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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Public Presentation Day is coming up soon. We have it planned for April 7th. It will be held at the First Baptist Church Activity Center starting at 2 pm. Even if your child is not speaking, please know that you are welcome to attend and watch! There is a Sign Up Genius for families to sign up to bring snacks.

If you are participating in the pig project, the deadline to get your pigs is April 14th. Kim has sent out an email to all the pig families about getting their tags and shots. Please let Kim know when you get your pigs and she will tag them or get you your tags.

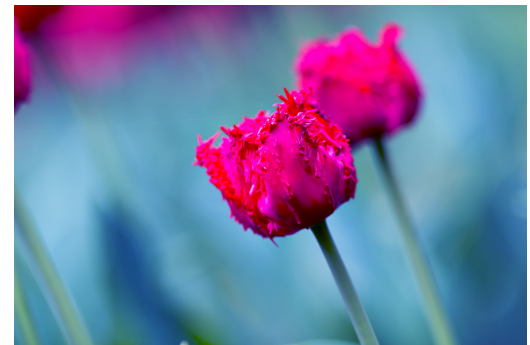
Please make sure you have all the project books that you need for the year. If you are missing one that you need, please let us know and we will get it ordered. The following members still have books in the office: Layla Blonde, Clara Blonde, and Rowen Russell.

Marias Fair Fun Time will be here before you know it so please be sure to attend all of your required meetings and get to work on getting your projects done in your books!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions at all!

Kim & Jackie

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



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.

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

Age Categories: Pre- Junior - 8-10 years old

Junior -11-13 years old

Senior -14 + years old

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.

Planning for fair

Check out the 2023 Fair Book at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/mariasfairbook/> to see what potential exhibits you can take to fair! The 2024 Fair Book will be available soon.

You can only enter items from projects that you are signed up for. The add/drop deadline is May 1st.

Calling All Young Artists!

Do you have a framed photo or painting from the fair or another piece of artwork available you'd like to display? Folklore Coffee & Fresh Kitchen in Cut Bank is looking to display art at their new coffee shop, no fee or commission to do so. You can message them on Facebook for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE LAST Leadership Academy Virtual Workshop for Teen Members

Sunday, April 14th @ 3:00 p.m.

Montana 4-H is offering one more "Leadership Academy" virtual training on Sunday, April 14th, at 3:00 p.m. Please use the links below to attend the session from the comfort of your own home. This workshop is on authenticity and self-awareness, which are excellent leadership skills.

They will also do a question and answer session related to State 4-H Congress which will be beneficial for anyone thinking about attending. You can also see this link for more information on that event https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html

4-H Camp

4-H camp registration will open April 15th on Z-Suite and close May 15th. Registration will be \$60/member. Members will be selecting their workshops, so it's to their advantage to register early. Camp is open to regularly enrolled 4-H members, 7th grade and down (no Cloverbuds). Camp will be June 10 - 12, 2024 and transportation will be provided to Camp Kiwanis (south of Havre). It's a wonderful experience to meet other 4-Hers, learn new skills, and have fun. The theme this year is "sports."

Apply for a State 4-H Award

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a project area. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service.

State Award recipients are recognized during the Banquet at Montana 4-H Congress in July and are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November, in Atlanta, GA. Visit

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html> for details and the application.

Applications are due on May 1st.

Swine Weighing/Tagging

Sunday April 14th is the deadline to tag a pig in for the Marias Fair.

Members need to have the following information:

- Breed of pig
- Date of birth
- Beginning weight
- Breeder's name and address

Remember, fair weigh-in date is Wednesday, July 17th. Fair minimum weight is 220 pounds, maximum payweight is 300 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 336 pounds. The small animal scale is out at the Flesch Sale barn again please text Kim when you plan to borrow it to check its availability. 406-229-1984. If you need to borrow the snare to give the second round of shots, please call the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Some of the Kountry Kids members got their pigs and tagged them.



Chicken Club Members learned about what chicks need to survive, learned about heat lamps and how the chicks will react if they are too hot or too cold. They also drew out how big a chicken pen needs to be. The last of the chicks arrived and the chicken club members got to hold them.



ARCHERY END OF YEAR AWARDS



APRIL

- 2nd-** EV3 Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 3rd-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 4th-** 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 5th-** Rec Lab Registration Due
- 7th-** Public Presentation Day 2pm @ First Baptist Church
- 8th-** Marias Fair Food Booth Committee Meeting 6:30pm @ MRE
- 9th-** Toole County 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office
- 12th-** Ranching Rascals Chicken Club Meeting 3:30-5pm @ Amy Smith's house
- 13th-** Swine Tagging Deadline
- 13th-** All Species Breeding Project info Due
- 14th-** Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 14th-** West Butte Club Meeting
- 15th-** 4-H Camp Registration opens on ZSuites
- 16th-** EV3 Robotics after school-5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 16th-** Horse Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 17th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 18th-** 3rd-5th grade Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 23rd-** Ag Committee Meeting 7pm on Zoom
- 25th-** Shotgun Sign ups- 6pm @ Shelby Trap Club

MAY

- 1st-** Project Drop/Add Deadline
- 1st-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 2nd-** 3rd-5th grade robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 4th-** Goat and Lamb Tagging Deadline
- 7th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 10th-** Ranching Rascals Chicken Club Meeting 3:30-5:00pm @ Amy Smith's House
- 15th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 15th-** 4-H Camp Registration Due
- 15th-** Fair Entry Registration Begins
- 16th-** 3rd-5th grade robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 21st-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 27th- Memorial Day- Office Closed**

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