

# GLACIER COUNTY

## 4-H NEWSLETTER



### DECEMBER 2022

#### Office Update:

We are looking forward to having Kari back in the office this month! Lisa admires Kari for having carried this load by herself all these years! I know you all appreciate her, too, and all that she has done for your 4-Hers throughout the years. Be sure and stop in to see her once she's back. We will let you know when that happens.



*Happy Holidays!*

#### Upcoming Events

**December 1st** - Shooting Sports, clean up and set up the range, get fitted for a bow, and have a short parent meeting at the **Masonic Lodge** beginning at 4 p.m.

**December 2nd** - Beef weigh-ins at Berkrams, 3:30 pm

**December 3rd** - Beef weigh-ins at Hibbs, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

**December 5th** - Curry comb meeting/Christmas dinner/ gift exchange, 6:30 pm, Glacier County Library

**December 11th** - Longview Club Christmas party, 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**December 11th** - Leadership Academy for club officers, 3:00 pm, Extension office

**December 12th** - Clever Clovers, white elephant exchange, bring finger foods

**December 12th** - Cloverbuds meeting at the Extension office, 4:00 pm

**December 29th** - Project Day, registration coming out soon & location TBA

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR CHEESECAKE CONTEST SUCCESS!

This year's cheesecake bake-off brought in 23 cheesecakes and \$1,311.00 in funds. Up to \$500.00 was matching funds from Keven & Vicki Bradley. Thank you for your generous support of Glacier County 4-H! Special thanks to Katelyn Suta and Raylee Johnson for organizing and directing the event.

Winners were:

1st Place - Raylee Johnson

2nd Place - Sahn Winkowitsch

3rd Place - Patty Dombovy



Thanks to all the 4-Hers who helped run the booth. Pictured are Elyse Bengtson, Will Suta, Maddie Largo and Katelyn Suta



Cheesecake booth organizer, Katelyn Suta, awards second place winner, Sahn Winkowitsch above and 3rd Place winner, Patty Dombovy, below



Judges Ian Karle, Kaye Lindberg and Steve Terry hard at work (humm, work?) tasting cheesecakes. Thank you judges!







**Beef weigh-ins will be as follows:  
December 2 at Berkrams, 3:30 p.m.  
December 3 at Hibbs, 9 to 11 a.m.**

**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, 2022.



**Soup and Bread Luncheon**

Ashlyn Brown has volunteered to lead the Soup and Bread service project again 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. More information coming later.

**Cloverbuds - December 12th**

Cloverbuds will be Monday, December 12th at the Extension Office from **4 - 5:15 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.



*Note the slight time change. They will increase the time by 15 minutes.*



**Teen Leader, Elyse Bengtson assists Cloverbuds with projects**

**PARADE OF LIGHTS - DECEMBER 3**

**LINEUP FOR THE PARADE BEGINS AT 6 P.M. SATURDAY, DEC. 3 AT GLACIER MOTORS ON THE WEST END OF MAIN STREET. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M. AND MOVE EAST TOWARD THE GLACIER COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

**CURRY COMB AND LONGVIEW WILL HAVE A FLOAT AND CLEVER CLOVERS WILL BE WALKING IN THE PARADE. DRESS WARM!**



# Club Officers Attend Leadership Academy



November 20th participants were, Ken & Jed Winkowitsch, Addysin Bengtson, Elyse Bengtson, Hadley Barbie, Morgan Wilder and Ashlyn Brown

## Leadership Academy: Online series For Club Officers & Ambassadors

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state and the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the state officer team will be present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

### Next meeting - December 11, 3:00 pm - What Makes a Leader?

Identifying one's strengths and weaknesses is the first step to becoming a strong leader. Discuss what traits make a "good" leader and how you can build important leadership skills. All club officers and county ambassadors are strongly encouraged to attend. Bring a snack to share.

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### 2023 Greytak Calendars

Greytak calendars are available for \$15, with proceeds benefiting the Glacier County 4-H Council. They will be available in the cheesecake booth at the holiday fair and in our office the following week. The Greytak calendars offer 13 pencil drawings of rural Montana life and make great Christmas gifts!

Montana State 4-H Volunteer Institute will be held at the Billings Double Tree Hotel on February 17 - 19, 2023.

This is a great opportunity for leaders to receive training and connect with other leaders throughout the state.

More information will be coming soon.  
Mark your calendars!



## Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar 2023

Sunday, January 15 - Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial (early afternoon to early afternoon)

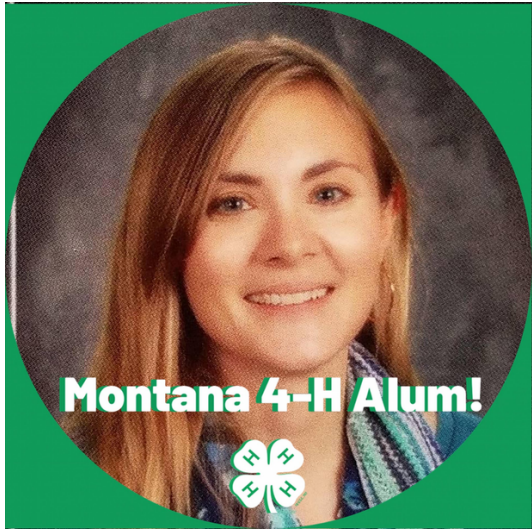
Open to youth ages 13-19 (13 as of October 1, 2022) and certified volunteer chaperones 21 years of age and older.

What is Montana Citizenship Seminar? Montana Citizenship Seminar is designed to inspire 4-H youth as they learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Youth delegates gain hands-on experience with the legislative process by participating in a mock legislature, create and debate bills, work with other youth from across the state, meet with elected officials, tour the capitol, and participate in a service-learning project. Citizenship Seminar is traditionally held in Helena in the years when the legislature is in session. Youth delegates share their 4-H experience with current legislature representatives during the Legislative Breakfast which is hosted on January 17 by Montanans for 4-H.



**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.

Legislative Breakfast will be held the morning of January 17th with a preparatory dinner on the evening of January 16th. Please contact our office for more details.



## **New Ambassador Leader, Rachel Brown**

4-H mom and alumni, Rachel Brown will take over the leadership of the Glacier County Ambassador Program. Ambassador meetings will be held in the FACS room of Cut Bank High School. Times and dates will be announced at a later date.

We want to thank Rachel for her dedication to the Glacier County 4-H and welcome her to this leadership position!

## **Glaciereens Children's Store - Help Needed December 2nd & 3rd**

Help is needed for the annual Glaciereens Christmas Children's store. Help is needed at Anna Jeffries school on Friday, December 2nd, beginning at 2:30 p.m. to set up. Middle school or high school helpers are needed on Saturday, December 3rd 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. 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 MSU Glacier County 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', and 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](http://www.montana4h.org/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html).





# Project Day Set for December 29th

We are planning a 4-H project day for Thursday, December 29 in Cut Bank over Christmas break. Thanks to Sarah Thies, Addisyn Bengtson, Hadley Barbie, Jed Winkowitsch, and Ashlyn Brown for already volunteering to lead workshops. So far, we'll have workshops on livestock judging, roping, cattle related, sheep related, and foods/cooking related. However, we'd like to get another 3 to 4 workshops committed to give us a full afternoon of options.

If there is one of those that you would be willing to take the lead on, that would be great. We do have the beef and pig kits available, and Lisa and I can likely help with ideas for specific workshops as well. If you know someone who might be a good guest speaker, that would be perfect too. Certainly, some of these can be combined to cover multiple project areas.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you might be able to lead a workshop or line up a speaker. We hope to have a fun and educational day for our 4-Hers and appreciate your help to make it happen! **Registration will be coming out next week!**

## Will Suta Demonstrates Artisan Food Skills

Will Suta of Longview Club created a beautiful Charcuterie Board for MSU Extension's Director's tour. Not only was it beautiful, but it was also delicious! Will takes cooking/baking as one of his many projects. If you would like to add a food project, please do so as soon as possible. Lisa will host workshops that will increase your cooking skills and be a nice addition to your record books! Thanks, and nice job, Will!

***If you are interested in culinary competitive events, let Lisa know. She is planning some team events in the future and needs from 4 to 8 interested parties.***



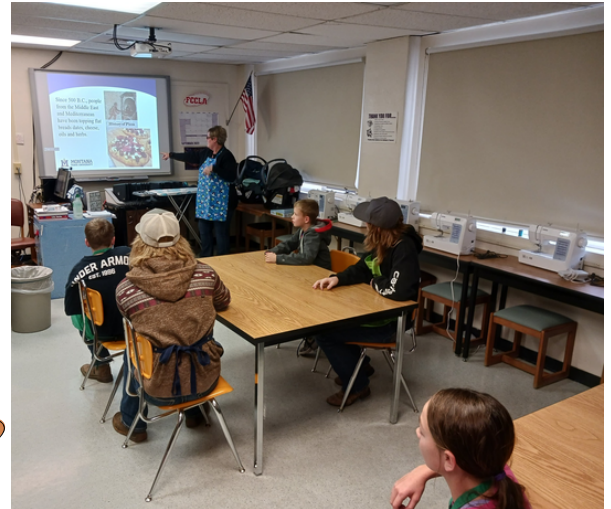
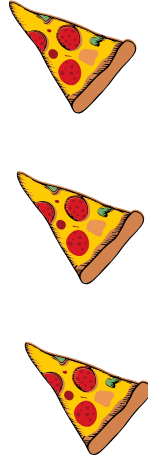
The director's tour included, Cody Stone, Director of Extension, Carrie Ashe, Associate Director, John Hawley, Director of Communication and Tracy Mosley, Central Region Department Head.





# Pizza Workshop Teaches History of Pizza

Participants of the 4-H pizza-making workshop enjoyed learning the history of pizza, how to correctly hold a chef's knife, how to correctly cut onions and bell peppers, how to make homemade pizza sauce, how to measure correctly and how to create pizza dough from scratch. Each 4-Her made their own pizza to take home.

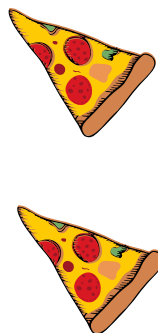


**Sammie McCauley, Lexi Stubb and Maddie Largo create homemade pizza sauce**

**4-H participants learn origins of pizza**



**Sammie McCauley, Eric Morrisett and Will Suta ready their pans for pizza toppings**



**Ashlyn Brown & Katelyn Suta prepare toppings**

**Eric Morrisett, Katelyn Suta, Jed & Ken**

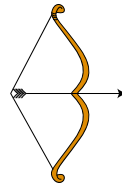
**Winkowitsch and Sammie McCauley use correct measuring techniques**



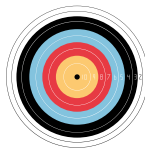
# Shooting Sports - Archery Off to Great Start!

The first meeting of the season was highly successful and exciting! 4-H members cleaned and set up the archery range in the new location at the Masonic Lodge in Cut Bank. The first meeting included a lesson from Lisa on 15 reasons to teach kids archery, a message for parents from Don Popelka, and a lesson on archery equipment from Don.

Thank you to Don and Carolyn Popelka and Brad Hjartarson for their leadership and hard work. We have a great group of 4-Hers ready to hit the target in 4-H!



## Don Popelka instructs on safety and archery equipment



### 15 Reasons to Teach Kids Archery

Archery is open to anyone, helps physical development, teaches a growth mindset, improves mental toughness, boosts self-confidence, gives a sense of accomplishment, teaches goal setting, is a social sport, teaches teamwork and sportsmanship, is relatively inexpensive, can be practiced all year long, teaches kids the importance of safety, is fun, is cool, and teaches valuable skills!

# 4-H Shooting Sports Trainings

Kalispell: December 2-3, 2022

Havre: December 9-10, 2022

Belgrade: December 16-17, 2022

Circle: December 16-17, 2022

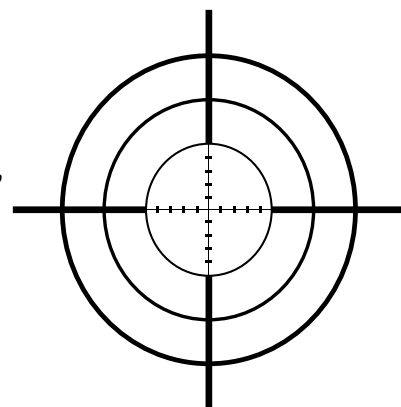
Billings: April 2023

Manhattan Wildlife Association: Location TBD/May 2023

More information can be found at: [Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Page](#),

Montana 4-H State Shoot: March 3-5, 2023

National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships: June 25-30, 2023



## International Hosting & Exchange Opportunities for 2023-2024

Delegates live with host families and experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture.

Costa Rica: June 21-July 20, 2023

South Korea: July 17-August 15, 2023

Japan 4 week: July 12-August 10, 2023

Japan 8 week: June 14-August 10, 2023



For more information regarding these programs and for application access, please contact Christine Sommers-Austin at [c.sommersaustin@montana.edu](mailto:c.sommersaustin@montana.edu) or (406)994-3504. Montana's application deadline for 2023 summer outbound exchanges is December 31, 2022.

## Montana 4-H REC Lab - Save the Date

March 17-19, 2023 and will be held in Culbertson, MT hosted by District 4 counties. The theme is 4-H Rendezvous!

Visit the [Montana 4-H REC Lab Page](#) for the latest information.

[http://montana4h.org/programs/events/rec\\_lab/index.html](http://montana4h.org/programs/events/rec_lab/index.html)



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