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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

We made it through the 2023 Marias Fair Fun Time! Thank you to all that volunteered to help make this year successful! Included in this newsletter is a list of people who volunteer their time every year. If every 4-H member sends at least two thank you cards to a volunteer, we could easily knock out this list!

2023 Sale Averages: We had a phenomenal sale this year, a NEW record was set with even less animals than last year! Thank you to the bidders, buyers, and community for an amazing sale.

2023 averages: Swine: \$17.38/lb. Beef: \$7.39/lb. Lamb: \$21.56/lb. Goat: \$19.20/lb. A total of \$623,291 on only 94 animals!

There will be a carcass awards presentation and short educational session on the carcass standards at 6pm on Wednesday, August 2 at the Exhibit Building.

We'll have photos, carcass awards, and some of the livestock checks as well. If you are interested in joining the meeting virtually we can get you the link.

August is when school starts and 4-H record books are due! All of your books are due to your club leaders or to the Extension Office. Please be aware that each club has different due dates, so make sure to communicate with your leader.

2023-2024 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

**TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
THANK YOU CARDS  
AWARDS  
CALENDAR



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Marias Fair Hoodies for Sale**

Last chance to get your Marias Fair hoodies. There are a few youth left. Adult hoodies can be ordered as well. \$30 for youth hoodies and \$35 for adult hoodies. The money will be donated to the Marias Fair 4-H Food Booth to help with the cost of a new ice cream machine in memory of Fred Greco.



### **Fair Silent Auction total**

Many thanks to the 4-H Clubs and individuals who donated items to the 2023 Silent Auction in the Exhibit Building. The sale total was \$812 and goes to the Horse Committee. We are also very grateful to all the people who generously bid and bought items at the Silent Auction. Thank you all!

### **Year-End awards**

Members are encouraged to fill out the Member Recognition Award application to recognize their efforts throughout the entire 4-H year within the club, county, service, etc. The award nominations are to recognize members who have gone above and beyond in community service or leadership. The nomination forms are on the MSU Toole Extension Website or you can stop in the office and pick one or two up!

### **Clover Academy for Leaders**

Clover Academy for leaders is due on September 30th. It is on Z-Suite for all of the registered leaders, volunteers. All returning volunteers will have until September 30, 2023 to complete the training and will not be allowed to enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year until the orientation is completed. If you let your enrollment lapse, you will be required to pay for a new background check (\$35) after you have sat out for a year. All new volunteers must complete the orientation before being turned active in Z-Suite. Be sure to press the 'Mark Complete' button after every module. It may take the system a moment to refresh and let you proceed. Often just hitting the refresh button is enough, but sometimes it will require you to log out and log back in before it will refresh.



# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM @ EXTENSION OFFICE



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Toole County 4-H Council Meeting is Tuesday August 8th in the Extension Office. Asking for any of our leaders and volunteers to join us with thoughts on the fair and the upcoming awards.

## THANK YOU CARDS

Here are a list of volunteers that we would like to send  
a thank you letter for helping us out at fair!

### **Addisyn Bengston**

102 3rd St SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427

Spearheaded and installed First Aid kits in Exhibit  
Building and Food Booth

### **Albertsons**

501 W Main

Cut Bank, MT 59427

Donation of water for sale

### **Amy Smith**

1111 2nd St S Shelby, MT 59474

Toole Food Booth Day Chair

### **Andrea Bengtson**

102 3rd St SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427

Food booth day chair, livestock committee  
member, beef superintendent

### **Andy Van Haur**

13280 HWY 44 Valier, MT 59486

Fair board member, watering down show ring &  
horse arena, sale ringman, Round Robin judge

### **Ashley Denno**

975 Hill Ave Shelby MT 59474

Toole Food Booth Day Chair

### **Ben Taylor**

2122 W Roosevelt Hwy, Shelby, MT 59474

Use of water tanks for livestock and sale drinks

### **Blaine Suta**

1282 Boundary Rd Cut Bank, MT 59427-9108

Fair board member

### **Brandon Greco**

138 4th Ave SW Cut Bank, MT 59427

Food Booth Head Cook, oversaw food booth and  
ordering, etc.

### **Breauna Erickson**

11 S. Minnesota, Conrad, MT 59425

Spearheaded sidewalk project and fundraising

### **Bree Swanson**

2265 Gooseberry Ln, Chinook, MT 59523

Taking 100+ livestock pictures, printing buyer  
posters and pictures, and allowing families to  
download pictures

### **Brittany Hotchkiss**

PO Box 147 Cut Bank, MT 59427

Rabbit/Poultry barn superintendent, food booth  
committee (worked on digital system for food  
booth)

### **Carol Fulbright**

PO Box 183 Chester MT 59522

Liberty County Food Booth Day Chair

### **Casey Buffington**

5439 Broadhurst Road Ledger MT 59456

Swine barn superintendent, livestock committee  
member

### **Chad Scarborough**

944 Westwood Ave. Shelby, MT 59474

Horse barn superintendent, Livestock Committee  
Vice-President, Horse Committee President,  
Horse herdsmanship judge, Horse show  
announcer

### **Christiaens Meats**

506 Montana, Valier, MT 59486

Coordinating steer slaughter and feeding steers  
until ready to slaughter, beef for pre-sale social

### **CHS**

23 N. Central Ave., Cut Bank, MT 59427

Thursday breakfast sponsor and cooked  
breakfast, provided grill for pre-sale social

## THANK YOU CARDS

### **Cody Rohlf**

508 6th Ave S., Shelby, MT 59474  
Fair board member

### **Cut Bank Auto Body**

305 E. Main St., Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Saturday breakfast sponsor

### **Dean & Carrie Lerum**

PO Box 56 Galata, MT 59444  
Dean – Ringman for sale, grilled meat  
Carrie – helped with weigh-ins, MRLA beef  
breeding award

### **Destini Anderson, Mary Anderson**

310 2nd St SE Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Organized pre-sale social & organized fundraiser  
for ice cream machine. Mary is Food Booth Day  
Chair

### **Eric Morrisett**

PO Box 1314 Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Hog superintendent, livestock committee  
member

### **Golden Triangle Newspapers**

19 S. Central, Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Promoted the 4-H sale and events in newspapers

### **Hapi Seewald**

250 Landslide Butte Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Glacier Food Booth Day Chair

### **Holden Herefords**

3139 Valier Dupuyer Rd, Valier, MT 59486  
Supplied feed bunks for steers while they are on  
feed at Christiaens until being processed

### **Jackie Boyce**

138 Us Highway 213 N Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Beef superintendent, livestock committee  
treasurer

### **Janet Hawks**

55 Oilmont Rd  
Galata, MT 59444  
Helped with weigh-ins, fair board member

### **Jake Fritz**

PO Box 260, Chester, MT 59522  
MRLA beef breeding award judge

### **Jeff Flesch**

P.O. Box 574, Shelby, MT 59474  
Auctioneering sale

### **Jeremy Curry**

22703 Valier HWY Valier, MT 59486  
Coordinating steer slaughter with Christiaens,  
lining up feed, etc., livestock committee president,  
beef barn superintendent, provided chute for  
ultrasounding

### **Jerry Collins**

175 Sun Loop Lane Great Falls, MT 59404  
Coordinated online sale option and clerked sale

### **Joe and Barb Larsen**

57 Larsen Farm Ln, Galata, MT 59444  
Help with small animal barn and shows , Barb -  
barn superintendent

### **Judy Tempel**

Box 131 Chester, MT 59522  
Helped with weigh-ins

### **Katelyn Suta, Raylee Johnson**

1282 Boundary Rd Cut Bank, MT 59427-9108  
Organized pre-sale social

### **Katie Emerson**

PO Box 240 Valier, MT 59486  
Helped with weigh-ins and horse show

## THANK YOU CARDS

### **Ken and Jed Winkowitsch**

PO Box 1228  
Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Built new wooden podium for 4-H sale

### **Kory Sandon**

PO Box 726 Sunburst, MT 59482  
Hog superintendent, livestock committee member

### **KSEN/K96 Radio**

830 Oilfield Ave., Shelby, MT 59474  
Promoted the 4-H sale, events, and shows on the radio

### **Lance Stokes**

PO Box 919 Conrad, MT 59425  
Flatbed trailer for sale, load out chute, hog and sheep barn superintendent, Livestock committee member

### **Lindsey Habets**

16163 Old Shelby Road, Conrad, MT 59425  
Created buyer thank you poster and sponsor thank you poster and did fair promotions on Facebook, MRLA beef breeding awards, etc.

### **Marias Fair Board**

P.O. Box 924 Shelby, MT 59474  
Wood chips for barn, sound system for shows and sale, etc.

### **Marias Fair Livestock Committee**

PO Box 607, Chester, Montana 59456  
coordinates shows, judges, panel changes, auctioneers, photographers, weigh-ins, ultrasounding, etc.

### **Marias River Livestock Association**

P.O. Box 1072, Shelby, MT 59474  
Grilled meat for pre-sale social

### **Brooms & Rags**

PO Box 456, Shelby, MT 59474  
Cleaned the Fairgrounds

### **Merlin Frydenlund**

608 W Marias Fair Rd. Shelby, MT 59474  
Groundskeeper, maintenance, etc. on fairgrounds

### **Myra Blonde**

PO Box 798 Shelby, MT 59474  
Beef heardshmanship judge, helped with weigh-ins

### **Nutrien Ag**

109 8th Ave. NE Building B Conrad, MT 59425  
Friday breakfast sponsor and cooked breakfast

### **Pat Harmon**

4071 MT HWY 223 Chester, MT 59522  
Beef Superintendent, livestock committee member

### **Patty DeVries**

502 Dugout Road Ledger MT59456  
Liberty County Food Booth Day Chair

### **Rachel Brown**

81 Luedtke Rd Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Fair board member, helped with livestock judging contest and Round Robin

### **Ray & Wyatt Michaels**

156 Carter Camp Rd., Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Grilled meat for pre-sale social

### **Robyn Kimmet**

PO Box 203 Shelby MT 59474  
Toole Food Booth Day Chair

### **Ryan Perry**

406 Vaughn S. Frontage Road Great Falls, MT 59404  
Auctioneering livestock sale

## THANK YOU CARDS

### **Sahm Winkowitsch**

PO Box 1228 Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Exhibit Building Superintendent, Hog Barn  
herdsmanship judge

### **Sanna and Delaney Clark**

PO Box 295 Shelby, MT 59474  
Used old gate panels to hang flowers they  
planted by livestock barns

### **Shandi Bradley**

229 3rd Ave SW Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Sheep and goat herdsman ship judge

### **Shannon and Jadis Scarborough**

944 Westwood Ave., Shelby, MT 59474  
Planted and cared for flowers in front of Seewald  
barn

### **Stefanie Leach**

250 4800 Rd S Ledger, MT 59456  
Sheep/Goat Superintendent, livestock committee  
secretary

### **Torgersons**

½ Mile N Hwy 2 S Ethridge, MT 59435  
Donated use of skid steer

### **Travis Clark**

PO Box 295 Shelby, MT 59474  
Ringman for sale, Round Robin judge

### **Troy Harmon**

4361 MT Hwy 223 S, Chester, MT 59522  
Hauling pigs, sheep & goats to Columbia Falls

### **Vandevanter Meats**

180 Trap Rd Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
Processing of lambs, goats, and swine

### **Wade and Wyatt Berkram**

PO Box 578 Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Lined up skidsteer for fair, hauled extra steers to  
Valier, helped with weigh-ins and pre-show,  
Wade - livestock committee member

### **Wanda Dwello**

213 S. Wisconsin Conrad, MT 59425  
Pondera Food Booth Day Chair

### **Western Livestock Auction**

406 Vaughn South Frontage Rd. Great Falls, MT  
59404  
Provided scale for weigh-in

### **Zeb Engstrom**

257 Schafer Rd. Whitlash, MT 59425  
Hauled steers to Valier

### **Dr. Kamron Ratzburg**

955 S Industrial Park Rd, Shelby, MT 59474  
Inspected livestock, assisted with health  
questions

### **Toole County Commissioners**

226 1st St S Suite 201 Shelby, MT 59474  
Provide financial support for Marias Fair

### **Jim Woodring**

121 2nd Ave SW, Cut Bank, MT 59427  
Helped with weigh ins

### **Livestock Buy Backs**

Huge thank you to those who purchased animals  
and donated back to the Toole County 4-H  
Council. Torgerson's donated back to all 4  
County's 4-H Councils and BHE Montana donated  
1/2 to Toole County 4-H Council and 1/2 to  
Glacier County 4-H Council.

BHE Montana, c/o Stephen Laufenberg, 41  
Gardner Park Dr. Bozeman, MT 59715 to 4-H  
Council

Torgerson's c/o Aron Torgerson, 1/4 Mile N of  
HWY, 2, Ethridge, MT 59435

# AWARDS

## **Brinlee Flesch**

Pre Junior Swine Showmanship 2nd Place  
Livestock Judging Individual- Pre Junior 1st Place

## **Dylan Clark**

Senior Swine Showmanship 1st Place  
Overall Swine Showmanship Runner Up  
Senior Beef Showmanship 2nd Place  
Overall Runner Up Beef Showmanship  
Simmental Influenced Market Beef Breeds Show  
Livestock Judging Individual- Senior 3rd Place

## **Grace Hemmer**

Reserve Junior Cat Showmanship  
Reserve Overall Cat Showmanship  
Grand Champion Hen or Pullet  
Overall Grand Champion Poultry  
Junior Poultry Showmanship 3rd Place  
Overall Cat Project  
Best of Show Small Animal Exhibit

## **Ella Fix**

Pre Junior Rabbit Showmanship 2nd Place

## **Preslee Flesch**

Junior Beef Showmanship 1st Place  
Reserve Overall Beef Showmanship  
Market Beef Grand Champion  
Reserve Champion Bred Heifer Project

## **Delaney Clark**

Senior Beef Showmanship 1st Place  
Overall Grand Champion Beef Showmanship  
Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair Project  
Reserve Champion Round Robin Showmanship  
Senior Demo/Illustrated Talk- Saturday  
Demo/ Illustrated Talk Overall 1st Place  
Top Interview Beef/Dairy

## **Jagger Flesch**

Reserve Breeding Animal  
Breeding Heifer, Toole County  
Top Overall Breeding Heifer

## **Regan Torgerson**

High % Black Angus Beef  
Best of Show Visual Arts Exhibit  
Top Interview Visual Arts

## **Orion Vetch**

Pre Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship 1st Place  
Reserve Champion Hen or Pullet  
Pre Junior Poultry Showmanship 1st Place  
Pre Junior Demo/Illustrated Talk- Saturday  
Demo/ Illustrated Talk Overall 3rd Place  
Best of Class Pre Junior Poultry  
Best of Class Pre Junior Goat  
Top Interview Mechanical Science- Robotics

## **Gavin Gardiner**

Pre Junior Poultry Showmanship 2nd Place

## **Siera Jansen**

Pre Junior Poultry Showmanship 3rd Place

## **Alethea Smith**

Junior Poultry Showmanship 1st Place  
Reserve Overall Poultry Showmanship  
Reserve Old or Young Trio Poultry  
Poultry Herdsmanship  
High Point Toole County  
3rd Place High Point Overall  
Best of Class Junior Sewing  
Best of Class Junior Shooting Sports  
Best of Class Junior Poultry

## **Kaylee Nickol**

Junior Poultry Showmanship 2nd Place  
Livestock Judging Individual- Pre Junior 2nd Place

## **Corin Scarborough**

Junior Showmanship Third  
Junior Barrels Grand Champion  
Junior Poles Grand Champion  
Junior Demo/Illustrated Talk- Friday  
Best Of Class Junior Mechanical Science  
Top Interview Mechanical Science - Robotics

## **Jadis Scarborough**

Senior Showmanship Reserve  
Western Horsemanship Reserve  
Senior Barrels Reserve Champion  
Senior Poles Reserve Champion  
Senior Cowboy Poetry  
Cowboy Poetry Reserve Over All  
Top Interview Horse



# AWARDS

## **Moira Hemmer**

Dog Project Over-all Toole County High Point  
Dog Project Over-all High Point Exhibitor  
Best of Class Pre Junior Dog

## **Benson Weishaar**

Plants & Nat. Science, 4-H Outdoors

## **Bringham Weishaar**

Pre Junior Mechanical Science

## **Desirae Salois**

Best Of Show Outdoor Sports Exhibit  
Top Interview Photography  
Top Interview Shooting Sports

## **Anissa Smith**

Pre Junior Fashion Revue  
4th Place High Point Overall  
Best of Class Pre Junior Sewing  
Best of Class Pre Junior Shooting Sports  
Best of Class Pre Junior Horse

## **Brinlee Flesch, Kaylee Nickol, Layla Blonde**

Livestock Judging Team- Pre Junior 1st Place

## **Kaley Sandon, Wyatt Fix, Morgan Ripenburg**

Livestock Judging Team- Junior 3rd Place

## **Dylan Clark, Clara Blonde, Delaney Clark**

Livestock Judging Team- Senior 2nd Place



# PICTURES



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## AUGUST

**2nd-** Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Carcass Awards @ Exhibit Building 6pm

**3rd-** Office Closed in afternoon

**3rd-** Market and Music 4-6pm

**8th-** 4-H Council Meeting 5:30pm @ Toole County Courthouse

**10th-** Market and Music 4-6pm

**17th-** Market and Music 4-6pm

**24th-** Market and Music 4-6pm

**31st-** Market and Music 4-6pm

## SEPTEMBER

**4th-** Office Closed- Labor Day

**6th-** Marias Fair Board Meeting

**7th-** Market and Music 4-6pm

**14th-** Last Market and Music 4-6pm

Toole County 4-H Club  
Contacts

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Barb Larsen 432-2765

**West Butte**

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108

**Kountry Kids**

Sanna Clark 450-2122