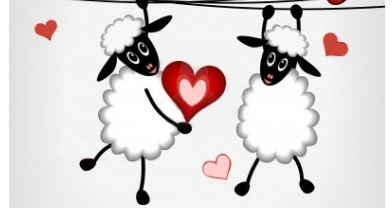




## Glacier County 4-H News

February 2021

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Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

Hopefully you've been taking advantage of this awesome weather to get some work in those 4-H projects.

Thanks to our small animal leaders and members for hosting a successful workshop this month and sharing their project knowledge. Leanne Winkowitsch is working on organizing additional workshops this spring, so please stay tuned and see how you can help (more details inside).

A few updates from the livestock committee meeting - after 17 years as treasurer, Ramona Kinyon has retired and Jacki Boyce has stepped up into the role. A big thank you to these ladies for their willingness to serve! Jeremy Curry remains as President, Jason Wanken is the new Vice-President, and Stefanie Leach remains Secretary. Thanks to Eric Morrisett for his willingness to join the committee as well, we're looking forward to having him on board as well! For those members with breeding projects, there will now be a feeder steer and whether lamb class for the steer calves and whether lambs to show in.

For those with market livestock, I would encourage you to get your processors lined up for processing those spare animals as processing is very tight. Swine weigh-in deadline will be April 11 and lamb weigh-in deadline will be May 9, so now is a good time to line up breeders, etc.

In terms of Covid, please continue to wash your hands, socially distance, and wear a mask. The 25-person limit on groups has been removed per the Governor's order but the remaining Covid-19 Montana 4-H guidelines for meeting are still in effect.

I'll close with another quote from the book *Past...Present...Possibilities...Exploring 100 years of Montana 4-H*, page 8:

"Wise leaders understand the meaning of 'teachable moments' and seize the opportunity to impress positive behaviors and attitudes on youth. In the 1960's a movement to place emphasis on personal development became equal to or more important than creating the winning project. "We are about blue ribbon kids, not blue ribbon projects." The notion that the project was the tool for helping a youth grow and develop became an accepted premise of 4-H."

4-H is a wonderful tool to create blue ribbon youth as we strive to make the best better!

Have a great February!

*Kari Lewis*

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## Shooting Sports

Due to the school asking extra-curricular activities be paused due to Covid, practices have been temporarily suspended.

Air Rifle practice will tentatively resume on Tuesday, February 9 at 6 p.m. and Archery tentatively resume practice on Thursday, February 11 at 4 p.m.

Tentatively, Archery Group 3 will begin practicing on Sunday, February 28 and Archery

Group 4 will begin practicing on Thursday, February 25. They will each have four weekly practice sessions.

Archers should come to the line with face masks on, and then remove as getting ready to shoot. When finished with their arrows, they should put their masks back on. Rifle members should wear face masks, but remove masks while shooting.



Thank you to Jed Winkowitsch, Ken Winkowitsch, Lexi Stubbs, Hadley Barbie, and Dayne Barbie for sharing their showmanship skills at the small animal workshop this past month.



## Parli Pro – Did You Know?

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

A motion opens an idea up for discussion and will eventually be voted on. When making a motion, one should say, "I move to..." or, "I move that..." A motion must be approved by a second person saying, "I second the motion." Discussion on the motion is then opened up to the group before voting on the motion.

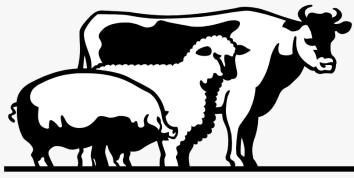
Discussion is an important part of the process before a motion is voted on. What if no one or only a few people will share ideas? The president can call on members for discussion, "Joe, what do you think of..." Members can be divided into small groups to discuss the idea for 3 to 5 minutes, and then report back. The chairman can also call on each person in the circle and the secretary or a couple assistants can jot ideas down on a board.

After there's been adequate discussion, action needs to occur (voting on the main motion). The discussion should help members decide if they want to vote to approve the motion.

For example, Joe may say, "I move we donate \$200 to the Cut Bank Animal Shelter." The motion is seconded and the chairman asks for discussion. Members may then comment on the motion in support of or against the motion. Following discussion, a vote is taken on the main motion.

## Montana Livestock Per Capita Reporting

All Montana livestock owners must report the number of each type of livestock they own on February 1 each year. According to Montana state law ([15-24-921, MCA](#)), livestock owners need to report “cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, honey bees, goats, horses, mules, asses, llamas, alpacas, domestic bison, ostriches, rheas, emus, and domestic ungulates.” Once reporting is complete, livestock owners pay a per capita fee which funds Department of Livestock programs for monitoring animal health, tracking livestock movement and important, preventing livestock theft, and managing predators. You can report online at <https://app.mt.gov/livestockreporting> or by filling out the form at <https://app.mt.gov/myrevenue/Endpoint/Form/151>. 4-H members are considered livestock owners, so will need to report. In the event that a 4-Her loses livestock to wildlife predation, they will only receive reimbursement from the Montana Livestock Loss Board if they previously paid their livestock per capita fees.



## Montana 4-H Legislative Breakfast

Montana 4-H members came together with Montana Legislators and special guests, via zoom to share the impacts 4-H has on communities. This is event sponsored by Montanans for 4-H. This video captures the value of 4-H delivered by three Montana youth. <https://youtu.be/DWGqVwWW7jQ>

This year Katelyn Suta and Mya Beausoleil participated in the breakfast, via Zoom. They were up early and logged on by 6:15 a.m. to represent Montana 4-H. They shared the following:



“The Legislative breakfast was an amazing experience that I'm lucky to have had. The legislators were all very kind, and shared experiences of their own! The three amazing youth speakers did a fantastic job of representing 4H and all of its members. I hope to go again next year.” -Mya Beausoleil

## GPS/GIS Webinar Series Beginning Feb. 9

Tracy Novak, STEM coordinator, will begin a virtual series of GPS/GIS workshops on February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The series will begin with an introduction to the Global Positioning System (GPS) and drone aerial mapping technologies and their many practical applications. Following workshops in the weeks to come will focus on GPS basics, geocaching, and aerial maps. All workshops will begin at 6:30 p.m. Links to virtual workshops will be made available soon. Below is the schedule for the workshops.:

- February 9—GPS Intro
- February 23—GPS Basics
- March 9 –Geocaching
- March 23—Aerial Photos, Maps, and Compass
- April 5—Google Earth
- April 20—Logging Points, Lines, and Polygons
- May 4—Intro to drones
- May 18—Drone FAA Flight Rules & Regulations
- June 1—Drone flight parameters and Mission Planning

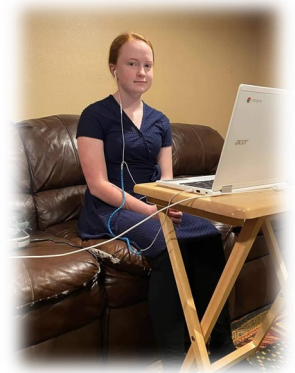


### Club Meetings



- Clever Clovers** - Feb. 22 @ 6:30 pm, 1st Presbyterian Church  
**Cloverbuds** - Monday, February 8 @ 4—5 p.m., Glacier County Annex Conference Room  
**Curry Comb** - Monday, February 8 @ 6:30 p.m., Cut Bank Community Bible Church  
**Longview** - February 14, time and location TBA

“For the situation that we are in, meeting in groups is next to impossible. As 4-Hers we learn to adapt, this year for the legislative breakfast we all met online. After a quick introduction we split off into groups and met with local legislators. We shared our 4-H experiences and how we've adapted, how much 4-H means to us, and has taught us. After we went back into the big group and heard some stories about how 4-H has impacted two of our local 4-H members. We then thanked our legislators and logged off.” -Katelyn Suta



**Cupcakes for Fred** - Addisyn Bengtson is looking for a few folks to help with delivering the 1,000+ plus cupcakes for 'Cupcakes for Fred' on Friday, February 12 from 3 - 5 p.m. Both drivers and kids who can deliver cupcakes are needed. Please let Addisyn know if you can help at 406-450-8723.

## Leadership Academy

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday, February 21 at the Glacier County Extension Office from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Members 12 and up are invited to participate. 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 topic will be Planning and Recruitment, please RSVP to Kari Lewis if you can attend.

## 2021 Marias Fair Rifle Tournament

The Marias Fair Air Rifle & Pistol tournament will be held in our home counties. Coaches will register 4-H members with the Pondera County Extension Office and set the date for shooting targets during practice. There is no fee to register for the tournament. Targets will be submitted for scoring with Marias Fair prizes given out.

## The Shelby Rifle/Pistol Club Youth Rifle Raffle

Below is a picture of the youth rifle. Please note: ONLY YOUTH 18 and under can be entered for the rifle. Tickets are \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100.

**To get your tickets**, please connect with Joe Hofer at: 406.450.2041 and mail your payment to Joe Hofer, PO Box 575, Shelby MT 59474.



## "Robin Hood"

Ken Winkowitsch got a Robin Hood at Archery practice. Don Popelka reported that even with the limited practice schedule, the kids are doing great! Ken shot his 2nd Arrow straight into his 1st one!



## Custer County 4H 2021 Montana Postal Shoot

The Custer County 4H Shooting Sports is excited to host its first annual postal shoot for 4H and Shooting Clubs in Montana!

Dates: February 1 – February 26, 2021

(All registration forms, payment, and targets to be scored, must all be postmarked by February 26, 2021 to be eligible.)

Cost: \$10 per shooter per event. Checks payable to Custer County 4H Shooting Sports.

Registration: Complete registration form attached. Shooters may enter as many events as desired. Mail completed registration and payment to address listed.

Rules: Shooters must adhere to the Montana State 4H shooting rules and times.

Scoring: One set of targets will be scored for each event. All targets must be mailed and postmarked by February 26, 2021. Targets will be scored using the Orion System. If you do not have Orion targets for use, targets can be mailed to you. Please contact Jessica Blankenship at 406-853-5985 to request Orion targets. Scored targets will be return mailed to you. Scores will be listed on-line in Orion scoring system under the "Custer County 4H Shooting Sports 2021 Postal Shoot" event. Mail targets to: Jessica Blankenship, 206 N. Earling, Miles City, MT 59301

Awards: Top three finishers in each event and age group. Awards will be mailed March 3, 2021.

Contact: Please contact Jessica Blankenship at 406-853-5985 for Orion targets or scoring questions.

## 2021 Marias Fair Archery Tournament

There will not be an in-person Marias Fair Archery tournament. Each county will host their own tournament. The good news is that there will be no entry fees. Glacier County Archers will do their Fair shoot at their regularly scheduled practices.

## 2021 Montana 4-H State Virtual Shooting Sports Invitational

Members who would like to participate in the State 4-H Invitational can do so by clicking on the following link: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14973>. You will need to create a new FairEntry account since we are no longer with 4honline. You will be able to use this account this summer if you participate in the Marias Fair so remember your login information. Please be sure to see the deadlines for registration. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE ALL PAYMENTS PROCESSED BY MARCH 1ST. The current rulebooks will be posted on the State 4-H Website at the following address: <http://montana4h.org/programs/events/shooting-sports-event.html>.

## **Opportunities & Resources**

[Glacier County 4-H Council Event Scholarship](#) - The Glacier County 4-H Council may contribute up to 50% of the cost of attending 4-H teen leadership trainings, workshops, and conferences. Funds can be paid directly to the event, or can be reimbursed to the 4-H Member. Fill out the form and return it to the Extension Office to request funds.

[Bret Wanken Memorial Fund](#) - This fund was established to help 4-H Youth from the five 4-H programs (Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, and Toole Counties and the Blackfeet Reservation) to attend 4-H teen leadership trainings. Funds may be paid directly to the event or can be reimbursed to the member. Please return the completed form to the Extension Office.

### **Need funding for your livestock project?**

The Farm Service Agency has youth livestock loans available, check with Lacy Roberts or Shandi Bradley for details at 406-873-5618.

## **Montana 4-H State Awards**

Application Deadline to apply for a state award is (postmarked) May 1. Please forward complete applications to Brett Schomer: 210 Taylor Hall PO Box 173580, Bozeman, MT 59717 or [bschomer@montana.edu](mailto:bschomer@montana.edu). The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a project area. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. State Award recipients are recognized during the Banquet at Montana 4-H Congress in July and are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November.

## **2021 U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) Starter Flock Program**

This program is to promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed, and to promote youth involvement and education within the breed. Any youth, age 9 to 17 as of January 1, 2021, whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep is eligible to apply. The winner will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in scrapie codon 171 genotype. A completed application in addition to the supporting materials must be submitted (postmarked or emailed) to the USTSA Secretary by April 1, 2021. Applications are now available to download at [www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org).



## **Multi-County 4-H Camp Counselors Needed**

The 2021 Multi-County 4-H Camp will be held on June 14 - 17, 2021 at Camp Kiwanis in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. We are planning for an in-person camp this year though there may be some changes in the camp program structure in order to meet COVID-19 restrictions. **The application deadline for camp counselors is February 15, 2021.**

### **Qualifications:**

- 9th thru 12th grade (15-18 years old).
- Enjoy working with children.
- Willing to participate in all counselor-training sessions **plus** fun-filled days at camp.
- Must be enrolled as a 4-H member and in good standing in your county.

### **Training Sessions:**

If you are selected to be a 4-H Camp Counselor, you must attend all camp planning sessions. We will most likely schedule one virtual planning session in March and one in April.

[https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6h69Lo8z8alrUH4](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6h69Lo8z8alrUH4)

## **Camp Interest Needed**

For the 2021 Multi-County Camp (4-H programs in Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Chouteau and Phillips counties) we are trying to estimate potential camper headcounts. 4-H youth currently in 8th grade or below would potentially be eligible. We may split campers by age groups or counties to allow for social distancing, so are wanting to estimate potential numbers. Camp would be June 14 - 17, 2021 but may have one group early in the week and one group later. Please respond by February 15, 2021 at [https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dnbAzzoLNNQuXBQ](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnbAzzoLNNQuXBQ).

## **Small Animal Barn 'Curtain Sewing Day'**

Sewing Day will be held at the First Baptist Church Activity Center at 751 N Marias Ave, Shelby 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](mailto:kimberly.woodring1@montana.edu) or by calling: Office: 406-424-8350 or Cell: 406-229-1984.

## **Small Animal Project Day**

There will be a small animal project day planned for March. Cat members will be making cat scratching posts, dog members will be making dog leash boards, and poultry/rabbit members will be making treats for their animals. In May, an outdoor showmanship workshop with animals will be planned. Help is needed from 4-Hers and parents/leaders to lead stations, coordinate, etc. Please contact Leanne Winkowitsch at 391-0154 to help.



# Calendar of Events

## February

- 2 - Horse Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Marias Fair Exhibit Building
- 6 - Curtain Sewing Day 751 N Marias Ave, Shelby on February 6th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 8 - Cloverbuds Meeting at Glacier County Annex from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 8 - Curry Comb Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- 9 - GPS/GIS workshops begin
- 15 - Camp Counselor Applications Due, Camp Interest Survey Due
- 15 - President's Day, Office Closed
- 21 - Leadership Academy at Extension Office, 2:30 p.m.
- 26 - Custer County Postal Shoot targets due

## May

- 1 - Drop/Add deadline
- 1 - Applications for State Awards



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