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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is excited for the new year!

4-H project books are available for pick up in the office. I am waiting on a couple more books but most of them are ready!

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

Have a great January!

Kim & Jackie

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Glacier County FSA Youth Loans**

If you are looking for a way to finance your 4-H projects for this year, consider visiting with the Farm Service Agency. They recently increased the loan limit to \$10,000 and funds can be used for the purchase of animals, feed, supplies, etc. Youth between the ages of 10 and 20 are eligible. Loans are repaid annually and can be termed out for up to seven years for the purchase of breeding stock. The interest rate is currently 5.25%. Please contact Lacy Roberts or Eric Morrisett at the Glacier County FSA at 406-873-5618 ext. 2. Lacy and Eric are serving the Toole County area as well.

### **New Volunteers - Clover Academy Volunteer Orientation**

New volunteers will need to complete a volunteer orientation in Zsuite. Log into your personal account, look on the left panel, then scroll to "Clover Academy," and click to begin your four training modules. This training takes around an hour to complete. Each module usually takes about 15 minutes. We cannot finalize your leader status until this orientation is completed.

### **Livestock Committee Updates- Pre Sale Social**

The Pre-Sale social will be cookies, fruit/veggies, maybe salami/cheese this year. Organization will rotate through the counties and Liberty county will be organizing for 2025 with Jaxon Buffington leading (getting trained from Destini Anderson). The meat seemed to be a lot of work to prep, cook, etc. and then there was a lot of leftovers too, so thinking try this route and see what feedback there is.

### **Camp Counselor Applications**

Even though it's only January, it's time to start thinking about the 2025 Multi-County 4-H Camp! 4-H members who are 4-H ages 14 (as of October 1, 2024) and will be in grades 9-12 (for the 2024-25 school year), please consider applying to be a camp counselor. It is a great learning experience and a lot of fun! 4-H Camp will be June 24-27, 2025 at the Montana Farmer's Union Camp near Highwood. Counselors will help plan the camp, will lead workshops and games and oversee the campers in their cabins. Applicants need to submit a completed application by February 7 via Zsuite including a cover letter and resume. Selected counselors will need to attend two mandatory camp counselor workshops on March 2nd and April 13th and pay a \$25 fee to help offset meals and t-shirt expenses. Please contact the Extension Office with any questions.

### **Marias Fair Archery Invitational**

The Marias Fair Archery Invitational is scheduled for January 26th in Shelby at the Old Middle School. Below is a link to sign up for time slots.

Entry fees are \$15 per discipline, the entry deadline is January 22nd. After Jan. 22nd there is a \$5 late fee per entry.

<https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-invitational-2025#/>

Please be sure to read through all the instructions on Bowscore. All awards will be handed out at the end of the shoot. For those unable to stay until the end, the awards will be given to the County Extension Office.

If you have any questions please contact Brent Hanson or Wendy Wedum.

### **Air Rifle/Pistol Clinic and Competition**

The Teton and Pondera County shooting sports coaches are holding an Air Rifle and Pistol Clinic and Competition in Conrad on January 19th starting @ 9am. The registration sheet will be attached in the email sent out with the newsletter. The deadline to register for this event is January 16th.

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### **Rec Lab 2025**

What is Rec Lab? "Rec Lab" stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything at this Montana 4-H state event is hands-on and fun! This event provides an opportunity for youth to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

Montana 4-H Rec Lab is open to youth 13+ years old (age as of Oct. 1, 2024). 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 event has a camp feel because everything will take place in one school or location! Participants will bring air mattresses and sleeping bags to sleep on the gym floor, attend workshops all together in the school and join lots of social and fun activities.

Registration will be through ZSuite and is set to open on February 10th and will close March 12th. The cost will be around \$100 per person. Participants will have the opportunity to pick from a list of workshops during registration. Stay tuned for a Workshop Proposal email coming your way soon! 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.

Thank you to District 6 counties: Meagher, Gallatin, Park, Broadwater, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, and Lewis and Clark for planning and hosting this event.

### **Montana 4-H People Partner grants - Start Planning Now!**

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Application Deadline: Postmarked by February 1st

Each application is eligible for up to \$500.

Eligibility 4-H groups and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals.

Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
- Project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
- There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidence by "partners" listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.
- The project has lasting benefits.

If a group, club, committee, etc. is interested in applying, please chat with Kari or Lisa now to begin planning. In recent years these projects have helped fund fleece tie blankets, herdsmanship banner in the Rabbit/Poultry barn, wash rack project, new show ring at Seewald barn, and more. Visit <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html> for details and to see past award recipients. Projects do not have to be 4-H related, they can be for a community need that 4-Hers identify.

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### **Youth Leadership Needed - Seewald Barn Misters**

The Livestock Committee is looking for a youth to take on a leadership role of designing and implementing an updated mister system for the Seewald barn. The current system leaks in numerous places and is in need of repair and/or updating. Eric Morrisett is willing to mentor a 4-Her on this project. If you're interested, please reach out to Eric at [eric.morrisett@yahoo.com](mailto:eric.morrisett@yahoo.com) at 406- 845-4372.

### **Nanna Flesch Livestock Scholarship**

Are you a new or newer 4-H member planning to take a beef, swine, goat, or sheep project? Please consider applying for the Nanna Flesch Livestock Scholarship. Applications are open now and due to the office by February 14th. Follow this link or go to our Toole County Extension Website for the application and more information.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/toole/documents/Nanna%20Flesch%20Memorial%20Scholarship.pdf>

### **Montana Winter Fair- Ag Ambassador Competition 2025**

Visit <https://www.montanawinterfair.com/events/ag-ambassador-contest> to register. This event is open to ANY junior high or high school student. All components of this event except the prepared speech may be completed remotely.

As part of the event, students are asked to tell the story of agriculture through a variety of methods. For 2025, participants should focus on the topic of Agriculture in a Changing World. The prompt is intentionally broad because we want to encourage students to be creative. Examples of topics students can focus on include changes being made on their own/family farm/ranch, changes in the industry, new technology available, etc.

The prizes awarded for the competition are as follows:

- Prepared Speech (delivered in person): 1st Place - \$150, 2nd Place - \$75
- Newspaper Article: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50
- Radio Spot: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50
- Social Media Posts: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50

The newspaper, radio, and social media posts will be completely virtual, but the prepared speech will be an in-person event, to be delivered in Lewistown during the Winter Fair on January 18th.

- Newspaper Article - completely virtual – 500-800 words, due January 12
- Radio Spot - completely virtual – 50-60 seconds long, pre-recorded and due January 12
- Social Media Posts - completely virtual – 3 posts on any appropriate platform, including a picture or video (max. 60 sec/video), and posts written using 60 words or less; due January 12
- Prepared Speech – 7-12 minutes, delivered in person in Lewistown on the day of the competition

# Soup & Bread Fundraiser

JANUARY 19, 2025

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PARKVIEW SENIOR CENTER CUT BANK, MT



Glacier  
County  
4-H



Please come enjoy a lunch of homemade soup, bread, and dessert, served by the Glacier County 4-H'ers.

*Free will offering from luncheon is used to provide meals to local homebound senior citizens. Luncheon hosted by Longview, Clever Clovers, Open Range 4-H Clubs.*

## 4-H Horsemanship Clinic

Groundwork with Sam Waltner of Renegade Horsemanship

January 12th @ 1:00 PM at the Bigger Better Barn in Havre

Cost is \$65 per participant payable at clinic, auditors welcome!

Open to ALL 4-Her's regardless of enrollment in the horse project.

Dress warm and bring your horse with a rope halter if you have one. Refreshments will be provided!

Contact Andie Kuhr with questions

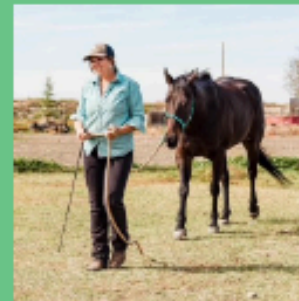
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Hi, I'm Sammy Waltner! I moved to Montana from Australia 18 months ago, and I've been training horses for many years. One of my greatest passions is teaching groundwork because I truly believe it's the foundation for creating a willing and soft horse under saddle.



That's why I'm excited to announce my upcoming Foundation Clinic—a clinic focused on the essential groundwork needed to prepare young horses for their first ride. Most issues we face under saddle can be traced back to gaps in the horse's knowledge on the ground. My program addresses these gaps and sets both horse and rider up for success, smoothing out problems before they even start.



If you're looking to create a solid, respectful connection with your horse and lay a strong foundation for your riding, this clinic is for you! I can't wait to share what I've learned and help you and your horse build that lasting bond.



Wendy Mobley  
(406)450-2446



What: Pick the pen  
sale, Snacks, and  
Prizes

When: April 5th, 2025  
11-1 p.m

Where: 10679 Valier  
Hwy Valier, Mt  
59486

Nevaeh Mobley  
(406)450-5618

# JANUARY

- 1st- New Years Day- Office Closed**
- 5th-** Blazing Saddles Meeting 2pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 8th-** Cropping Seminar 8:30 @ Comfort Inn Meeting Room
- 8th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 10th-** Ranching Rascals Cloverbud Meeting 3:30-4:30 @ Alissa's house
- 10th-** Sewing- all levels with Ashley 2:00-5:30pm Location TBD
- 11th-** West Butte Club Meeting Location and Time TBD
- 12th-** Kountry Kids Club Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building- Demonstrations
- 13th-** Food Booth meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 14th-** 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office
- 16th-** Horse Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 19th-** Pondera Air Rifle and Pistol Clinic and Competition in Conrad
- 20th- Office Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 21st-** Small Animal Committee Meeting 6pm @MRE
- 22nd-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ High School Shop
- 22nd-** Marias Fair Archery Invitational Registration Deadline
- 26th-** Marias Fair Archery Invitational @ Old Middle School
- 29th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @ MRE

# FEBRUARY

- 2nd-** Blazing Saddles Meeting 2pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 9th-** Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building- Demonstrations
- 14th-** Nanna Flesch Scholarship Due
- 17th- Office Closed- Presidents' Day**

Toole County 4-H Club  
Contacts

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Anna Hemmer 470-1239

**West Butte**

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108

**Kountry Kids**

Sanna Clark 450-2122

**Ranching Rascals**

Ashley Denno 494-6340