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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

It is time to start fresh again in the fall and be thinking about what you want to sign up for in 4-H this year! You may also want to invite a friend to join 4-H this year!

The new 4-H year starts October 1, 2026. To re-enroll, leaders and families with youth members can login to their account at 4h.zsuite.org. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Remember to enter member's 4-H age which is the age of member as of October 1, 2026.

Some projects have age restrictions as follows:

Cloverbuds 5-7

Regular 4-H projects 8 and up

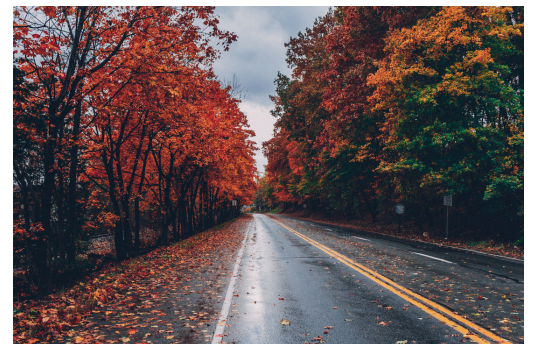
All shooting sports projects 9 and up

All cattle projects 10 and up

The Clover Magazines are now available in the office for anyone who wants to get a head start on the new year! As always, please let us know if you have any questions. You can stop by the office anytime!

Kim & Jackie

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

New 4-H Year

The new year starts on October 1st and you can check out the [Clover guide](#) to see what kind of projects you might be interested in taking next year!

National 4-H Week

This year's National 4-H week theme is "Beyond Ready"

National 4-H Week is October 4-10. Monday's Theme is Go Green, so make sure to wear your 4-H Shirts! There are many ways to promote 4-H. You and/or your club can wear your 4-H shirts to school, decorate your lockers or a store window, and encourage friends to sign up. We ask the coffee shops to add stickers to everyone's coffee for the week to promote 4-H.

In Shelby we will be doing the Walk N Wheel on Wednesday, October 7th - Weather permitting. Please wear your 4-H shirts to the Walk N Wheel.

MRE Dinner

We will be serving the MRE Dinner again this year on October 14th. Dinner is at 6pm. I will be sending out a "Sign Up Genius" in an email so families can sign up for shifts. We will need a set up crew, serving crew, and a take down crew. Please keep in mind that we will be serving around 250 people.

Cloverbuds: 24 dozen rolls, 2 large lemonade, 8 #10 cans of beans, roaster

West Butte: Desserts, 15 bags of salad, salad dressing

Kountry Kids: 300 Potatoes, 400 butter pats, 10lbs of sour cream, roaster, 2 large bowls

4-H Council: Horseradish, ketchup, coffee, paper products: plates, small napkins, cream, sugar, salt, pepper

Glacier County FSA Youth Loans

If youth are needing financing for an upcoming project, here's an opportunity for Youth Ag Loans through Farm Service Agency. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal organizations and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$10,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility:

- Be a citizen of the US.
- Be 10 to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements.
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

Youth can contact Lacy Roberts or Eric Morrisett, 873-5618, for more information and an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOOLE COUNTY BLAZING ARROWS 4-H ARCHERY SIGN UP

Registration for Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery begins October 1st at the Toole County Extension Office and online at <https://toole.msuextension.org/4H.html> or through <https://4h.zsuite.org>. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 15th to have your registration turned in with the money. We look forward to an eventful year of archery with the kids. It is \$30 per person or \$60 per family. Anyone 9 years of age as of October 1, 2026 or older is eligible to join. If you are not in a 4-H club, then you enroll as Special Interest and pay the \$8.50 fee. Our first day will be October 13th to set up the archery range at the Marias Fair Exhibit Building. We shoot on Wednesday nights from October to March. Our club has bows for archers to rent for the session if they need a bow. The kids have the opportunity to participate in Fun Day shoots and competitions around the state. If you have any questions, contact the Toole County Extension Office at 424-8350. We look forward to having you shoot with us.

By Julean Hanson

MONTANA 4-H

FALL LEADERSHIP

TRAINING

AGENTS OF CHANGE:
Operation Leadership

DATES: NOVEMBER 6-8
WHO: TEEN LEADERS AND COUNTY AMBASSADORS

Are you ready to grow your leadership skills, meet new friends, and represent your county with pride?

Join us for Montana 4-H Fall Leadership Training—a weekend designed for teen leaders and county ambassadors. Accept your mission, build your leadership skills, strengthen your team, and discover how you can be an Agent of Change in your club and community.

What to Expect:

- Inspiring Workshops – Learn practical leadership strategies, sharpen communication, and discover ways to make a bigger impact in your club and community.
- Hands-On Activities – Build confidence through team challenges, round-table discussions, and real-world leadership scenarios.
- Connections that Count – Network with motivated teens from across Montana, share ideas, and build lasting friendships.
- Ambassador Meeting – The State Ambassador Officer Team will lead an official meeting focused on outreach, service, and representing 4-H.

COPPER KING
BUTTE, MONTANA
WORKSHOPS | NETOWRKING | DANCE

NOVEMBER
6-8

REGISTER IN ZSUITE [MONTANA4H.ORG](https://montana4h.org)

- 4-Hers 14 and up are invited to attend Fall Leadership
- See <https://www.montana.edu/extension/glacier/4H.html> for scholarship applications to attend



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**OCTOBER
5:00 PM**

COSTUME PARTY

**BALKENBUSH ARENA
545 PIONEER RD - CONRAD**

"DRESS UP YOU AND YOUR HORSE"

**PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 21 TO PONDERA@MONTANA.EDU
OPEN TO ALL KIDS 8-18 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HORSE. DO NOT
NEED TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE HORSE PROJECT!**

OCTOBER

- 1st-** New 4-H Year starts- Sign ups are open
- 4th-** Kountry Kids Club meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 4th- 10th-** National 4-H Week
- 7th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary School
- 7th-** Walk N Wheel for National 4-H Week
- 11th-** West Butte Club Meeting 2pm @ Sunburst Community Center
- 12th- Office Closed- Columbus Day**
- 13th-** 4-H Flags at Volleyball Games time is TBA
- 14th-** MRE Dinner 6pm @ Shelby High School
- 21st-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary School
- 22nd-** Horse Committee Meeting 6pm @ MRE

NOVEMBER

- 3rd- Office Closed- Election Day**
- 4th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary School
- 4th-** Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm @ MRE
- 6th-8th-** Fall Leadership Training in Butte
- 8th-** West Butte Club Meeting 2pm @ Sunburst Community Center
- 8th-** Kountry Kids Club Meeting 2pm @ Exhibit Building
- 11th- Office Closed- Veterans Day**
- 18th-** Cloverbuds after school-5pm @ Elementary School
- 26th-27th- Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

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West Butte

Kari Lewis 209-2953

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Cloverbuds

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