New to Marais Fair!

4-Hers will now be able to take Market Goats to fair starting this year. They will be treated the same as lambs as far as rules and tagging dates go. The weigh in date for lambs and goats will be May 13th. We are very excited for this opportunity to diversify our livestock projects at the Marias Fair! If you want to sign up for Market Goat you need to also sign up on 4-H online.

Another new program that we are implementing at the Marias Fair is the Bullseye Program. This program has been implemented in other counties and it sets the standards for herdsmanship at the Marais Fair. Members will receive a “bullseye” on their pen if their animal is not fed, watered, or the bedding is not cleaned to the standards of the Barn Superintendent. The bullseye will be stamped with the time and the 4-H member must have the situation remedied within two hours of the timestamp on the bullseye or the member will be asked to take their animal home and will no longer be eligible to show or sell their animal.

We also would like to announce that the hogs, sheep, and goats that are sold at the Marais Fair will be processed at Lower Valley Processing in Kalispell.
Save the Date:

Toole County Project Day
Monday, February 19th (President Day Holiday)
First Baptist Church Activity Center
9 am to 3 pm

Workshops will include: quality assurance, bear safety, a beading project led by the Blazing Saddles club, a cookie decorating workshop put on by the Toole County Ambassadors, CHS Nutrition, Small Animal Workshop, and a Service Learning Project. (Registration Form Attached)
Please bring an empty cottage cheese container or a butter dish for when the members do the chalk project.

Public Presentation Day
Sunday March 18th

Registration forms and information will be e-mailed out soon.

Divisions: Cloverbud, Pre-junior, Junior, and Senior
Categories: Demonstrations, Speeches, Cowboy Poetry
Awards: Cloverbud participation awards
        Pre-junior, junior and senior awards:
        $50 first place, $25 second place, and
        $10 third place in each division
        Trophy for Top overall presentation

Marias River Electric Dinner
April 13, 2017

Toole County 4-H will be cooking and serving the meal again this year as a fundraiser. Details will be worked out at the next Council meeting. Please remember that when you are working this dinner, you are representing 4-H even if you are a youth or an adult. Please be respectful and if you are an adult and choose to have an adult beverage, please do so after the event.

Butter Braid Fundraiser

It is that time of year once again! The 4-H members will be asked to sell five Butter Braids or they may pay a “opt-out” fee of $20.00. Members may start selling on Monday February 5th. Orders will be due in the Extension Office on Wednesday March 14st. Please encourage your members to participate in the fundraiser. The Butter Braids will be delivered on Wednesday March 28th. They will be available for pick up at the Food Booth at the Fairgrounds unless otherwise specified.

Marias Fair Horse Committee Decals

The Marias Fair Horse Committee is selling 4-H decals to raise money.
The decals are $6 or 2 for $10
Montana Rec Lab—Thompson Falls

Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2017 and Adult chaperones must be as least 21 years of age.
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 laid back weekend to create lasting memories.
Contact your MSU County Extension office for information how to register for this event.

Registration Details:
Registration for this event is completed in 4honline. The registration fee is $100 until February 23rd ($115 February 24 to March 9). Registration will not be accepted after March 9.
Participants will be housed at the Thompson Falls High School and should bring: sleeping bag, air mattress or sleeping pad, towel and other personal items. If you do not wish to stay at the school you will be responsible for making your own lodging arrangements at your own cost.
Kim would be happy to take a group to Rec Lab this year, so if anyone is interested in attending, we have transportation!

Camp Counselors Needed

We are looking for teen youth to share their knowledge and sharpen their leadership skills by being a camp counselor. Counselors must 9th grade (15 years of age) or older. Applications are available on our website, Facebook, or you can pick one up in the office. The deadline for applications is March 1st. You must be able to attend the counselor training and planning meetings.

4-H Market Hog Giveaway Program:
Sponsored by Habets Show Pigs of Conrad.

One show quality market hog will be awarded to a 4-H member enrolled in the market swine project for the 2017-2018 4-H project year. Selection will be based upon the 4-H member’s ability to provide and care for the animal and their willingness to participate in the 4-H market swine program. To be eligible, all application forms must be completed and postmarked by February 20, 2018. Application forms must be signed by both parents/guardians to be considered. The successful applicant will be notified and must make arrangements to pick up the market hog by March 16, 2018.
Requirements and applications can be obtained by contacting Habets Show Pigs at 278-9154 or 289-0054.
4-H Junior Leadership Camp

SAVE-THE-DATE

More details to come

April 13th & 14th, 2018
Ages 11-13

MSU Extension-Cascade County
3300 3rd St. N.E. #9
Great Falls, MT 59405

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Brittany Hanson has received the UR Awesome Award! Congrats!
## TOOLE COUNTY 4-H PROJECT DAY

**February 19, 2018**  
First Baptist Church Activity Center  
$5 per person  
**Please check the workshops you would like to attend.**  
Register by February 16th

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<td><strong>Bear Presentation:</strong> FWP Bear Manager, Wesley Sarmento, will teach the importance of Bear Safety and Bear Spray</td>
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<td><strong>Beaded Animals:</strong> Barb Larsen and the Blazing Saddles Club will be teaching a workshop on how to make beaded animals</td>
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<td><strong>Large Animal Nutrition</strong>—CHS Nick Courville will give a presentation about things to consider when choosing an animal. Some terms that will help with your project, basic nutrition and matching feed stuffs to your animals needs along with some troubleshooting tips or issues that may arise while feeding your animal. Sheep, Swine, &amp; Steer Projects</td>
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<td><strong>Service Learning Project</strong>—4-Hers will be making sidewalk chalk to donate to the Busy Bee Day Care</td>
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For more information contact the Toole County Extension Office at 424-8350  
Please fill out a registration sheet for each member.  

**Please Make Check payable to:** Toole County Leaders Council  
Please mail registration forms to: Toole County Extension, 226 First Street South, Shelby, MT 59474

Name: ___________________________  
County: ___________________________

4-H Age: _________________________  
Day Time/Cell Phone #: __________________________

E-mail: ___________________________
OUR GOAL
GROWING THE 4-H BRAND
- Items that are within “brand”.
- Items that are useful in a variety of ways and appeal to a variety of people.
- Items within a wide price range.
- Items people will actually use.

MONTANA 4-H SHOP
4-H items available in MSU Extension Online Store

STICKERS
4-H GROWS
2" x 2" waterproof vinyl sticker.
$3.00 for 6

MT 4-H
2" x 2" round glass paper sticker.
$2.50 for 10

TRUE LEADER
2" x 2" waterproof vinyl sticker.
$3.00 for 10

MAGNET & BUTTON
MONTANA 4-H
2.5” Round Magnet
$2.50 each

TRUE LEADER
2.5” Round Button
$10.00 for 12

MAKE IT HAPPEN
3/4 SLEEVE RAGLAN TEE
Youth & Adult sizes.
Raglan style Tee w/charcoal sleeves.
50/50 ring spun cotton/poly.
$15.00 Adult
$12.00 Youth

4-H PROUD
LONG SLEEVE HOODED TEE
Men’s and Women’s sizes.
Extra soft ring spun cotton.
65/35 cotton/poly heather green.
$22.00
Marias Fair Archery Shoot
Article by Julene Hanson

Sunday, January 28th the Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Club archers competed in Conrad at the Marias Fair 4-H Archery Competition. Our Toole County archers competed with Glacier County, Liberty County, and Pondera County in shooting and archery project interviews. These kids have been practicing and preparing for this competition since October when we started shooting and we will continue on until the Bozeman state shoot the first weekend of March.

12 of our competitors brought home 11 medals and one trophy so they did great with their shooting. For Bowhunter 9-10 Brenner Skeels 3rd. For Bowhunter 13-14 Cade Hanson 2nd. For Bowhunter 15 and up Cody Hanson 2nd and Brenden Hagood 3rd. For Unlimited 13-14 Bryant Mertz 1st, Cade Hanson 2nd, K-leigh Skeels 3rd. For Unlimited 15 and up Brittany Hanson 1st, Kelsyn Lohr 2nd, and Rachel Hould 3rd. For Olympic Recurve 15 and up Sean Rogers 1st. The overall top Unlimited trophy goes to Brittany Hanson. I’m very proud of all the archers who competed.

For the 4-H Archery Project Interview seven Toole county archers got purple ribbons with Brittany Hanson receiving a rosette for the Top Interviewer. Through a project interview the 4-Her is asked what their favorite part of the project is, what goals did you set for yourself, what is the most challenging part, and what are some safety rules to follow. Through these interviews the kids are learning life skills.

Last week was a fun shoot at our club and the kids shot at 2D foam targets set at different distances. The kids enjoy the fun shoots after three weeks of scores to help break up the scoring rounds. This week they will shoot week 8 of scores.

Brittany Hanson shot a 300 21x and Sean Rogers shot a 300 19x. Both will be celebrated with their names on the 300 plaque in the exhibit building.
Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

February 4  Blazing Saddles Meeting @ First Baptist Fellowship Hall 2 PM
February 5  Start Date for Butter Braids
February 11  West Butte 4-H Club Meeting @ Sunburst Lutheran Church 2 PM
            Kountry Kids @ Devon Church 12:30 PM
February 19  Extension Office will be Closed
            Presidents Day
February 19  4-H Project Day
            At First Baptist Activity Center
February 20  Habets Show Hog Application Deadline
February 25  Marias Fair Air Rifle/Pistol Tournament
            At Pondera Shooting Sports Complex

March 1     Camp Counselor Applications Due
March 14    Butter Braid Orders Due to Toole County Extension Office
March 18    Public Presentation day
            At First Baptist Activity Center
March 23-25 Rec Lab

April 13    MRE Dinner
April 13-14 GROW (formerly JLC)
            Great Falls, MT
April 15    Hog weigh-in deadline

May 13     Lamb & Market Goat weigh-in deadline

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

Blazing Saddles
  Barb Larsen
  432-2765

Kountry Kids
  Diana Adamson
  432-3225

West Butte
  Tawna Hanson
  937-3888