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2017-2018 4-H Online Enrollment
The new 4-H year is off to a great start and most of our families are in enrolled for the year. The office will be placing orders for project books soon. Please compete your enrollment by November 17th to be included on the project manual order. If you enroll after the 17th you won’t receive your project materials until January. In order to participate in the fair, you MUST be enrolled by Dec. 31st.

Achievement Awards
2017 Achievement Awards will be available in the office after December 1st for the clubs to pick up.
**Beef Weigh-ins**

Just a reminder that the deadline for Marias Fair beef weigh-ins is December 3rd! Unless the weather becomes an issue (snow, bad roads, etc.), the weigh-in dates and locations will go on as planned:

*Friday, December 1*
- Dean Lerum’s at 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- Kerfoot’s (Simmes) at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Saturday, December 2*
- Flesch Angus at 10:00 a.m. to Noon

We will be tagging, tattooing, and weighing your steers at these times. The deadline to get your steers weighed is **December 3rd** with no exceptions so if you cannot make one of these dates, please let Kim know immediately.

**INFORMATION YOU NEED TO BRING TO WEIGH-IN:**
- Steer’s Date of Birth
- Breed of steer (including percentages of each breed)
- Breeder’s name and address

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE RULES IN THE FAIR BOOK:**
- Each exhibitor may weigh in one spare animal/species. If doing a pen of three, four market animals may be weighed in.
- Any breeding animals must have the 4-H Clover tattoo OR Association registration tattoo by the official hog weigh-in deadline (which will be in April, 2017). So if you are doing a breeding project, your animal does not need to be weighed in at steer weigh-in, but must have an appropriate tattoo by April.
- All steers must be dehorned prior to weigh-in, as horned steers are NOT allowed at fair. Also, make sure your steer has been fully castrated and is not a stag.
- All steers must have been born after January 1, 2017.
- 4-Her must be 10 years old as of October 1st to show a market beef animal.

**You must enroll for your Beef projects by December 1, 2017.**

Contact the Extension Office at 424-8350 for more information regarding weigh-ins.

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**Steer Selection - By Kari Lewis, Glacier County Extension Agent**

Getting ready to pick out your future champion? Here’s what to look for when selecting a steer.

- Muscle—look from behind for how wide a steer stands, and look for width over the topline and through the hindquarter
- Volume—look for depth and curvature of rib (space to put the feed so they can grow) and length of body
- Balance—the front end of the steer should fit well with the back end, with a straight topline
- Structural correctness—look for a steer who stands square (and wide) on all four legs, who when he walks, his back feet fill the track of where his front feet just left
- Style—a ‘dean fronted,’ attractive steer that naturally holds his head up will help catch the judge’s eye
- Disposition—A steer that is nervous, has a wild mother, or seems wild is not a good 4-H steer candidate

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Explore YOUR MSU Resource in Toole County
Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

November

7  Election Day
10  Veteran’s Day  Toole County Extension Office Closed
12  Kountry Kids Meeting 2 pm Devon Church
23-24  Thanksgiving  Toole County Extension Office closed November 23-24

December

1  Beef Weigh Ins
   Lerums 10 am—12 pm
   Kerfoots (Simmes Ranch) 1—3 pm
2  Beef weigh-ins
   Flesch Angus 10 am—12 pm
3  BEEF WEIGH IN DEADLINE
3  Blazing Saddles Meeting 2 PM First Baptist Church
10  West Butte Christmas Meeting: Time TBD
25  Christmas Day  Toole County Extension Office Closed

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!!

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