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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

It is time to start fresh again in the fall and be thinking about what you want to sign up for in 4-H this year! You may also want to invite a friend to join 4-H this year!

The new 4-H year starts October 1, 2025. To re-enroll, leaders and families with youth members can login to their account at 4h.zsuite.org. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Remember to enter member's 4-H age which is the age of member as of October 1, 2025.

Some projects have age restrictions as follows:

Cloverbuds 5-7

Regular 4-H projects 8 and up

All shooting sports projects 9 and up

All cattle projects 10 and up

The Clover Magazines are now available in the office for anyone who wants to get a head start on the new year! 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

FSA Youth Ag Loans

If you are looking for a way to finance your 4-H projects for this year (or wanting to take on a larger livestock project), 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. Interest rate is 4.875%. (This might pick up again after the gov. shutdown. I just want you to keep this on your radar)

MRLA Free Membership

Marias River Livestock Association is now offering FREE membership to those who are members of our local 4-H & FFA!

Follow this link to join: <http://mariasriverlivestock.com/plans-pricing>

2026 Don Greytak Calendars

The Toole County Extension Office is selling Greytak Calendars. They are \$15 each! Stop by the office to pick yours up soon!

Fall Leadership Training

November 7-9 in Butte, Montana at the Copper King Hotel

Registration cost is \$185 per person and includes lodging (4 to a room), Saturday and Sunday meals, and program costs.

You can register in 4h.Zsuite any time and your registration will roll over to the new 4-H year that begins October 1. Please enroll for the new 4-H year by updating any personal information and complete all waivers prior to the start of this event. You can complete/update your club/project enrollment after the event if needed.

Please let Kim or Jackie know if you want to attend, scholarships are available. See <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for applications.

TOOLE COUNTY BLAZING ARROWS 4-H ARCHERY SIGN UP

By Julean Hanson

Registration for Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery begins October 1st at the Toole County Extension Office and online at <https://toole.msuxextension.org/4H.html> or through <https://4h.zsuite.org>. The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 15th to have your registration turned in with the money. We look forward to an eventful year of archery with the kids. It is \$30 per person or \$60 per family. Anyone 9 years of age as of October 1, 2025 or older is eligible to join. If you are not in a 4-H club, then you enroll as Special Interest and pay the \$8.50 fee. Our first day will be October 15th to set up the archery range at the Marias Fair Exhibit Building. We shoot on Wednesday nights from October to March. Our club has bows for archers to rent for the session if they need a bow. The kids have the opportunity to participate in Fun Day shoots and competitions around the state. If you have any questions, contact the Toole County Extension Office at 424-8350. We look forward to having you shoot with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National 4-H Week

This year's National 4-H week theme is "Beyond Ready"

National 4-H Week is October 5-11. Monday's Theme is Go Green, so make sure to wear your 4-H Shirts! There are many ways to promote 4-H. You and/or your club can wear your 4-H shirts to school, decorate your lockers or a store window, and encourage friends to sign up. We ask the coffee shops to add stickers to everyone's coffee for the week to promote 4-H. In the past, we have also hosted some open houses for 4-H.

In Shelby we will be doing the Walk N Wheel on Friday, October 10th - Weather permitting.

This has typically been on a Wednesday but we were asked to move to Friday! Please wear your 4-H shirts to the Walk N Wheel.



Rifle and Pistol Sign Ups

Sign ups for Rifle and Pistol will be November 2nd at the Shooting Sports Building on the top of the hill. 714 Ash Ave. You may sign up for rifle and pistol on Z-Suite but you need to meet with Joe to pick out your shooting times.

If you have any questions please contact Joe Hofer 406-450-2041.

MRE Dinner

The MRE Dinner will be on October 22nd at the Sunburst Community Center this year. This complicates things a little bit but it will still be a great dinner and a great opportunity to showcase our 4-Hers with the community. Further instructions will be out soon. Please save the date to help serve the dinner and we will need families to bring enough desserts for around 250 guests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Achievement Day

Achievement Day will be on Sunday November 2nd starting at 6pm. It will be held at the Shelby Civic Center. All are welcome to attend! This is the night that we celebrate the 4-H year with a dinner and awards. We will be asking families to bring some dinner items closer to the date.

*2025 Achievement Awards
Sunday November, 2nd*



Shelby Civic Center 6-8pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Halloween Horse Party

The Halloween Horse Party is open to any 4-H Member in the Horse Project.



A festive Halloween-themed invitation graphic. At the top left is a large yellow full moon with two black bats flying in front of it. In the top right corner, there are white spider webs and a single white spider hanging from one. The background is a dark purple night sky. In the center, there's a white horse with orange and black Halloween decorations, including a jack-o'-lantern on its side and a basket on its back. A witch with green hair and a black hat is riding the horse. Below the horse, there are silhouettes of tombstones and a small black cat. The text 'YOU'RE INVITED TO' is in white, followed by '4-H' in pink and 'HALLOWEEN.' in black on an orange banner. Below that, 'HORSE PARTY' is in pink and orange on a purple banner, and 'Happy Halloween!' is in orange script. At the bottom left, the date '26 OCTOBER 5:00 PM' is in large white numbers. To the right, 'COSTUME PARTY' is in orange, followed by the location 'BALKENBUSH ARENA 545 PIONEER RD - CONRAD' in white, and the theme '"DRESS UP YOU AND YOUR HORSE"' in orange. At the very bottom, in small white capital letters, it says: 'PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 21 TO PONDERA@MONTANA.EDU OPEN TO ALL KIDS 8-18 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HORSE. DO NOT NEED TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE HORSE PROJECT!'

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HALLOWEEN.

HORSE PARTY

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4-H Horse Workshops

A horse is not required, and she's planning to start in November. Any enrolled 4-H members are welcome to participate, emphasis will be on Western horsemanship.

SADDLE UP WITH 4-H HORSE!

Join 4-H horse for monthly beginner horse project meetings! Meetings will be a variety of indoor and outdoor lessons, taught by local horse enthusiasts.

As a 4-H teen leadership project, Beretta Winkowitsch will be organizing monthly 4-H horse project meetings for 4-H beginner horse members.

Potential topics:

- Tack and hoof care
- Parts of the horse and horse breeds
- Vaccinations
- Horsemanship patterns



To participate, enroll in your local 4-H program through 4h.zsuite.org and select a beginning horse project:

- Horseless Horse - Horse is not required
- Western Horsemanship - Basics of western riding
- Working Ranch Horse - General ranch work

For more information: Glacier County Extension, 873-2239, kari.lewis@montana.edu



OCTOBER

1st- New 4-H Year starts- Sign ups are open

1st- Cloverbuds 3:08 - 5 pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

5th- Kountry Kids/ Blazing Saddles Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building (Preparing for 4-H Week)

10th- Walk N Wheel for National 4-H Week

13th- Office Closed- Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day

15th- Cloverbuds 3:08 - 5 pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

22nd- MRE Dinner in Sunburst 6pm @ Community Center

26th - 4-H Horse Halloween Party - Conrad

31st- Office Closed in the afternoon

NOVEMBER

2nd- Rifle and Pistol Sign ups - 12 - 3 PM

2nd- Achievement Day in Shelby @ Shelby Civic Center

5th- Cloverbuds 3:08 - 5 pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

11th- Office Closed for Veterans Day

19th- Cloverbuds 3:08 - 5 pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

27th-28th- Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

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