

Upcoming Events

- October 1 - 4-H enrollment opens on ZSuites
- October 3 - 9 - National 4-H week
- October 3 - Clever Clovers 4-H club window decorating & meeting, 1 p.m., Billman's Home Decor and Extension Office with pizza
- October 4 - Curry Comb 4-H club meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church
- October 6 - Marias Fair Shooting Sports meeting, 6:30 p.m., Exhibit Building
- October 6 - Marias Fair Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shelby Ambulance Barn
- October 18 - Cloverbuds, 4 - 5 p.m., Glacier County Extension Office
- October 24 - Longview 4-H club meeting
- October 27 - Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Shelby Ambulance Barn
- October 27 - Butter Braid Fundraiser ends
- November 9 - Butter Braid delivery (tentatively)
- November 13 - Holiday Bazaar and Cheesecake Booth

Greetings, Glacier County 4-H!

It's time to kick off the new 4-H year! Enrollment is open on ZSuites (more info. in the newsletter on that) and I would encourage you to enroll earlier than later so that we can get project books ordered and put together for your family. Anyone not re-enrolled by December will be removed from the mailing list. Please consult the Clover magazine (available in our office or at <http://www.montana4h.org/projects/clover.html>) to see project requirements, book costs, and descriptions, etc. Remember, you can add or drop projects up until May 1. I would encourage each 4-Her to try one new project/year, or choose a project with fellow club members to work on together.

Parents, please consider enrolling as a project leader. Project leaders are needed to organize workshops and mentor 4-Hers in specific areas. Being enrolled as a leader provides supplemental insurance coverage should anything happen to you while volunteering, it certifies that you've been through a background check allowing you to work with youth, and provides you with training and tools to help as a leader.

Thanks to all who made it to Achievement Day and to Hadley and Addisyn for leading some fun games. I'm very appreciative of all who have made this last 4-H year a successful one!

Now is a great time within clubs to plan for the new year (use the Yearly Club plan) and brainstorm some ideas for things to learn, ways to serve, and how to grow as a club. I'm excited to share that Sahm Winkowitsch and Kate Morrisett have stepped up to lead Clever Clovers 4-H club. Thank you to Hapi Seewald for many years of service!

In 4-H friendship, Kari Lewis



Motto -
To Make the Best Better

Enrollment

October 1, 2021 will be the beginning date for families to start re-enrollment and new enrollments. In ZSuites your previous year's information will rollover. However, families will be marked "Inactive" and you will need to be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year. Your previous year's information will still be in the system, you will simply need to update personal information (if need be), sign the waivers, and add clubs. Re-Enrollment will need to be done for all returning volunteers, and youth. In order for their information to rollover you will need to use their existing login.

Clover magazines are available in the office, please stop by to pick one up. They list the projects available, age requirements, information on the projects, etc. and are a great resource prior to enrolling. Be sure to check your age level before re-enrolling to be sure you are enrolled in the appropriate level. If there's only a few activities left in your current project book, move up to the next level. Please see the PDFs attached to the newsletter with further enrollment information.

Project Age Requirements

Minimum required age by October 1, 2021 to enroll in each project:

- Cloverbuds - 5 years old, Regular 4-H - 8 years old
- Shooting Sports - 9 years old
- Market Beef & Beef Breeding - 10 years old
- Teen Leadership - 13 years old
- Ambassador - 14 years old
- Colt to Maturity - 11 years old and have completed Horsemanship Levels 1, 2, and 3

Welding - 12 years and older, or younger members may take the project under the guidance of a knowledgeable adult



Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds will begin Monday, October 18 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 Jodi Duncan know at 450-6389.

Conference Room

The conference room is again available at the Extension Office for meetings, etc. Please contact Kari to get on the calendar and about picking up a key. Please be sure to leave the room clean and tidy when leaving (chairs pushed in, garbage thrown away, etc.) The schedule is online at <https://glacier.msuextension.org/calendar.html>.

Social Media

As a reminder, 13 is the minimum age for most social media sites. Therefore, approximately half of our 4-Hers are not on social media (probably a good thing!) Social media can be a great place to post reminders, share pictures, etc. However, planning of club activities, making decisions, etc. needs to happen within the scope of a club meeting where **all youth members** can participate in the discussion and voting, and youth are growing and leading the decision making. It is only through the 'Learn by Doing' model, that our 4-Hers become equipped to lead discussions and meetings, etc. in other organizations and the workforce. As discussion items come up throughout the month, please be sure to send them to your club leaders and president to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

National 4-H Week - October 3 - 9, 2021 - Theme is 'Find Your Spark!'

To promote National 4-H Week, clubs are encouraged to do a window display around Cut Bank. Window displays will be judged with prizes awarded from the 4-H Council. The 1st place display receiving \$30 and the 2nd place display receiving \$20. Please wear your 4-H shirts or green on Wednesday, October 6. Please post pictures on social media with the following hashtags:

- Primary: #IamMontana4H or #FindYourSparkin4H
- Secondary: #National4HWeek
- Tertiary: #TrueLeaders, #4HGrown, #FOURWARD



Fall Leadership Training - October 22 - 24, 2021

The 2021 Fall Leadership Training will be all about building your 4-H NETwork! There will be activities that will help 4-H member and volunteers from across the state meet people and access resources that will help them reach their leadership goals.

Fall Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources. Fall Training takes place each year over MEA weekend, the third Thursday/Friday in October.

Registration cost is \$175, including lodging (2 to a room), meals Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and program costs. Participants must be 14 or older by October 1, and it's open to anyone youth interested in teen leadership or ambassadors. Event will be at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Registration will be through ZSuites and closes October 10. Scholarships are available.

4-H Leadership Academy

We are also planning to continue the Leadership Academy this winter/spring and have those dates and workshop topics set.

- January 9: How to make club meetings awesome!
- February 13: Ages and Stages for Mentoring youth
- March 13: Successful Service Learning
- April 10: Lead with Purpose

Butter Braids

Clubs will again be selling Butter Braids as a fundraiser for their club. Sales will begin October 1 and run until October 27. Delivery will tentatively be November 9. Clubs will receive \$6/pastry sold. Order forms are attached with the newsletter, or printed copies are available from the Extension Office. Members may also sell online, but must register to do so at <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/RegisterSeller/94f49abf-adec-41d5-a6b8-6ef755887358>.

- **Checks must be written directly to your 4-H Club.**
- **Payment must be collected at time of ordering.**
- **Club treasurers will be responsible to collect payments from club members, check order forms to make sure correct payments have been received, and deposit checks.**



Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar Cheesecake Booth

Mya Beausoleil and Josalyn Wilder are organizing the cheesecake booth for the 4-H Council.

Proceeds have been designated by the Council to go to the Council Senior Scholarship fund.

Please sign up for a shift at <https://bit.ly/3iochxs> or a cheesecake at <https://bit.ly/3oq34ls>. Shifts are Friday night for set-up (7 - 8 p.m.) or Saturday (9 - 11, 11 - 1, or 1 - 3 p.m.). Youth and adults are needed, thank you!

Glacier County 4-H Council

The 4-H Council provides financial support for project materials, project days, thank you gifts, etc., organizes events throughout the year, and creates and enforces county 4-H policy. Any enrolled leaders are encouraged to serve on the Council. Vicki Bradley has served for many years (thank you!) but will be retiring, so we will be looking for someone to serve on the Council. The next meeting will tentatively be November 8 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office, we invite you to join!

Interested in sewing?

4-Hers interested in sewing, we have a new sewing leader in progress! Kimberly Snyder is excited to lead regular sewing meetings, and will do so as soon as her enrollment process as a leader is complete. If you have interest in sewing project meetings and a preferred meeting day/time, please let Kari know.

4-H Club Officer Elections

Club officers are elected annually, with the number of officers determined by club. Officers should regularly attend meetings and take a leadership role for their club. Here are some basic responsibilities for club officers:

- President - Prepares the agenda with other officers and leader input, and presides at club meetings.
- Vice President - Assumes President's duties in their absence, and has responsibility to oversee committees within the club.
- Secretary - Keeps complete and accurate records/minutes of each club meetings, and writes all club correspondence (such as thank you notes, etc.) Keeps club attendance records, and submit meeting minutes to the Extension Office monthly.
- Treasurer - Handles all club money, keeps accurate and up-to- date financial records, picks up bank statements from Extension Offices, and advises club monthly of their current balance.
- Historian - Maintains and updates the club's history book to preserve information for future club members.
- Reporter - Writes news stories and/or takes pictures of club events for the 4-H newsletter and/or local newspaper.

Glacier County Celebrates National 4-H Week

4-H Clubs have each been given a list of organizations or individuals that provide support to 4-H throughout the year, and we encourage you to brainstorm ways to recognize those organizations during 4-H week. This may include a plate of cookies, thank you card, or something else meaningful from your club. If there are other organizations or individuals that your club would like to recognize during 4-H week, they are certainly encouraged to do so as well!

2021- 2022 4-H Fees

Once you enroll through ZSuites, we will create an invoice with project book fees and any member fees (clubs pay member and leader fees for those enrolled in their club). We will notify you when your project materials and invoice are ready.

Shooting Sports

We will tentatively be offering archery, air rifle, and pistol this fall/winter. We will have a planning meeting early October with coaches to set schedule and fees, etc. James Barbee would like to retire as shotgun leader to have more time for travel, etc. If anyone is willing to assist with shooting sports or become certified, please let Kari know.

Teen Leadership & Ambassador Training

The purpose of the ambassador program is to represent 4-H in a public relations role, promote 4-H with potential members, parents and the general public, help plan, implement and evaluate 4-H events. organize 4-H promotion activities, develop personal leadership skills and self-confidence, and encourage financial support for 4-H. An application form will be e-mailed out to members 14 and over.

County ambassadors can apply to be state ambassadors as well and participate in Congress pre-planning, etc. Ambassadors should plan to participate in the Leadership Academy program that will be going on this year virtually. Ambassadors must be 14 years of age by October 1 of current year. They must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years and must be enrolled in 4-H for the current year, must be or have been a Junior Leader or a Club Officer, must have an enthusiastic desire to serve and accept the responsibilities outlined in the Constitution and Handbook, and must submit to the selection process. Ideally, there would be an adult volunteer to oversee the county ambassador group. If this is something you would be interested in learning more about, please contact Kari.

Club Planning

October is a great time to plan your coming 4-H year and decide what activities you would like to focus on. Use the Yearly Club Plan at

http://montana4h.org/documents/resources/club/program_plan_fillable.pdf to outline your year.

- Community Service - Choose at least one project to do as a club, ask the office for ideas if needed. Yard work at the library or senior center, serving with senior citizens or cloverbuds, etc.
- Field Trips - Visit the local vet clinic, a Hutterite colony barn, hospital, fire department, Customs/Border Patrol, etc. Invite another club (or neighboring county) to join!
- Guest speakers - Invite guests to share about their career or a specific topic. EMS, Fire Department, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, a legislative official, Customs and Border Patrol, etc. are all great options.
- Demonstrations - Each member should do a demonstration or speech, plan if all demonstrations will be given on one day or if they will be given throughout the year.
- Recreation - Plan some time for fun such as carving or painting pumpkins, pizza and bowling, sledding and hot chocolate, a game night, etc.



Achievement Day - Glacier County 4-H members pictured at Achievement Day include:
Back Row – Ja-el McIlvain, Hadley Barbie, Addisyn Bengtson, Jackie Waller, Ashlyn Brown, Josalyn Wilder, Grace Rooney, Jacob Hjartarson, Brant Seewald, Brad Hjartarson, Bauer Seewald, Middle Row – Mikayla McIlvain, Emily Roberts, Janae Roberts, Alec Morrisett, Bodie Barbie, Jed Winkowitsch, Bridger Molenda, RJ Barbie, Brandeon Molenda, Ken Winkowitsch, Morgan Wilder, and Front Row – Sammie McCauley, Lexi Stubbs, Elyse Bengtson, Adeline McIlvain, Corin Brown, James McIlvain, and Ethan Brown.



LeAnne Winkowitsch was honored as the Volunteer of the Year, receiving a 4-H hoodie and cap. LeAnne is noted as being a leader who prefers to stay in the background but is consistently willing to step up and help however needed. When the Ag Committee was in need of members, LeAnne joined and has since become secretary. She also has organized multiple small animal workshops, coordinated the Log Swing raffle to benefit the 4-H Council this past year, and gives generously of her time and resources. She has a heart for kids and we appreciate all she does!

LeAnne said she volunteers as, "It brings the kids together to build their skills and have experiences that they can use in their lives. I love making a difference in a young one's life! I hope that's what I am doing through volunteering."

Grace Rooney received the Outstanding Member award and an embroidered vest. Her name is also on the plaque in the Extension Office of Outstanding Members, congratulations, Grace! Grace was recognized for her leadership within the club and county, service of organizing a food drive and other club projects, accomplishments in her projects, and participation in 4-H on the state level at 4-H Congress, congrats!

2021 Glacier County 4-H Awards

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- Alec Morrisett - Archery
- Brad Hjartarson - Archery
- Emily Roberts - Archery
- Jacob Hjartarson - Archery
- Jed Winkowitsch - Archery
- Katelyn Suta - Archery
- Ken Winkowitsch - Archery
- Janae Roberts - Babysitting
- Ashlyn Brown - Baking
- Lexi Stubbs - Baking
- Addisyn Bengtson - Beef Breeding
- Jackie Waller - Beef Breeding
- Addisyn Bengtson - Cake Decorating
- Corin Brown - Cat
- Emily Roberts - Cat
- Ethan Brown - Cat
- Beretta Winkowitsch - Dog
- Hadley Barbie - Dog
- Lexi Stubbs - Dog
- Ashlyn Brown - Goat
- Corin Brown - Goat
- Elyse Bengtson - Goat
- Ethan Brown - Goat
- Jed Winkowitsch - Goat
- Ken Winkowitsch - Goat
- Lexi Stubbs - Goat
- Grace Rooney - Horse
- Corin Brown - Leathercraft
- Addisyn Bengtson - Market Beef
- Elyse Bengtson - Market Beef
- Jackie Waller - Market Beef
- Emily Roberts - Market Sheep
- Grace Rooney - Market Sheep
- Sammie McCauley - Market Sheep
- Alec Morrisett - Market Swine
- Ashlyn Brown - Market Swine
- Ethan Brown - Market Swine
- Grace Rooney - Market Swine
- Janae Roberts - Market Swine
- Jed Winkowitsch - Market Swine
- Katelyn Suta - Market Swine
- Ken Winkowitsch - Market Swine
- Ken Winkowitsch - Pocket Pet

- Brad Hjartarson - Poultry
- Jacob Hjartarson - Poultry
- Lexi Stubbs - Poultry
- Ashlyn Brown - Quilting
- Beretta Winkowitsch - Rabbit
- Grace Rooney - Sheep Breeding
- Sammie McCauley - Sheep Breeding
- Alec Morrisett - Small Grains
- Addisyn Bengtson - Teen Leadership
- Hadley Barbie - Teen Leadership
- Katelyn Suta - Welding
- Beretta Winkowitsch - Woodworking
- Corin Brown - Woodworking
- Ethan Brown - Woodworking
- Jed Winkowitsch - Woodworking

4-H Service & Leadership recognition

- Hadley Barbie
- Addisyn Bengtson
- Wyatt Berkram
- Mikayla McIlvain
- Grace Rooney
- Lexi Stubbs
- Katelyn Suta

Member Recognition Awards

- Addisyn Bengtson - Silver Level
- Grace Rooney - Gold Level
- Lexi Stubbs - Emerald Level

Outstanding Member

- Grace Rooney

Volunteer of the Year

- LeAnne Winkowitsch



4-H Club Financial Review

4-H club accounts are due in the Extension Office on or before October 31. Please remember to include the following: • Check registers • Invoices • Receipts • Summaries of any fundraising activities

• Bank statements from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

This will review the account from the past year, and provide a fresh starting place for the coming treasurer. The year-end financial form at http://www.montana4h.org/resources/4-h_club_resources/club_yearend.html needs to be completed as well.

Leaders and parents - Check out the resources at <http://www.montana4h.org/resources/> regarding 4-H Week, record books, club resources, etc. The link http://www.montana4h.org/volunteer/volunteer_webinars.html has webinars on Managing Risk, Life Skills at the Livestock Sale, Planning the 4-H Year, Social Media and Safety, etc. Check them out!

Thank you - Thanks to Addisyn Bengtson and Hadley Barbie for leading games at Achievement Day and to Curry Comb, Clever Clovers, and Longview clubs for providing Tacos in a Bag and dessert! If you missed Achievement Day, please stop in the office for your certificates, etc.

Office Updates

Glacier County Extension Office will be closed October 5 & 6 and October 11 for conferences and Columbus Day. The office will now be closing at 4 p.m. on Fridays, please set up an appointment with Kari if you need anything after that time.

With the administrative assistant position in our office vacant, we have been thoughtful about how to best fill the vacancy to use the county's resources most efficiently and best serve the current needs of the community. The Glacier County commissioners and MSU Extension have approved hiring a Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H agent for Glacier County.

An FCS agent will be able to provide programming in a variety of areas that I am currently unable to meet, such as nutrition, financial education, healthy living, mental health, etc. This position will allow for sharing 4-H duties, which continue to expand with our ever-growing 4-H enrollment.

From a Marias Fair perspective, Toole County is not rehiring their FCS agent, so hopefully this will fit a need fair-wise as well. Between the two of us, we will share the administrative duties.

We are currently working on getting everything organized for the hiring process and then will advertise the position. If you know anyone with a background or interest in FCS, education, etc., please let them know.

There is currently a SNAP-Ed Extension Instructor for the Blackfeet Reservation open as well. Please see <https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/24633> for details and share that information with anyone who may be interested.

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