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# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and everyone has a great time getting ready for the Holiday Season!

We are still trying to sell Christmas Trees so please promote the trees to anyone who will listen and post on your social media pages. The trees are \$40-70 depending on height. We still have some really tall trees! They are Douglas Fir and White fir.

4-H project books will be available in the office soon. Some books are on back order at the state level, but we will let you know when they get here and you can start working on them over the Christmas Break!

We had a very successful steer weigh in this year. Thank you to the Flesch Family for letting us use their scale and the Sandon Family for letting me come up to tag their steers!

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

Have a great December!

Kim & Jackie

**TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
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### 4-H Volunteer Orientation Instructions

If you are a club leader or plan to be driving other people's children at 4-H events, please sign up as a leader. You will be covered by insurance and eligible for leader awards.

1. Log into your Z-Suite Account
2. Select the profile of the volunteer that is taking the course.
3. Click on Clover Academy from the menu on the left.
4. Click on the blue box "Launch Clover Academy".
5. You will be taken to the Clover Academy website.
6. Scroll down to find the Montana 4-H Orientation course. Click on "Enroll Now".
7. On the course page you will see an overview of the course. Scroll down to see the four modules that make up the orientation. Click the blue box "See More" under module one.
8. Follow the instructions to navigate the course.
9. When you get to the end of the module, (Slide will say you completed module). Scroll down and click on the blue box "Mark as Complete". Box will turn blue once you have completed the module.
10. Select the next lesson to load the next module. Your progress will be saved and you can return later to complete the remaining modules.

### 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.

### Save the Date - 2024 REC LAB / April 19-21, 2024 / Jefferson County School / Boulder, MT

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event. Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun! This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team-building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network. The cost will be around \$100.00. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1. Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Contact the Extension office if interested in attending.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Leadership Academy Monthly Virtual Workshops for Teen Members,**

#### **3:00 p.m. Sundays through March**

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023-2024 4-H year. 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 present 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 Training Dates are:**

**December 10:** Effective Brainstorming

**January 14:** Fake It Till You Make It!

**February 11:** Tools for Facilitation

**March 10:** Authenticity & Self Awareness

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87240913270?pwd=S1pReVphbFFoT095WVMzYjg4V29OQT09>

### **You've Got To Be Kidding Workshop**

MSU Extension- Cascade County is offering a free webinar series on how to assist livestock giving birth. The webinar will also discuss neonatal care, dystocia, colostrum, and other helpful topics. Each Webinar will start at 7pm.

Topics, speakers, and dates are:

- Farrowing with Anna Forseth on December 21, 2023
- Lambing and kidding with Brent Roeder on January 4, 2024
- Calving with Megan Van Emon on January 18, 2024
- Foaling with Rose Malisani on January 25, 2024

Click this link to Register: [https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dd63ZSVTGHsiZLM](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dd63ZSVTGHsiZLM)

### **Attention Swine Members/Jr. Leadership Members**

The livestock committee would like to purchase a swamp cooler/large fan for the swine barn. This would be a great Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grant (due February 1). We are looking for a 4-H member (or few) to take the lead on the project and submitting the grant (livestock committee will serve as a partner). If you are interested, please let Kari Lewis or Jesse Fulbright know.

### **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

# STEER WEIGH INS

## Beef Weigh Ins

The minimum weight for 2024 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,500 pounds. All steers must have been born after January 1, 2023. 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 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. If you have any questions on what is needed, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001.



**4-H FOOD BOOTH COOK &  
ASSISTANT COOK POSITIONS  
AVAILABLE - APPLY WITH LINK  
ABOVE OR QR CODE BELOW**



**MARIAS FAIR 4-H FOOD BOOTH COOK JOB DESCRIPTION \$900 STIPEND**

**COORDINATE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS WITH THE FOOD BOOTH MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

**ATTEND FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL, AND JUNE**

**KEEP EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONAL DURING THE FAIR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.**

**PREPARE FOOD BOOTH FOR OPERATION DURING THE FAIR INCLUDING STOCKING FREEZER, FRIDGE, AND SHELVES**

**ORGANIZING TASKS RELATED TO FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

**ASSISTS WITH SPECIALS OF THE DAY**

**BEGINS SHIFT LATER IN THE MORNING EACH DAY OF FAIR AND WORKS UNTIL FOOD BOOTH CLOSING**

**IN CHARGE OF CLOSING THE FOOD BOOTH FOR THE DAY**

**PARTICIPATES IN PRE-FAIR AND POST-FAIR FOOD BOOTH CLEAN UP.**

**CONTACT LISA TERRY AT 406-873-2239 OR BY EMAIL AT [LTERRY@MONTANA.EDU](mailto:LTERRY@MONTANA.EDU)**

**MARIAS FAIR 4-H FOOD BOOTH HEAD COOK JOB DESCRIPTION \$1200 STIPEND**

**INVENTORY AND ORDER FOOD AND SUPPLIES PRIOR TO THE FAIR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GLACIER COUNTY FCS AGENT. ORDER ADDITIONAL FOOD AND SUPPLIES AS NEEDED DURING THE FAIR.**

**ATTEND FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL, AND JUNE**

**PREPARES SPECIALS OF THE DAY**

**COORDINATE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS WITH FOOD BOOTH MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

**KEEP EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONAL DURING THE FAIR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

**PREPARE FOOD BOOTH FOR OPERATION DURING THE FAIR INCLUDING STOCKING FREEZER, FRIDGE, AND SHELVES**

**ORGANIZING TASKS RELATED TO FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

**COORDINATE WITH CHS, NUTRIEN, AND OTHER SPONSORS FOR DAILY BREAKFASTS AND ON MORNINGS OF LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

**BEGINS SHIFT AT 5:00 A.M. DAILY AND ENDS COORDINATING WITH ASSISTANT COOK**

**IN CHARGE OF OPENING THE FOOD BOOTH FOR THE DAY**

**PARTICIPATES IN PRE-FAIR AND POST-FAIR FOOD BOOTH CLEAN UP.**

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**Beef Workshop**

There will be a Beef Workshop focusing on Nutrition and Feed on December 15th, 2023 at 1pm at the Northern Ag Research Center in Havre. Please register on Z-Suite to let us know if you are planning on attending. We will have the Nutritionist from CHS presenting on feeding your beef and there will be a tour of the research feedlot.

If you have any questions please email [hill@montana.edu](mailto:hill@montana.edu) or call their office at 406-400-2333

**Record Books: We Want Your Feedback!**

The Montana Curriculum Advisory Team is seeking to make changes to our Montana 4-H record books, and we want feedback from youth, volunteers, and families! Please complete this survey to tell us how you use them, what you like, and what changes you'd like to see in the future.

Whether a 4-H member, 4-H alumni, 4-H parents and guardians, or fellow volunteers, everyone's input is encouraged! Thank you for your help in improving our record book system.

[https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq)

## DECEMBER

- 3rd-** Christmas Tree fundraiser at the Christmas Stroll 1-6pm
- 5th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 5th-** Farm to Table St. Luke's Lutheran Church 6-8pm
- 6th-** Cloverbuds @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 7th-** 3rd-5th Grade Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 7th-** Office will be closed at 3:15pm
- 10th-** Kountry Kids Meeting & Christmas Party. Meet @ Albertsons 1pm
- 19th-** EV3 Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 20th-** Cloverbuds @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 21st-** 3rd-5th Grade Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 25th- Christmas Day- Office Closed**

## JANUARY

- 1st- Office Closed**
- 2nd-** EV3 Robotics after school -5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 3rd-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 4th-** 8-11year old Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 6th-** Sewing with Ashely @ MRE 9-2pm
- 16th-** EV3 Robotics after school -5pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 17th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary Cafeteria
- 18th-** 8-11year old Robotics after school- 5pm @ Ambulance Barn

Toole County 4-H Club  
Contacts

### **Blazing Saddles**

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### **West Butte**

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108

### **Kountry Kids**

Sanna Clark 450-2122

### **Ranching Rascals**

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