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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Happy National 4-H Week

### Hello 4-H Families!

Registration is now open on the Z-Suite website!

There are various committees that parents can join, such as, the livestock committee, small animal committee, horse committee, exhibit building committee and the food booth committee. Please let us know if you would like to be on one of these committees.

National 4-H Week is October 2nd-8th. This years theme is Opportunity4All. Don't forget to show off your 4-H spirit by wearing your 4-H gear to school this week. You can also help promote 4-H by telling a friend or bringing a friend to your club meeting. It is important for us to remember that 4-H isn't just about animal projects. Yes, animal projects are important and they are a big part of 4-H, but the robotics, sewing, and countless other projects are also part of our identity. 4-H is an opportunity to work on your leadership skills, your communication skills, and your people skills!

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

Kim & Jackie

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
CALENDAR



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 6th Annual Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch

Shelby Community Garden

Saturday, October 1st from 9am-12pm and Monday October 3rd after school until 6:30pm

PUMPKINS, SQUASH, GOURDS

Located at the corner of Gallatin St & Westwood Ave

Behind the Football field

FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED



### 4-H Week Open House

The Toole County Extension office will be holding an open house on Tuesday October 4th, 2022 from 3:30- 5PM. If you know of anyone wanting to join 4-H and wants to learn more about it, please let them know!

We will be helping with sign ups, answering questions about projects and record books. We will have light refreshments available! Older members can come and talk to the younger members about the different projects they can do!

### Toole County 4-H Due Date is November 16th, 2022.

4-H dues are charged to cover insurance and materials cost. In the past, the club has collected dues from the members and then the club paid the 4-H Council. This has been somewhat a cumbersome process. One of the features of our new online registration program is that we can now collect dues online with a credit or debit card. Families may still pay will check or cash, but must bring it to the office in a timely manner.

Members will not be considered registered unless their dues are paid. Club members are required to pay dues by November 16 to participate in 4-H activities and be covered by insurance. Project materials will not be ordered for members until their dues are paid.

**DUES MUST BE PAID BY NOVEMBER 16, EITHER ONLINE OR AT THE OFFICE, FOR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR.**

# ACHIEVEMENT DAY

*Awards and Volunteer  
Appreciation*

NOVEMBER 6TH  
SUNBURST COMMUNITY  
CENTER AT 5PM

Dress Code:                      Dinner will be provided.  
Sunday Best or                  Please let us know of any  
Showmanship Attire              dietary restrictions

RSVP TO THE EXTENSION  
OFFICE

(406)424-8350  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Sign Up**

Would your kid like to learn archery?

We are looking forward to a new year and would like any interested archers to get involved. Registration for Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery begins October 1st at the Toole County Extension Office and online at <https://toole.msuextension.org/4H.html> through [4h.zsuite.org](https://4h.zsuite.org). The deadline to register is Friday, October 14th, please have your registration turned in with the money at the Extension Office. We look forward to an eventful year of archery with the kids.

Fees are \$30 per person or \$60 per family. Anyone 9 years of age as of October 1, 2022 or older is eligible to join. If you are not in a 4-H club, then you have to fill out the Special Interest paperwork and pay the \$7.50 fee. Our first day will be October 19th to set up the archery range at the Marias Fair Exhibit Building. We shoot on Wednesday nights from October to March. Our club has bows for archers to rent for the session if they need a bow. The kids have the opportunity to participate in Fun Day shoots and competitions around the state.

If you have any questions, contact the Toole County Extension Office at 424-8350 or Julean Hanson at [jhanson@3rivers.net](mailto:jhanson@3rivers.net). We look forward to having you shoot with us.

### **Fall Leadership Training**

Join the new Ambassador Officer Team for a fun filled, action packed weekend of leadership training. Anyone interested in furthering their leadership skills and ability to impact the club and community are welcome! This is a great time to connect with those friends you may have met at 4-H Congress or meet new people from around Montana. Not sure if this event is for you? Reach out to one of the state officers and have a conversation, they are more than happy to fill you in on what you would be missing if you skip this great event! Fall Leadership 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 will be Friday, October 21- Sunday, October 23, 2022 in Great Falls at the Holiday Inn. Registration is \$175, includes program costs, lodging (2 to a room), meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Adult chaperones will have lodging options during registration.

Those participants interested in attending can register by logging into their Z-Suite account. Youth participants must be 14 on or before October 1st. Volunteer chaperones must be at least 21 and a certified volunteer.

### **4-H Week October 2-8**

The theme is Opportunity4All. We typically decorate the bulletin board at the courthouse in honor of 4-H Week. Clubs also decorate windows of our local businesses. In the past, clubs have also handed out goodies at school and sent out fliers to the schools. I would be happy to make some materials if any of the clubs want to do that this year! We are really in need of adult volunteers and possibly someone to start another club in Shelby. So always be promoting!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Z-Suite Enrollment for 2022-2023

Montana 4-H is using the Z-Suite platform for enrollment. Z-Suite 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 Z-Suite account on or after October 1. This can be done on a computer or mobile device. Families will also be able to pay registration fees online instead of paying the clubs and the clubs paying the 4-H Council!

### For Re-Enrolling Families

1. Using your computer, smart phone or other device go to [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org).
2. Click Sign Up. Complete all of the fields. Use the FAMILY email address from 4honline as the ADULT EMAIL to connect your previous enrollment with ZSUITE. If you are not sure what your "family email" is contact your MSU Extension office and they can tell you. Click LET'S GO.
3. Arrive at your HOUSEHOLD DASHBOARD. Click on the name of the family member you want to re-enroll, click on the blue "start enrollment" button and follow the steps.
4. Complete/Update the personal information, waivers, club and projects and hit SUBMIT.

### For New 4-H Families

1. Using your computer, smart phone or other device go to [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org).
2. Click Sign Up. Complete all of the fields. Click LET'S GO.
3. Arrive at your HOUSEHOLD DASHBOARD and begin adding family members. Click on the name of the family member you want to enroll, click on the blue "start enrollment" button and follow the steps.
4. Complete the personal information, waivers, club and projects and hit SUBMIT. Note: Counties may have an additional payment step.

### Paying for Enrollments

If there is a payment required after you click "Add to Cart" you will go to the payment screen or cart and have the option to do one of the following:

- Check out using a Credit Card. \*Not available in all counties.
- Click "+ Add Enrollment" to return to the dashboard and begin enrollment of another member or volunteer. You can return to the cart after all enrollments have been completed and pay all at once by clicking the blue "\$ Pay for Enrollments" button on the household dashboard at the bottom of the household member list.
- Click "Submit and Pay Later in Person". This is your option to pay with cash or check to the county office.

Project Age Requirements - Here is something to keep in mind when registering! You must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2022 in order to enroll in each project.

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

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### **Marias Fair Sidewalk Project**

Breaunna Erickson, of Pondera County, is the recipient of a \$500 People Partner grant for her sidewalk project at the Marias Fairgrounds. Breaunna is in the process of raising funds to add sidewalks to the fairgrounds. This will allow people with mobility issues, families with strollers and basically everyone to navigate the 4-H area of the fairgrounds more comfortably.

If you are interested in donating, you can contact the Pondera County Extension Office by calling 406-271-4054, e-mailing [pondera@montana.edu](mailto:pondera@montana.edu) or by mail at 20 4th Ave SW, Conrad, MT 59425.

### **Montana Make It With Wool Contest**

The Montana Make It With Wool Contest will be held in person on October 22, 2022. It is hosted by the American Sheep Industry and only happens once a year. Contestants include sewers, knitters, crochets, felters, and designers. First place in the Junior and Senior divisions of participating contest, as well as the At Large Contest, for non participating states, you are invited to participate in the National Competition.

If you would like more information stop by the office and we will give you a brochure.

### **MRE Dinner**

The Toole County 4-H Council has agreed to serve the Marias River Electric Annual Dinner on October 28th @ 6PM. 4-H Clubs will be working together to serve the dinner. The Toole County 4-H Council has agreed to reimburse the clubs \$50 for their expenses from purchases for the dinner. Please keep in mind that we will be serving around 300 people.

All clubs are expected to have half of their members on Serving Crew and half on Clean Up Crew. We would also like to have five or six members on Set Up Crew.

**Kountry Kids:** 24 dozen rolls, 2 large lemonade, 8 #10 cans of beans, roasters

**West Butte:** 300 Cupcakes

**Blazing Saddles:** 300 Potatoes, 400 butter pats, 10lbs of sour cream, roaster, 2 large bowls

**4-H Council:** 15 bags of salad, salad dressing, horseradish, ketchup, coffee, paper products: plates, small napkins, cream, sugar, salt, pepper

### **Audition for American Idol**

Hey 4-H, AMERICAN IDOL producers want to hear from YOU!

We want to hear from the 4-H community! Register here for the special AMERICAN IDOL 4-H live virtual showcase below and be ready to sing for Idol Producers on October 6th!

Fill out the online registration form and we'll email you a Zoom link and details and see you on October 6th! The link is on the National 4-H Facebook Page

### **Poultry Cages**

Marias Fair Ag Committee is in need of some help bringing new to us poultry cages home!! If someone is going to Kalispell soon and would have time to pick up a load please let Brittany Hotchkiss or Kim Woodring know. The ideal setup would be someone with a pickup and trailer and maybe a helper for loading! If you are able and willing to help, let us know and we will work out the details. Thank you!



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- 1st** - New 4-H Year Begins - Z-Suite is open for New Member Registration
- 1st** - Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch - Shelby Community Garden 9am -12pm
- 1st** - Kountry Kids Meeting @ 1pm - Exhibit Building
- 2nd - 8th**- National 4-H Week #Opportunity4All
- 3rd** - Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch - Shelby Community Garden- 3:30pm- 6:30pm
- 3rd** - 1st & 2nd Year Robotics 3:30-5pm @ Extension Office
- 3rd** - Marias Fair Food Booth Meeting @ 6pm
- 4th** - 4-H Open House @ Extension Office 3:30-5pm
- 5th** - Cloverbud Robotics 3:30-5pm @ New Life Community Church
- 9th** - Blazing Saddles Business Meeting TBD
- 10th** - Columbus Day- Office Closed
- 16th** - 3rd & 4th Year Robotics @ Extension Office 2-5pm
- 17th** -1st & 2nd Year Robotics 3:30-5pm @ Extension Office
- 19th** - Cloverbud Project Book C - 3:30-5pm @ New Life Community Church
- 21st - 23rd** - Fall Ambassador Leadership Training in Great Falls
- 26th** - Marias Fair Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @MRE
- 28th** - MRE Dinner - 6pm
- 31st** - Halloween - Trick or Treat at the Extension Office

# NOVEMBER

- 6th** - Air Rifle & Pistol Sign Ups from 12-3pm @ Shooting Range
- 6th** - Achievement Day @ Sunburst Community Center @ 5pm
- 8th** - Office Closed- Election Day
- 11th** - Office Closed- Veteran's Day
- 24th** - Office Closed- Thanksgiving

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

Toole County 4-H Club  
Contacts

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