



# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



226 1st St. S. Shelby, MT 59474

(406) 424-8350 [toole@montana.edu](mailto:toole@montana.edu)

Follow us on Facebook @toolecountyextension

Follow us on Instagram @MSU\_Toole\_County

## Hello 4-H Families!

Happy New Year! This is always the time of year that we focus on New Year resolutions but this can also translate into goals for 4-H. What would you like to do for your goals this year? Are your goals to finish your project book before school is out? Will you make Swine of Excellence this year? Are you planning to win the Gold medal and \$50 at Achievement Day? Well now is a good time to start planning towards those goals. Make a plan, stick to it, and you are halfway there! Be sure to write it down in your My 4-H Year book!

Some upcoming dates to be aware of are the swine weigh-in date of April 16th and the lamb and goat weigh in date of May 7th. If you signed up for swine, lamb, or goat. Kim will be contacting you closer to the date to tag your animals.

There are various committees that parents can join, such as, the livestock committee, small animal committee, horse committee, exhibit building committee and the food booth committee. Please let us know if you would like to be on one of these committees.

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

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
4-H PHOTOS  
CALENDAR



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Pondera County Invitational - Conrad - January 14, 2023**

The Pondera 4-H Shooters are inviting competitors from: Glacier, Liberty, Teton, and Toole Counties to participate. This is an optional event. Please note that Archery, Rifle and Pistol contests will run at the same time.

Entries are \$10 per discipline and there are two entry forms, one for rifle/pistol and one for archery. They are awarding medals to the top 3 contestants per age group. The registration form is being sent with the newsletter and registration deadline is January 10.

### **Marias Fair Archery Tournament - Shelby - Sunday, January 29, 2023**

Register at [https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-4-h-only-invitational\\_2023#/](https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-4-h-only-invitational_2023#/) and pay either through Bowscore or with cash or check sent to Pondera County Extension, 20 4th Ave SW, Conrad, MT 59425 with payment to Blazing Arrows. Payment is due by January 25, cost is \$15/event.

Marias Fair competitors must interview at the tournament as well. Please arrive to check in a half hour before shooting time or sooner. Competitor's age is calculated as of October 1, 2022.

Archers will be shooting top and bottom rotation on all bales. Shooters will move from top/bottom and bottom/top after the fifth end. Bottom targets shoot during the first 3 minutes. Then top will get called to the line and given 3 minutes to shoot their end.

### **Chouteau County Invitational - Fort Benton - Saturday, February 25, 2023**

Contact Chandee Bomgardner at [chandee.bomgardner@gmail.com](mailto:chandee.bomgardner@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Volunteer Spotlight & Members of the Month**

Nominate a volunteer or youth in your county who has done something awesome and deserves a shout-out for making a difference. They will be recognized next month in a Volunteer or Member Spotlight social media post and in the state's monthly newsletter. They will also be eligible for Ag Network's Volunteer or Member of the Month sponsored by Stockman Bank. You are welcome to submit more than one recognition form!

**Nominate a volunteer you appreciate:** <https://forms.gle/z6qTGfjZEUxAksg9>

**Nominate a youth member:** <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWKX6>

### **Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute - Billings, MT February 17-19, 2023**

The Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute is open to all 4-H volunteers in Montana. Registration cost is \$75 and we will be at the Double Tree Hotel downtown. The institute will be a great opportunity to learn from other volunteers and Extension Agents, network, and celebrate the accomplishment of volunteers across Montana.

Registration is now open and Volunteers will be able to register through their ZSuite Dashboard.

Visit the Institute Page for additional details, hotels, and workshop descriptions,

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt\\_volunteer\\_institute.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_volunteer_institute.html)

### **4-H Camp Counselors Needed**

4-H Camp Counselor applications will be available soon and due back mid February. Teen leaders are eligible to apply to serve as counselors for the Multi-County camp. Watch your email for details. Camp will be June 12 - June 14, 2023.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **People Partner Grants**

The Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Both Addisyn Bengtson and Katelyn Suta had their grant applications fully funded last year, ask them for more information!

*Application Deadline:* Postmarked by February 1st, each application is eligible for up to \$500.

*Eligibility:* 4-H groups and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.

Project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.

There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidence by "partners" listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.

The project has lasting benefits.

See grant application for more details. Applications are on the 4-H Foundation website.

### **Attention: Seniors and College Students!**

Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships are due February 14. Each person need only complete one Montana 4-H scholarship application to apply for multiple Montana 4-H scholarships. Interested persons should complete the scholarship application via the Application platform on or before February 14, 2023. All applicants will need to submit two letters of recommendation, with one of the letters from your County 4-H Agent. <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

### **Marias Fair Sidewalk Project**

Breaunna Erickson, of Pondera County, is the recipient of a \$500 People Partner grant for her sidewalk project at the Marias Fairgrounds. Breaunna is in the process of raising funds to add sidewalks to the fairgrounds . This will allow people with mobility issues, families with strollers and basically everyone to navigate the 4-H area of the fairgrounds more comfortably.

If you are interested in donating, you can contact the Pondera County Extension Office by calling 406-271-4054, e-mailing [pondera@montana.edu](mailto:pondera@montana.edu) or by mail at 20 4th Ave SW, Conrad, MT 59425.

### **Rec Lab**

Save the date for Rec Lab in Culbertson on March 17-19th. This is a fun overnight trip where youth members attend workshops and a dance. Members must be 13 years or older.

Workshop proposals are now being accepted.

## Leadership Academy

Members 12+, 4-H Age Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022/2023. 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.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team 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. County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual state wide workshop together.

This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to county extension offices and can be shared locally.

Visit the webpage for complete descriptions:

[https://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth\\_leadership/academy.html](https://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html)

To receive the zoom meeting link and info for this workshop series please complete the short registration by clicking the "Register Now" on the montana4h.org page. Once the form is complete an email containing the zoom meeting link for all five workshops will be sent automatically.

- January 8, 2023
- February 5, 2023
- March 5, 2023

## NRA Foundation Grant

Toole County 4-H would like to say thank you to the NRA Foundation for the grant that we received for bullets for the Shotgun Shooting Sports group!

Their donation made it possible for our 4-H members to shoot for the season with little cost to the 4-Hers! 4-H would not be possible without the support of organizations like the NRA Foundation.



Wyatt Fix at shotgun practice with leader Glenn Kurkowski

# 4-H PHOTOS



Here are some 4-H snapshots from the last month! Please send in photos to be featured in the newsletter!



Kim and Lawrence on their birthday! (11/21)

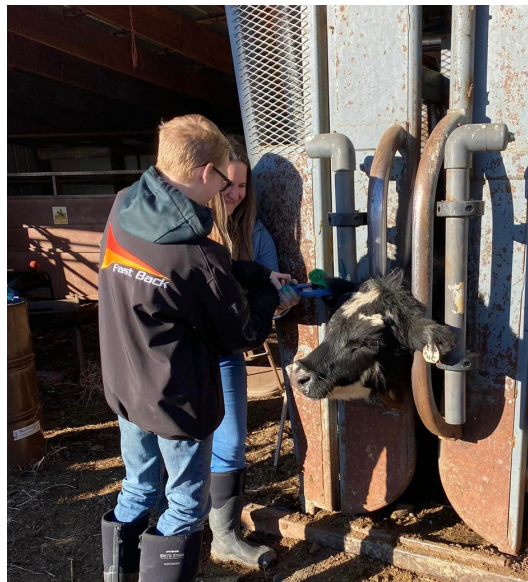
Jeff and Preslee tagging Preslee's steer



Kim and Jadis tagging Jadis' steer



Clara is showing off her "You Are Awesome Award" Belt buckle.



Kim and Corin tagging Corin's steer

# JANUARY

**1st- Happy New Year**

**2nd- Office Closed**

**3rd-** 1st & 2nd Year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**4th-** Cloverbud Robotics @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm

**5th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**14th-** Pondera County Invitational

**15th-** 3rd-5th year Robotics @ Courthouse 2-5pm

**16th- Office Closed-** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**17th-** 1st & 2nd Year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**18th-** Cloverbud Activity Book @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm

**19th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**25th-** Livestock Committee meeting, 7 pm, MRE

**25th-** Marias Fair Archery tournament registration deadline

**29th-** Marias Fair Archery Tournament - Old Shelby Middle School

**29th-** Archery Tournament in Shelby

# FEBRUARY

**1st-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm

**2nd-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**6th-** 1st & 2nd Year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**15th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm.

**16th-** 8-11 year old robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**20th- Office Closed-** President's Day

**21st-** 1st & 2nd year robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm

**26th-** Marias Fair Air Rifle/Pistol tournament PSSC in Conrad

**25th-** Chouteau County Shooting Sports Invitational.

Toole County 4-H Club  
Contacts

## Blazing Saddles

Barb Larsen 432-2765

## West Butte

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108

## Kountry Kids

Sanna Clark 450-2122

**\*\*Please eat before you come to all 4-H project meetings\*\***