

TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Happy February!

I had the pleasure of judging some of your interviews at the Archery tournament and you are all doing a great job! I was so proud of our Toole County members who competed.

February is a short month but our calendar is jam packed with some great 4-H activities coming up! If you are participating in the pig project, it will be about time to start thinking about where you will get your pigs. The chicken project will be starting again soon. Spring will be around the corner before you know it!

Camp Counselor applications are out now and more information is in the newsletter or you can stop by the office. As always, our door is always open for folks with 4-H questions. Please don't hesitate to ask!

Kim & Jackie

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HOW TO USE LIVESTOCK FEED SHEETS

Glacier County Agent, Kari Lewis, has shared a couple of options to help livestock members keep a better record of the feed that they are providing for their livestock project. Whichever method is used, at the end of the month, the totals from the sheet should be transferred to the Animal Journal of the record book. Keeping good records will help you to make decisions for next year. You may want to change your start weight, your type of feed and ration, the breed of animal, etc.

[Livestock Daily Feed Record](#)

This PDF can be printed and is meant to be kept in the barn (on a clipboard, in a folder) and the feed amounts recorded each day as feed is fed and weighed.

[Livestock Daily Feed Record \(Excel\)](#)

This is the Excel spreadsheet of the Livestock Daily Feed Record.

This can be downloaded and saved to your computer and daily weights added to the spreadsheet. There is a tab for each month which will then calculate the monthly total automatically.

Leadership Academy Monthly Virtual Workshops for Teen Members, 3:00 p.m. Sundays through March

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023-2024 4-H year. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning, and mentorship.

Each month the officer team members will 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.

Leadership Training Dates are:

February 11: Tools for Facilitation

March 10: Authenticity & Self Awareness

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87240913270?pwd=S1pReVphbFFoT095WVMzYjg4V29OQT09>

Project Age Requirements

You must meet the minimum required age by October 1, 2023 in order to enroll in each project.

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

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4-H Camp Counselor Applications are Now Available

Do you want an opportunity to be a role model and work with youth? Are you interested in taking your leadership skills to the next level? If you answered yes to these questions then please fill out an application to be a Camp Counselor. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2024 . A fillable application will be emailed out or you can pick one up at the Extension Office.

Camp Counselor - 4-H Youth age 14 as of October 1st and up

Summer Camp - A great experience for 4-H youth ages 8 - 13 as of October 1st.

CPR Class

There will be a CPR Class held at the Logan Health Hospital in Conrad. The class is limited to 12 people but other classes can be scheduled if there is enough interest.

If interested please contact Wendy Wedum at wendy.wedum@montana.edu or call 406-271-4052.

Sewing with Ashley at the MRE

Ranching Rascals Club Leader Ashley Denno is hosting a couple sewing project days for all clubs to attend! She asked if you would please bring your project, your machine, water bottle, lunch, and record book.

Cloverbuds are also welcome to attend, parent or guardian must stay and help them. They also need to bring their project, machine, water bottle, lunch, and record book!

If you have any questions please contact Ashley Denno!

4-H Rabbit for Sale

A 4-H Family is looking to rehome their bunny! Bunny and cage will be included. If you get this rabbit and want to take it for the rabbit project, please let Kim know and she will work with you on showing your bunny.

Please call Savannah for more details: 509-910-4436



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 19-21, 2024 | BOULDER, MONTANA

Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2024 - Going For Green!

April 19-21, 2024

Jefferson County School - Boulder, Montana

4-H youth 13+

Save the Date - 2024 REC LAB / April 19-21, 2024 / Jefferson County School / Boulder, MT

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event. Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun! This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team-building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network. The cost will be around \$100.00. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1. Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Contact the Extension office if interested in attending.

Extension Staff and volunteers: The idea of sleeping on an air mattress in a school gym may not be your idea of a fun weekend, but this is a great event for you too! The program is conducive to meeting people from around the state and exchanging ideas. You are sure to gain some great info and bring home motivated youth leaders.

Registration will be through Zsuite beginning in February. The cost will be around \$100 to \$125 per person. Participants will have the opportunity to pick from a list of workshops during registration. Please SAVE the DATE and GO FOR GREEN in 2024! Talk to your 4-H friends about attending this great event!

Upcoming Shooting Sports

- Marias Fair 4-H Air Rifle/ Pistol tournament- February 25th in Conrad- Registrations are postmarked due Feb. 16th. Forms will be attached to the newsletter email.
- Pondera 4-H Shooters Invitational- February 10th- scores can be mailed in or participants can shoot on site in Conrad.
- Cascade County Invitational- February 17th at Exhibition Hall at Montana ExpoPark. Entry deadline is February 9th, registration information will be attached to the newsletter email.
- Chouteau County Archery Shoot- February 24th in Fort Benton. Cost is \$15/event, registration deadline is February 21st. More details and registration is available at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19631>.
- Montana 4-H State Shoot- March 1st-3rd in Bozeman. All are welcome to participate. Registration and shoot information is up at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports-SS.html. Range fees increase from \$15 to \$20 per participant after Feb 7th, so register now! Cost of each event entry is \$14. Registration closes February 23rd.

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Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships Open for Seniors and College Students

Nearly \$40,000 is available in scholarships to Montana 4-Hers, there are 26 scholarships available to a potential 45 members. Please make sure to read each individual scholarship requirements. All applicants are required to have two letters of recommendation and a copy of your most recent transcript. We have had several winners from Glacier County over the years, it is worth applying! Applications are due February 14, 2024.

Show Pig Conference

The Show Pig Conference is a free, one-day virtual event to help show pig families widen their community and achieve the next level of success in and out of the showing. The conference will feature over twenty speakers who are excited to help youth and their families learn and succeed. Attendees will be able to listen to mainstage speakers, breakout group sessions, enter virtual expo booths, and ask show pig experts the questions that they have always wanted answered. If individuals and families are unable to attend live, the organizers have options for them as well. This year's event will be held on February 3, 2024 from 9:00AM-3:00PM MST. Get your free ticket at <https://showpigconference.com/>

Sentence Grants Available to 4-H Clubs

A mini-grant program available from Montana Farmers Union bolstered Montana 4-H club projects this past year, with applications now open for another \$10,000 in funding in 2024.

The process is simple to encourage clubs to apply by submitting a sentence about how they would use \$100.

Last year we received a few of them to go towards different clubs.

Pondera 4-H Shooters Combination Invitational and Postal

Toole County has been invited to participate in the Pondera 4-H Shooters In-Person Invitational or Mail-in or Drop off your targets Postal. It will be on February 10th at the Pondera Shooting Sports Complex in Conrad Montana. Entry Forms and information is in the attached PDF document. You can connect either with me or Joel Farkell as noted on the registrat and Postal Attached is an invitation to participate in the Pondera 4-H Shooters In-Person Invitational or Mail-in or Drop off your targets Postal. It will be on February 10th at the Pondera Shooting Sports Complex in Conrad Montana.

We are doing Archery, Rifle and Pistol. The entry deadline is Wednesday, February 7th for entry forms and mailed in targets. We are using Orion Targets for rifle and pistol – if you need targets, contact Wendy Wedum and she will mail them to you. There is a score sheet in the registration materials for archery if doing the postal.

If you would like an entry form please come to the office or contact me at toole@montana.edu or 406-424-8350

4-H Volunteer Orientation Instructions

If you are a club leader or plan to be driving other people's children at 4-H events, please sign up as a leader. You will be covered by insurance and eligible for leader awards.

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 course. 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.

Blazing Saddles Report:

Blazing Saddles 4-H Club met January 7, 2024. We played blow the card game for recreation, everyone had fun playing. We picked a day to sew hats for Busy Bee Day Care. Orion reported that he went to the archery shoot in Helena. Brigham shot his goal of 200. Benson got a bullseye. Grace got 130 and Brayden had fun. Moira reported that she made a potholder at sewing. Grace reported that we won 1st place at the Marias Museum Gingerbread Contest for our 5-13 year old group category. A picture of us was in the Montana Farmer's Union newsletter for their end of year review. We collected socks, blankets and tooth care kits for the Great Falls Rescue Mission. This was our January community service. We updated our "My 4-H Year" pages and had good snacks. Brayden Salem, Blazing Saddles Newsletter Reporter



MARIAS FAIR ARCHERY SHOOT RESULTS

2024 Blazing Arrows Marias Fair Archery Invitational

Sunday, January 28th, the Shelby Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Club hosted the Marias Fair Archery Invitational competition. We had a great turnout with 99 archers competing in the invitational from around the state.

Our 40 Blazing Arrows archers have been practicing and preparing for this competition since October when we started shooting and will continue until the Bozeman state 4-H shoot the first weekend of March.

For the statewide invitational, 14 of our competitors brought home medals.

For Bowhunter 9-10 Orion Vetch took 2nd and Anissa Smith took 3rd. For Bowhunter 11-12 Tel Gray took 3rd. For Bowhunter 13-14 Avalyn Smith took 1st, Makenzie Kujava took 2nd, and Alethea Smith took 3rd.

For Bowhunter 15-18 Dylan Clark took 1st.

For Unlimited 9-10 Wylie Frydenlund took 1st. For Unlimited 11-12 Desirae Salois took 2nd and Morgan Riphenburg took 3rd. For Unlimited 13-14 Makenzie Kujava took 3rd. For Unlimited 15-18 Logan Nation took 1st and Dylan Clark took 2nd.

For Primitive 15-18 Logan Nation took 2nd.

The Four-County Marias Fair event consisted of Toole County, Glacier County, Pondera County, and Liberty County. The archer completed their archery project interview.

For Bowhunter 9-10 Orion Vetch took 2nd and Anissa Smith took 3rd. For Bowhunter 11-12 Bridger Ergenbright took 1st and Desirae Salois took 3rd. For Bowhunter 13-14 Avalyn Smith took 1st and Alethea Smith took 3rd. For Bowhunter 15-18 Dylan Clark took 1st.

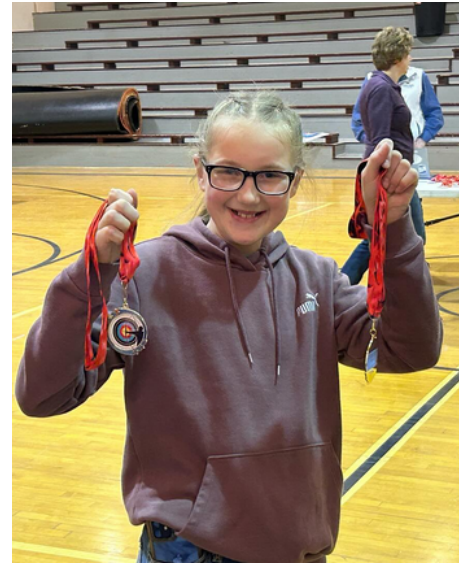
For Unlimited 11-12 Morgan Riphenburg took 1st and Kaylee Berthelote took 2nd. For Unlimited 13-14 Paxton Flesch took 2nd. For Unlimited 15-18 Dylan Clark took 1st.

Top Bowhunter score was Dylan Clark and top Unlimited score was Dylan Clark with him receiving trophies for both.

For the 4-H Archery Project Interview, many Toole County archers received purple ribbons, with Bridger Ergenbright receiving a rosette for one of the Top Interviewers. Through a project interview the 4-Her is asked what their favorite part of the project is, what goals did they set for themselves, what is the most challenging part, and what are some safety rules to follow. Through these interviews the kids are learning skills they will utilize in the future.

Blazing Arrows has about three weeks left before the state shoot in Bozeman. Then we will end the year with a fun shoot and awards in March.

MARIAS FAIR ARCHERY INVITATIONAL PICTURES



FEBRUARY

- 1st-** 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5 pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 2nd-** Ranching Rascals Cloverbuds 3:30 - 5:00 pm @ Alissa Besancon's house
- 3rd-** Sewing with Ashley 9 am-2 pm @ MRE Meeting Room
- 4th-** Blazing Saddles Club Meeting 2 pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 6th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5 pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 7th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5 pm @ Elementary Cafeteria - Bring a snack & water bottle.
- 8th-** Chicken Club members (not cloverbuds) after school- 5 pm @ Ambulance Barn- will be doing project books.
- 8th-** Ranching Rascals Chicken Club 3:45 - 5:15 pm @ Amy Smith's house
- 10th** - Pondera County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
- 11th-** Kountry Kids Club Meeting 1pm @ Exhibit Building
- 12th** - Fair Board Meeting - Toole County Ambulance Barn 6pm
- 13th** - Toole County 4-H Council 6:30 pm @ Toole County Courthouse
- 15th-** 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school- 5 pm @Ambulance Barn
- 17th-** Cascade County Invitational at Exhibition Hall at Montana ExpoPark
- 19th- Office Closed- President's Day**
- 20th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5 pm @ Ambulance Barn - Bring a snack & water bottle
- 21st-** Cloverbuds after school- 5 pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 24th-** Chouteau County Archery Shoot in Fort Benton
- 25th-** Marias Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol tournament, Conrad
- 26th-1st-** Kim- Out of the office

MARCH

- 1st-** Ranching Rascals Cloverbuds 3:30-5:00 pm @ Alissa Besancon's house
- 2nd-** Sewing with Ashley 9am-2pm @ MRE Meeting Room
- 3rd-** Blazing Saddles Club Meeting 2pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 5th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 6th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
 - Please bring snack and water bottle
- 7th-** 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 7th-** Ranching Rascals Chicken Club 3:45- 5:15pm @ Amy Smith's house
- 8th-** West Butte Club Meeting
- 8th-** Ranching Rascals Club Meeting
- 14th-** Chicken Club members (not cloverbuds) after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn- will be doing project books.
- 19th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 20th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
 - Please bring snack and water bottle
- 21st-** 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn

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