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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday break! The new year is a time that everyone focuses on goals and #NewYearNewMe. When you are writing in your record books, think of it as writing new year resolutions. I write in my planner every day and I wrote down some goals because when you write them down, they are more likely to come true. When I write my goals down, I feel like I am back to writing goals in my record book. I know that no one likes to fill out their record books, but that paperwork and goal setting never really goes away outside of 4-H. So what I'm trying to say is write some goals down, get things done, have a great year!

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!

Hope everyone has a great year!

Kim & Jackie

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Marias Fair Archery

The Marias Fair Archery Invitational is open for signing up. Please read the information below and the information on the Bowscore page. Please read the directions below and the directions on the Bowscore page carefully.

1. If you have used Bowscore before, please use your existing account with email/password. If you've forgotten your password, please use the forgot password feature.
2. If you are NEW to 4-H Archery, you will need to create a Bowscore account. You can also use this to look up your weekly scores.
3. The entry deadline is Friday January 19th, can enter as late as Jan. 24th with a \$5 late fee. After Jan. 24th Marias Fair members can still participate in the invitational only and must pay the \$5 late fee.
4. Follow this link to the Marias Fair Invitational [Registration Link](#) or copy and paste this link into your browser <https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-invitational#/>
5. Before the tournament a Sign-Up Genius link will be sent to everyone – We need to help Blazing Arrows set up for the tournament. This will likely happen the Friday or Saturday before. Details will be coming soon. Please reserve time to help out. It goes very quickly when many people help out.

If you have any questions let Brent or Wendy know.

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.

Record Books: We Want Your Feedback!

The Montana Curriculum Advisory Team is seeking to make changes to our Montana 4-H record books, and we want feedback from youth, volunteers, and families! Please complete this survey to tell us how you use them, what you like, and what changes you'd like to see in the future.

Whether a 4-H member, 4-H alumni, 4-H parents and guardians, or fellow volunteers, everyone's input is encouraged! Thank you for your help in improving our record book system.

https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

January 14: Fake It Till You Make It!

February 11: Tools for Facilitation

March 10: Authenticity & Self Awareness

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

You've Got To Be Kidding Workshop

MSU Extension- Cascade County is offering a free webinar series on how to assist livestock giving birth. The webinar will also discuss neonatal care, dystocia, colostrum, and other helpful topics. Each Webinar will start at 7 pm.

Topics, speakers, and dates are:

- Calving with Megan Van Emon on January 18, 2024
- Foaling with Rose Malisani on January 25, 2024

Click this link to Register: https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dd63ZSVTGHsiZLM

Attention Swine Members/Jr. Leadership Members

The livestock committee would like to purchase a swamp cooler/large fan for the swine barn. This would be a great Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grant (due February 1). We are looking for a 4-H member (or few) to take the lead on the project and submitting the grant (livestock committee will serve as a partner). If you are interested, please let Kari Lewis or Jesse Fulbright know.



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

April 19-21, 2024

Jefferson County School - Boulder, Montana

4-H youth 13+

APRIL 19-21, 2024 | BOULDER, MONTANA

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!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cut Bank Project Day

Some of the Toole County 4-Hers went to the Glacier County Project Day in Cut Bank.



Marias Fair 4-H Archery Tournament

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Montana Winter Fair

Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, January 27, 2024
Livestock Pavilion
Fergus County Fairgrounds
Hwy 191 North

Schedule:
8:00 am- Check-in
8:30 am- Judging
11:30 am- Awards

Fee:
\$50 per team
\$15 per individual

Registration forms at MontanaWinterFair.com
Register & pay fees online
A release of liability must be signed prior to participation
Forms and fees must be received by January 24, 2024.

Montana Winter Fair

Winter Fair will be hosting a livestock judging contest again this year for Montana's youth. Attached is the flyer for the event. Please go to the Montana Winter Fair website @ [Montana Winter Fair](http://MontanaWinterFair.com) - Livestock Judging to registration and rules.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 15th, 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.

Marias Fair Archery Tournament Set up

Archery Tournament Set up will be on Saturday, January 27th starting at 10 am. Please meet at the Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds – Brent will have a trailer to load the archery bales, tables and chairs. We will haul these to the Old Middle School (133 6th Ave South, just up the street from the Fire Station) for the tourney. Estimate it will take 2-3 hours, the more people there are, the quicker it will get done.

People who are willing to help from Glacier, Liberty and Pondera counties will be able to share in the profits of the Invitational for their Archery Club.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Wedum, 406.271.4052 or wendy.wedum@montana.edu



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



**4-H FOOD BOOTH COOK &
ASSISTANT COOK POSITIONS
AVAILABLE - APPLY WITH LINK
ABOVE OR QR CODE BELOW**



MARIAS FAIR 4-H FOOD BOOTH COOK JOB DESCRIPTION \$900 STIPEND

COORDINATE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS WITH THE FOOD BOOTH MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

ATTEND FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL, AND JUNE

KEEP EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONAL DURING THE FAIR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.

PREPARE FOOD BOOTH FOR OPERATION DURING THE FAIR INCLUDING STOCKING FREEZER, FRIDGE, AND SHELVES

ORGANIZING TASKS RELATED TO FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

ASSISTS WITH SPECIALS OF THE DAY

BEGINS SHIFT LATER IN THE MORNING EACH DAY OF FAIR AND WORKS UNTIL FOOD BOOTH CLOSING

IN CHARGE OF CLOSING THE FOOD BOOTH FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPATES IN PRE-FAIR AND POST-FAIR FOOD BOOTH CLEAN UP.

CONTACT LISA TERRY AT 406-873-2239 OR BY EMAIL AT LTERRY@MONTANA.EDU

MARIAS FAIR 4-H FOOD BOOTH HEAD COOK JOB DESCRIPTION \$1200 STIPEND

INVENTORY AND ORDER FOOD AND SUPPLIES PRIOR TO THE FAIR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GLACIER COUNTY FCS AGENT. ORDER ADDITIONAL FOOD AND SUPPLIES AS NEEDED DURING THE FAIR.

ATTEND FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL, AND JUNE

PREPARES SPECIALS OF THE DAY

COORDINATE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS WITH FOOD BOOTH MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

KEEP EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONAL DURING THE FAIR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

PREPARE FOOD BOOTH FOR OPERATION DURING THE FAIR INCLUDING STOCKING FREEZER, FRIDGE, AND SHELVES

ORGANIZING TASKS RELATED TO FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

COORDINATE WITH CHS, NUTRIEN, AND OTHER SPONSORS FOR DAILY BREAKFASTS AND ON MORNINGS OF LIVESTOCK SHOWS

BEGINS SHIFT AT 5:00 A.M. DAILY AND ENDS COORDINATING WITH ASSISTANT COOK

IN CHARGE OF OPENING THE FOOD BOOTH FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPATES IN PRE-FAIR AND POST-FAIR FOOD BOOTH CLEAN UP.

CONTACT LISA TERRY AT 406-873-2239 OR BY EMAIL AT LTERRY@MONTANA.EDU

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.

JANUARY

1st- Office Closed

2nd- EV3 Robotics after school -5 pm @ Ambulance Barn

3rd- Cloverbuds after school- 5 pm @ Elementary Cafeteria

4th- 8-11year old Robotics after school- 5 pm @ Ambulance Barn

5th- Ranching Rascals Cloverbud Meeting 3:30 - 5pm @ Alissa Besancon's house

6th- Sewing with Ashely @ MRE 9 - 2 pm

6th- Ranching Rascals Meeting 4 - 7 pm @ New Life Church

7th- Blazing Saddles 4-H Meeting 2 pm @ Ambulance Barn

8th- Fair Board Meeting 6 pm @ Ambulance Barn

10th- Cropping Seminar 8:30 am - 3:30 pm @ Comfort Inn

14th- Kountry Kids Meeting 2 pm @ Exhibit Building

15th- Deadline to apply for cook or assistant cook position at Marias Fair

15th- Office Closed - Holiday

18th- Calving webinar, 7 pm

19th- Deadline for Marias Fair archery tournament (without a late fee)

23rd- EV3 Robotics after school -5 pm @ Ambulance Barn

25th- Foaling webinar, 7 pm

16th- 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm @ Extension Office

17th- Cloverbuds after school- 5 pm @ Elementary Cafeteria

18th- 8-11year old Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn

27th- Next Generation Conference @ Shelby High School - All Day

28th- Marias Fair Archery Tournament, Shelby - All Day

31st- Livestock committee meeting, 7 pm, Marias River Electric, Shelby

FEBRUARY

1st- 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5 pm @ Ambulance Barn

6th- EV3 Robotics after school- 5 pm @ Ambulance Barn

7th- Cloverbuds after school- 5 pm @ Elementary Cafeteria

15th- 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school- 5 pm @Ambulance Barn

19th- Office Closed- President's Day

20th- EV3 Robotics after school- 5 pm @ Ambulance Barn

21st- Cloverbuds after school- 5 pm @ Elementary Cafeteria

25th- Marias Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol tournament, Conrad

26th-1st- Kim- Out of the office

Toole County 4-H Club

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Kountry Kids

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Ranching Rascals

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