



Glacier County 4-H News

Greetings!

It's time to kick off a new 4-H year already! This year we'll be using ZSuites versus 4-HOnline, and I think you'll like it! Anytime there's change it takes a bit getting used to, but ZSuites has a ton of great features including a dashboard for announcements, the ability to share files (we'll have our newsletters up there), a calendar of 4-H events, event registration capability, etc. In addition, members can do their record books through ZSuites and then leaders and myself have the ability to check books and leave comments and mark if books are complete, need revision, etc. There is a chat feature through ZSuites with awesome customer service, so don't hesitate to use that as well.

Families are welcome to begin enrolling October 1 through ZSuites at www.4h.zsuite.org. There is the capability to accept online payments, however the ability add on project book fees is not yet a part of the program. However, we are going to try to do that on our end. We'll review your enrollment and then e-mail you when you can pay (either online or with cash/check).

As you sign up for the new 4-H year, I would encourage members to sign up for at least one new project. 4-H offers an incredible opportunity to learn about new topics and I hope members use it to broaden their horizons. A rancher needs to know range science, vet science, and weed identification in addition to how to feed a cow. College dorm living may not be all its cracked up to be, and kids need to learn how to cook as well. Leathercraft, quilting, woodworking, or canning just may become a lifelong hobby as well. Check out the Clover magazine (available at our office) for project descriptions and also a listing of what materials are needed and their costs.

On the shooting sports front, we're still pursuing options for a building to use for archery and air rifle practice. Once we have a location confirmed, we'll set fees and practice schedules. I do not anticipate fees being any greater than they have been in the past (\$15/discipline/member and \$15/member range fee).

We do have some good news in that Mandi is back to 30 hours/week, and hopefully will be full-time down the road as well. Our office is now open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with staff available through the noon hour. Our supply and travel budget remains very tight, but we're glad to at least have Mandi back with more hours. I am continuing to maintain afternoon office hours (1 - 5 p.m.) but am available in the mornings via e-mail or feel free to call/text as well.

Here's to a new 4-H year!

Kari Lewis



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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, 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.

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, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020.

This will review the account from the past year, and provide a fresh starting place for the coming treasurer.

Club Ideas

October is a great time to plan your coming 4-H year and decide what activities you would like to focus on.

Community Service - Choose at least one project to do as a club, ask the office for ideas if needed. You may want to 'adopt' a senior citizen for the year, share your projects, etc.

Field Trips - Visit the local vet clinic, a Hutterite colony barn, hospital, fire department, Customs/Border Patrol, etc.

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.



JOIN THE CLUB

4-H Club Meetings

Clever Clovers—Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the old Public Drug building. Bring window decorations and a dozen homemade cookies/bars.

Curry Comb— Window Display decorating: Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Leavitt Insurance, bring decorating supplies (4-H photos, ribbons, scissors, tape, etc.) Curry Comb club meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cut Bank Community Bible Church, bring 2 dozen cookies/bars.

Longview— Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Cloverbuds

Help is needed for Cloverbuds this year! Jodi Duncan has recently undergone hip surgery and we're looking for teens or adults to help with Cloverbuds this year! Please contact Kari if you're able to help. We'll be coordinating with families on a location and time for Cloverbuds once members are enrolled.

Butter Braids

Our Butter Braid fundraiser online store is now open! Please follow this link to set up your individual seller account: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/RegisterSeller/52b032f1-81a9-413b-af8f-19794a79c2fa>

- You will be asked to enter your name, club leader (click on Teacher/Coach), email address, and phone number.
- Next you will need to verify your email address.
- Once you verify your email address, you will receive another email from My Fundraising Place that contains the link to your online store. Please share your store link with family and friends.



IMPORTANT: Please only sell pastries to people you can deliver to in person, shipping directly to customers is not an option. Please also remember to have customers write checks directly to your club. We are still also accepting paper order forms that are due back to the office on November 2, 2020. But the benefits of using the online store instead are:

1. Easy to socially distance, considering COVID-19
2. Able to receive credit card payments
3. You will reach more people with social media
4. Ability to track your progress anytime you want



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!

4-H T-Shirt day

4-Hers are encouraged to wear their club t-shirts (or green!) to school on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

4-H Week Window Displays

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 will receive \$30 and the 2nd place display will receive \$20. Please contact the Extension Office by Thursday, October 8th with your display location so that it can be judged! The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Opportunity4All" which highlights how 4-H supports opportunities for all youth.

Volunteer Leader Certificate Seals

We would like to apologize to our volunteer leaders for not giving out the gold foil seals along with your certificates. If you would like to pick yours up at the office, we will have more in stock on October 12, 2020. Thank you for your understanding.



Reminder - Check your project level

As you re-enroll, be sure to check that you are enrolled in the appropriate level (example: Swine, Level 1 vs. Level 2 vs. Level 3.) Each level should take a maximum of three years.

Remember, you need to be able to complete 7 activities in the project book each year, so if there are less than 7 activities left in the project book, the member should move up to the next level. If you are unsure, please ask a leader or the Extension Office for help.

Project Age Requirements

You must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2020.

- 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

2020-21 4-H Enrollment

NEW in 2020! Montana 4-H is switching to Zsuite for enrollment. Zsuite also provides a record book platform where members can work on books via a mobile device, leaders can check books remotely, etc.

A re-enrolling family should follow the following steps to access their record and set up their Zsuite account on or after October 1. This can be done on a computer or mobile device.

- Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
- Click on Sign Up
- Fill in all of the fields to set up FAMILY account.
- Adult email should match the Family email loaded from 4Honline.
- Adult email and password will also be used for anyone in the family to login to ZSuite in the future.
- The Adult/Family email can be changed by the parent once the account is set up the first time.
- The pin is used by parents and is needed for enrollment of family members.
- Click "Let's Go!"
- Each family member previously enrolled in 4Honline should appear on the main screen in a colored box.
- there is also an option to add a new family member.
- Click on each family member to go to their dash-board and begin enrollment.
- If at any point a family has trouble they can click the "CHAT" box at the bottom of their screen and chat with a ZSuite support person.



2020-21 4-H Fees

Once you enroll through ZSuites, our office will add project book fees to your enrollment and then follow up regarding payment options (online payment through ZSuites or cash/check). The online payment is a new feature that we'll be working with so please be patient as we see what works. The state 4-H office and ZSuites are working on this feature in the coming weeks.

Does your school want a garden?



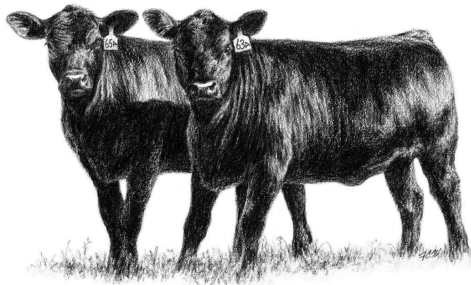
Annie's 2020 application period is officially open and accepting applications through November 2nd! Connecting kids to gardens helps them to start thinking more about their food, their communities, and the planet. Grant awards are for \$3,000. Please visit their website for

more information: <https://www.annies.com/grants-for-gardens/>

The following types of organizations are eligible to apply: Public Schools, Public Charter Schools, Private schools with 501c3 non-profit status, Private charter schools 501c3 non-profit status (US), 501c3 or charity non-profit organizations supporting a garden at a public or a non-profit private school, School districts supporting a garden at a public or a non-profit private school

Steer Selection

Getting ready to pick out your future champion? Here's what to look for when selecting a steer:



Muscle - look from behind for how wide a steer stands, and

look for width over the topline and through the hindquarter

Volume - look for depth and curvature of rib (space to put the feed so they can grow) and length of body

Balance - the front end of the steer should fit well with the back end, with a straight topline

Structural correctness - look for a steer who stands square (and wide) on all four legs, who when he walks his back feet fill the track of where his front feet just left

Style - a 'clean fronted,' attractive steer that naturally holds his head up will help catch the judge's eye

Disposition - A steer that is nervous, has a wild mother, or seems wild is not a good 4-H steer candidate.

Cheesecake Booth

The Glacier County 4-H Council has again committed to having the cheesecake booth at the Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cut Bank High School Gym. Save the date and spread the word! We will need donations of cheesecakes that will be judged and sold by the slice. Help will be needed at the Bazaar on Saturday for serving and selling cheesecake slices as well.



Kyona's Biggest Drive

Kyona Yeager is home recovering from COVID-19. Kyona is a Montana 4-H'er who has a passion for feeding Montana's families, especially those struggling due to the pandemic. Grace Rooney is coordinating donations for Kyona's Biggest Drive to support the Cut Bank Harvest Food Pantry. To donate in Kyona's name, please contact Grace Rooney at 406-845-2227.



NILE Livestock Judging Contest

This contest will be held virtually on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Registration is due by September 30, 2020. Register online at <https://www.judgingcard.com/>.

The entry fee is \$50 per team or \$20 per individual. Check or Credit Cards are accepted over the phone by calling 979-575-2686. Please visit <https://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/ffa4-h-contests> for more information.





2020 Achievement Day

2020 Outstanding Members

Coalter Littrell
Grace Rooney

Archery

Alec Morrisett
Jacob Hjartarson
Brad Hjartarson
Katelyn Suta
Ken Winkowitsch
Jed Winkowitsch
Janae Roberts

Electricity

Ethan Brown

Scrapbooking

Addisyn Bengtson

Cooking

Janae Roberts

Photography

Janae Roberts

Baking

Katelyn Suta
Ashlyn Brown

Quilting

Ashlyn Brown

Self-Determined

Hadley Barbie

Teen Leadership

Hadley Barbie

Dog

RJ Barbie

Lamb

Emily Roberts

Vet Science

Addisyn Bengtson

Market Beef

Addisyn Bengtson
Jackie Waller

Beef Breeding

Jackie Waller

Sheep Breeding

Grace Rooney

Cat

Bodie Barbie
Emily Roberts
Corin Brown

Colt to Maturity

Grace Rooney

Poultry

Jacob Hjartarson
Brad Hjartarson

Swine

Alec Morrisett
Elyse Bengtson
Jacob Hjartarson
Brad Hjartarson
Katelyn Suta
Janae Roberts
Grace Rooney
Jed Winkowitsch
Ken Winkowitsch
Darci Littrell

Silver Achievement Award

Grace Rooney

Community Service

Mya Beausoleil
Hadley Barbie
Madalyn Largo
Grace Rooney

Leadership

Coalter Littrell
Grace Rooney

Mikayla McIlvain

Daniel Rooney
Camille Bradley

Achievement

Grace Rooney
Wyatt Berkram

Goat

Ken Winkowitsch
Elyse Bengtson
Ashlyn Brown
Ethan Brown
Jed Winkowitsch

Volunteer of the Year

Rhonda Littrell



Teen Leadership & Ambassador Training

We have had interest from members to serve as county ambassadors. 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.



Calendar of Events



September


30 - Online Registration due for NILE Livestock Judging contest

October

- 1** - Beginning of new 4-H year and Butter Braid Fundraiser
- 4** - Clever Clovers Window Decorating, 1 P.M. @ Old Public Drug Building
- 4** - Curry Comb Window Decorating, 3:00 P.M. @ Leavitt Insurance
- 6** - Curry Comb Meeting, 6:30 P.M. @ Cut Bank Community Bible Church
- 8** - NILE Livestock Judging Online Contest
- 4 - 10** - National 4-H Week
- 8** - Window displays judged
- 11** - Longview Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.
- 12** - Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 30** - Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends

November

- 2** - Paper Butter Braid forms due to Extension Office
- 7** - Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar, 4-H Cheesecake Booth Fundraiser 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., @ Cut Bank High School Gym
- 10** - Butter Braid Delivery @ Courthouse Annex, 4:30 p.m.

 <p>MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION</p>	<p>Glacier County Extension Office Courthouse Annex 1210 E. Main Cut Bank, MT 59427</p>
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4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

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