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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

As you may know, the butterbraid fundraiser is due March 6th to the Toole County Extension Office. We ask that each member try to sell at least five butterbraids. If a family wants to buy out of the fundraiser, they may pay \$20 per member. Please have all checks made out to Toole County 4-H Council.

This year's camp counselors will be Cami Blevins, Delaney Clark, Dylan Clark, Jadis Scarborough, and Clara Blonde. Our first year counselors will be "counselors in training" and under mentorship from the older counselors. Their first meeting will be virtually on Zoom on March 12th at 1:30 PM. We will email the information to them. The second training is in Chester on April 16th.

Please save the date for 4-H Camp on June 12-14. Registration will be on Z-Suite soon.

It is that time of year when some of you are needing to select a hog for the fair! I have a list available of folks who sell hogs if you need some inspiration on where to go.

Some upcoming dates to be aware of are the swine weigh-in date of April 16th and the lamb and goat weigh in date of May 7th. If you signed up for swine, lamb, or goat. Kim will be contacting you closer to the date to tag your animals.

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  
CALENDAR



*Congratulations Bridger on  
winning the Shooting Sports  
Raffle!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Volunteer Trainings Online**

If you are planning to be a volunteer for the county 4-H, new this year, we are announcing the 4-H Volunteer online training resources. We still have a few folks who need to take the training.

All 4-H Volunteers must complete the training in Z-Suite. If you need help, you can come take the modules in the Extension Office.

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 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.

### **Marias Fair Premium Sponsorship**

Are you interested in sponsoring the Marias Fair?

The Toole County 4-H program is very fortunate to receive generous support from our community. Whether you are a new or returning supporter, we would like to invite you to be a Marias 4-H Fair sponsor this year.

Toole County 4-H members will join with Glacier, Pondera, and Liberty County youth to participate in the Marias Fair. At the fair, 4-H youth can display their projects and demonstrate the skills they have learned throughout the year. Projects vary from cooking to sewing, market animals to weed science, to public speaking and that is to name just a few.

Top entries are awarded rosettes or trophies depending on the event. Donations help to cover the cost of these awards. There are several sponsorship levels you may contribute at, which are as follows:

*Clover (up to \$24), Emerald (\$25-\$49), Bronze (\$50-\$74), Silver (\$75-\$99), Gold (\$100 - \$499), Platinum (\$500 and up)*

If you would like to support 4-H youth by being a Marias Fair sponsor, please mail a check to our office.

Checks can be made payable to the Marias Fair Premium Fund.

Thank you so much for supporting our youth in their 4-H activities.

### **State Shooting Sports in Bozeman March 3-5th**

**Archery-** Good luck to Kaylee Berthelote, Parker Berthelote, Dylan Clark, Bridger Ergenbright, and Desirae Salois

**Air Rifle & Pistol-** Good Luck to Kyla Calangi and Kacey Wipf

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Volunteer Spotlight & Members of the Month

Nominate a volunteer or youth in your county who has done something awesome and deserves a shout-out for making a difference. They will be recognized next month in a Volunteer or Member Spotlight social media post and in the state's monthly newsletter. They will also be eligible for Ag Network's Volunteer or Member of the Month sponsored by Stockman Bank. You are welcome to submit more than one recognition form!

**Nominate a volunteer you appreciate:** <https://forms.gle/z6qTGfjZEZUxAksg9>

**Nominate a youth member:** <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWKX6>

### Youth State Award

Members apply in a project area they have mastered and "gone above and beyond" regular project expectations. Communication, Goals/Learning, Leadership and Service are the four categories. Please reach out to youth in your county that may fit this criteria. Share with organizational and project leaders that may know of youth that fit this criteria. <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

- Plan of action due June 1, 2023  
[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth\\_leadership/plan\\_of\\_action.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/plan_of_action.html)
- County Ambassadors interested in applying to be State Officers, applications due June 15, 2023
- [https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth\\_leadership/officer\\_team.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/officer_team.html)

### Marias Fair Board Updates

The 2023 Marias Fair will remain on the same date, July 19 - 23 this year. Next year the fair board is looking to potentially move the fair to the last weekend in June. They will be holding a public comment meeting on **March 21st at 6:30 PM** at the Shelby High School Auditorium. Please plan on attending the public meeting and bring a friend! Their next board meeting is March 1st and they are public meetings, so you are welcome to attend anytime if you would like.

### Marias Fair Sidewalk Project

Breaunna Erickson, of Pondera County, is the recipient of a \$500 People Partner grant for her sidewalk project at the Marias Fairgrounds. Breaunna is in the process of raising funds to add sidewalks to the fairgrounds. This will allow people with mobility issues, families with strollers and basically everyone to navigate the 4-H area of the fairgrounds more comfortably.

If you are interested in donating, you can contact the Pondera County Extension Office by calling 406-271-4054, e-mailing [pondera@montana.edu](mailto:pondera@montana.edu) or by mail at 20 4th Ave SW, Conrad, MT 59425.

### Marias Fair Scholarships For Graduating Seniors

The following scholarships are now open, they are available on ZSuite, the Marias Fair Website, and the Toole County Website, or stop by the office and due back by March 28 to the Toole County Extension office:

- Livestock carcass scholarship (\$700)
- Livestock committee scholarship (3 at \$700/each)
- Mary Jane Kinyon memorial scholarship (\$550) - does not need to be a livestock member

### Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud day camp will be Thursday, June 8 at the Shelby Splash Park in Shelby, open to all area Cloverbuds. It will be a pirate theme this year! Please 'Save the Date' if you have a Cloverbud or teen willing to help with workshops/games/crowd control, etc.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Montana 4-H Congress- Save the Date

- Registration will open May 1
- Registration deadline is June 15
- Congress MSU Bozeman- Tuesday, July 11- Friday July 14
- Pre-Congress and Officer Selection- Sunday July 9 - Tuesday July 11
- State Contests Wednesday, July 12

### Leadership Academy

Members 12+, 4-H age join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022/2023. 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.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team 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. County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual state wide workshop together.

This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to county extension offices and can be shared locally.

Visit the webpage for complete descriptions:

[https://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth\\_leadership/academy.html](https://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html)

To receive the Zoom meeting link and info for this workshop series, please complete the short registration by clicking the "Register Now" on the montana4h.org page. Once the form is complete, an email containing the Zoom meeting link for all five workshops will be sent automatically.

- March 5, 2023

### Habets Annual Show Pig Sale

Champions in the Making

Date: March 25, 2023

Location: Marias Fair Grounds in Shelby, MT at Open Beef Barn

Time: Viewing starts at 10:30 am

Auction: At NOON

\*Multiple Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, Class Winners\*

These pigs are born December, January, and February this year. We offer a rewards program to the kids that purchase hogs from us. We take pride in the hogs we raise. Proven genetics that have set us apart from other breeders. Anyone can attend this sale. If you need directions or if you have any questions, please contact us

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### State 4-H Shotgun Qualifier

This competition is open to all Montana 4-H members enrolled in the Shotgun Project. This will be April 22 in Three Forks. The National 4-H Shooting Tournament will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, Sunday-Friday, June 25 – June 30, 2023. The top four (4) finishers will be invited to represent the state of Montana at the National Shoot in the Shotgun event. The competitors must have passed their 14th birthday by January 1, 2023 and may not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships are held.

Details are up at

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting\\_sports/shooting\\_sports\\_events/Shotgun%20Qualifier%202023.pdf](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_events/Shotgun%20Qualifier%202023.pdf). Cost is \$40/person., registration deadline is April 14.

### Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee Updates

- **Goat showmanship** – There will be separate divisions this year for meat goat showmanship (held Thursday night of fair) and dairy goat showmanship (held Friday of fair). The top meat goat and dairy goat showmen will both compete in the Round Robin.
- **Belt buckles** – There will be belt buckles awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion in the market divisions of the beef, sheep, swine, and goat competitions at the fair.
- **Seewald barn signs** – If any business, family, etc. is interested in having a sign displayed in the Seewald barn, applications are available online at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/livestockcom.html>. It is \$400 to have a sign displayed for 10 years and then just \$250 for the following 10 years.
- **New rule** – The livestock committee has added the following to the Livestock Rules, 'All animals are subject to examination by the livestock committee or veterinarian and may be removed from the show and fairgrounds at their discretion.'
- **Officers** - Jeremy Curry (President), Chad Scarborough (Vice President), Jacki Boyce (Treasurer) and Stefanie Leach (Secretary) were all re-elected.

### Fair Manager Position

Toole County is looking for a Fairgrounds Manager. This position is part-time. The Fairgrounds Manager is responsible for the planning, organization, and supervision of the daily operations of the county fairgrounds.

If you know someone who may be a good fit, please refer them to

[https://toolecountymt.gov/employment\\_opportunities.html](https://toolecountymt.gov/employment_opportunities.html).

### Swine Weigh In/ Tagging

It's 4-H pig tagging time! Saturday, April 16 is the deadline to tag a pig in for the Marias Fair. Kim will call and coordinate a time to weigh/tag/deworm your pigs. Members need to have the following information:

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

# MARCH

- 1st-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 1st** - Marias Fair Board Meeting @ Ambulance Barn 6:30pm
- 2nd-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 3rd-5th-** State Shooting Sports in Bozeman
- 5th** - Leadership Academy (Virtual)
- 7th-** 1st & 2nd year Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 12th** - Camp Counselor (Zoom Meeting) 1:30 PM
- 15th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 16th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 19th-** 3rd-5th year Robotics @ courthouse 2-5pm
- 21st-** 1st & 2nd year old Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 21st-** Marias Fair Board Public Comment @ Shelby High School Auditorium 6:30pm
- 28th-** Livestock Committee Scholarships due

# APRIL

- 1st-** Council Scholarship due
- 4th-** 1st & 2nd year Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 5th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 5th** - Marias Fair Board Meeting @ Ambulance Barn 6:30pm
- 6th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 11th-** 4-H Council Meeting @ Toole County Courthouse 6:30 PM
- 16th** - Camp Counselor Meeting (In-Person) @ Chester
- 16th-** Swine Weigh in deadline, breeding project info due
- 18th-** 1st & 2nd year Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 19th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 20th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ courthouse 3:30-5pm

**\*\*Please eat before you come to all 4-H project meetings\*\***

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