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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Welcome to April! The Marias Fair will be here before you know it! Projects can be added or dropped until May 1st.

It is almost time to tag pigs! Please let us know when you are getting pigs and we can get them tagged or get you the tagging materials. The deadline is April 13th. Kim will be out of town the 4th -13th. Kim has made arrangements with most families. Tags are ready in the extension office and you can borrow the tagger and the snare. We will be ordering a new scale but please use the weight that the breeder gave you as the starting weight.

Save the date for a Project Day on April 18th from 9 AM - Noon at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. We will be doing Food Safety at 9 AM, Quality Assurance at 10 AM and 11 AM Annika will be bringing sheep for a demonstration. If you are unsure if you need Food Safety or Quality Assurance please call the office. It is a required training every two years.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. You can stop by the office anytime!
Have a great April!

Kim & Jackie

Cloverbud Camp Save the Date

Save the Date for Cloverbud camp on June 5th. This year's theme is "To Infinity and Beyond"
It will be held out at the fairgrounds.

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Glacier County FSA Youth Loans

If you are looking for a way to finance your 4-H projects for this year, consider visiting with the Farm Service Agency. They recently increased the loan limit to \$10,000 and funds can be used for the purchase of animals, feed, supplies, etc. Youth between the ages of 10 and 20 are eligible. Loans are repaid annually and can be termed out for up to seven years for the purchase of breeding stock. The interest rate is currently 5.25%. Please contact Lacy Roberts or Eric Morrisett at the Glacier County FSA at 406-873-5618 ext. 2. Lacy and Eric are serving the Toole County area, as well.

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.

Swine Weighing/Tagging

Members need to have the following information:

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

Remember, fair weigh-in date is Wednesday, July 16th. 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.

Breeding Projects

Members with breeding projects must submit to Kim and Jackie by April 13th. Any of the following forms of identification on any breeding animals they plan to exhibit at fair:

Bangs tag number, Scrapie tag number, Association registration tattoo, Picture of animal.

The 4-Hers needs to have full possession of their project animal at this time.

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.

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!



SHOOTING SPORTS

Cascade Postal Results

Good job to all those who Participated in the Cascade County Postal Shoot!

Name	Age	Bow	Score	County	
Malcolm Russell	9-10	BH	243.01	Toole	
Orion Vetch	9-10	BH	233.01	Toole	
Rylan Robison	9-10	BH	197.01	Toole	
Huntley Melton	9-10	BH	196	Toole	
Grayson Salois	9-10	BH	193.01	Toole	
Bridger Ergenbright	11-12	BH	295.12	Toole	2
Morgan Riphenburg	11-12	BH	267.04	Toole	
Gracelin Weishaar	11-12	BH	203	Toole	
Desirae Salois	13-14	BH	210.01	Toole	
Bridger Ergenbright	11-12	UB	291.12	Toole	1
Desirae Salois	13-14	UB	275.04	Toole	5
Hadley Ergenbright	9-10	PB	72	Toole	1



Shooting Sports

Congratulations to Kacey Wipf for taking 3rd place in the State Sub International Jr. Pistol Shoot.

Shotgun Sign Ups

Shotgun Sign Ups will be April 24th starting at 6pm at the Shelby Trap Club. The first day of shooting will be held on May 8th. They will meet every Thursday at the Shelby Trap Club.

The Fair shotgun shoot will be June 28th.

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS RESULTS

State Shooting Sports

Congratulations to all of the members who attended the State Shoots in Bozeman!

State Shooting Sports Results				
Place	Name	Score	Disipline	
3	Kacey Wipf	317-1	Pistol	
14	Kacey Wipf	330-2	Prone	
10	Kacey Wipf	229-3	3P	
Target Archery				
Place- Overall	Name	Score	Disipline	Place- Age Category
4	Bridger Ergenbright	299	BH	1
13	Bridger Ergenbright	297	UN	1
117	Desirae Salois	273	UN	14
130	Desirae Salois	270	BH	27
7	Dylan Clark	229	UN	3
25	Dylan Clark	294	BH	8
207	Grayson Salois	241	BH	11
126	Morgan Riphenburg	271	BH	15
138	Morgan Riphenburg	267	UN	13
225	Rylan Robison	235	BH	17
3D Shoot				
43	Bridger Ergenbright	176	BH	5
9	Dylan Clark	195	BH	3
95	Morgan Riphenburg	148	BH	18

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS RESULTS



PUBLIC PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS

Public Presentation day Results

Congratulations to all of the members who attended our Public Presentation Day!

The winners are:

Pre-Juniors

1. Hadley Ergenbright
2. Layla Blonde
3. Orion Vetch

Juniors

1. Bridger Ergenbright
2. Grace Hemmer
3. Sam Flesch

Seniors

1. Jadis Scarborough
2. Paxton Flesch
3. Corin Scarborough

Top Duo:

Bridger Ergenbright and Desirae Salois





**MONTANA
FARM BUREAU
FOUNDATION**
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MONTANA FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION SPEECH CONTEST

Open to all 7th-9th Graders
enrolled in 4-H or FFA

CASH PRIZES!

1st - \$400

2nd - \$300

3rd - \$200

4th - \$100

5th - \$50

April 3, 2025

8 - 10:30am

Bozeman

MSU SUB

Room 232



ENTER HERE:



SPEECH TOPIC:

2.5 to 4 minutes in length

What do you envision as your future role in the agricultural industry? Whether your interests lie in farm and ranch production, agribusiness, or supporting rural communities, everyone contributes to this vital sector.

- ☐ What are your goals and what challenges might you face?
- ☐ What resources are available for young individuals planning their future role in agriculture?

Contact: Alena Standley alenas@mfbf.org 406-799-9955

mfbf.org/foundation



4-H HORSE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

26 April | 10A.M - 2 P.M.
4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING AT FAIRGROUNDS



WORKSHOPS:

Roping

Tack ID

Identifying Lameness

Vaccine/Dewormer

Horse Helmet Video

*Ride Practice

*Dependent on Weather

LUNCH PROVIDED

TEXT 406-868-9149
RSVP/QUESTIONS

2025 4-H CAMP

Date and Location Change

Save The Date

JUNE 25-27



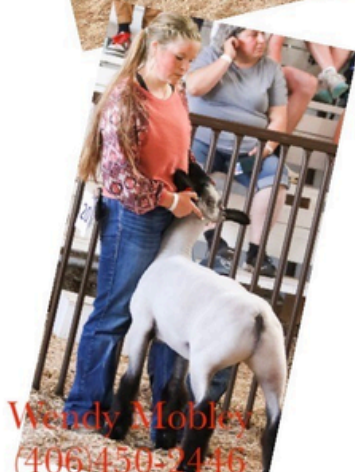
ARROWPEAK LODGE
UPPER HIGHWOOD CREEK RD
HIGHWOOD, MT 59450



MORE INFORMATION ON
4H.ZSUITE.ORG



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wendy Mobley
(406)450-2446



What: Pick the pen
sale, Snacks, and
Prizes

When: April 5th, 2025
11-1 p.m

Where: 10679 Valier
Hwy Valier, Mt
59486

Nevaeh Mobley
(406)450-5618

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 4th-** Ranching Rascals Cloverbud meeting - 3:30 PM
- 4th-** Ranching Rascals Club meeting - 4:30 PM
- 6th-** Kountry Kids Club Meeting 2pm- Exhibit Building
- 6th-** Kountry Kids Livestock/ Quality Assurance 2:30pm- Exhibit Building
- 6th-** Blazing Saddles Club Meeting 2pm- Ambulance Barn
- 6th-12th-** Kim out of office
- 13th-** Swine weigh-in deadline
- 13th-** Camp Counselor training session 2 PM in Chester
- 14th-** Food Booth Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 15th -** Homesteader Series #7 Sourdough Making 6 - 8 PM - St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- 16th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm- Elementary Cafeteria
- 18th-** Project Day - 9 AM - Noon - St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- 22nd-** Small Ag Committee meeting 6:30pm @ MRE
- 24th-** Shotgun Sign Ups -6pm at the Shelby Trap Club
- 26th-** Horse Workshop 10 AM - 2 PM - Marias Fair Exhibit Building
- 27th-** West Butte Club Meeting
- 28th-** Marias Fair Exhibit Building Meeting 6pm @ Exhibit Building

MAY

- 1st-** Project Drop/ Add Deadline
- 2nd-** Blazing Saddles Club helping with chamber dinner
- 4th-** Lamb and Goat weigh- in deadline
- 15th-** Fair Registration opens on FairEntry
- 15th-** Packets ready for pickup!
- 26th- Holiday- Memorial Day Office Closed**

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

Blazing Saddles

Emilie Vetch 460-1082

Anna Hemmer 470-1239

West Butte

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108

Jessie Thompson 450-3429

Kountry Kids

Sanna Clark 450-2122

Ranching Rascals

Ashely Denno 494-6340

Cloverbuds

Barb Larsen 460-2765