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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

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.

Robotics members will meet every Tuesday in May after school - 5pm @ the Ambulance Barn to work on their fair project build.

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

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

Kim & Jackie

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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.

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

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."

Shotgun Practice

Shotgun practice will start May 9th at 6pm at the Trap Club. Range Fees are \$40 to the Shelby Trap Club. The Marias Fair Shotgun Tournament will be held on June 29th starting at 9am at the Shelby Trap Club. Range Fees are \$40 to the Shelby Trap Club. The Marias Fair Shotgun Tournament will be held on June 29th starting at 9am at the Shelby Trap Club.

Fair Packets

Fair packets will be ready May 15 for pick up in the Extension office. Camping spots are available on a first come, first serve (and paid) basis for anyone new, wanting to move spots, etc. Please review ALL materials and get registered in FairEntry early so that we have time to review your entries for accuracy, etc. PLEASE read through your packets carefully before beginning fair registration.

FairEntry must be completed and all forms turned in to the office by Friday June 14th.

Again this year, premiums for every 4-H ribbon will be: Purple - \$5, Blue - \$4, Red - \$3, and White - \$2

Grace Hemmer's Junior Leadership Project

Grace Hemmer is a Toole County Junior Leader. Her Junior Leadership Project is to sell 4-H Puravida Bracelets to raise money to get a swamp cooler for the Small Animal Barn. She is selling them for \$10 each. If you would like to buy one to support 4-H, please get ahold of Barb Larsen (406) 460-2765 or Anna Hemmer (406) 470-1239.





**CLVERBUDS
CARNIVAL**

**Marias Fair Exhibit Building
Thursday, June 6th
10:30 am – 3:30 pm
Lunch Provided
\$5 Registration Fee
Registration on Zsuite–Deadline May 15th**

Open to all Marias Fair Counties
For more information contact Lisa Terry
lterry@montana.edu or 406-873-2239

CALENDAR

MAY

- 1st-** Project Drop/Add Deadline
- 1st-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 2nd-** Chicken Club Members (not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 4th-** Goat and Lamb Tagging Deadline
- 4th-** Sewing with Ashley 9am - 2pm @MRE
- 4th-** Ranching Rascals Club Meeting 4pm @ Ashley's House
- 7th-** All Robotics Members after school - 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 8th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 9th-** Chicken Club Members (not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 10th-** Ranching Rascals Chicken Club Meeting 3:30-5:00pm @ Amy Smith's House
- 14th-** All Robotics Members after school - 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 15th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 15th-** 4-H Camp Registration Due
- 15th-** Fair Entry Registration Begins
- 16th-** Chicken Club Members (not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 21st-** All Robotics Members after school - 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 22nd-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 23rd-** Chicken Club Members (not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 27th- Memorial Day- Office Closed**
- 28th-** All Robotics Members after school - 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 29th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building

JUNE

- 5th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 6th-** Cloverbud Camp 10:30am - 3:30pm @ Exhibit Building
- 10th-12th-** 4-H Camp
- 12th-** Office Closed
- 12th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 13th-** Chicken Club members (Not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Buidling
- 15th-** Fair Entry Registration Deadline
- 19th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 20th-** Chicken Club members (Not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Buidling
- 20th-** Small Animal Showmanship Clinic 6 - 7:30pm @ Exhibit Building
- 26th-** Cloverbuds after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Building
- 27th-** Chicken Club members (Not Cloverbuds) after school - 5pm @ Exhibit Buidling
- 27th- Fashion Revue @ Exhibit Building- Cloverbuds will start at 4pm, older members to follow

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

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