



# LIBERTY COUNTY 4-H

## Newsletter

November 2020

We were recently informed that the Extension office staff will be working remotely. Until further notice please contact Jesse at 399-2092 or Julie at 899-9511 or via email. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### 2020-2021 4-H Member Enrollment

About half of last year's members have enrolled so far this year so. If you haven't signed up yet please get signed up soon.

4-H enrollment this year is with Zsuite ([4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org)). You will need to sign up using the same email and password you used with 4honline. If you are unsure of which address you used, please call the Extension office.

More information on how to enroll can be found by clicking on the link below.

<http://montana4h.org/resources/4henrollment/index.html>

Zsuite is accessible from any device that has internet access. If you are not able to pull up the website from your phone, try clearing cache and deleting history from google or safari.

Be sure to check out the record book feature.

I'm hoping to send a project book order in by mid November so please let me know if you need a project book for this year. The Liberty County 4-H Council and your club share the cost of required manuals, fifty/fifty. Any supplemental resource books can be ordered at the member's expense.

Shooting Sports is coming soon! If you signed up for shooting sports this year check your e-mail for information about the new season. Wilbur-Ellis is generously allowing the use of their building for shooting sports again this year.



Tiber 4-H members got together at the Extension office to stuff goody bags. They will be passing them out at the "Trunk or Treat" event downtown on Halloween.

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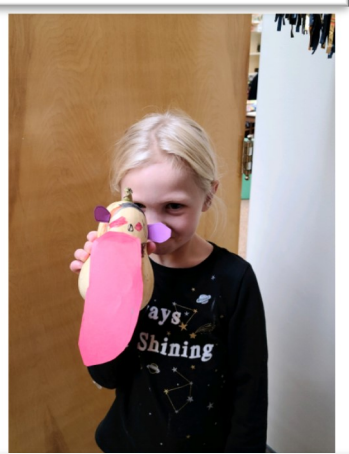
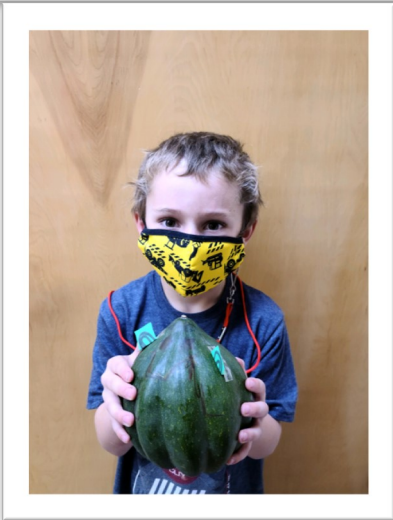
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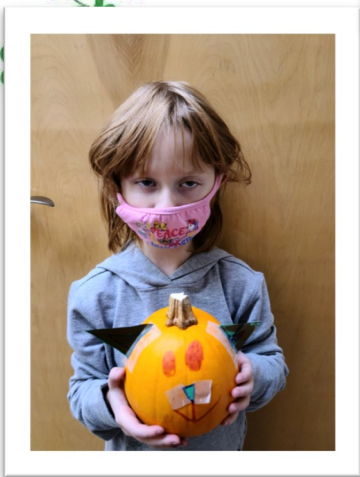
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The Cloverbuds had their first meeting this year. Leader's Carol Fulbright and Abby Hall taught them about fruits and vegetables.

They had fun making edible apple smiles from apple slices, peanut butter and marshmallows and also made animals out of squash.



### **4-H Club Financials Records Due**

All Clubs must turn in their Treasurer's records to the Extension office by November 13. Organizational Leader's also need to review before turning in. The review is for the 4-H year from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. You can fill out the Year End Financial Summary Report online. You can either print off or save and email to me to print off.

[http://montana4h.org/documents/resources/club/YearEndFinancialSummary4H\\_Accessible\\_12-2019\\_Fill.pdf](http://montana4h.org/documents/resources/club/YearEndFinancialSummary4H_Accessible_12-2019_Fill.pdf)

## New Leaders

We are always looking for new leaders to help teach our youth. Please consider sharing your talents. For more information on how to sign up to be a leader contact the Extension office.



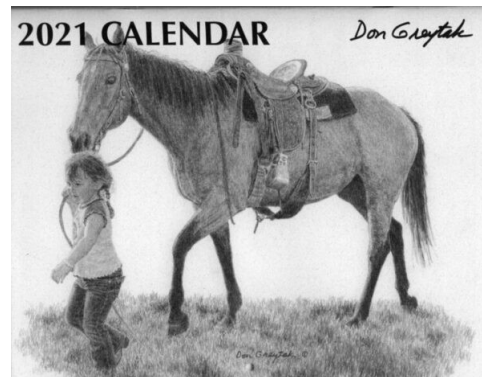
## **2021 Montana 4-H Calendar**

The 2021 Greytak calendars are here. As usual, the calendars contain beautifully illustrated prints by Don Greytak. The cost of each calendar is \$15.00. This includes 3 raffle tickets for a chance to win a pair of western boots from Murdochs. Proceeds go to the Liberty County 4-H Council so please spread the word. These make great Christmas gifts so call the office to reserve yours.

## Beef Market Animal Livestock Weigh-ins

Liberty County's Beef weigh-in will be on December 5th at the County Stockyard at 9:00.

Members must be 10 years old as of October 1, 2020 in order to take a steer to the Marias Fair. You must enroll for your livestock projects by December 1, 2020 Contact Jesse at 759-5625 or on his cell at 406-399-2092 for more information regarding weigh-ins or if this date will not work for you in which case an earlier date would have to be arranged.



## 4-H Steer Selection

There are lots of things to consider when choosing a 4-H steer. Here are a few suggestions.

- One of the most important things to consider is disposition. If you aren't able to handle your animal it won't matter how it looks.
- The average steer will be finished between 14 and 18 months of age so are generally born between January and May. The fair books state that "animals must be born after January 1 of the prior year."
- The animal you choose should be structurally sound with its feet and legs in good shape. Muscling should be looked at as well. How wide they walk when viewed from behind is a good indicator of muscling, and thickness over the top. The frame size of the animal should also be considered.
- Weight is also important. "Weight per day of age" is a good indicator of the future growth potential of the steer. However the heaviest calf may not be the best. Study the calf and decide the composition of the extra pounds. Excessive fat in a yearling is not good either. Keep in mind that the minimum weight for a steer at the Marias Fair is 1100 pounds. Typically members choose animals weighing at least 650 lbs. to 700 lbs. A good average daily gain to shoot for would be around 2 to 2.5 lbs.



## November

- 3 Election Day - Office Closed
- 4 Livestock Committee Meeting @ 7
- 11 Veteran's Day - Office Closed
- 13 Year End Financial Records Day
- 26 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

## December

- 5 Steer Weigh-In 9:00 a.m. stockyard
- 9 Christmas Stroll
- 25 Christmas Day - Office Closed

We are looking forward to the new 4-H year and hope you are too! Please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office if you have any questions or suggestions that would benefit our 4-H program in Liberty County. Also, please send any articles and photos of what your members are doing throughout the year to [liberty@montana.edu](mailto:liberty@montana.edu).

**Prairie Pals 4-H Meeting** - Sun., Nov. 1st at Ed and Joey Cole's at 4:00

**Tiber 4-H Club Meeting**

Second Sunday of the month at Wicks Hangar at 2:00    Check out Facebook

**Sweet Grass Clover 4-H Club Meeting**

**Members** - Second Tuesday of the month after school at the Liberty Co. Ext. Office.

**Cloverbuds** - Third Tuesday of the month at the Liberty Co. Ext. Office, right after school.

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