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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Can you believe that it is May already? That means the countdown to Marias Fair Fun Time is on! We will have packets out and ready to go in a few weeks and sign ups will begin on FairEntry soon!.

Thank you to those who attended and presented at Public Presentation Day. I love hosting our Public Presentation Day because it gives our 4-H members a chance to present on something that they are passionate about and they can really share their true personalities. They are able to present on topics that are important to them and they do not necessarily have to be what they are signed up for as a 4-H project. I think PPD is a great confidence builder and you can see that in the kids throughout the years and as they prepare for the Marias Fair.

Don't forget to get signed up for 4-H Camp and Cloverbud Camp. The last day to register for both is May 15th. This year, you are picking your own workshop for 4-H Camp, so you better get signed up early so you have your choice of workshop!

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.

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, Brigham Weishaar, Karter Kempf, Kaylee Nickol, Rowen Russell, Malcolm Russell, Desirae Salois, Regan Torgerson, Benson Weishaar, Gracelynn Weishaar.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montana 4-H Congress- Save the Date

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

Montana 4-H Congress

Congress this year is July 11 - 14th in Bozeman - MSU Campus. It is for 4-H members ages 13 and up (as of October 1, 2022).

This is a great opportunity to meet other 4-H'ers, participate in workshops and/or competitions such as presentations, cooking, quilting, fashion revue, livestock judging and a chance to get a taste of dorm life as well.

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/z6qTGfjZEUxAksg9>

Nominate a youth member: <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWKX6>

Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud day camp will be Thursday, June 8th 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 is now available on Z-Suite. Please register by May 15th.

Fashion Revue

Fashion Revue will be held at the Toole County 4-H Exhibit Building, July 6th starting at 6pm.

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.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION DAY 2023

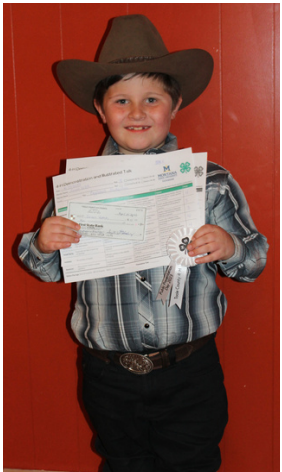
Public Presentation Day

We had a great turnout for Public Presentation Day today! We learned about several different topics from our 4-H members such as pressing flowers, using robots to find mummies, raising chickens, and creating a sourdough starter. The Cloverbuds presented what they have learned in robotics this year and some created presentations on topics important to them such as raising calves and building bird houses. Thank you to those who presented and thank you to our judges, Emily, Katie, and Jackie!

Award Winners:

Pre-Junior: 1st Place: Anissa Smith, 2nd Place: Bridger Ergenbright, 3rd Place: Orion Vetch

Junior: 1st Place: Alethea Smith, 2nd Place: Avalyn Smith, 3rd Place: Grace Hemmer



MARIAS FAIR INFORMATION

Marias Fair 2023 Dates The full schedule will be online and in your fair packets.

Saturday July 15th- Clean up Day

Wednesday July 19th- Interview Judging

Saturday July 22nd- Livestock Sale

FairEntry Registration

Registration for the Marias Fair begins on Monday, May 15th. To register, sign in to your FairEntry account at mariasfair.fairentry.com. If this is your first year going to the fair, you will need to create a FairEntry account. Additional instructions will be included in your fair packet. You can also call the Extension office for assistance. First fair packets will be available for pick up at the Extension Office May 15th as well.

Your fair packet will include volunteer forms, camper forms, event pass application, the fair calendar and several other informational documents. Please read through everything and return any applicable forms by June 15th. If you are applying for a new camper spot, be sure to turn in your application early as camper spots are time and date stamped and are on a first come first basis. The deadline to enter items on FairEntry is June 15th.

For more information about entries please refer to the Marias 4-H fairbook which can be found online at <http://mariasfair.msueextension.org/mariasfairbook/>

Fair Packet and Registration

Fair packets will be ready on Monday, May 15. Fair entry will also open this day. The first packet contains registration information and camper sign ups. Camping spots are released on a first come, first serve basis unless you are keeping the same spot you had last year. If you want to move or you have not camped before, you will want to get your forms in right away. Fair Entry will be open until June 15 to get registered for all Fair projects/events.

NEW in 2023 – INCREASED PREMIUM MONEY

Due to the tremendous generosity of our local sponsors to the premium fund, we'll be increasing the premiums at the 2023 Marias Fair! Premiums per exhibit will be as follows:

- Purple - \$5
- Blue - \$4
- Red - \$3
- White - \$2

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>

A colorful poster for the 2023 Multi-County 4-H Camp. The background features a stylized landscape with mountains, a large white moon, and a forest of evergreen trees. In the top left, there is a wooden signpost with a green four-leaf clover and the text 'welcome to camp'. In the top right, there is a small illustration of a campsite with a tent, a campfire, and a sign that says '4-H Camp'. The main text is centered and reads: '2023 MULTI-COUNTY 4-H CAMP'. Below this, it says '4-H CAMP IS OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 8-13, GRADES 2-7'. The dates 'JUNE 12-14, 2023' are listed next. The location 'CAMP KIWANIS - BEAVER CREEK PARK' and the cost 'COST: \$60' are also included. A yellow double-line border surrounds the text area. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTRATION NOW OPEN' and 'GO TO EVENTS IN ZSUITE TO REGISTER'. A final line at the very bottom reads 'REGISTER EARLY - SO YOUTH WILL GET TO PICK THEIR CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS'.

4-H Camp - Board Game Theme

- Dylan's Cabin - Chutes & Ladders
- Cami & Delaney's Cabin - Candy Land
- Clara's Cabin - Operation
- Jadis' Cabin - Sorry

Register on Z-Suite - Registration Due on May 15th



CLOVERBUD ISLAND

**THURSDAY
JUNE 8**

**10:30AM-
3:30PM**

**SHELBY SPLASH PARK
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
\$5 REGISTRATION FEE**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MAY 15

**COME FOR A FUN DAY OF ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, CLOVERBUDS WILL BE
MAKING NUMEROUS EXHIBITS FOR THE MARIAS FAIR
OPEN TO ALL MARIAS FAIR 4-H PROGRAMS**

**REGISTRATION ON Z-SUITE
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE TOOLE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

CHICKEN CLUB

Thank you Montana Farmers Union for supporting the Toole County 4-H Chicken Club!
Blazing Saddles 4-H Club greatly appreciates your support of our future agricultural leaders!
We used funds from their \$100 grant scholarship to fund our 4-H Chicken Club.



MAY

- 1st-** Add/Drop Deadline
- 2nd-** 1st and 2nd year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 3rd-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 4th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 6th-** Lamb and goat weigh in deadline
- 10th-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 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 @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 18th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 24th-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 25th-** Shooting Sports Shotgun begins at Shelby Trap Club
- 29th- Office Closed (Memorial Day)**
- 31st-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm

JUNE

- 1st-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 6th-** 1st and 2nd year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 7th-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 8th-** Cloverbud Camp @ Shelby Splash Park 10:30am- 3:30pm
- 12th-14th-** 4-H Camp
- 14th-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 15th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 15th- Fair Entry Registration Due**
- 19th - 21st -** Range Days at the fairgrounds
- 20th-** 1st and 2nd year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 21st-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 28th-** Cloverbuds @ Emilie's 3:30-5pm
- 28th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm at the Fairgrounds

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

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