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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

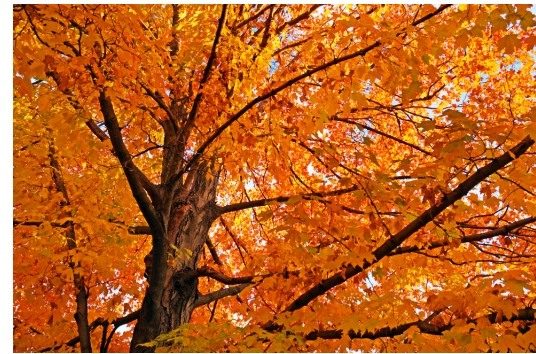
Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us for our annual Achievement Day Awards! It was a blast to show off all of the accomplishments you all have made through out the year.

Please try to get signed up or re-enrolled in Z-Suite before the end of November so we can order books!

Beef weigh ins are coming up I'm planning to do a weigh in at the Flesch Sale barn tentatively on November 29th or 30th. I will contact all the beef families when I have a set date. Please make sure to be enrolled in Z-Suite so we have an accurate list of all the members. If we need an extra day, I can meet people on December 8th before the Christmas Stroll.

Kim & Jackie

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2024 Golden Triangle 4-H Volunteer Summit

Volunteers, parents, leaders, teen leaders, please get registered for this great local training! This should be a great day of learning, networking, and setting plans for the coming year. Any teens 14 and up are welcome to attend. If any teens are interested in babysitting, we are hiring as well! Register by November 11th on ZSuites or by calling Kari Lewis at 406-873-2239 or kari.lewis@montana.edu.

# 2024 Golden Triangle 4-H Volunteer Summit

**Saturday, November 16, 2024, First Baptist Church, Shelby, MT**

### 8:45 - 9:30 Registration & Welcome

- This will provide a foundation of connection with other volunteers and provide a means for the 'Why' behind what we do in 4-H and how to leverage its potential lifelong impact in youth.

### 9:30 - 10:30 Workshops

- **Record books, project books, and resources** - This session will walk through how to use books throughout the year to encourage learning, how they can promote problem solving and independent thinking, and the incredible value of teaching recordkeeping. Kari Lewis and Lisa Terry will share resources for club and project meetings, along with recordkeeping examples.
- **Fine Time for Swine!** - Rose Malisani will share basic selection, nutrition, and management for leaders to assist beginning families, and will share on the Swine of Excellence program.
- **Tech Tools for 4-H Leaders** - Join Kim Woodring to learn the basics of navigating Zsuite to check record books, communicate with families, social media Do's and Don'ts, 4-H branding and marketing, and more to increase your efficiency and effectiveness as a volunteer.

### 10:30 - 11:30 Workshops

- **Cultivating a 4-H Community** - Susan Snyder, longtime Teton county 4-H leader and 4-H alumni, will share practical ideas for encouraging family engagement, creating an inviting club, and instilling club best practices in members for record books, communications, and community service. This session will also highlight opportunities available beyond the county level.
- **Helping Create Success in the Livestock Project** - Courtnee Clairmont of CHS Nutrition will share how to help youth livestock members set appropriate goals for their project, determine how much to feed, how to compare various feeds for cost effectiveness and performance, and help youth meet their livestock show goals.
- **Captivating Cloverbuds** - Lisa Terry, Glacier County agent, will share the basics of Cloverbuds and ideas for effective learning. Bring your ideas to share with other Cloverbud leaders!

### 11:30 - 12:30 Workshops

- **Creating Effective 4-H Project & Club Meetings** - Veteran club leader Barb Larsen will share what she's learned over 30 years of leading club and project meetings in Toole County. She'll share about using the Yearly Club Plan, developing a meeting agenda, providing inclusivity, and helping developing youth to serve in leadership roles.
- **Instilling Life Lessons through the Livestock Project** - Marketing, financial record keeping, making ethical decisions, networking, and more are just a few of the skills learned through a livestock project. Kari Lewis will share lessons and activities that can be taken home and used to help 4-H youth master these skills.
- **Conflict Management** - Join Wendy Wedum to learn basic facilitation skills for effective meetings and how to deal with potential conflicts that may arise. There will be time for troubleshooting potential issues and how to work through them.

### 12:30 - 2 p.m. - Lunch by TLC Catering, 4-H Best Practices Kahoot

### 2 - 3 p.m. - 4-H Investment Opportunities

Jane Wolery, Montana 4-H Foundation, will share about options for best stewarding 4-H funds.



Register by November 11 on 4-H ZSuites or by calling Kari Lewis at (406) 873-2239 or kari.lewis@montana.edu.

\$10 registration fee to Glacier County Extension. Childcare pending.

## 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.

### **“The Night Check” Series**

**MSU Extension- Cascade County is offering a FREE webinar series called, “The Night Check” in November 2024. The webinar series will help cattle producers learn about preparing for calving season, calf care, scour prevention, colostrum, and purchasing bred heifers versus cows.**

- The second webinar will be on Friday November 8th at 12:00pm with Dr. Megan Can Emon who is the second MSU Extension Beef Specialist and based out of Miles City. Megan will talk about feeding before and after calving season, balancing rations, and nutrient requirements for bred heifers and cows.
- The third webinar will be on Friday, November 15th at 12:00pm with Dr. Rachel Endecott with Grey Horse Consulting and Goggins Ranch. Rachel will discuss buying bred heifers versus cows and the pros and cons.
- The last webinar will be Friday, November 22nd at 12:00pm with Dr. Hannah DelCurto-Wyffels who is a MSU professor and based out of Bozeman. She will discuss preparing for calving season, stages of calving, intervention, and postnatal care.

Register at [https://www.montana.edu/extension/cascade/ag\\_pages/Agriculture.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/cascade/ag_pages/Agriculture.html)

### **Marias Fair Cup Logo Contest**

Thank you to all who submitted your wonderful designs for the Marias Fair Cup Logo contest. We appreciate the time you all spent on making the designs and can't wait to see the winning design on our Marias Fair Stadium Cup. The committee will meet soon and decide on a winner. We will announce on our Facebook pages as well as our newsletters.

### **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.

### **Christmas Tree Fundraiser**

We will be selling Christmas Trees again as a fundraiser for the 4-H Council this year! We will be taking pre-orders for the trees. Our goal is that every 4-H member could sell two trees. If you are unable to sell trees we would like you to sign up for a shift at the Shelby Christmas Stroll on December 8th or help us sort and tag trees when they get off the truck.

Cloverbuds do not have to participate in selling trees.

Please return the order forms to the Toole County Extension office on November 20th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Beef Weigh-Ins**

The minimum weight for 2025 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,500 pounds, select steers accordingly. Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. If doing a pen of three, four market animals may be weighed in. Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo OR Bangs vaccination tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April 2025). So, if you are doing a breeding project, your animal does not need to be weighed in at steer weigh-in but must have an appropriate tattoo by April.

All steers must be dehorned before weigh-in, as horned steers are NOT allowed at the fair. Also, ensure your steer has been fully castrated and is not a stag. All steers must have been born after January 1, 2024. 4-Her must be 10 as of Oct. 1 to show a market beef animal.

Information to bring to weigh-in: Steer's birth date

Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed)

Breeder's name and mailing address

Beef members, as you are purchasing steers, please be sure to get a Bill of Sale as this will be needed at the fair. Unless the steer is from the 4-Her's immediate family (father/mother), they need to have a Bill of Sale indicating a Change of Ownership. A Bill of Sale IS needed if purchasing from cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, etc. They are also encouraged to have a Show Cattle Permit as well for transportation purposes. At the Marias Fair weigh-in in July, 4-Hers will be asked to sign a "ranch raised affidavit" if their steer is from their family.

If you have any questions on what is needed or need to get a Brand Inspection, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001, or local brand inspectors Chad Scarborough at 406-470-0712 or Tom Seifert at 406-873-5700. Please bring your Bill of Sale to December weigh-ins so that we can make sure you have it. We will try to have some extra Bill of Sale forms available at our December weigh-ins if anyone needs as well.

### **2023-2024 Achievement Day Awards**

#### **Leader Recognition**

**Leader of the Year:** Barb Larsen

**Alumni of the Year:** Sanna Clark, Lindsey Habets

#### **Community Awards**

**Meritorious Service:** Hardware Hank, Toole County Health Department

**Distinguished Service:** John and Jean Flesch

# 2023-2024 ACHIEVEMENT DAY AWARDS

## 2023-2024 Achievement Day Awards

### Excellence in Project Awards

**Swine:** Clara Blonde, Layla Blonde, Laura Flesch, Sam Flesch, Wylie Frydenlund, Oran Nelson, Desirae Salois

**Beef:** Delaney Clark, Brinlee Flesch, Jagger Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Regan Torgerson

**Archery:** Dylan Clark, Paxton Flesch, Sam Flesch, Grace Hemmer, Orion Vetch

**Baking:** Liliana Denno, Moira Hemmer

**Self Determined:** Bridger Ergenbright, Moira Hemmer, Benson Weishaar

**Poultry:** Hadley Ergenbright, Gwendolynne Hegyes, Grace Hemmer, Moura Hemmer, Gilbert Salois, Benson Weishaar

**Horseless Horse:** Laura Flesch

**Entomology:** Grace Hemmer

**Photography:** Grace Hemmer

**Cat:** Grace Hemmer, Moira Hemmer

**Sewing:** Moira Hemmer

**Sheep:** Kaylee Nickol

**Horse:** Jadis Scarborough

**Aerospace:** Karter Wipf

**Air Rifle/ Pistol:** Kacey Wipf

### Cloverbud Awards

#### 2023-2024 Cloverbuds

Calvin Clark, Isla Clark, Jaydin Ergenbright, Bear Erickson, Weston Frydenlund, Hayden Habets, Matthias Hemmer, Kanon Koschmeder, Keaton Lampert, Rhegan Robison, Maclan Rogers, Emmilyn Salois, Carlie Sisk, Gavin Vetch, Rose Welker, Luke Welker, Lily Lee, Will Lee, Catherine Lee, Celee Flesch, Lennon Flesch, Finley McDonough, Dax Nelson, Brycen Francom, Whitney Cameron, Maggie Weishaar, Lawrence Denno, Matthew Stokes, Charlotte Besconsen, Ambree Smith, Carter Nickol

## Service Awards

**Community Service:** Dylan Clark, Liliana Denno, Bridger Ergenbright, Hadley Ergenbright, Kaylee Nickol, Desirae Salois, Corin Scarborough, Jadis Scarborough, Kacey Wipf

**Leadership:** Dylan Clark, Bridger Ergenbright, Hadley Ergenbright, Jagger Flesch, Wylie Frydenlund, Oran Nelson, Kaylee Nickol, Desirae Salois, Grayson Salois, Colter Sandon, Corin Scarborough, Jadis Scarborough

**4-H Achievement:** Dylan Clark, Hadley Ergenbright, Grace Hemmer, Desirae Salois, Corin Scarborough, Kacey Wipf

## Achievement Awards

**Clover Achievement:** Aubree Clark, W Denno, Ty Parsons, Collin Rippenburg

**Emerald Achievement:** Liliana Denno, Laura Flesch, Paxton Flesch, Gracelynn Heges, Gwendolynne Hegyes, Kaley Sandon, Benson Weishaar, Brigham Weishaar, Karter Wipf

**Bronze Achievement:** Bridger Ergenbright, Hadley Ergenbright, Brinlee Flesch, Jagger Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Sam Flesch, Wylie Frydenlund, Moira Hemmer, Desirae Salois, Colter Sandon, Orion Vetch

**Silver Achievement:** Regan Torgerson, Kacey Wipf

**Gold Achievement:** Delaney Clark, Dylan Clark, Grace Hemmer, Jadis Scarborough, Corin Scarborough

## Top Honors

**Ben Sisk Memorial:** Dylan Clark

**"U R Awesome"** Hadley Ergenbright

## Club Recognition

**Club Of Excellence:** Blazing Saddles, Kountry Kids, West Butte

# NOVEMBER

- 3rd-** Achievement Day 6-8pm @ Sunburst Community Center
- 3rd-** Air Rifle and Pistol Sign ups noon-3pm @ Shooting Sports Building
- 3rd-** Kountry Kids Meeting 4pm @ Exhibit Building
- 3rd-** Blazing Saddles Meeting before Achievement Day
- 3rd-** West Butte Meeting before Achievement Day @ Sunburst Community Center
- 5th- Election Day Office Closed**
- 6th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm in Elementary Cafeteria
- 6th-** Archery Practice @ Exhibit Building
- 11th- Veterans Day- Office Closed**
- 13th-** Archery Practice @ Exhibit Building
- 19th-** Small Animal Committee Meeting 7pm @ MRE
- 20th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm in Elementary Cafeteria
- 20th-** Return/ Turn- in Christmas Tree Order Forms to the office
- 20th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm@ MRE
- 20th-** Archery Practice @ Exhibit Building
- 21st-** Kim's Birthday
- 28th& 29th- Thanksgiving- Office Closed**

# DECEMBER

- 4th-** Archery Practice @ Exhibit Building
- 7th-** Steer Weigh- In Deadline
- 11th-** Archery Practice @ Exhibit Building
- 13th-** Blazing Saddles Angel Tree
- 15th-** Blazing Saddles Club meeting 2pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 18th-** Archery Practice @ Exhibit Building
- 25th- Office Closed- Christmas**

## Toole County 4-H Club

### Contacts

#### **Blazing Saddles**

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Anna Hemmer 470-1239

#### **West Butte**

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#### **Kountry Kids**

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#### **Ranching Rascals**

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