Year-end Checklist
- Project and Record Books should be given to your organizational leader soon for completion. All books need to be reviewed by organizational leaders for completion and turned into the Extension office by September 17th.
- Nominations for awards are due at the office by September 17th.
- Secretary books are due to the office by September 17th
- Nominations for Leader of the Year and Alumni of the Year are due to the office by September 17th.

Reminder: Every club that submits 85 percent of their member’s record books and the officer’s books by the deadline receives a $50 award from council.

Enrollment Information
Re-enrollment packets will be available to Organizational Leaders by October 1. You may start the re-enrollment process online after October 1. The Code of Conduct and Media Release will be forms that members can fill out and sign online this year. However, we will still need a signature on a paper form for the Medical Release Form. If you need assistance in enrolling contact the extension office.

Age Guideline Reminders:
Cloverbuds - Must be at least five years old on October 1, 2018
Regular 4-H - Must be at least eight years old on October 1, 2018
Shooting Sports - Must be at least nine years old on October 1, 2018
Market Steer - Must be at least ten years old on October 1, 2018
Teen Leadership - Must be at least thirteen years old on October 1, 2018
Toole County Member Recognition Awards
(Forms available on Website)

Clover  Emerald  Bronze  Silver  Gold

Any 4-H club member is eligible to apply for these recognition awards. The applications and requirements were either mailed or emailed out to every family. Applications are due to the office by September 17. Members are recognized with a rosette. The Gold Level applicants will receive $50.

Toole County Achievement Awards Selection Process

Members that accept a nomination for an award will be asked to submit an essay to the Extension Office. The essays will be provided to an Awards Selection Committee. The Committee will select the top awards for each project along with the top member for Toole County. Dates for submission and question for the essay will be available soon.

Attention Parents-Leaders-Members!
Award Nominations Needed

Have you ever noticed a 4-H’er doing something awesome, and you wished that you could find a way to recognize that member? Well now is your chance! Look for the nomination forms for project areas, leadership, community service, and 4-H Excellence awards in a later email. 4-H members: If you feel like you’ve done a great job in on these categories you can nominate yourself.

All nominations are confidential. Award nominees will not know who nominated them but will receive a certificate of nomination. Award nominees are given an opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. All nominees that accept the nomination will have their top record books reviewed by an awards committee for determination of award.

There won’t be any award winners without nominations so get your pens out and start nominating away! Nomination forms are due to the Extension office by September 17th. If you have any questions about this process talk to any 4-H Council member or give Alice a call.

Members will receive awards at the November club meetings.

IF YOU NEEDS FORMS, THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.
Toole County Leader of the Year
Please nominate your choice for the “Leader of the Year” and return the nomination form to the Extension Office by September 17, 2018. The three leaders with the most votes will be placed on ballot for voting in October.

Toole County Alumni of the Year
Please nominate your choice for the “Alumni of the Year” and return the nomination form to the Extension Office by September 17, 2018. The three alumni with the most votes will be placed on ballot for voting in October.
National 4-H Week!
October 7—13
This fall, 4-H youth, parents, alumni and volunteers will come together across the country to celebrate the 76th National 4-H Week, which showcases the learn-by-doing experiences that 4-H offers young people and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth and volunteers in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. This year’s theme is “Inspire Kids To Do.” Please use this time to wear your club shirts to school or use 4-H Week as an opportunity to promote what you love about 4-H! Use the hashtags #InspireKidsToDo #TrueLeaders #Montana4H to promote National 4-H Week!

State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals
The Montana State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals is a two day event with the first day open for 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Working Ranch Horse project, levels 1 -4. 4-H members will compete in roping, sorting, horsemanship patterns, and a knowledge test. The second day is for both 4-H members and other youth to compete in trail, pleasure, reining, and working cow horse in three age divisions and a colt division. Note - the September 9 events are open to any youth under the age of 18 (even if you are not enrolled in 4-H, not enrolled in a horse project, etc.). The event is September 8 and 9 in Great Falls, registrations are due August 31 (with a $20 late fee). Call the Cascade County Extension Office at 454-6980 for a registration form. There are some fantastic prizes!

2018 Montana 4-H State Horse Show
September 14-16, at the Heart K Arena in Livingston.
This year’s show is hosted by Gallatin County Extension and is an opportunity for 4-H horse project members to test their skills alongside their peers from across the state. Buckles will be awarded to class winners, with ribbons awarded to 8th place. Exhibitors may register online through Fair Entry or by mail.

For registration and event information, please visit the Montana 4-H Horse Show page: http://montana4h.org/programs/events/horse-show.html

Toole County 4-H Ambassadors
With the new 4-H year just around the corner, we will be offering Ambassador positions for 4-Hers who are 13 years or older. The Ambassador program will focus on county leadership, and promotion of the 4-H program. The meeting schedule will be very flexible with meetings once a month. This program is meant to help develop professional leadership skills while having fun and promoting 4-H and the Four County Marias Fair in July. A few of the recommended activities include being a camp counselor, attending Congress in Bozeman, and attending GROW. Please pick up an application online at the Toole County Extension website or at the extension office. The deadline will be October 31st Previous Ambassadors do not have to apply again and Kim will contact you when our next meeting will be.
4-H Leadership Forum  
September 28 and 29 Dillon, MT

The forum provides a weekend retreat for Volunteers, Youth Leaders and 4-H staff across Montana to come together for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Participants return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of how to accomplish it, and an expanded toolbox to make it happen. There will be Pre-Conference workshops held on Friday, September 28 that include: Leaders College II and First Aid & CPR/AED training. The Saturday, September 29 Workshops will include:

- A Family Affair: Involving Parents in 4-H Activities
- The Livestock Feeding Game
- Leadership 1, 2, 3
- Montana 4-H Beyond the County
- Plan for Safety to Keep 4-H Fun
- Scrappy Gift Box
- Having Fun with Outdoor Adventures
- Winter Horse Projects
- Clever Clover Communications
- 4-H Grows Financial Responsibility and Accountability

"NEW in 2018: 4-H Leadership Forum is for the whole family!"

A Discovery Camp for children ages 3 to 10 will is available on Saturday from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. 4-H Teens and Volunteers will provide a day camp experience for your children, complete with activities, snacks and meals for $15/child. For more information, visit http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership-forum.html. Registration is $60 until September 1 and $75 after that through September 19.

4-H Shooting Sports Trainings

One training opportunity is on the calendar with more to come later this year.

Dillon, Montana - September 28-29, 2018 (in conjunction with the Montana State 4-H Leaders Forum).

Leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program in addition to general 4-H leader application procedures. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs. Registration fee is $60 for adults and $25 for teen leaders (teens may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline). Contact the Extension office for an application and present completed form to your County Agent for a signature before mailing it in.

Livestock Pictures

We should be receiving livestock pictures by the middle of September. We will send out e-mails and post on our Toole County Extension Facebook page when they are ready to be picked up in the office.
Parents: 4-H Needs You!!

As we begin a new 4-H year, we want to remind you that decisions are made by those who regularly attend leader and committee meetings. We encourage you to attend these meetings to participate in this process.

If you are new to 4-H, the leader meetings are an important resource of knowledgeable people and information about various 4-H projects and programs. *So jump in and get your feet wet!* Our meetings are posted in the newsletter calendar - we’d love to have you join us! It’s also a great way to meet others involved in similar projects to share information, too.

Committee descriptions are included in this newsletter on the next page.

Please submit the form below if you would like to join a 4-H Committee

________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Marias Fair and Toole County Committees

I would be willing to serve as a member of the

____ Ag/Dog/Small Animal Committee  ____ Livestock Committee  ____ Marias Fair Shooting Sports Committee

____ Jr. Leadership/Ambassador Committee  ____ Food Booth Committee  ____ Toole Co. Policy Committee

____ Fashion Revue Committee  ____ Ex. Building Committee  ____ Toole Co. Leader’s Council

____ Horse Committee

Name: ___________________________________________  Date: __________________________

Address: ________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY OCTOBER 31, 2017
Join a Toole County or Marias Fair Committee

Livestock Committee:
Organizes educational workshops, weigh-in, and shows at the Marias Fair. Committee manages the livestock buildings at the Marias Fair. Work with Committee Extension advisors to determine the guidelines and procedures for respective events.

Horse Committee:
Organizes educational workshops and the Marias Fair Horse Show. Committee manages the Horse Buildings and arenas at the Marias Fair. Work with Committee Extension advisor to determine the guidelines and procedures for respective events. Reviews educational materials, suggests up-dates, where needed, of record keeping materials, and provides an opportunity for suggestions to be made to the state level on project and state event rules and opportunities.

Dog/Agricultural/Small Animal Committee:
Organizes educational workshops and the small animals shows at the Marias Fair. Manages the small animal barns. Work with Committee Extension advisor to determine the guidelines and procedures for respective events.

Shooting Sports Committee:
Organizes fair shoots for the different shooting disciplines. Work with Committee Extension advisor to determine the guidelines and procedures for respective events. Reviews educational materials, suggests up-dates, where needed, of record keeping materials, and provides an opportunity for suggestions to be made to the state level on project and state event rules and opportunities.

Fashion Review Committee:
Organizes educational workshops and the Marias Fair Fashion Review. Work with Committee Extension advisor to determine the guidelines and procedures for respective events.

Public Speaking Committee:
Organizes the Marias Fair Public Speaking Contest. Work with Committee Extension advisor to determine the guidelines and procedures for respective events.

Food Booth/Building Committee:
Manages the Marias Fair Food Booth and organizes trainings for food booth volunteers. Work with Committee Extension Advisor to determine guidelines and policies for the Food Booth.

Exhibit Building Committee:
Manages and maintains the Exhibit Building and its contents, including setup for Fair interviews, setting up the top exhibit display area and cleaning up the building at the end of Fair.

Toole County Leader’s Council:
Promotes the county 4-H program and advises program development. Provides a communication link between the county Extension office and 4-H clubs. Develops and encourages leadership, decision-making, communication and teamwork in both youth and adults. In partnership with the 4-H Agent develops county 4-H Policy.
Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

Sept 2: Blazing Saddles Meeting—2 PM Activity Center
Sept. 3: **Office closed for Labor Day**
Sept 5: West Butte Meeting—6:30 PM Lutheran Church
Sept 9: Kountry Kids Meeting—2 PM Devon Church
Sept 14—16: Montana 4-H State Horse Show—Great Falls
Sept. 17: Record Books and Award applications due to the office
Sept. 17: Award Nominations due
Sept. 17: **Council Meeting 5:30 Extension Office**
Sept 28-29: Montana Leadership Forum—Dillon

Oct. 1: 4-H New Year
Oct 7-13: National 4-H Week

Nov. 7: Livestock Committee Meeting 7 PM @ MRE

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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**West Butte**
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