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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Kim would like to thank the West Butte 4-H Club for having her at their meeting. She presented Quality Assurance and Food Safety at the meeting. Kim also stopped by Blazing Saddle's club meeting to teach Quality Assurance. Thank you to both Blazing Saddles and West Butte for having her!

This year's 4-H Camp counselors from Toole County will be Cami Blevins, Delaney Clark, Dylan Clark, Jadis Scarborough, and Clara Blonde. Our first year counselors will be "counselors in training" and under mentorship from the older counselors. The second training is in Chester on April 16th.

Please save the date for 4-H Camp on June 12-14. Registration will be on Z-Suite soon.

It is that time of year when some of you are needing to select a hog for the fair! I have a list available of folks who sell hogs if you need some inspiration on where to go.

Some upcoming dates to be aware of are the swine weigh-in date of April 16th and the lamb and goat weigh in date of May 7th. If you signed up for swine, lamb, or goat. Please let Kim know when you get your animals and Kim will come tag them.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. You can stop by the office anytime!

Kim & Jackie

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Trainings Online

If you are planning to be a volunteer for Toole county 4-H, new this year, we are announcing the 4-H Volunteer online training resources. We still have a few folks who need to take the training. All 4-H Volunteers must complete the training in Z-Suite. If you need help, you can come take the modules in the Extension Office.

1. Log into your Z-Suite Account
2. Select the profile of the volunteer that is taking the course.
3. Click on Clover Academy from the menu on the left
4. Click on the blue box "Launch Clover Academy".
5. You will be taken to the Clover Academy website.
6. Scroll down to find the Montana 4-H Orientation click on "Enroll Now".
7. On the course page you will see an overview of the course. Scroll down to see the four modules that make up the orientation. Click the blue box "See More" under module one.
8. Follow the instructions to navigate the course.
9. When you get to the end of the module, (slide will say you completed module). Scroll down and click on the blue box "Mark as Complete". Box will turn blue once you have completed the module.
10. Select the next lesson to load the next module. Your progress will be saved and you can return later to complete the remaining modules.

Public Presentation Day

The Toole County 4-H Public Presentation Day will be April 23rd at 2 PM at the First Baptist Church Activity Center. Snacks will be provided. Please register on Z-Suite under Events by April 14th.

Prizes: Senior, Junior, Pre-Junior Levels

1st Place Rosette & \$50

2nd Place Rosette & \$25

3rd Place Rosette & \$10

Cloverbuds receive participation ribbons & gift

All members are encouraged to participate. Members who participate fulfill their communications requirement for the end of the year Member Recognition awards, and members ages 13 and up are eligible to compete with their presentation at Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman in July for state level awards.

Please reference http://www.montana4h.org/projects/4h_communication/index.html for scoring rubrics and guidelines on presentation preparation. We will be keeping to strict time limits as we ran a little long last year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Livestock Quality Assurance Training

The Marias Fair Livestock Committee requires Livestock Quality Assurance Training every two years. You are required to have the training if you are a new livestock member. There will also be another LQA training at the Kountry Kids meeting on April 30th at 1PM. If you still need LQA after the KK meeting, you will need to get the training from Kim one-on-one or visit another county for the training.

The following members need Livestock Quality Assurance this year: Wyatt Fix, Jagger Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Kaylee Nickol, Desirae Salois, and Regan Torgerson.

Food Safety

This training is required every two years for 4-H members and parents serving in the Food Booth at the Marias Fair. Every 4-H member is required to serve a shift at the Food Booth to obtain their premium points. Premium points are the points/money that each 4-Her gets when they complete their project books. Kim will be presenting Food Safety at the Kountry Kids meeting on April 30th at 1 PM. Cloverbuds are able to work at the Food Booth with their parents.

The following 4-H members need the Food Safety training.

Cloverbuds: Nolan Ahrens, Chase Besancon, Charlotte Besancon, Calvin Clark, Isla Clark, Luke Erickson, Bear Erickson, Laura Flesch, Hayden Habets, Grayson Salois, Carter Nickol, Collin Riphenburg, Carlie Sisk.

Members: Cael Blevins, Cami Blevins, Aubree Clark, Delaney Clark, Dylan Clark, Wyatt Fix, Ella Fix, Paxton Flesch, Sam Flesch, Laura Flesch, Breckynn Kempf, Matthew McLean, Morgan McLean, Brigham Weishaar, Karter Kempf, Kaylee Nickol, Rowen Russell, Malcolm Russell, Desirae Salois, Regan Torgerson, Benson Weishaar, Gracelynn Weishaar.

Pig Pickup

A few families expressed interest in going to Big Rose Colony to purchase 4-H hogs. We will be going up there on April 13th in the afternoon. Please let me know if you will be attending so I can let them know how many pigs to bring out for us.

Swine Weigh In/ Tagging

It's 4-H pig tagging time! Sunday, April 16 is the deadline to tag a pig in for the Marias Fair. Kim will call and coordinate a time to weigh/tag/deworm your pigs. Members need to have the following information:

- Breed of pig
- Date of birth
- Beginning weight
- Breeder's name

Weigh in Deadline: Swine Weigh In and Breeding Projects are due April 17th. Please contact the office or Kim to schedule a time to tag your animal. Lamb/Goat deadline is May 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth State Award

Members apply in a project area they have mastered and "gone above and beyond" regular project expectations. Communication, Goals/Learning, Leadership and Service are the four categories. Please reach out to youth in your county that may fit this criteria. Share with organizational and project leaders that may know of youth that fit this criteria. <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

- Plan of action due June 1, 2023
https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/plan_of_action.html
- County Ambassadors interested in applying to be State Officers, applications due June 15, 2023
- https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/officer_team.html

Montana 4-H Congress- Save the Date

- Registration will open May 1
- Registration deadline is June 15
- Congress MSU Bozeman- Tuesday, July 11- Friday July 14
- Pre-Congress and Officer Selection- Sunday July 9 - Tuesday July 11
- State Contests Wednesday, July 12

Volunteer Spotlight & Members of the Month

Nominate a volunteer or youth in your county who has done something awesome and deserves a shout-out for making a difference. They will be recognized next month in a Volunteer or Member Spotlight social media post and in the state's monthly newsletter. They will also be eligible for Ag Network's Volunteer or Member of the Month sponsored by Stockman Bank. You are welcome to submit more than one recognition form!

Nominate a volunteer you appreciate: <https://forms.gle/z6qTGfjZEZUxAksg9>

Nominate a youth member: <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWkX6>

Shotgun Registration

Shotgun sign ups are April 20th starting at 6:30 PM. Located at the Shelby Trap Club

Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud day camp will be Thursday, June 8 at the Shelby Splash Park in Shelby, open to all area Cloverbuds. It will be a pirate theme this year! Please 'Save the Date' if you have a Cloverbud or teen willing to help with workshops/games/crowd control, etc. Registration will be available soon.

State 4-H Shotgun Qualifier

This competition is open to all Montana 4-H members enrolled in the Shotgun Project. This will be April 22 in Three Forks. The National 4-H Shooting Tournament will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, Sunday-Friday, June 25 – June 30, 2023. The top four (4) finishers will be invited to represent the state of Montana at the National Shoot in the Shotgun event. The competitors must have passed their 14th birthday by January 1, 2023 and may not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships are held.

Details are up at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_events/Shotgun%20Qualifier%202023.pdf. Cost is \$40/person., registration deadline is April 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee Updates

- **Goat showmanship** – The meat goat format will mirror the sheep breeding classes written in the current fair book. The top meat goat and dairy goat showmen will both compete in the Round Robin.
- **Belt buckles** – There will be belt buckles awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion in the market and showmanship divisions of the beef, sheep, swine, and goat competitions at the fair. They will be looking for sponsors for these awards.
- **Seewald barn signs** – If any business, family, etc. is interested in having a sign displayed in the Seewald barn, applications are available online at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/documents/livestockcommittee/Seewald%20Sign%20new%20application%20fillable.pdf> <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/livestockcom.html>. It is \$400 to have a sign displayed for 10 years and then just \$250 for the following 10 years. Chary Majerus is no longer making signs. Barbie Alvestad has made a few signs or you can make your own with the correct dimensions.
- **Marias Fair Barn Superintendents** - Hogs – Lance Stokes, Kory Sandon, Casey Buffington, and Eric Morrisett; Sheep – Lance Stokes, Stefanie Leach, (Andrea Bengtson will help if needed); Beef – Pat Harmon, Jeremy Curry, Jacki Boyce, and Andrea Bengtson.

Next Livestock Committee Meeting is June 28th at the Seewald Barn at 6 PM

Reminder: Market animals (any species) that are over the maximum sale participation weight will show ONLY for showmanship and will not sell.

Maximum sale participation weights are:

- Beef – 1,680
- Lambs – 185
- Swine – 336
- Goats – 123

Marias Fair Livestock Rules

All of the livestock rules are available on our website <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair>

Fair Manager Position

Toole County is looking for a Fairgrounds Manager. This position is part-time. The Fairgrounds Manager is responsible for the planning, organization, and supervision of the daily operations of the county fairgrounds. If you know someone who may be a good fit, please refer them to https://toolecountymt.gov/employment_opportunities.html.

ARCHERY AWARDS



Blazing Arrows year end trophy winners



Bowhunter 9-10

- 1st: Bridger Ergenbright- 1918
- 2nd: Tye Gray- 1621
- 3rd: Sam Flesch- 1542

Bowhunter 11-12

- 1st: Joe Benjamin- 1964
- 2nd: Brant Blonde- 1867
- 3rd: Paxton Flesch- 1838

Bowhunter 13-14

- 1st: Avalyn Smith- 1869
- 2nd: Makenzie Kujava- 1748
- 3rd: Wyatt Fix- 1621

Bowhunter 15 & up

- 1st: Parker Parsons- 1617
- 2nd: Aisha Munson- 1403

Primitive 13-14

- 1st: Logan Nation- 603

Unlimited 13-14

- 1st: Makenzie Kujava- 1939
- 2nd: Logan Nation- 1455



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- 2nd-** Quality Assurance Blazing Saddles 2pm
- 3rd-** Food Booth Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 4th-** 1st & 2nd year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 5th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 5th-** Marias Fair Board Meeting @ Ambulance Barn 6:30pm
- 6th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 11th-** 4-H Council Meeting @ Toole County Courthouse 6:30pm
- 13th -** Big Rose Hog Pickup - Time TBD
- 14th-** Last day to register for Public Presentation Day on ZSuite
- 16th -** Camp Counselor Meeting (In-Person) @ Chester
- 16th-** Swine Weigh in deadline, Breeding project info due
- 18th-** 1st & 2nd year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 19th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 20th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 20th-** Shotgun Sign ups @ Shelby Trap Club 6:30pm
- 23rd-** Public Presentation Day 1pm @ First Baptist Church Activity Center
- 30th-** Quality Assurance Kountry Kids 1pm

MAY

- 1st-** Add/Drop Deadline
- 2nd-** 1st and 2nd year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 3rd-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 4th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 12th- Office Closed**
- 15th-** Fair Packets go out/ FairEntry Registration Begins
- 16th-** 1st and 2nd year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 17th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 18th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 29th- Office Closed (Memorial Day)**

****Please eat before you come to all 4-H project meetings****

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

Blazing Saddles

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West Butte

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108

Kountry Kids

Sanna Clark 450-2122