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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us for our annual Achievement Day Awards! It was a blast to show off all of the accomplishments you all have made throughout the year. All of our winners are included in this newsletter. We are looking forward to all of the great things that you all will accomplish this coming year!

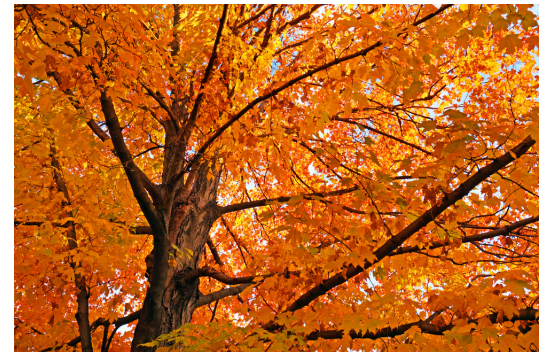
Please try to get signed up or re-enrolled in Z-Suite before the end of November so we can order books!

We are 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!

Beef weigh-ins are coming up, I'm planning to do a weigh-in at the Flesch Sale Barn and will contact my steer people when we nail down a date, please let me know and we will find a time that works for you. Please make sure to be enrolled in Z-Suite so we have an accurate list of all the members.

Kim & Jackie

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:
UPCOMING EVENTS
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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.

Beef Weigh-Ins

The minimum weight for 2026 Marias Fair is 1,100 pounds; max pay weight is 1,650 pounds, select steers accordingly. Each exhibitor may weigh-in one spare animal/species. Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo OR Bangs vaccination tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April 2026).

All steers must be dehorned, fully castrated, and born after January 1, 2025. Information to bring to weigh-in: Steer's birth date, Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed), Breeder's name and mailing address, and Bill of Sale. 4-Hers are also encouraged to have a Show Cattle Permit as well for transportation purposes. If you have any questions on what is needed or need to get a Brand Inspection, please call Jeff Jergens, district brand inspector, at 406-450-0001 or Tom Seifert at 406-873-5700.

Good news! The new Montana 4-H Beef Level 1 book is in print and available to 4-H beef members. Thank you to all who have been a part of this process with feedback, ideas, piloting, etc. Beef 2 and 3 members, photocopies are available if needed, hopefully those books will be in print in the next year as well

ACHIEVEMENT DAY AWARDS

TOOLE COUNTY 4-H 2024-2025 AWARDS PROGRAM

EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT AWARDS

Swine Layla Blonde, Dylan Clark, Celee Flesch, Lennon Flesch, Desirae Salois, Grayson Salois, Benson Weishaar

Beef- Dylan Clark, Jagger Flesch, Brinlee Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Kaley Sandon, Colter Sandon, Jadis Scarborough, Regan Torgerson

Shooting Sports- Dylan Clark, Bridger Ergenbright, Kacey Wipf

Self-Determined- Moira Hemmer

Poultry- Hadley Ergenbright, Grace Hemmer, Moira Hemmer

Entomology- Grace Hemmer

Photography- Grace Hemmer

Cat- Grace Hemmer, Moira Hemmer

Sheep- Laura Flesch, Paxton Flesch, Annika Isakson

Robotics- Corin Scarborough

Leadership- Paxton Flesch

CLOVERBUD AWARDS

2024-2025 Cloverbuds: Piper Bate, Griffin Bate, Charlotte Besancon, Claire Besancon, Olivia Bybee, Whitney Cameron, Adelynn David, Lawrence Denno, Blake Driemeyer, Sage Ehlers, Jaydin Ergenbright, Nova Erickson, Annie Flesch, Hadley Habets, Hayden Habets, Eli Hartwell, Mayson Helgeson, Matthias Hemmer, Cooper Hovland, Curtis Kimmet, Maizy Kimmet, Kamryn Kinyon, Jayla Koschmeder, Keaton Lampert, Knox Melton, Macklan Melton, Marley Miller, Dax Nelson, Alyssa Nolan, Jordynn Olson, Rachel O'Shields, Ryker Pace, Grayce Postma, Rheagan Robison, Emmilyn Salois, Remington Teigen, Clementine Thompson, Gavin Vetch, Brielle Weishaar, Rose Welker, Luke Welker, Kamen Wilson, Kate Wood

SERVICE AWARDS

Community Service- Dylan Clark, Bridger Ergenbright, Paxton Flesch, Sam Flesch, Laura Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Desirae Salois, Jadis Scarborough, Corin Scarborough, Kacey Wipf, Karter Wipf

Leadership- Dylan Clark, Bridger Ergenbright, Hadley Ergenbright, Paxton Flesch, Sam Flesch, Preslee Flesch, Annika Isakson, Oran Nelson, Grayson Salois, Desirae Salois, Colter Sandon, Carlie Sisk, Kacey Wipf

4-H Achievement- Caige Enneberg, Bridger Ergenbright, Paxton Flesch, Kaley Sandon, Colter Sandon, Kacey Wipf, Karter Wipf

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CLOVER ACHIEVEMENT- Grayson Salois, Gilbert Salois

EMERALD ACHIEVEMENT- Caige Enneberg, Rebecca Enneberg, Carlie Sisk, Karter Wipf

BRONZE ACHIEVEMENT- Layla Blonde, Laura Flesch, Lennon Flesch, Paxton Flesch, Desirae Salois, Kaley Sandon, Benson Weishaar

SILVER ACHIEVEMENT- Bridger Ergenbright, Hadley Ergenbright, Moira Hemmer, Preslee Flesch, Sam Flesch, Colter Sandon, Regan Torgerson, Orion Vetch

GOLD ACHIEVEMENT- Dylan Clark, Corin Scarborough, Jadis Scarborough, Kacey Wipf

Top Honors

BEN SISK MEMORIAL Preslee Flesch

"U R AWESOME" Bridger Ergenbright

Nanna Flech Memorial Scholarship

CLUB RECOGNITION

CLUB OF EXCELLENCE- Blazing Saddles
Kountry Kids
West Butte
Ranching Rascals

LEADER RECOGNITION

LEADER OF THE YEAR Nathan Ergenbright

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR Joe Flesch

COMMUNITY AWARDS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MRE

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE Cathy Ratzburg
Luanne Wallewein

MARIAS FAIR CARCASS AWARDS

Steer of Merit

Symbol of Excellence (Swine) Bridger Ergenbright

Certified Lamb Sam Flesch

Goat Certified Carcass

ACHIEVEMENT DAY AWARDS





CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Toole County 4-H will be taking Christmas Tree pre-orders this year for our 4-H Council Fundraiser!

Extra trees will also be available at Shelby Paint and Hardware and at the Shelby Christmas Stroll on Dec. 7th. Trees will be available before Thanksgiving

Pre-Order prices depending on height:

Small Trees 4'-5' \$40 _____

Medium Trees 5'-7' \$50 _____

Tall Tree 7'+ \$70 _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

4-H Member: _____

We will contact you to make arrangements for pickup.

Please make checks out to Toole County 4-H Council.

Please contact the Toole County Extension Office for any questions 406-424-8350 or toole@montana.edu

Please return orders to the Toole Co. Extension office by Nov 21st

NOVEMBER

- 5th-** Cloverbuds 3:08 - 5 pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 5th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @ MRE
- 6th-** West Butte Cloverbud Meeting 5:30 @ Sunburst Library
- 10th-** 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office
- 10th-** Marias Fair Board meeting @ Ambulance Barn
- 11th- Office Closed for Veterans Day**
- 12th-** Office Closed in AM for Meeting
- 17th-** Marias Fair Horse Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 19th-** Cloverbuds 3:08 - 5 pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 27th-28th- Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER

- 4th-** West Butte Cloverbud Meeting 5:30 @ Sunburst Library
- 6th-** Beef Weigh- in Deadline
- 7th-** Shelby Christmas Stroll
- 7th-** West Butte Club Meeting 4pm @ The Parish Hall
- 14th-** Kountry Kids Christmas Giving Project 2pm @ Albertsons, meeting and Christmas Party to follow at Exhibit Building
- 25th & 26th- Office Closed for Christmas**

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

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Sanna Clark 450-2122

Cloverbuds

Barb Larsen 460-2765

West Butte

Crystal McAlpine 450-0108
Tasha Hartwell 450-5619

Ranching Rascals

Ashely Denno 494-6340