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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Spring is here and we are so excited for warmer weather. Spring also means that it is time to tag pigs and lambs! If you haven't already, please make arrangements with us to get your pigs tagged. 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!

Please remember that the Add/Drop Date is May 1st. You cannot add any projects after May 1st.

Public presentation sign ups are happening now until April 15th. There is more information if you follow this link:
tinyurl.com/2p8bwfzu

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. You can stop by the office anytime!
Kim & Jackie

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Small Ag Committee Updates

The Small Ag Committee met to discuss rule changes for the Fair Book. We also worked on designing rubrics that fit our projects. Kim will be finalizing the changes for the fair book and will send them out to the offices and folks with those projects. There will be a Small Animal judging clinic in Harlowton on April 9th. We would like to host one up here if it is successful.

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.

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



COMMITTEE UPDATES

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.

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: Swine Weigh In and Breeding Projects are due April 17th, which is Easter, so please contact the office of Kim to schedule a time. Lamb/Goat deadline May 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Presentation Day

Public Presentation Day is on April 24th from 2-5pm! It will be at the First Baptist Church Activity Center. There is going to be presentations of projects and a Lego contest as well! Follow this link to register tinyurl.com/2p8bwfzu

Project Day

Project Day will be on May 7th at the First Baptist Church Activity Center.

There will be a short Quality Assurance and food safety presentation for those who need it. These are required every other year for 4-H members that are going to the fair. All members that are taking an animal project need to have this training every other year. If anyone would like to teach a station in a specific project, please let us know.

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

We will have one at project day in May.

Taylor Parsons

Brinlee Flesch

Ty Parsons

Morgan Riphenburg

4-H Leadership Academy:

If you are an ambassador or teen leader, join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday, April 10th, @2:30pm. The Leadership Academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team members will be presenting a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

Leadership Academy Dates:

April 10 - Lead with a Purpose (VIRTUAL)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gallatin Pollinator Initiative

It's April which means it's Earth Month and the Gallatin Conservation District (GCD) wants to celebrate by amping up the Gallatin Pollinator Initiative just in time for spring planting!!

The aim of the Gallatin Pollinator Initiative is to promote pollinator health by creating habitat with our FREE seed mixes available to landowners across Gallatin County. We also hope to educate the community on the importance of pollinators through workshops, tabling, and events!

Our first in person event of the year will be a Site Prep Workshop on April 28th from 6-7pm! We encourage all new and current participants to come and ask questions to gear up for spring planting and plot maintenance. This event can also serve as a way to meet people in your community who share your love for pollinators and pick up seeds from the GCD office!

We will host the workshop both in person at the GCD office as well as over Zoom. If you are unable to attend the event live we are planning to record the workshop and post it on our website. Scan the QR code below or visit our website at gallatincd.org to register for FREE!

Moving forward the GCD plans to offer Pollinator Jeopardy, social media giveaways, pollinator summer film fest, art in the garden, educational workshops and MORE to all our Gallatin County residents and pollinator initiative participants!

Feel free to reach out to Gillian Rowe (rowe.mtmcc@gmail.com) with questions on the Pollinator Initiative! You can also find the GCD on Instagram and Facebook (@gallatincd) to get the most up to date information on future programs and events!

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

2022 Montana Livestock Shows

April 23 - Golden Triangle in Great Falls (beef only)

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)

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.

Open Rabbit Show

Great Falls Rabbit Breeders is hosting a double ARBA Open Rabbit Show along with a Fun Show for kids, plus there will be a Mini Lop and Rex Specialty show on April 9th at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls. This would be a wonderful opportunity for your 4-Her, or anyone who was ever interested to come by and check it out. Meet the breeds, meet the breeders and more. Bring those 4-H books to ask questions! For more information email greatfallsrabbitbreeders@gmail.com



Marias Valley Youth Rodeo Series

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

For directions and more information go to fsbshelbymt.org/ rodeo Bible camp

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

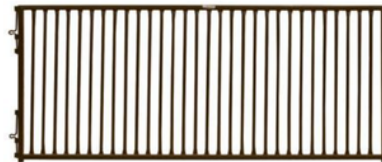
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FLESCH FAMILY



Travis and Sanna Clark set up a benefit account at Independence bank. Local friends have been asking how to help with food and meals for Jeff and the family once they get home.

The women of St. William's Catholic Church are taking care of immediate needs which should cover everything for a few weeks. Thank you to Emily McDermott for heading this up.

Kim Woodring organized a meal train through an online sign-up program. The link is now available online. We hope this to be an ongoing effort to ease the load for a long time.

Thanks for the continuing offers of help. We will take you up on those!

There will be an online benefit May 5 - 6 via Angus Live. Donations of any kind are being accepted. If interested in donating an item, a donation form is available on the 'Flesch Family Benefit' Facebook page. Jena Wager is the contact(406-670-9618 or jenalee.wagner@gmail.com).Shipping of items is the responsibility of the buyer and seller.

Go Fund Me page below
<https://gofund.me/6108ac57>

Travis Clark was able to get a bank account set up for direct donations.

Please make checks payable to:

Flesch Family Benefit

They can be mailed to:

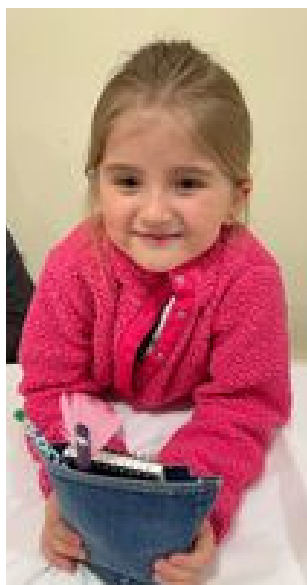
Independence Bank

PO Box 778

Conrad, MT 59425

The Toole County 4-H council would like to do something to help the family, so if you have any ideas please let us know!

CLOVERBUDS IN ACTION



The Cloverbuds made Wockets in a pocket from the Dr. Seuss Book and made their own Truffula Trees from Dr. Seuss's book the Lorax



They made some Green Oobleck.



REC LAB WITH KIM



Kim had two workshops at Rec Lab in Hobson, MT
One she made cookie dough made from Montana made Products with Adriane Good. She and Kari Lewis had one about how to use Canva.



APRIL

- 1-st 4-H Camp Registration opens on ZSuites
- 6th- Fair Board Meeting @ Ambulance Barn
- 10th- Leadership Academy @ 2:30pm (Virtual)
- 10th- Robotics 2-5pm
- 10th- Camp Councilor Meeting in Chester @ 2pm
- 10th- Swine weigh in and breeding project deadline
- 17th- Easter
- 25th- Food Booth Meeting @ 6pm
- 26th- Horse Committee Meeting @ Exhibit Building @ 6pm

MAY

- 1st- Project drop/add deadline
- 7th- Project Day
- 8th- Lamb and Goat weigh in deadline
- 16th- Fair Registration Begins

JUNE

- 16th- Fashion Revue @ Exhibit Building

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