Merry Christmas to all of the 4-Hers and Families,

Thank you to those who served at the Rib Tickler Dinner, these 4-Hers sure clean up nicely!
All of us here at the Toole County Extension Office hope you have a safe and wonderful Christmas and Holiday break! Be sure to work with your 4-H steers while you have such a long break!
-Toole County Extension

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Quality Assurance Workshops in Chester and Cut Bank**

There will be a Livestock Quality Assurance training offered from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, December 28 at the Cut Bank Community Bible Church (102 N. Central Ave., Cut Bank, MT). As a reminder, youth are required to attend an LQA training every other year in order to exhibit a livestock project at the Marias Fair. To register for the training, please contact the Glacier County Extension Office at 873-2239 or glacier@montana.edu. Additional workshops will be offered in the afternoon that youth are welcome to register for as well as part of the Glacier county 4-H Project Day.

Liberty County Extension Agent, Jesse Fulbright, will also be offering a Quality Assurance workshop at the Liberty County Courthouse on Monday, December 4 at 4:00 pm. Please contact the Liberty County Extension Office at (406)-759-5625 to RSVP.

**Rec Lab—March 23-25, 2018**

Rec Lab will be hosted by District 1 in Thompson Falls on March 23-25, 2018. Youth participants must be 13 or older as of October 1, 2017. Registration is due by Friday, February 23. The event will cost $100, scholarships will be available at the Extension Office.

This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

By rotating around the state and hosted by a 4-H District each year, this event also provides youth and volunteers an opportunity to travel and experience locations that may be very different from their home county. The camp like atmosphere and hands on activity allows for a fun and laidback weekend to create lasting memories.

**Horse Committee Fundraiser**

The Marias Fair Horse Committee is selling 4-H decals to raise money. The Horse Committee is responsible for the judges at the fair, educational programs for 4-H members, and maintenance of the horse barns. The decals are $6 or 2 for $10. These would make great Christmas gifts! Please call or text Bonnie Kinyon at 406-460-1452 to order.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date
February 20, 2018
Toole County Project Day

Activities during project day will include Market Quality Assurance, cake decorating, and other activities to be determined. If anyone would like to present a project workshop that day or assist in anyway, please contact the Extension Office at 424-8350.

Montana Winter Fair—Lewistown
The Montana Winter Fair will be held in Lewistown on January 25-28th. Please visit www.montanawinterfair.com for more details.

Montana Winter Fair
Celebrating Montana Agriculture
and our Western Way of Life

Thank you to Kiana and Brittany for helping Kim present the Toole County 4-H Booth at the Toole County Health Fair. This was paired with the Parent Teacher Conferences at the Elementary School November 14th and 16th.

Marias Fair Archery Tournament
The Marias Fair Archery Tournament will be January 28th at the Pondera Shooting Sports Complex (PSSC) in Conrad, MT. All times will be from 4– 5:30 pm. Tournament registration will be available in early January.
Toole County 4-H—2017 Awards

PROJECT AWARDS

**Aerospace**  Ben Aklestad, Kianna Jorata

**Achievement**  Delaney Clark, Brittany Hanson, Cade Hanson

**Beef**  Delaney Clark, Luke Fretheim, Cody Hanson, Lane Lerum

**Cloverbud Awards**  1st Year-Kacey Wipf  2nd Year-Cael Blevins, Corin Scarborough, Quinlynn Barker

**Community Service**  Brittany Hanson, Zack Kinyon, Karra Lohr

**Dog**  Luke Fretheim

**Foods**  Anna Aklestad

**Goat**  Landan Omdahl

**Horse**  Zack Kinyon

**Lamb**  Dylan Clark, Delaney Clark

**Leatherwork**  Dylan Clark, Jadis Scarborough

**Poultry**  Hope Anderson, Landan Omdahl, Shane Samsal

**Sewing**  Rachel Hould, Jadis Scarborough

**Shooting Sports**  Brittany Hanson, Kolby Lohr, Cade Hanson

**Swine**  Karra Lohr

**Teen Leadership**  Luke Fretheim, Brittany Hanson, Rachel Hould, Kiana Jorata, Zack Kinyon, Shane Samsal, Lane Lerum, Landan Omdahl

**Cowboy Poetry**  Cami Blevins

CLUB RECOGNITION

**CLUB OF EXCELLENCE**  Blazing Saddles, Kountry Kids, West Butte

COMMUNITY AWARDS

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE**  NW Farm Credit Services

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  Cody Waldusky, Steve Clark

LEADER RECOGNITION

**1 YEAR LEADER PIN**  Natalie Kerfoot

**5 YEAR LEADER PIN**  Eric Mertz

**10 YEAR LEADER PIN**  Sarah Anders, Carrie Lerum

**15 YEAR LEADER PIN**  Anna Fretheim, Carrie Lerum

**20 YEAR LEADER PIN**  Bruce Kinyon

**40 YEAR LEADER PIN**  None in 2017

**LEADER OF THE YEAR**  Dean Lerum

**ALUMNI OF THE YEAR**  Chad Scarborough, Jeff Flesch

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**CLOVER ACHIEVEMENT**  Ayelleah Brown, Keira Brown, Zoey Brown, Addison Stevenson

**EMERALD ACHIEVEMENT**  Hope Anderson, Camerron Blevins, Conlan Kerfoot, Grady Kerfoot, Jadis Scarborough, Josh Kearns, Ella Samsal, Cade Hanson, Cody Hanson, Alicia Stevenson, Clayton Jorata

**BRONZE ACHIEVEMENT**  Delaney Clark

**SILVER ACHIEVEMENT**  Kiana Jorata

**GOLD ACHIEVEMENT**  Landan Omdahl, Zack Kinyon

**MARIAS FAIR CARCASS AWARDS**

**Steer of Merit**  None in 2017

**Symbol of Excellence**  None in 2017

**CERTIFIED LAMB**  None in 2017

**VARIOUS OTHER AWARDS**

**“U R AWESOME”**  Brittany Hanson

**BEN SISK MEMORIAL**  Lane Lerum
**Upcoming Programs & Meetings:**

**December**

1. Beef Weigh Ins  
   Lerums 10 am—12 pm  
2. Beef weigh-ins  
   Flesch Angus 10 am—12 pm  
3. **BEEF WEIGH IN DEADLINE**  
4. Blazing Saddles Meeting 2 PM First Baptist Church  
5. Livestock Quality Assurance—Liberty County Courthouse 4 pm  
15. Registration for Rec Lab Opens  
25. **Christmas Day** Toole County Extension Office Closed  
28. Livestock Quality Assurance—Cut Bank Community Bible Church—11 am—noon

**January**

1. **Office Closed for New Year’s Day**  
24. Livestock Committee Meeting  
25-28. Montana Winter Fair, Lewistown MT  
28. Marias Fair Archery Tournament at PSSC

**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 kimberly.suta@montana.edu or mail to the Toole County Extension Office; 226 1st Street South, Shelby, MT 59474 by the last Friday of each month. We are always looking for content for the Facebook page to brag on our awesome Toole County 4-Hers!!

**Toole County 4-H Club Contacts**

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**Kountry Kids**  
Diana Adamson  
432-3225

**West Butte**  
Tawna Hanson  
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