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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

4-H Camp and Cloverbud Camp are coming up in a few weeks.

The Marias Fair is coming up fast! Just a reminder that all members have to have five to seven activities from their project books and two of three experiences completed before fair. They need to have it checked by their leader or the Extension Office.

If you haven't picked up your families first fair packet, please do so as soon as you can. The deadline for fair entries on FairEntry is June 16th. If you need any help or have any questions feel free to stop in the office and we can help you!

Cloverbuds will meet every Wednesday 3pm - 5pm @ The Exhibit Building until fair.

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

Kim & Jackie

**TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:
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New Volunteers - Clover Academy Volunteer Orientation

New volunteers will need to complete a volunteer orientation in Zsuite. Log into your personal account, look on the left panel, then scroll to "Clover Academy," and click to begin your four training modules. This training takes around an hour to complete. Each module usually takes about 15 minutes. We cannot finalize your leader status until this orientation is completed.

New Weight Limit for Beef

The Marias Fair Livestock Committee voted to increase the maximum steer pay weight to 1,650 pounds which would make the maximum sale participation weight 1,848 pounds.

Planning for fair

Check out the 2025 Fair Book at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/mariasfairbook/> to see what potential exhibits you can take to fair! The 2025 Fair Book will be available soon. You can only enter items from projects that you are signed up for.

Fair Packets

Fair Packets are ready to be picked up, we still have quite a few. Fair Registration closes on ZSuites on Monday June, 16th. After that day you can no longer register for fair so, please be sure to sign up by the 16th.

Register by signing in to your FairEntry account at <http://mariasfair.fairentry.com/>. If you forgot your password please select the "forgot password" option. Do not create a new account. If this is your first year participating in the Marias Fair, you will need to create a new account. There are instructions in your packet. The deadline to register for fair and turn in all fees is Monday, June 16 . New campers - camper spot requests are time and date stamped so the earlier you turn in your request the better chance you have of getting that spot.

Food Booth Safety

Food Booth Safety Training is required to be taken every other year by members and parents who will be working at the food booth at the Marias Fair. Please watch the training prepared by Glacier County Agent, Lisa Terry, by clicking on the YouTube link. There will be a question on FairEntry asking if you have watched the video. This fulfills the required food booth training requirement https://youtu.be/Whwjl-284_w

Attention Cat Members

There are a couple of new Marias Fair competitions in the feline department this year. In addition to showmanship there will be a "longest whisker" and "longest tail" and a "best costume" contest. You can't change your cat's whisker or tail length- No Extensions! but you can be creative in dressing up your cat if he or she will allow it. We are looking forward to seeing your imagination at work!



UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Congress

This July, Montana 4-H youth age 13 and older, along with volunteers and MSU Extension staff, are invited to Montana 4-H Congress at Montana State University in Bozeman. “LIFE” stands for Leadership In Future Endeavors, and this three-day event is all about building the skills, confidence, and connections that lead to success—both now and long after your 4-H journey ends.

Whether it's your first time or you're a returning delegate, Congress offers a fun, jam-packed experience that brings 4-H'ers together from across the state. You'll explore new ideas, compete in state contests, learn by doing, and walk away with memories that last a lifetime.

Here's what you can expect at Montana 4-H Congress:

- Make connections with youth and adults from all across Montana and build your network of mentors and lifelong friends.
- Learn by doing through hands-on workshops and competitions.
- Discover fresh ideas from national speakers and engaging sessions.
- Set yourself up for success with career-focused learning opportunities.
- Past participants agree—Congress is impactful. In fact, 94% of attendees said they gained skills to help them do better in school, and 87% developed goal-setting abilities. From late-night dorm chats to cheering on friends in contests, the moments you create at Congress help shape who you are and who you'll become.
- Workshops this year will spark creativity and growth—whether you're into leadership, wellness, fly fishing, photography, cybersecurity, or exploring future careers. >> [Read Full Workshop Descriptions.](#)
- Plus, statewide contests offer a chance for youth to showcase their skills in events like communications, livestock judging, food science, and more. While 13-year-olds may compete, they are not eligible for out-of-state trips.
- [Learn More about State Contests](#)
- Registration opens May 1 in ZSuite and closes June 15. Each county has its own deadlines and requirements, so reach out to your local Extension office soon. You don't need to enter a contest to attend—just come ready to learn, lead, and experience what 4-H for LIFE is all about.

2025 4-H Camp Registration

Dates of 4-H Camp are: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - Friday, June 27, 2025

Camp is held at: Montana Farmers Union Arrowpeak Camp

Camp cost is: \$75

Registration deadline is: May 23, 2025

Eligibility: Members enrolled in a regular 4-H Club and who are in the seventh grade or lower for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please complete the camp registration form [here](#) in ZSuite and send payment to your county Extension Office.

Checks need to be made payable to: **Phillips/Blaine 4-H Camp OR payment can be made online and will be sent to Phillips/Blaine 4-h Camp.**

Cancellation with full refund will be accepted up until May 31st. After that it will be on a case by case basis.

Please contact your local Extension Office with questions.

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.

Livestock showmanship practice

There will be a 4-H livestock showmanship practice Saturday, June 28 at 4 p.m. at Chris and Lacy Roberts ranch west of Kevin (205 Nepstad Road). Members are encouraged to bring their livestock animals and show equipment. Please RSVP to Lacy if you are coming and will be bringing an animal, 406-209-5378. All are welcome, they just need a headcount for dinner. Meat will be provided, please bring a salad or side dish.

Small Animal and Livestock Showmanship Workshop

Monday, June 23 at the Marias Fairgrounds will be both a small animal and a livestock showmanship workshop. Small animals (rabbits, cats, dogs, poultry, pocket pets) will be 5:30 - 6:30 and livestock (swine, beef, sheep, and goats) will be 6:30 - 8:30. Flyer and registration details coming soon. Members do not need to bring their animals but will have the opportunity to learn showmanship and fitting skills to work on at home.

Marias Fair Shotgun Tournament

The Marias Fair Shotgun Tournament will be on June 29th starting at 9am held at the Shelby Trap Club. Members need to register on FairEntry by June 15th in order to compete in the tournament. 4-Hers will complete their fair interview that day as well. The fee will be \$10 collected with fair fees.

Marias Fair Pre- Sale Social- Help Needed

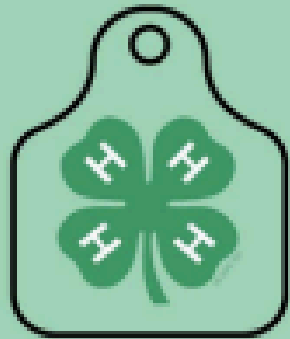
This event is an opportunity for buyers to interact with 4-H youth prior to the sale and show our appreciation. Help is needed for the Pre-Sale Social on Saturday, July 20th at the Seewald Barn. 4-H families are encouraged to help by bringing cookies/bars and/or working a shift. Donations of one dozen cookies/bars are requested, please bring to fair by Friday and contact Raylee Johnson (450-8041), Mary Anderson (450-8053), Destini Anderson (450-3218) to drop off. Cookies/bars should be in a disposable bag/container.

Members are needed to help set up, work, and tear down.

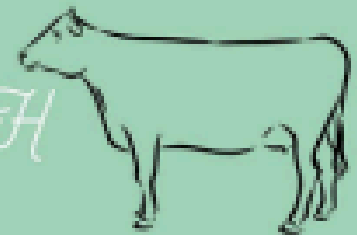
Attention All:

Glacier, Toole, Pondera, and Liberty County

4-H Clubs



*Marias Fairgrounds 4-H
Wash Rack Project*



Needs Your Help!

Are you up for the

Wash Rack Project Club Challenge?

The Plan:

We are adding new wash racks on the south side of the Seewald Barn and are challenging all the 4-H clubs to donate at least \$200 per club to finish the funding with a projected completion date of Marias Fair 2025. Current funding includes the Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee and three grants. Additional funds are needed to complete the project by Marias Fair 2025.

How:

Donations can be mailed to:

4-H Livestock Committee, 1210 E. Main Street, Cut Bank, MT 59427. To be recognized for your donation on a banner, please have donations submitted by June 15.

For more information, please contact Janae Roberts at jroberts@sunburst.k12.mt.us or (406) 845-5136
Members, parents, and supporters can also make donations!



4-H Project Day

Monday, June 9 - Cut Bank, MT

Location pending



Join us for a fun and educational day with hands-on workshops, life skills, and fair prep! Open to all area 4-H youth. Entry fee - Donation of food, toiletry item, pet food or cooking utensils for Food Pantry.



12:30 - 1 p.m.

- **Fair interview practice** - A firm handshake and a solid interview takes practice! This session will give members a chance to practice project interviews before fair!



1 - 2 p.m.

- **Everything my Animal Needs** - 4-Hers will make an educational display for fair with Kate and Alec Morrisett. Members need to bring a display board, ziploc baggie of their animal's feed(s), picture of animal's shelter, equipment, etc. (watch for list).
- **Life Skills from Lewis** - This session with Kari Lewis will cover everything from ironing that interview or show shirt to saving and investing earnings to writing a thank you card.
- **Book work session** - Members can work independently on their 4-H books.



2 - 3 p.m.

- **Slicing down the Yellow Brick Road** - Join Lisa Terry on a culinary adventure and slice down the yellow brick road of cooking! In this workshop, young chefs will learn essential knife safety, proper cutting techniques, and kitchen wizardry that will transform them from novice cooks to confident kitchen heroes. \$5 fee.
- **Cookies & Critiques - on your way to livestock judging** - In this interactive workshop members will learn from Kari Lewis how to deliver livestock reasons using cookies. They'll also learn to compare livestock for market readiness.
- **Boot, Scoot, and Boogie!** - Bring your dancing boots! Ambassadors Olivia Bradley and Destini Anderson will be teaching line dancing, two step, and jitterbug basics so you're ready to take the 4-H dance floor at camp, Congress, and fair!



3 - 4 p.m.

- **Meals in Minutes:** - Join Lisa Terry to learn to harness the power of the Instant Pot while creating a delicious Rancher Stew and other goodies that we'll enjoy together— perfect for youth who want to develop quick, practical cooking skills. \$5 fee.
- **Social Media Stars** - Members will be learning the basics of making a commercial and then will record commercials for promoting the upcoming fair, livestock sale, pork raffle, etc. for use on social media with ambassador Janae Roberts and Kari Lewis.
- **Ewe nutritional management** - Grace Rooney, Pondera agent, will cover ewe body condition scoring, flushing, and ration differences throughout the gestation and lactation to ensure the sheep herd is on track for peak production!



4 - 4:45 p.m.

- **Farm, Flames, and Family** - Whether kids are home alone this summer cooking in the kitchen or working on the farm, ranch, or outdoors, it's always fire safety season! Join Cut Bank Fire Department members for fire safety demonstrations that anyone can use. Parents are highly encouraged to join this session!



Register on ZSuite under 'Events' by June 5

For more information: (406) 873-2239 or kari.lewis@montana.edu or lterry@montana.edu

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1st-** Blazing Saddles Club Meeting 2pm @ Anna Hemmer's House
- 1st-** West Butte Club Project, Community Service Day and Potluck
- 3rd-** Toole County 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office
- 5th-** Cloverbud Day Camp 10:30- 3:30 @ Exhibit Building
- 9th-** Marias Fairboard Meeting
- 11th-** Cloverbuds 3-5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 16th-** FairEntry Registration closes
- 16th-** Forms due back to the office
- 18th-** Cloverbuds 3-5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 18th-** Marias Fair Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @ Marias Fairgrounds
- 23rd-** Small Animal and Livestock Showmanship Clinic 5:30 @ Fairgrounds
- 23rd-** Food Booth Committee Meeting 7pm @ 4-H Food Booth
- 24th-** Horse Committee Meeting 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 25th-** Cloverbuds 3-5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 25th-27th-** 4-H Camp at ArrowPeak Lodge
- 28th-** Marias Fair Shotgun Tournament 9am @ Shelby Trap Club

JULY

- 4th- Office Closed- Independence Day**
- 7th-** Fashion Revue 3pm @ Exhibit Building
- 12th-** Fair Clean up 8am @ Fairgrounds
- 15th-** Cloverbud Chicken Washing
- 16th- 20th-** Marias Fair Fun Time

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