet so many awesome families that I may not have encountered otherwise.

As we move into December, please remember that 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.

At our November Council meeting, officers elected were Hapi Seewald - President, Raylee Johnson - Vice President, LeAnne Winkowitsch - Secretary, and Pam Murray - Treasurer. Ambassadors are Hadley Barbie, Addisyn Bengtson, Ashlyn Brown, and Katelyn Suta. Thanks to these volunteers for stepping into these service roles and we look forward to the year ahead!

Please read through the newsletter for upcoming events. I do need help with a December 30 project day. Please let me know if you are able to help by leading a workshop or lining up a presenter. I have numerous ideas, resources, etc. that can be shared as well for a workshop.

On a personal note, I will be out November 30 and December 1 with my husband as he has surgery. We're not entirely sure what the coming days will bring in terms of recovery, potential post-surgery treatment, etc. but please feel free to call/text/e-mail etc. if needed. Please reach out to your club leaders or myself if questions, etc.

In 4-H friendship, Kari Lewis



Motto -
To Make the Best Better



Cheesecake Bakeoff - Left, Josalyn Wilder recorded the November 10 'Extension Minute' radio report on KSEN/K96 radio to promote the Cheesecake Bakeoff at the Holiday Bazaar. There was \$380 made on the bakeoff for the Council which has been designated to the Senior Scholarship fund. Thank you to those who brought cheesecakes and worked a shift! Below are Josalyn, Mya, Addisyn, Elyse, and Madalyn.



Winners of the bakeoff were
1st - Mya Beausoleil,
2nd - Grace Rooney, and 3rd -
Heidi Morales. Great job, and
thanks for baking!

Shooting Sports Registration

Shooting sports registration is now open on ZSuites. Returning members who completed the previous 4-H year (turned in a completed recorded book) get first priority for practice times until December 1. On December 1, registration opens to all enrolled 4-H members. For Archery, there are 8 slots/practice for Sunday 3 - 4:30, 5 - 6:30 and Thursday 4 - 5:30 and 6 - 7:30 (members choose one practice time). Air Rifle and/or Air Pistol practices will be Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. All practices will be held at the Cut Bank Elks Lodge on Central Ave. It is critical to choose the practice time that will work for whole season. Please think ahead towards future sports practices, etc. if that will potentially conflict with the time you choose. Archery practices are capped at 8/session to allow for smaller groups and more one-on-one instruction from coaches.

Archery, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol practices will run in January and February, 2022. The Elks Lodge is unavailable until January and coaches opted to wait until there could be consistent practices in one location. To register, login to ZSuites and then register under Events. This process will include agreeing to the shooting sports policy as well.

Members must be enrolled in 4-H shooting sports project and have dues and fees paid to Glacier County 4-H, 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT 59427 by December 17 to participate.

Any beginning archery members or members needing bow adjustments should plan to come to the Voting Center on December 30 at 4 p.m. to get set up with equipment. This will allow members to begin shooting on the first practice and not spend time getting set up with equipment.

Please contact Kari Lewis, kari.lewis@montana.edu, with any registration questions.

Thank you to coaches:

Don and Carolyn Popelka - Archery, Art Rooney - Air Rifle, Frank Goings - Air Pistol



Clever Clovers honored past organizational leader, Hapi Seewald, for her many years of service at their November club meeting. Hapi has served as a leader for 15 years and has been the Clever Clovers club leader in addition to serving on the 4-H Council and Food Booth committee. Thanks for all you've done, Hapi!



The November Leadership Lunch was attended by four middle school and eight high school 4-H members. Members enjoyed lunch and then learned various icebreakers, games, and ways to divide up members that they can use for club meeting recreation or as a camp counselor. One method for 'find a partner' that they tried was handing out cards with various animals on them and making the animal noise to find your partner.

Conference Room

If using the conference room for meetings, etc., please be sure to also check the men's and women's bathrooms before leaving the building to make sure water is turned off, etc. Thank you!

Sewing Meeting - December 19

There will be a beginner's 4-H sewing and quilting project meeting Sunday, December 19, from 2 - 4 p.m. at sewing leader, Kimberly Snyder's home. Please let Kari know if you need directions. Teen members/leaders are invited to help as well. Members will be working on a Christmas project. Thanks to Kimberly and Kasey Connors for sharing your time and talents!

Cloverbuds - December 13

Cloverbuds will be Monday, December 13 at the Extension Office from 4 - 5 p.m. Cloverbuds can ride Bus 4 to the office, but need to send a note to the school and let your Cloverbud's teacher know. The meeting will include a snack, games, and activities. Older 4-Hers are needed to assist, if interested in helping for a meeting (or more), please let Kari know at kari.lewis@montana.edu.

Statewide Carcass Contest Results

Congratulations to the following members who raised livestock that placed statewide in the Swine of Excellence, Certified Lamb, or Steer of Merit contests:

- Swine of Excellence - Heavyweight: 66 - Grace Rooney, 98 - Alec Morrisett
- Swine of Excellence - Lightweight division: 71 - Bridger Molenda
- Certified Lamb - 19 - Emily Roberts
- Steer of Merit (ultrasound division) - 20 - Tegan Boyce, 33 - Brant Seewald



Northcentral Montana Sheep Seminar - December 11

Saturday, December 11 will be the Northcentral Montana Sheep seminar and Wool Pool meeting at the Moose Lodge in Conrad. The meeting will start at noon with registration and a potluck lunch and then there will an update on the MSU Sheep Ration Balancer Program, MSU Wool Lab, Market Update, an MSU Research Update and more. Please contact Kari for more information if needed.

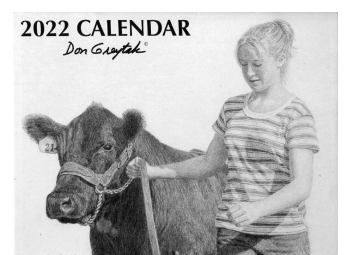
Fair designation - December 1 deadline

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, 2021.

Soup and Bread Luncheon

Ashlyn Brown has volunteered to lead the Soup and Bread service project this winter. Members will be needed to bring soups and desserts and serve at the luncheon, proceeds benefit the Parkview Senior Center to provide meals for shut-ins.

Greytak calendars are available for purchase for \$15 at the Extension Office, payable to Glacier County 4-H Council. These make great Christmas gifts and would be a fantastic way to follow-up with last year's livestock buyer with the 2022 Marias Fair marked (July 20 - 24). They come with an envelope for easy mailing!



Shooting Sports training

In order to lead a shooting sports discipline, instructors must attend a Montana 4-H shooting sports training. (Until certified, a volunteer can assist under the supervision of a certified shooting sports instructor). If you are interested in attending a training, please contact Kari. Additional archery and/or shotgun leaders would be great as our shooting sports numbers and interest continue to grow.

4-H shooting sports members, ages 14 years and older, can complete the training to be a junior shooting sports leader. This certifies them to be a range officer, coach, instructor, etc. and work with the leaders. Please let Kari know if you are interested.

Upcoming trainings are:

Kalispell - December 3 & 4 (Rifle, pistol, archery, shotgun, muzzle-loader, hunting)

Fairfield - January 7 & 8 (Rifle, pistol, archery)

Glaciereens Children's Store - Help Needed December 3 & 4

Help is needed for the annual Glaciereens Christmas Children's store. Help is needed at Anna Jeffries school on Friday, December 3rd, beginning at 2:30 p.m. to set up. Middle school or high school helpers are needed on Saturday, December 4 to help shop with the kids, wrap presents, etc. The store runs from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., but helpers are needed between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Helpers do need to wear masks. If you are able to help, please let Pam McLean know at 873-2693.

Record books

Paper record book paper forms are available from the Extension Office or website, <https://glacier.msuextension.org/4H.html> OR, you can use ZSuites for online recordkeeping. ZSuites will allow club leaders and the Extension Office to view a member's records, mark them complete or 'needs revision' along with provide comments. These records can also be printed out, if desired. Additional information is available at http://www.montana4h.org/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html.

Glacier County 4-H has the following items available for 4-H families to check-out for use for project or club meetings, practice at home, etc.

- Cooking/Baking - Blenders, food processors, measuring cups/spoons, cutting boards and knives, etc.
- Leathercraft - Kit with basic leathercraft tools, stamps, etc.
- Cake decorating - Kit with bags, tips, spatulas, etc.
- Beef, swine, plant kit - These kits have large laminated posters for numerous hands on activities.

Parade of Lights - December 3

The Cut Bank Parade of Lights will be Friday, December 3. Parade line up is at 6:15 pm at Glacier Motors with the parade down Main Street at 7 p.m. Immediately following the parade will be social hour for float voting and hot chocolate.

Livestock Judging Practice

You can practice livestock judging from the comfort of your home with a free classes at www.livestockjudging.com. The KMON MAGIE contest is coming up in January in Great Falls and this would be a great practice tool!

Livestock Quality Assurance training - December 30

For the Marias Fair, livestock members are required to complete Livestock Quality Assurance training every other year. The following members need to complete it this year for the 2022 Marias Fair.

There will be a training December 30 at Project Day.

- Addisyn & Elyse Bengtson
- Colt Boyce
- Dallas & Wyatt Berkram
- Jackie Waller
- Mac McCauley
- Miles Geer
- Peyton Volkman
- Will Suta
- Regan Walter



Horse Helmet training

Horse members need to watch the Horse Helmet safety training video once as a junior member (8 - 13 years old) and once as a senior member (14+). Please pick up the DVD at the Extension Office and return when complete. Members needing to complete the training include:

- Ashlyn Brown & Lexi Stubbs

Horse Workshop - December 4

December 4 at 1 p.m. there will be a Horse Clinic at the Exhibit Building in Shelby. This is open to anyone with an interest in horse, horse member or not. Potential topics include horse projects, horse show information (what to expect at fair), horse care and health, tack and tack care, and more. No horse is needed, just come have a fun afternoon learning about horses!

Project Day - December 30

There will be a project day Thursday, December 30 in Cut Bank at the Community Bible Church with Livestock Quality Assurance training beginning at 11 a.m. Older members, leaders, and parents are needed to lead additional workshops or recruit a presenter. Our most popular projects are: Market Swine, Market Beef, Beef Breeding, Teen Leadership, Dairy Goat, Baking, Poultry, and Small Animals (Poultry, Cat, Rabbit, Dog, etc.).

Workshops do not have to be project specific. Some additional ideas could be: Something outdoors related or hunting related, recreation related (dance workshop or games/icebreakers), service related (bake treats and make cards to send to military or local law enforcement/EMS, make holiday door decorations for nursing home residents, etc.) or health/safety related (social media safety, guest speaker from Fire/Police/EMS, first aid or fire safety training, etc.) Please let Kari know if you are able to help and if you need ideas, materials, etc. Thanks to Eric Morrisett, Raylee Johnson, and Katelyn Suta for volunteering so far! Confirmed workshops include Dairy Goat and Dairy Cattle evaluation. Project Day registration will be open on ZSuites hopefully later this week, pending volunteers.

Club Resource

Check these out for some games and activities for your club meetings:

https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/ClubMaterials/FJ825_Games__Activities.pdf

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/delaware/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/delaware/PreMeetingRecreationalActivityGuide1.pdf>

Steer Weigh-In - December 2 & 4

Steer weigh-in will be Saturday, December 4 - Rod Hibbs - 9 to 11 a.m. (93 Pendergrass Rd). Thursday, December 2 there will be a weigh-in at Berkram's, please let Kari know if you plan to attend. Members MUST be enrolled in 4-H and need to have their steers weighed 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 2022 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, 2022). 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, 2021.
- 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

Leadership Lunch - December 14

Middle school and high school members are invited to a free 'Leadership Lunch' on Tuesday, December 14 in Mrs. Brown's FCS room. Lunch will be provided and we'll do some hands on activities to grow your leadership skills. Please text or e-mail Kari if you plan to attend so she can plan for lunch.

Record Book Reminder - Goals

Members should have their goals recorded in their record books by the end of December.

Remember, a 'My 4-H Year' goal pertains to the ENTIRE 4-H year (example - Attend 4-H camp, attend 75% of club meetings, serve as a club officer, participate in two community service projects, etc.) while a project goal is SPECIFIC to that project (learn the parts of a pig by February 1, lead a halterbreaking workshop for beef members by March 1, learn how to make homemade pie crust, etc.)



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