



# Glacier County 4-H News

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to 2021! While 2020 was certainly one like any we've had before, I still think it's important to pause and reflect for a bit. We saw 4-H leaders, parents, clubs, and members adapt to numerous challenges. We had folks willing to try out new technology, step out of their comfort zones to participate in activities virtually, etc. Personally, I have been so appreciative of the character of our 4-H families and your support this past year.

One advantage of the virtual activities is there are opportunities available that may not have been possible due to travel, etc. for many of our families previously. I would encourage our members to register for the Citizenship Seminar and Legislative Breakfast (details included here) as these are great opportunities.

Please let me know if you have questions, need help, etc. Happy New Year!

**Kari Lewis**

### Ambassador Spotlight

We'll be highlighting our Glacier County 4-H ambassadors in the coming newsletters. This month's feature is Hadley Barbie.



Hadley is a sophomore at Cut Bank High School and in addition to 4-H she enjoys camping, hiking, art, music, babysitting, and spending time with her family. She is an active member of HOSA, participates in student council, and is a Glacier County 4-H ambassador. She serves as secretary of the Clever Clovers 4-H club and is a junior leader for the dog project.

Hadley says, "I enjoy 4-H because of all the activities you get to do and be involved in and I also enjoy the people who are in 4-H." Her favorite parts of 4-H are showing her dog, making new friends, and 4-H camp.

She said the most valuable skills she's learned from 4-H is time management, organization, discipline, hard work and public speaking.

Hadley looks forward to helping other 4-Hers with their projects by encouraging them and giving them guidance and help. She encouraged younger members that, "If there's something that you think you can improve, improve it and make it better even if it's a big task or project you can do anything through 4-H and with the support of your community."

*Adults who allow children to learn how to do something well, whether it be show a chicken at the fair or lead a meeting, can foster children's self-confidence and feeling of self-worth based on true accomplishment. These caring adults provide two things: boundaries for a challenge (with a safety net) and corrective feedback that is positive, specific, and instructive.*

*"The most important things about 4-H have not changed - caring parents and leaders that provide an environment where youth can have the opportunity to be responsible, to learn about new projects by doing, to grow as a person as they learn life skills, make goals, achieve dreams and have FUN!"*

*- Savage/Stott Heritage Family in Yellowstone County*

*-Excerpt from '100 years of Montana 4-H' book*

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**Cooking and Baking members** - Members are invited to help chop and blanch vegetables on Sunday, January 3 at 2 p.m. in the Cut Bank High School FCS room. The vegetables will be going to Fred and Jamie Greco for a 'cancer fighting soup' that Fred eats almost daily. This is a great community service project as well. If you have any questions or would like to donate carrots or celery, please contact Katelyn Suta at (406) 845 - 6099.

**Sewing or Small Animal project members** - 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](mailto:kimberly.woodring1@montana.edu) or by calling her Office: 406-424-8350 or Cell: 406-229-1984

**Small Animal Workshop** - Glacier County leaders will be hosting a small animal project day January 18 at 2 p.m. in the old JC Penny building in Cut Bank. Members are invited to learn showmanship and about each animal with presenters:

Dayne Barbie – Cat  
Hadley Barbie – Dog  
Lexi Stubbs or Beretta Winkowitsch – Rabbit  
Jed Winkowitsch – Poultry  
Ken Winkowitsch – Pocket Pet

Please RSVP to the Glacier County Extension Office (873-2239 or [glacier@montana.edu](mailto:glacier@montana.edu)) by January 13. Session will be available via Zoom as well for anyone who isn't able to attend in person. Members do not need to bring their animals.



**Montana People Partner grants** - Members and clubs are encouraged to apply for Montana People Partner grants. Grants up to \$500 are available to help with service projects, etc. Applications are due February 1, details are available at <http://montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html>. Camille Bradley, Hadley Barbie, and the Curry Comb 4-H Comb have all been successful at spearheading People Partner projects, please contact them for more info. on the process. Kari is happy to help review applications, proofread, provide tips, etc. as well.

**Shooting Sports Thank You** - Shooting sports members and 4-H clubs, please send a thank you to Henry and Diana Alme, PO Box 293, Cut Bank, MT 59427 for their support of our 4-H shooting sports program. They recently gifted \$600 to Glacier County 4-H Shooting Sports which will be used to purchase supplies, provide leader training, etc.

**Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships** - Seniors and 4-H alumni enrolled in college are encouraged to apply for Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships. Applications are due April 1, 2021, and can be submitted via <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/montana4hfoundation>. Underclassmen, it's a good idea to look at the scholarships now to plan ahead for submitting applications as a senior.

**Materials to pick up** - The following families have books to pick up at the Extension Office:  
Molenda, Murphy, Wilder

**Club Challenge for the Grecos** - Longview 4-H club is donating \$200 to the Fred Greco family to assist with his medical and travel expenses as he undergoes cancer treatments. They are issuing a challenge to other 4-H clubs in all four Marias Fair counties to do the same. There is an account set up at First Interstate Bank, 24 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT 59427, where the money can be sent. The Greco family has always been such big supporters of 4-H, it is our turn to do the same in their time of need.

## Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

The Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will take place virtually using Zoom. Participants will interact with 4-H members from across the State as they study the many aspects of citizenship. 4-Hers will learn how to write a bill and will be part of a “mock” legislature, acting as 4-H “Senators.” Bills will be debated in committees and on the 4-H Senate Floor.



The Seminar will be a four week program, one evening a week. Sessions will be:

**January 19, January 26, February 2, and February 9 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Additional details on writing a bill are being e-mailed out with the newsletter.

Eligibility: 4-H members must be 13 years of age by October 1, 2020. Register by January 9 by logging into your Zsuite account and opening the event on the calendar. Additional registration information is included in the e-mail with the newsletter.

## Leadership Academy

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on **Sunday, January 17** 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 Citizenship - How can you share what is important to you with others? What do legislators and local policy makers need to know about 4-H? This will cover Zoom etiquette, conversation starters, who are your legislators, 4-H talking points, and talking about your 4-H experiences and is strongly encouraged for anyone wanting to participate in the Legislative Breakfast. Please RSVP to Kari Lewis at the office.

## Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and success of 4-H in the state. It brings together youth and adult constituents from across Montana to share stories of achievement drawn from their 4-H experiences. The breakfast also reinforces the vital role of the MSU Cooperative Extension Service budget, which supports 4-H in Montana communities. The breakfast is held during the years when the legislature is in session and is a great way to promote 4-H to the legislature as they determine how to spend tax dollars.

**Monday January 18, 2021, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM via Zoom**

Introduction and practice/training meeting. Strongly encouraged for anyone attending the morning breakfast meeting. The prep dinner provides opportunities for youth and adults to practice speaking and prepare for visits with legislators.

**Tuesday January 19, 2021, 6:15 AM – 7:30 AM via Zoom**

“Breakfast” with Legislators hosted by Montanans for 4-H.

Register by January 9 by logging into your Zsuite account and opening the event on the calendar. Additional registration information is included in the e-mail with the newsletter.

## Shooting Sports

We are fortunate to be able to do shooting sports in light of Covid-19. A big thank you to Don and Carolyn Popelka and Art Rooney for their willingness to continue! Parents, please be sure to ask coaches how you can assist as additional help is needed this year! Practices were designed to keep groups small and families/cohorts together, thank you for your understanding.

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. Scores from member’s practices will be used for the Marias Fair Archery tournament. There will not be an in person fair archery tournament. The Marias Fair rifle tournament has yet to be decided how it will be conducted.



VIRTUAL!

# Ag Ambassador Competition

2021 Topic:

Diversity  
in  
Montana  
Agriculture

**JANUARY 30TH**

**OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR HIGH  
& HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Tell the story of agriculture  
through:

**Newspaper**

**Radio**

**Social Media**

**Interview**

**Prepared Speech**

**1st Place -  
\$1000**

**2nd Place -  
\$500**

**3rd Place -  
\$250**

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Register by  
**Jan 15th**



Additional details and registration information is available at <https://bit.ly/2WVL2Pm>. This would be a great way to prepare for the county and fair communications contests as well, you'd already have your project done!

## Parli Pro – Did You Know?

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

Last month, we talked about referring an idea to a committee for a small group of members to research the idea and then report back. At the following meeting, the committee should give a committee report. The committee reports should be given after the secretary's minutes and treasurer's minutes are given, and before Old Business. This allows the committee to give their report and make a motion if they need to.

For example, the Clover Crew 4-H club referred the idea of a community service project to a committee to research. At this month's meeting, the committee reports back. They may give a report similar to this, "Our committee met to brainstorm community service project ideas and research several possibilities. The two we think would work best for our club are making tie blankets for those in the Care Center or organizing a community Easter egg hunt. The blankets would cost \$10 each to make and would help keep the senior citizens warm. For the Easter egg hunt we would need to get candy donated for plastic eggs, advertise, and then hide the eggs on the day of the event. We could apply for a People Partner grant to help with funds for either project."

The club can then ask the committee members various questions on their research, etc. and then a motion needs to be made for which project to do. Joe may say, "I move that we make tie blankets for the Care Center residents." The motion is then seconded and voted on.

## Club Meetings

**Clever Clovers** - January 11, 6:30 p.m., Glacier County Library

**Curry Comb** - January 4, 6:30 p.m., Community Bible Church

**Longview** - January 10, 6:30 p.m., High School FCS room

**Cloverbuds** - January 11, 3:45 - 5 p.m., Glacier County Annex



The Curry Comb 4-H Christmas party included Christmas trivia led by Sarah Thies. Photo by Jo Dean Rooney.



December included a 4-H beef workshop, record book work session, steer weigh-ins, Cloverbud Christmas activities, and club Christmas parties. A big thank you to Lacy Roberts for hosting the beef workshop and to Camille, Kortney, and Mikayla for helping with Cloverbuds!





# Calendar of Events



## January

5 - Rifle practice starts

7 - Archery practice starts for Group 2

10 - Archery practices starts for Group 1

17 - Leadership Academy

18 - Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

18 - Small animal workshop

19 - Citizenship Seminar

19 - Food Booth committee meeting, 7 p.m., Exhibit Building

26 - Citizenship Seminar

26 - Horse committee meeting, 7 p.m., Location TBD (call 271-4054 for location)

27 - Livestock committee meeting, 7 p.m., Shelby Ambulance barn

Ag Committee meeting - To Be Determined



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## 4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

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