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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

Happy New Year!! There is a lot of information included in this month's newsletter so please be sure to read through it all.

New Year, New Goals! Project books are here and ready to be picked up in the Extension Office. Please stop by and get them so you can get a head start on working on your projects.

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!

The 4-H camp counselor application is included with the newsletter so be sure to check if you are eligible to be a counselor. It is so much fun and a great experience for young leaders.

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!

Sincerely,

Kim & Jackie

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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.

In- Person and Mail in Competition for Archery, Air Rifle and Pistol

We are hosting an In-Person and Mail In competition on Saturday, February 7th at the PSSC in Conrad. Youth may compete in person or mail in completed score sheet for archery or Orion targets for Air rifle or air pistol. Anyone needing Orion targets may request them from me or our office by email or phone. Coach Joel Farkell will have Orion targets at the Helena Competition this weekend for people who will be there.

Due to regular mail slowing down, encourage participants to plan ahead to make sure the entries, especially for the postal targets/score sheets to arrive at our office by February 6th.

We thank everyone for their past support and are looking forward to another fun event! IF anyone has questions, please reach out to me or Joel Farkell.

For scheduling questions: Pondera County Extension office - 406-271-4054 or pondera@montana.edu

For tournament information: Joel Farkell, Tournament Coordinator at 406-581-6243

4-H Horse Workshops

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H HORSE WORKSHOPS

Join 4-H horse for monthly beginner horse project meetings!

All meetings will be at Glacier County Annex in Cut Bank:

Upcoming:

- December 14 - 5:30 p.m. - Halter making with Remington and Danni Campbell
- January 11 - 5:30 p.m. - Horse vaccinations and deworming with Dr. Steven Hjartarson
- February 8 - 5:30 p.m. - Horseshoeing and trimming with Remington Winkowitsch



To participate, enroll in your local 4-H program through 4h.zsuite.org and select a beginning horse project:

- Horseless Horse - Horse is not required
- Western Horsemanship - Basics of western riding
- Working Ranch Horse - General ranch work

For more information: Glacier County Extension, 873-2239, kari.lewis@montana.edu
Thanks to Beretta Winkowitsch, teen leader, for organizing!!

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. More info to come!



Montana 4-H Rec Lab Workshop Proposals Needed

This year's theme: "4-H Escape: Do You Have the Skills to Unlock Your Potential?"

Bring your creativity and skills to life with a workshop that challenges participants to grow in leadership, communication, and team-building — the core of Rec Lab's mission!

Workshop proposals will be submitted through Google Forms at the link here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcMYQsAHodX-ry3QCH-U8g_71JWZSvfSVSW8BS0YjvISOZIQ/viewform?usp=dialog

Deadline to submit proposals is Monday, January 5, 2026. They have extended the deadline.

Both teens and adults (4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, community members & people from other organizations) are encouraged to submit workshop proposals. Please share with those who might be interested in presenting from your communities!

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications - Seniors and College Students

The Montana 4-H Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for secondary education. These scholarships are available to both high school graduating seniors and current undergraduate college students.

Important Dates:

An email was sent through ZSuite on December 9, 2025.

Applications are due by February 14, 2026.

Visit: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html> and click on the "Application Platform" tab to prep materials.

Application Link:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/Montana4HScholarship2026>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner Grants

The Montana 4-H Foundation is excited to announce that People Partner Grants are now open for applications! See details below as also on our website here:

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html> Please share with groups and individuals that may be interested.

Grant Purpose

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Application Deadline: February 14, 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 individuals involved to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps the target audience 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.

Application Process

Complete the application online here:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/PeoplePartnerGrant2026>

Marias Fair Stadium Cup Logo Contest 2026

We are taking submissions for this year's Marias Fair Food Booth Cup Logo Submission deadline:

February 15 email, JPEG file to Lisa, lterry@montana.edu Requirements: Must include the official 4-H Logo If including county list, must include Blackfeet Reservation, Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, and Toole Counties. Youth entries only.

Save the Date for 4-H Camp

4-H Camp will be June 24-26 in the Highwood Mountains for 4-Hers in 7th grade and under this year (no cloverbuds). Counselors will go down 6/23 to prepare. Camp Counselor application materials will be sent out with the newsletter for those senior members interested, applications will be due back Mid February so please watch for more details.

ARCHERY RESULTS

2026 Blazing Arrows Marias Fair Archery Invitational Results

Sunday, February 1st, the Shelby Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Club hosted the Marias Fair Archery Invitational competition. We had a great turnout with 110 archers competing in the invitational from around the state.

Our 40 Blazing Arrows archers have been practicing and preparing for this competition since October when we started shooting and will continue until the Bozeman state 4-H shoot in March. For the statewide invitational, 14 of our competitors brought home medals.

For Bowhunter 9-10 Oran Nelson took 1st, Rhylan Robison took 2nd, and Grayson Salois took 3rd. For Bowhunter 11-12 Charis Mallett took 2nd. For Bowhunter 13-14 Bridger Ergenbright took 1st. For Bowhunter 15-18 Wyatt Fix took 1st and Dylan Clark took 3rd.

For Unlimited 9-10 Oran Nelson took 1st, Rhylan Robison took 2nd, and Emalea Wahl took 3rd. For Unlimited 13-14 Bridger Ergenbright took 1st. For Unlimited 15-18 Logan Nation took 1st and Dylan Clark took 2nd.

For Primitive 9-10 Hadley Ergenbright took 1st.

Top Bowhunter score was Bridger Ergenbright. Top Unlimited score was Logan Nation. The overall top score of the event was shot by Logan Nation that received a belt buckle.

The Four-County Marias Fair event consisted of Toole County, Glacier County, Pondera County, and Liberty County. The archers completed their archery project interview at the event.

For Bowhunter 9-10 Oran Nelson took 1st and Grayson Salois took 2nd. For Bowhunter 11-12 Charis Mallett took 1st. For Bowhunter 13-14 Bridger Ergenbright took 1st, Desirae Salois took 2nd, and Asher Mallett took 3rd. For Bowhunter 15-18 Wyatt Fix took 1st and Dylan Clark took 2nd.

For Unlimited 9-10 Emalea Wahl took 1st. For Unlimited 11-12 Wylie Frydenlund took 2nd. For Unlimited 13-14 Bridger Ergenbright took 1st. For Unlimited 15-18 Logan Nation took 1st, Dylan Clark took 2nd, and Makenzie Kujava took 3rd.

For Primitive 9-10 Hadley Ergenbright took 1st.

Top Bowhunter score was Bridger Ergenbright and top Unlimited score was Logan Nation with them receiving trophies.

Top Interviewers were Dylan Clark, Hadley Ergenbright, Scott Hall, and Bridger Ergenbright.

Special thanks to North 40 Outfitters Archery Department in Great Falls for sponsoring our competition and inspecting the kid's bows before they competed.

Blazing Arrows has about five weeks left before the state shoot in Bozeman. Then we will end the year with a fun shoot and awards in March.

ARCHERY RESULTS

Last Name	First	Bow Division	Age	County	Total Score	Xs	70+ = B	Placing
Ergenbright	Hadley	Primitive	10-Sep	Toole	83		B	1
Nelson	Oran	Bow hunter	10-Sep	Toole	245	3	B	1
Salois	Grayson	Bow hunter	10-Sep	Toole	224	1	B	2
Koschmeder	Kanon	Bow hunter	10-Sep	Toole	182		R	
Mallett	Charis	Bow hunter	12-Nov	Toole	244	1	B	1
Vetch	Orion	Bow hunter	12-Nov	Toole	166		R	
**Ergenbright	Bridger	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	295	15	B	1
Salois	Desirae	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	259	3	B	2
Mallett	Asher	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	248	3	B	3
Riphenburg	Morgan	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	245	2	B	
Strader	Cameron	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	245		B	
Hegyes	Gwen	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	172	3	R	
Bowland	Rubie	Bow hunter	13-14	Toole	159	1	R	
Fix	Wyatt	Bow hunter	15-18	Toole	292	10	B	1
Clark	Dylan	Bow hunter	15-18	Toole	288	12	B	2
Mallett	Mia	Bow hunter	15-18	Toole	264	2	B	
Scarborough	Corin	Bow hunter	15-18	Toole	223	1	R	
Ergenbright	Bridger	Unlimited	13-14	Toole	292	15	B	1
Salois	Desirae	Unlimited	13-14	Toole	258	9	B	
Nation	Logan	Unlimited	15-18	Toole	299	18	B	1
Clark	Dylan	Unlimited	15-18	Toole	296	20	B	2
BOW HUNTER - TOP SHOOTER: **Bridger Ergenbright								

ARCHERY RESULTS

Interview Ribbon	First	Last name	Bow Div	4-H Age	County
P/Rosette	Dylan	Clark	BH/Unlim	15-18	Toole
P/Rosette	Hadley	Ergenbright	Prim	9-10	Toole
P/Rosette	Bridger	Ergenbright	BH/Unlim	13-14	Toole
P	Rubie	Bowland	BH	13-14	Toole
P	Wyatt	Fix	BH	15-18	Toole
P	Wylie	Frydenlund	BH/Unlim	11-12	Toole
P	Gwen	Hegyey	BH	13-14	Toole
B	Kanon	Koschmede	BH	9-10	Toole
P	Asher	Mallett	BH	13-14	Toole
B	Charis	Mallett	BH	11-12	Toole
B	Mia	Mallett	BH	15-18	Toole
P	Logan	Nation	Unlim	15-18	Toole
P	Oran	Nelson	BH	9-10	Toole
P	Morgan	Riphenburg	BH	11-12	Toole
P	Desirae	Salois	BH/Unlim	13-14	Toole
P	Grayson	Salois	BH	9-10	Toole
B	Corin	Scarboroug	BH	15-18	Toole
P	Cameron	Strader	BH	13-14	Toole
P	Orion	Vetch	BH	11-12	Toole

MARIAS FAIR ARCHERY PHOTOS



FEBRUARY

- 1st-** Marias Fair Archery Shoot
- 2nd-** Horse Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE
- 4th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 6th-** Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 7th-** In-person and postal mail in competition at the PSSC in Conrad.
- 8th-** Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 11th-** 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 @ Extension Office
- 15th-** Deadline to submit Marias Fair Food Booth Cup Logo to Lisa
- 16th- Office Closed- President's Day**
- 18th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria

MARCH

- 1st-** Marias Fair Air Rifle & Pistol Tournament- PSSC
- 1st-** Camp Counselor Training Session 2pm in Chester
- 4th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 8th-** Kountry Kids Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 15th-** Livestock Committee scholarships due to Liberty County Extension Office
- 18th-** Cloverbuds after school- 5pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria
- 24-26th-** Rec Lab, Columbus MT
- 25th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @ MRE
- 29th-** West Butte Club Meeting 1pm

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