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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

There are lots of fun spring time events coming up and they are all listed in our newsletter. We also share these events in our Facebook group if you are on Facebook, feel free to add yourself to the Toole County 4-H Group.

Summer is just around the corner and Marias Fair Fun Time will be here before you know it! Save the date for July 19-24th

Fair Packets come out May 18th and are due by June 18th.

The Exhibit Building needs volunteers! If you are interested in helping in the Exhibit Building during the Marias Fair, please come to the annual organizational meeting in the Exhibit Building on Thursday, May 19th at 6 pm. We will be looking at ways to continue to make interview judging easy, talking about potential judges and some changes to make things easier for Cloverbuds. This is a great opportunity to join our team and develop leadership skills, too.

We are in search of a Treasurer for the Food Booth Committee. It is not necessary to be a day chair, just someone who is comfortable writing checks and balancing the checkbook. This is not a busy year round position, as most things happen around Fair time. If you have questions or you think you'd be interested, please contact Wendy at [wendy.wedum@montana.edu](mailto:wendy.wedum@montana.edu) or 406-271-4052

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:  
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## Small Ag Committee Updates

The Small Ag Committee has made a few minor changes to some wording in the small animal rules. These new rules will be included in your fair packets and will be available online.

## Livestock Committee Update

Market animals (any species) that are over the maximum sale participation weight (1,680 for steers, 185 for lambs, 336 for swine, 123 for goats) will show ONLY for showmanship and will not sell.

Livestock Panel Project Update – Currently, 30% of the funds needed to purchase the new Hog, Sheep, and Goat panels for the fair livestock ring have been received. With a pending grant and some additional donations, having the project complete for the 2022 Marais Fair is very doable! If every Marias Fair livestock member contributed \$50, the project would be fully funded!

This new ring (with swine on deck pens) will eliminate the need for multiple set-ups and tear downs throughout the fair, will reduce stress on animals, and be safer for exhibitors. Any and all donations are appreciated and will be recognized publicly. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee, 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Please mail donations by June 1, 2022, to ensure panels can be purchased in time for the 2022 Marias Fair! For more information, please contact Katelyn at [ksuta1030@gmail.com](mailto:ksuta1030@gmail.com).

## Horse Updates

1. We will start doing recognition of seniors at the horse show. It was started last minute last year, but we will do a better job of it in coming years.
2. We will not be doing any fundraising this year. Instead we are going to see if we can work the stripping chute at Whoop Up Days and get a small donation from the Lions Committee. If you have something horse related in your county that could use volunteers, let the horse committee know and we may be able to work a similar deal to help us pay for judges and other miscellaneous needs.
3. We are going to move the Working Ranch Horse Show to 9:00 Judges Clinic, 10:00 show start. Still on Tuesday of Fair.
4. Pony Rides will be happening again from noon until 1pm on Saturday. Depending on numbers, we might get both arenas going.
5. Patterns were selected and are attached. We haven't done WRH patterns yet though.
6. Adriane is working on getting ahold of PRCA people to see how elaborate they want the grand entry/TETWP and if we are going both days of rodeo or just Saturday. We were also approached by the Lions Club to have a bigger presence at Whoop Up, and may do a grand entry there. I am getting more details on how elaborate they want it, but if it goes ahead, horse members from all counties will be invited to participate.
7. The goal is to have at least one ride night in Shelby before fair to make sure kids and horses are all used to the fair grounds.

## 2023 NILE Merit Heifer Program

The opportunity for kids to get started in the cattle industry is knocking, and loudly. Applications for the NILE Merit Heifer program are now available for the 2022-2023 year.

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a live animal scholarship, meaning the recipients are given a young, live, heifer calf. The objective is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business and gain knowledge about the beef industry.

Program participants are chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. 4-H or FFA members who are 12-16 years old may apply. Applicants are not limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for care-taking, record keeping, breeding, and bringing the heifer back one year later to the NILE Stock Show & Rodeo. The class of merit heifer recipients competes for best phenotype, top showman honors, best record book, best interview and overall top herdsman.

Applications and a link to the YouTube video must be received no later than June 30, 2022 by 4 p.m. The 2023 recipients will be announced in late summer of 2022. Applications are available online here.

### Application Requirements:

- complete application

- character references

- written essay

3-5 minute YouTube video (should include, but is not limited to):

- an introduction

- facility tour

- current 4-H/FFA projects

- goals and objectives for the Merit Heifer

- voiced by the applicant

For more information go to [thenile.org](http://thenile.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Livestock Committee Updates**

**Lamb weight limit** - Maximum lamb weight limit has been increased to 165 pounds. This is more in line with other fairs and allows those larger framed lambs to be appropriately finished. A heavier carcass also provides the buyer more meat for their fixed processing costs.

**Maximum Sale Participation Weight** – Any animal weighing 12% or more above the maximum payweight will NOT be eligible to sell in the market livestock sale. Those animals may participate in the show but will not be able to sell.

### **Maximum sale participation weights are:**

- Beef – 1,680
- Lambs – 185
- Swine – 336
- Goats – 123

**Weigh in Deadline:** Lamb/Goat deadline is May 8th.

### **The following 4-H members will need Livestock Quality Assurance this year:**

We will have a quality assurance/food safety day TBD

Taylor Parsons

Brinlee Flesch

Ty Parsons

Morgan Riphenburg

### **4-H Camp**

4-H camp will be Monday, June 13th through Wednesday, June 15th, similar to previous years. Camp will be for 4-Hers in 7th grade or below (no Cloverbuds). Registration will be available on a first come, first serve (and paid) basis until we reach 120 campers. Any remaining applicants will be on a waiting list. Registration details will be coming later this spring. Camp will be \$60/camper, due to higher food and supply costs. The Toole County 4-H Council Event scholarship and Bret Wanken Memorial Fund scholarship are both available, applications are available on our website or upon request.

The theme for this year's camp is "at the movies". Registration will be open from April 1st to May 13th. Registration is now open on Z-Suite.

### **4-H Family Passes**

Please note, 4-H Family entertainment passes will be \$150/family this year (immediate family only) and the passes will include Indian Relay Races Thursday and Friday and rodeo Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Fair expenses can quickly add up so we recommend budgeting now for these summer expenses. If you receive a tax refund, earmarking part of that for summer activities, whether 4-H camp, fair passes, school supplies, or otherwise, can be a great idea.

### **Swine Weight Fair Information**

Remember, fair weigh-in date is Wednesday, July 20th. Fair minimum weight is 220 pounds, maximum payweight is 300 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 336 pounds. As a generalization, many of the show pig types tend to gain around 1.5 - 2.0 lbs/day while a commercial type pig can be 2.0 - 2.5 lbs/day. Calculate the days until fair from when you purchase your pig to determine what an appropriate beginning start weight would be.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Adult Volunteer Award:**

Application Due June 1st

Each county may nominate one individual for each category to be considered for awards. Nominees may qualify for more than one category. Attached please find the Power Point Presentation on Volunteer Recognition. Questions, please contact Kelton Jensen.

[https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0etOl1iTmlbuoYu](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0etOl1iTmlbuoYu)

### **Horse Clinic for Flesch Family**

Remington Campbell is planning a horsemanship clinic that is centered around the 4-H working ranch horse program. He is going to cap it at 12 students and the fee will be \$150 per student. Anyone that wants to come watch there will be a donation box. All the proceeds of this clinic will go to the Flesch family. He is also thinking about doing a colt starting demonstration at the end that anyone could watch. At this time the date of this horse clinic is to be determined.

### **Montana Make It With Wool Contest**

The Montana Make It With Wool Contest will be held in person on October 22, 2022. It is hosted by the American Sheep Industry and only happens once a year. Contestants include sewers, knitters, crochets, felters, and designers. First place in the Junior and Senior divisions of participating contest, as well as the At Large Contest, for non participating states, you are invited to participate in the National Competition.

If you would like more information stop by the office and we will give you a brochure.

### **Project Day**

There will be no project day this year, Kim will figure out a time to do quality assurance and food safety for those who need it.

**State Horse Show:** September 9-11 at Cottonwood Equine Center in Joliet, MT.

**Horse Ambassador Application:** Youth 14 and up and riding level 3 or above to apply.

**State Horse T-Shirt Design Contest:** Email Emma Tracy with entries. July 15th

**State Horse Essay Contest:** Registration on Z-suite. Deadline August 15th

**State Horse Photography Contest:** Registration on Z-suite. Deadline August 15th

### **Cloverbud Day Camp**

Cloverbud camp will be June 9 at Williamson Park along the Marias River south of Shelby, from 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Details and a registration form will be on Z-Suite. All Marias Fair area Cloverbuds are welcome for a day of activities, games, and lunch. Cloverbuds will be making several items they can enter in the fair as well.

### **Skateboard Clinic & Contest**

On June 24th and 25th there will be a Skateboard clinic and Contest. It is a free community event at the Krysko Skate Park. If you would like any more information visit the First Baptist Church website at [www.fbcshelbymt.com/skate](http://www.fbcshelbymt.com/skate).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2022 Montana Livestock Shows

May 14 - Ronan Livestock Show

May 28 - 29 - Renegade in Great Falls (all species)

June 4 - Golden Triangle Preview in Great Falls (swine, lambs, goats)

June 10 - 11 - Champions Choice in Helena (lambs, goats, swine)

June 11 - 12 - Helena Jackpot (all species)

June 24 - Western Ranch Fitting and Showmanship Camp - Great Falls

June 25 - 26 - Western Ranch Jackpot - Great Falls (all species)

**Beekeeping:** Participants who wish to complete the Bee Keeping 4-H project can present their displays at their county fair. The project is FREE to join and the curriculum book will be available online. The event kicks off in Butte Saturday, May 21st at the Butte Vigilante Saddle Club & Rodeo.

- 4-H'ers interested in participating can register in Z suites for the Entomology/Bee Keeping project or register as an Independent Project.
- We will be roughly following the beekeeping curriculum from Purdue:  
<https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/Uidaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/projects/beekeeping-purdue-571-level1-pdf.pdf>
- The project will kick off with an optional in person event in Butte on May 21st.
- Meetings will be held June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th at 7:00pm on WebEx. We will learn about basic bee keeping as well as hear from special guests who are experts in the industry each week.
- Participants will be encouraged to develop a display and present their new knowledge as an Independent Project for Fair.



## Marias Valley Youth Rodeo Series

June 9 & 23 - July 14 & 29 - Aug 11 & 25

For directions and more information go to [fsbshelbymt.org/rodeo](https://fsbshelbymt.org/rodeo) Bible camp

Email [mariasvalleyrodeo@gmail.com](mailto:mariasvalleyrodeo@gmail.com) or you could text (406) 470-0712

## Montana 4-H State Horse Photography Contest

The photo must be taken between the dates of October 1, 2021 and the time of the entry. Photos may only be submitted once and in only one category. Must be the original work of the 4-H member.

## Photography Contest Categories

My 4-H Horse Project- show

The Registration on Z-suite opens on April 20, 2022 and closes on August 15, 2022.

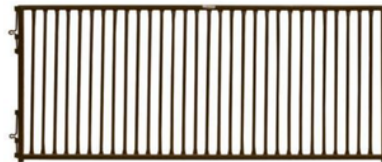
# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Marias Fair Show Ring Re-Design



Katelyn Suta  
Glacier County – Longview 4-H Club  
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- Redesign of the show ring in the Seewald Barn at the Marias Fair
  - Eliminate the need for setting up and tearing down panels for swine show vs other species
  - Increase animal handling skills of participants
  - Reduce stress on the animals
- Two part project – part 1 complete with Livestock Committee purchasing holding pens
- Goal now is to raise remainder of funds to purchase panels and gates
  - Applied for People Partner Grant and will do additional grants that apply
  - Timeline by June 1 to ensure panels are able to be delivered for the fair in July
- Total needed to complete the project is \$8,395
  - \$575 – gates
  - \$365 – panels
  - Any and all levels of donations are appreciated.
- Donors will be recognized through published ads in local newspaper, social media, and a sign in the Seewald barn at the Marias Fair.
- Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to:  
**Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee**  
**1210 E Main**  
**Cut Bank MT 59427**



Katelyn Suta of the Longview 4-H club in Glacier County is working on redesigning the show ring in the Seewald Barn for her Junior Leadership project. The ring will be made of Preiefert Hog, Sheep and Goat panels which will allow for one ring to be used throughout the entire fair and eliminate the need for multiple set-ups and tear downs throughout the fair. The ring will also have swine holding pens attached which will allow for 'on deck' pens for the swine show and sale. This will reduce stress on the animals and be safer for exhibitors as well.

Phase I of the project is complete with the Livestock Committee purchasing the swine holding pens, a cost of \$7,995. Katelyn is now fundraising for Phase II of the project, which is to raise \$8,395 to purchase the panels for the ring. Katelyn is applying for grants and is also asking local 4-H Councils, clubs, and families to donate towards the project. The Clever Clovers and Longview 4-H clubs have each purchased a panel (\$365) and challenge the rest of the Marias Fair clubs to do the same. Any and all donations are appreciated and will be recognized publicly.

Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee, 1210 E. Main, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Please mail donations by June 1, 2022, to ensure panels can be purchased in time for the 2022 Marias Fair! For more information, please contact Katelyn at [ksuta1030@gmail.com](mailto:ksuta1030@gmail.com)

# PUBLIC PRESENTATION DAY



Project day was April 24th @ the First Baptist Church Activity Center. Thank you to all the members who competed in this event!

## Awards:

**Top Presentation:** Delaney Clark  
**Senior Level:** 1st Place- Delaney Clark

2nd Place- Kolby Davidson

**Junior Level:** 1st Place- Clara Blonde

2nd Place- Dylan Clark

3rd Place- Paxton Flesch

**Pre-Junior Level:** 1st Place- Bridger Ergenbright

2nd Place- Grace Hemmer

3rd Place- Alethea Smith

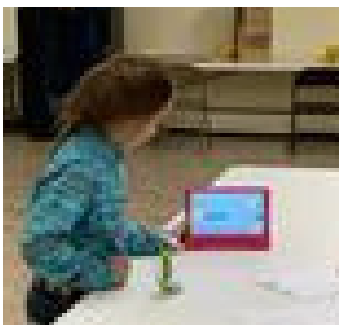
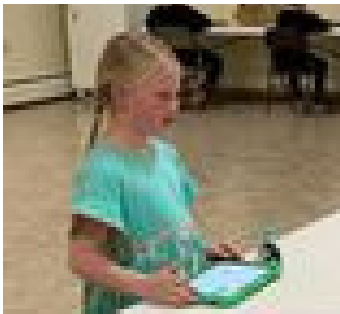
**Lego Pre-Junior:** 1st- Alethea Smith

2nd- Jacob Preuss

**Lego Junior:** 1st- Avalyn Smith

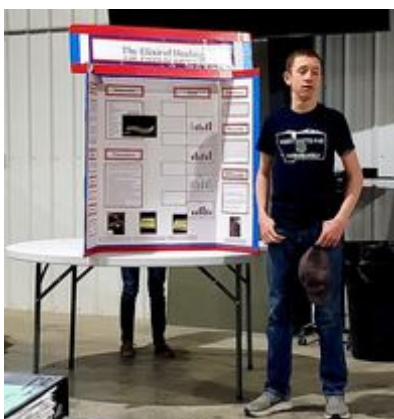
2nd- Brant Blonde

**Lego Overall:** Alethea Smith

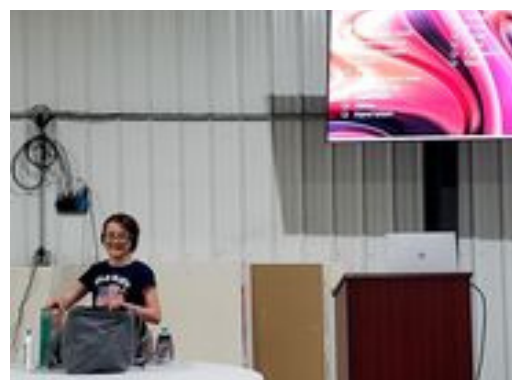




# PUBLIC PRESENTATION DAY



West Butte Club had their meeting on Sunday, April 24th and showed their demonstrations to others in the club!



## MAY

- 1st- Project drop/add deadline
- 8th- Lamb and Goat weigh in deadline
- 13th Office Closed in the afternoon
- 16th- Fair Registration Begins Packets available in the office.
- 19th- Exhibit Building Meeting @6pm
- 21st- Sunburst Graduation
- 29th- Shelby Graduation
- 30- Office Closed (Memorial Day)

## JUNE

- 2nd- Small Animal Showmanship in Exhibit Building @ 6:30
- 7th- 4-H Council Meeting @ Toole County Extension Office
- 5-9th- Health Rocks
- 13-16th- 4-H Camp
- 16th- Fashion Revue @ Exhibit Building
- 20-22nd- Range Days in Shelby
- 28th- Small Animal Committee Meeting @ 6:30 @ MRE

## JULY

- 12-15th- 4-H Congress
- 16th- 4-H Clean-up
- 19-24th- Marias Fair

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