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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Welcome back to school! It is time to start fresh again in the fall and be thinking about what you want to sign up for in 4-H this year! You may also want to invite a friend to join 4-H this year!

The new 4-H year starts October 1, 2025. To re-enroll, leaders and families with youth members can login to their account at 4h.zsuite.org. Please call the office if you have any questions. Remember to enter member's 4-H age which is the age of member as of October 1, 2025.

Some projects have age restrictions as follows:

Cloverbuds 5-7

Regular 4-H projects 8 and up

All shooting sports projects 9 and up

All cattle projects 10 and up

2024-2025 Clover Magazines are now available in the office for anyone who wants to get a head start on next year! 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

FSA Youth Ag Loans

If you are looking for a way to finance your 4-H projects for this year (or wanting to take on a larger livestock project), 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. Interest rate is 4.875%.

Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute- October 3-5 in Billings

Grow. Learn. Inspire.

Get ready to connect, recharge, and gain fresh ideas at the Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute! This statewide event welcomes all Montana 4-H volunteers—whether you're brand-new or have years of experience. Spend the weekend learning from inspiring guest speakers, participating in hands-on workshops, and sharing ideas with fellow volunteers who share your passion for helping youth thrive. Together, we'll build skills, spark creativity, and strengthen the 4-H experience in every corner of Montana with essential training and meaningful connections with statewide 4-H Volunteers! This event is open to all Montana 4-H Volunteers & are encouraged to come!

Dates: October 3-5, 2025

Location: Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Ln, Billings, MT 59101

Registration & Accommodation: Registration Fee: \$75

Workshops: Register for workshops at the event

Hotel Information: Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Ln, Billings, MT 59101, (406) 248-7151, \$129 Double Queen Room Call and ask for the 4-H Room Block

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 21st at 11:45pm. Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute- October 3 - 5 - Billings, MT <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41341>

Fall Leadership Training

November 7-9 in Butte, Montana at the Copper King Hotel

Registration cost is \$185 per person and includes lodging (4 to a room), Saturday and Sunday meals, and program costs.

You can register in 4h.Zsuite any time and your registration will roll over to the new 4-H year that begins October 1. Please enroll for the new 4-H year by updating any personal information and complete all waivers prior to the start of this event. You can complete/update your club/project enrollment after the event if needed.

Please let Kim or Jackie know if you want to attend, scholarships are available. See <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National 4-H Week

This year's National 4-H week theme is "Beyond Ready"

National 4-H Week is October 5-11. Monday's Theme is Go Green, so make sure to wear your 4-H Shirts! There are many ways to promote 4-H. You and/or your club can wear your 4-H shirts to school, decorate your lockers or a store window, and encourage friends to sign up. We ask the coffee shops to add stickers to everyone's coffee for the week to promote 4-H. In the past, we have also hosted some open houses for 4-H. Open houses will be TBD this year.

In Shelby we will be doing the Walk N Wheel on Friday, October 10th - Weather permitting.

This has typically been on a Wednesday but we were asked to move to Friday! Please wear your 4-H shirts to the Walk N Wheel.



Thank you

Thank you to Tim at Ace Hardware for your donation to the Toole County 4-H Program. We appreciate it!



SEPTEMBER

1st- Labor Day- Office Closed

4th- Farmers Market 4-6pm @ City Park

11th- Last Farmers Market 4-6 @ City Park

14th- Kountry Kids Meeting 6pm @ Exhibit Building (electing officers)

23rd- Toole County 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm @ The Extension Office

24th- Cloverbuds 3:08-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria (Taking pictures for National 4-H Week)

24th- West Butte Organizational Meeting 6pm

OCTOBER

1st- New 4-H Year starts- Sign ups are open

1st- Cloverbuds 3:08- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

5th- Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building (Preparing for 4-H Week)

13th- Office Closed- Columbus Day

15th- Cloverbuds 3:08- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

15th- MRE Dinner

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

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