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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

We are still needing a couple of Toole County Day Chairs for the Marias Fair this year. If you are interested at all, this is a paid position. If you need more information, please contact the Extension office. We cannot run the food booth without our day chairs!

If you haven't paid for your 4-H member's registration, please remember to do so. Reminders will go out soon to those who haven't paid yet. Thanks!

Congrats to our 2026 Camp Counselors Preslee Flesch and Grace Hemmer! We are so excited to have you both as leaders for the camp this year. Registration for campers will be available soon. We will be returning to the Farmers Union Camp in the Highwood Mountains on June 24-26. Counselors will go down on the 23rd to prepare. Camp is for 4-H members in 7th grade and under (no Cloverbuds).

Public Presentation Day will be March 22nd at the First Baptist Church at 1 pm. Please plan to eat before as we will not have any snacks available. Registration will be out soon and due back to the Extension Office by March 18th.

Be thinking about where to get your 4-H pigs, the deadline is April 12th!
Sincerely,

Kim & Jackie

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:
UPCOMING EVENTS
PONDERA INVITATIONAL
RESULTS
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%.

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! We have eight calendars left.

Livestock Committee Update

Members who show multiple market animals at the fair will be able to pay \$50/each to have those additional animals shipped with the fair animals and participate in the carcass contest, have processed meat returned on the truck, etc. Example- 4-Her shows a steer and lamb, and sells the steer. They can have the lamb go on the truck, participate in the carcass contest, etc. for the \$50 fee. Livestock members who are in this situation will have the opportunity to select this option on FairEntry when they sign up for a market animal show.

Please note, your private treaty buyer or you would be responsible for all processing fees. The \$50 fee and the buyer information must be turned in to Jesse Fulbright on Saturday night of the sale in order to be included in animal transport.

Horse Project Meeting

The March horse project meeting will be Sunday, March 8 at 4 p.m. at the Glacier County Extension Office (1210 E. Main St.) Remington Winkowitsch will be covering horse shoeing. If you have any questions, please check with Beretta or LeAnne Winkowitsch at 406-391-0154. They will be starting riding days in April, stay tuned!

Fashion Revue

Please mark on your calendars that Fashion Revue will take place Monday, July 6th. This is open to any members taking a sewing project or Ready to Wear.

There is also a Cloverbuds section!

We will also offer a section of Cloverbud Fair interviews in case that date works better for your family OR if you feel your child would be more comfortable on a less busy day than Wednesday of Fair.

Please reach out if you have any questions about Fashion Revue or Cloverbud interviews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Livestock Committee Scholarships - Due March 15

Scholarships are due to the Liberty County Extension Office by March 15. Applications have been emailed to graduating seniors, please contact the office if more information is needed. Livestock Committee Carcass Scholarship - \$700 - Please include the following information: Cover letter, One (1) letter of recommendation, A 1-2-page essay based on your 4-H livestock carcass results and their value to the livestock industry. Please include relevant personal experiences of what you learned from your Marias Fair livestock results and how you used that knowledge to produce a quality product for the livestock industry.

Livestock Committee Scholarship (multiple available) - \$700 - Must have exhibited livestock at the Marias Fair during a previous year as a 4-H project. Has displayed leadership skills within any 4-H livestock project. Please include the following information: Cover letter, One (1) letter of recommendation, Livestock exhibited by applicant at Marias Fair and year(s) exhibited. Leadership activities related to the applicant's 4-H livestock projects.





COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

4-H Animal Science 101: Selection Series

Ready to select your next 4-H livestock project?
Come learn from these industry leaders.
Workshops delivered via zoom.

MARKET SWINE SELECTION

Thursday, March 5, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Jessy Barger

Jessy Barger is a Montana native and currently serves as the Head Livestock Judging Coach and Agriculture Instructor at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado. She earned her degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Wyoming in Fall 2025.



Logan Despain



MARKET SHEEP SELECTION

Friday, March 6, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Logan was born and raised in Wyoming, where he and his family raised and exhibited livestock at the county, state, and national levels. He showed both sheep and hogs, finding success in each species. Logan went on to compete in collegiate livestock judging at Casper College and the University of Wyoming. Following his competitive career, he has spent the past five years coaching collegiate judging teams. He currently serves as the Livestock Judging Coach at Casper College.

MARKET GOAT SELECTION

Sunday, March 8, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Simon Raff

Simon Raff of Nunn, Colorado, exhibited goats for over 12 years, consistently placing in the top five in market class and top ten in showmanship at every state and national competition he showed in. After high school, he attended Eastern Wyoming College, competing on both the show and livestock judging teams. Simon now attends the University of Wyoming, where he is pursuing a degree in animal science with a concentration in meat animal industries while competing on the university's livestock judging team.



For questions: Dawn Sanchez (970) 491-0255
dawn.sanchez@colostate.edu

Please register to obtain zoom
Use the QR code or link: <https://bit.ly/4-HLivestockSelection>



Register at

<https://bit.ly/4-HLivestockSelection>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montana 4-H Rec Lab - Save the Date

March 27-29, 2026- Columbus, MT

This year's Rec Lab will include a county tour and a trip to Montana Silversmith's Outlet Store. We plan to share lots of Stillwater County educational opportunities with you. Registration is on ZSuite and the deadline is March 13th!



2026 Pondera Invitational Rifle-Pistol Results

Prone

Individual:

11th- Kacey Wipf
17th Evan Isakson
24th- Aaron Isakson
26th- Annaka Kidder
28th- Jessica Casap
35th- Sierra Jansen
38th- Ruby Bowland
46th- Layla Blonde
53rd- Moira Hemmer

Individual 9-10

3rd- Jessica Casap

Individual 11-12

5th- Evan Isakson
10th- Annaka Kidder
14th- Sierra Jansen
15th- Layla Blonde
18th- Moira Hemmer

Individual 13-14

3rd- James Casap
7th- Aaron Isakson
10th- Rubie Bowland

Individual 15-18

5th- Kacey Wipf

3P

Individual- All

11th- James Casap

Individual 13-14

6th- James Casap

Pistol

Individual- All

13th- James Casap
22nd- Kacey Wipf
34th- Aaron Isakson
39th- Annika Isakson
45th- Annaka Kidder
53rd- Rubie Bowland

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6th- Annaka Kidder

Individual- StndSprtd 13-14

2nd- James Casap
5th- Aaron Isakson
9th- Rubie Bowland

Individual- 1 Hand 15-18

4th- Kacey Wipf
7th- Annika Isakson

UPCOMING EVENTS



Jaxson Van Haur & Family

Announcing The 1st Annual North Country Show Goats Auction

Get ready for a great lineup, The quality runs deep in this set of wethers and does, with the kind of genetics and build that can take you all the way to final drive. Every kid is offered with nothing held back.

Live Auction with online bidding

Join us in person for an exciting sale day atmosphere or bid online through frontierlivesale.com

Whether you're looking for you next competitive show prospect or wanting to add top-tier quality to your program, this is a sale you don't want to miss!

Sunday March 22, 2026

Brunch at 11:00 AM

Sales Starts at 12:00

**Location: Marias Fairgrounds
Sheep & Goat Barn in Shelby, MT**

Call Andy at (406) 350-1564 for more details and delivery options in Montana and surrounding states.

Follow North Country Show Goats on Facebook for more details, pictures, and videos.

Montana



Habet's Showpigs

Habet's Annual Show Pig Sale

Champions in the Making

Date: March 28, 2026

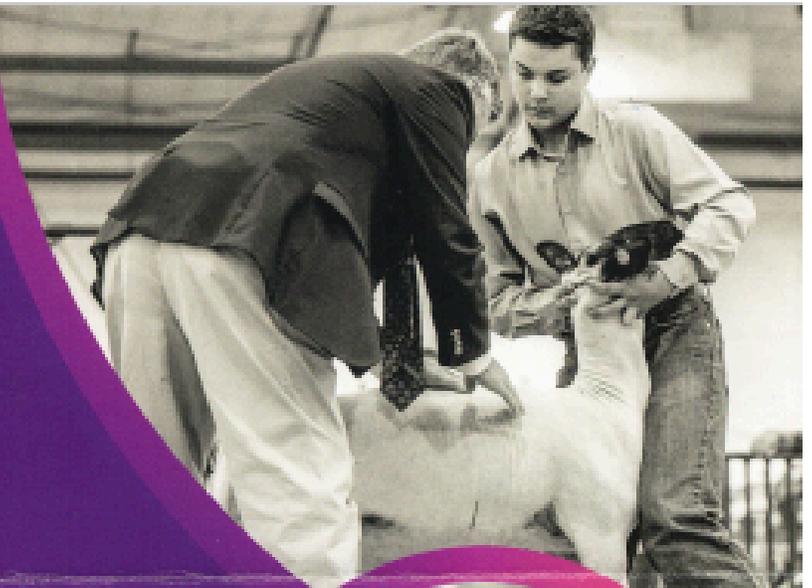
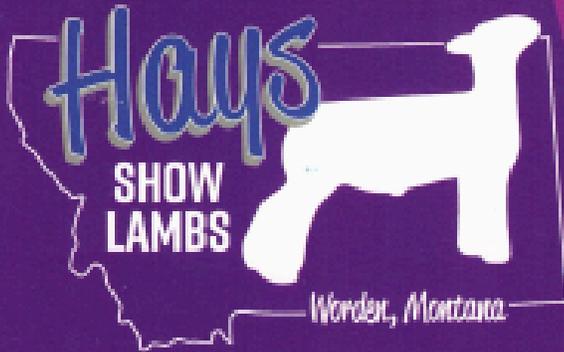
**Location: Marias Fair Grounds in Shelby, MT at
Open Beef Barn**

Time: Viewing starts at 10:30 am

Auction: At NOON

***Multiple Grand Champions, Reserve
Champions, Class Winners***

These pigs are born December, January, and February this year. We offer a rewards program to the kids that purchase hogs from us. We take pride in the hogs we raise. Proven genetics that have set us apart from other breeders. Anyone can attend this sale. If you need directions or if you have any questions, please contact us



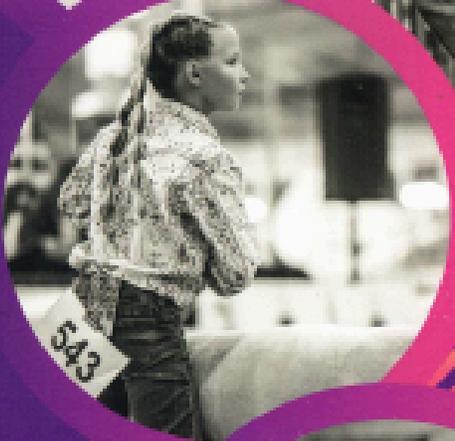
ANNUAL LAMB SALE

APRIL 1ST, 2026

SELLING TOP END WETHERS & ELITE EWES

Lambs sired by:

- Smokin' Cowboy
- Wild Bill
- Playboy
- Temper Tantrum
- 2nd Practice
- Reno
- Smokin' Cowboy sons



BID ONLINE AT:



SCHEDULE A BARN VISIT!

Watch for photos & updates on our social media pages!

Follow us!    406-671-7493  haysshowlambs.com



MONTANA
HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

2026 Heifer Grant

One (1) minimum of **\$1,000** grant to purchase a Hereford heifer.
The heifer must be purchased from a current MHA member.
Showing your heifer is not a requirement.

Eligibility to Apply

- Between the age of 9-17 as of January 1, 2026
- Current 4H or FFA member
- Must live in the State of Montana

Essay Topic

State why you deserve the heifer grant, how receiving the grant will help you with your 4-H/FFA project(s), how receiving the grant fits into your future goals in agriculture, why you are applying to receive the grant, and any previous experience taking care of livestock.

Application Deadline

September 1, 2026

If you have any questions, please reach out to infomontanahereford@gmail.com

Application Packet can be found on MHA's website, www.montanahereford.org/heifer-grant

Application Requirements

- Must Complete Application
- Complete an Essay
- Provide Three (3) Letters of Reference
- Submit a 3-5 Minute Video



MARCH

- 1st-** Marias Fair Air Rifle & Pistol Tournament- PSSC
- 1st-** Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 1st-** Camp Counselor Training Session 2pm in Chester
- 4th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 13th-** Registration Deadline for Rec Lab
- 15th-** Livestock Committee scholarships due to Liberty County Extension Office
- 18th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 24-26th-** Rec Lab, Columbus MT
- 22nd** - Public Presentation Day - 1pm - First Baptist Church Activity Center
- 23rd-** Marias Fair Horse Committee Meeting 6pm
- 25th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @ MRE
- 29th-** West Butte Club Meeting 1pm

APRIL

- 1st-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 12th** - Second Camp Counselor Meeting 2pm in Chester
- 12th-** Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 12th-** Pig tagging deadline, Breeding project deadline
- 15th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

Kountry Kids/ Blazing Saddles Leaders

Sanna Clark 450-2122
Emilie Vetch 460-1082
Anna Hemmer 470-1239

West Butte

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108
Tasha Hartwell 450-5619

Cloverbuds

Barb Larsen 460-2765