Celebrate 4-H Week! Oct 1-7

For the 75th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating National 4-H Week during the first full week of October. Toole County 4-H will leverage National 4-H Week this year by showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and will highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

Toole County celebrates annually by decorating a window in the business of their choosing and they thank the local businesses that support 4-H all year. A few of the clubs also plan to wear their 4-H Club Shirts to school on the same day.

Last year we created a new 4-H special interest group program, the Poultry Club. Members were able to raise and care for their very own chickens out at the fairgrounds. They also had to go through the chicken book curriculum to better understand and supplement their experience that comes with taking care of chickens.

4-H alumni around the country are always the first to acknowledge the significant positive impact 4-H had on them as young people; the opportunities and experiences that 4-H provides youth empowers them to become true leaders. In fact, research has shown that young people in 4-H are almost four times as likely to contribute to their communities, and are twice as likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in their free time.
2017 AMBASSADOR FALL TRAINING

The 2017-2018 State Ambassador Office team is planning an exciting Ambassador Fall Training. The program will help provide the motivation and leadership skills you need to be the best ambassador and teen leader possible.

This year Fall Training is in Billings, Montana at the Red Lion Hotel & Convention Center in Billings. Registration costs $160 but the Bret Wanken and Ben Scholarships are available for those wanting to attend. The registration deadline is October 6th. Please make sure to re-enroll in 4-H before registering. All meals, and hotel rooms are provided in the registration cost. Registration begins 4-6:30 pm Thursday Evening (10/19) and we will return Saturday afternoon. Kim will be taking anyone from Toole County that is interested!

Youth participants must be 14 on October 1 of the current 4-H year. Those interested in attending need to register through 4-H online.

2017-2018 Enrollment Information

Members may enroll electronically. It will take very little time. Enrollment packets were distributed at the September meetings. If you need assistance enrolling on-line, please stop in the extension office or call.

Celebrate National 4-H Week!

A great way to celebrate National 4-H week is by posting your 4-H story to social media. Remember to include #4Hgrown and #TrueLeaders with your post. Also, Facebook has the option to change your profile picture temporarily and they have a special frame just for 4-H. This is easily done by typing www.facebook.com/profilepicframes into your web browser and looking under “Causes” category for the 4-H logo.

4-H Veterinarian Club to Be Offered

Hardee Clark expressed interest in getting a Vet Club started with our 4-H members. This club would go over the curriculum from the first year veterinarian 4-H books and each month he could go over a different animal project, such as the horse project, and cat and dog projects together. This sounds like a really great opportunity to do some hands on learning directly with the animals and professionals. If you are interested in signing up for the Vet Club, please sign up with the Extension Office by November 1 and we will get all of the meetings planned.
Secretary and Treasurer Reports

Please remember to turn your club Secretary books into the office. The books are due now, and we have only received two. Treasurers have until November 15 so that you can use your September bank statements and complete your forms. Please contact the office if you need help filling out your end of the year forms.

Remember, each club gets a $50 award if they turn in their officers books and 85% of their record books.

Thank you to all our 4-H Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of our 4-H program. They are the organizers, teachers, and counselors who make the program available to youth. Utilizing volunteers effectively can assure the success of the local program. Positive youth development research shows the importance of caring adults in the lives of young people.

Toole County 4-H Program depends on our volunteers for a quality experience for our members. The 4-H years starts out with the dedication of our organizational leaders who bring their clubs together and help get everyone enrolled and off and going with their projects. Our project leaders are so important in helping 4-H members building life skills.

Fair is an opportunity for our youth to showcase their projects and talents. Fair wouldn’t happen without an army of volunteers that include committee members, judges, and other volunteers.

So during 4-H week take a minute to thank a volunteer that has made an impact on your 4-H experience.

Volunteers Needed:

Project Leader: Toole County 4-H is looking for adult volunteers to lead project meetings. Volunteers would be asked to organize and provide one or more trainings in a project. Especially needed are project leaders in market animals and small animals, robotics, and photography.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIGN-UPS FOR AIR PISTOL AND RIFLE

Sign-ups will be on Sunday, November 5th, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the Shelby Rifle & Pistol Club. If you have not already signed up, this is the day to do it. You MUST be registered before you start shooting. There will be forms available on this day or you can stop in at the Extension Office and pick one up. Please be aware that the clocks will change for Daylight Savings Time. Please be there at the appropriate times!

REGISTRATION FOR BLAZING ARROWS 4-H ARCHERY

We are looking forward to a new year and would like any interested archers to get involved. Registration for Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery begins Monday, October 2nd at the Toole County Extension Office. The deadline is Monday, October 16th 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. Scholarships are available at the Toole County Extension Office. Anyone 9 years of age as of October 1, 2017 or older is eligible to join. If you are not in a 4-H club, then you have to fill out the Special Interest paperwork and pay the $7.50 fee. Our first day will be October 18th 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.
Zack Kinyon at the MT State Horse Show!

The Montana State 4-H Horse Show was held September 22-24, 2017 in Lewistown, MT. There were participants from all over the state of Montana showing their horses in various classes. Zack Kinyon from Galata, MT showed his 4 year old horse Citas Sprinkles in Colt to Maturity 4 year old classes. Zack received 4th place in Colt to Maturity 4 year old Equitation, 4th place in Colt to Maturity 4 year old, and 6th place in Colt to Maturity Trail. This was Zack’s third year participating at State. Citas Sprinkles was purchased from Carl and Anna Clark as a weanling for the Colt to Maturity project.

Members take a yearling colt and train it until it is 5 years old. The horse then moves on to the Horsemanship levels. This project allows a member to completely train their own horse. Zack will finish the Colt to Maturity project and will complete all the Horsemanship levels before the end of his 4-H career. Zack is a member of the Blazing Saddles 4-H club and is in his 9th year of 4-H.

Third Annual Horse Halloween Party!

As promised, the ghoulish details are in for the 3rd Annual Halloween Horse Party.

Mark your calendar to attend this spooktacular event and plan for a fun-filled outing of horsey games, a costume contest, challenges and PRIZES!!

The party will be held Sunday, October 22nd at the Balkenbush arena from 2-6 p.m.

This event is open to EVERYONE (not just 4-H members) ages 9-18. If you have a horse and are interested in the 4-H horse project, you won’t want to miss this event.

An optional potluck will be held afterward. Families who would like to stay for the potluck are asked to bring finger foods.

For more information contact Misty Vermulm at 278-9114.

Limited Availability at the Extension Office

The Toole County Extension Office will have limited coverage from the 19th—27th of October. Alice will be taking annual leave the 19th and 20th and Kim will be taking 4-Hers to Billings for the Fall Ambassador Training. The following week, Kim and Alice will be in Bozeman attending the Annual Conference for Extension Agents during the week of October 23rd—26th. Kim and Alice will both be available by cell phone or email during this time.
Clark Diemert 4-H Fundraiser

Tiber 4H Club is wanting to challenge all clubs in our Four County Region to donate to the Clark Diemert 4H Fundraiser. Clark Diemert has been an active member in 4H for several years. He just recently moved to Helena to start his higher education at Helena VoTech. Clark was injured in an ATV accident two weeks ago and sustained some major injuries that are going to take some time and medical care to heal. So his fellow 4H members of the Tiber 4H Club are wanting to help out with these expenses. The club has a GOAL of trying to raise $1000 dollars to go toward his medical expenses. Tiber 4H is donating $100 dollars to get this challenge off and running. We are challenging ALL clubs to do the same or donate what your club thinks they could possibly help with. If your club is wanting to be challenged then you can send a check written out to Tiber 4H Club. The “memo” line can be Clark Diemert 4H Fundraiser. Your donation can be mailed to Liberty County 4H Office c/o Tiber 4H Fundraising PO Box 607 Chester, MT 59522. The deadline date for donations will be November 1, 2017. There will be a benefit scheduled for November 5, 2017 at 4pm at the Joplin Community Hall for Clark and his family. We will be announcing the final total from the 4H Challenge at this event and your 4H Club will be recognized as helping with this fundraising event. Again thank you so much for considering donating to this family. Clark is a huge part of many lives here in Liberty County and especially important to his 4H family! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Steffani Wanken at 406-759-5756.

Congrats to Karra Lohr for being crowned Homecoming Queen for the Shelby High School! (Pictured Left)

Dylan Clark and Jadis Scarborough, 4-Hers in 4th grade look on as Alice teaches them how to make bread from the wheat that they planted and harvested in the Community Garden. This is an annual project that we love helping with! (Pictured Right)
### Club and Committee Meetings

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**Club News Wanted:** Do you have something special planned for your club meeting or special activity coming up? Let everyone in the 4-H community know what is happening with your club. You can email your story and pictures to toole@montana.edu, or mail to the Toole County Extension Office; 226 1st Street South, Shelby, MT 59474 by the last Friday of each month.

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE NOVEMBER 16th SO WE CAN GET YOUR PROJECT BOOKS ORDERED AND BACK TO YOU IN A TIMELY MANNER.**
Toole County Leader of the Year
The following leaders have been nominated for the Toole County 4-H Leader of the Year. Please vote for the leader of your choice and return the ballot to the Extension Office by October 20th. Please only vote once. Both leaders and members may vote.

- Barb Larsen
- Dean Lerum

Toole County Alumni of the Year
The following persons have been nominated for the Toole County 4-H Alumni of the Year. Please vote for the leader of your choice and return the ballot to the Extension Office by October 20th. Please only vote once. Both leaders and members may vote.

- Chad Scarborough
- Bonnie Kinyon
- Jeff Flesch