Celebrate 4-H Week! Oct 7-13

For the 76th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating National 4-H Week during the 7th—13th of October. This year’s theme, Inspire Kids to Do is a campaign that will give kids more opportunities to do, empowering them with the skills they need to succeed in life and career. 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.

4-H was founded on the belief that when kids are empowered to pursue their passions and chart their own course, their unique skills grow and take shape, helping them to become true leaders in their lives, careers and communities.

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.

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.
2018 Ambassador Fall Training

“Swing into the Leadership Jungle”
Fall Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources. Fall Training takes place each year over MEA weekend.

October 18-20, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman, MT

Registration cost is $160 (Adults requesting a double room is $215) Scholarships available!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS October 6 and can be completed using the "register now" button. Please contact your MSU County Extension office for specific registration requirements and deadlines!

Youth participants must be 14 on or before October 1, 2018. Kim will be taking our youth members

2018-2019 Enrollment Information

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

Annual Halloween Horse Night

Plan for a fun evening of horsey games and challenges! This event is open to EVERYONE (not just 4-H members) ages 9 to 18. If you have a horse and are interested in the 4-H horse project, you won’t want to miss this event. There will be a costume contest, food and PRIZES!! Date, time, location (typically in Conrad) and ghoulish details will be emailed soon.

SIGN-UPS FOR AIR PISTOL AND RIFLE

Sign-ups will be on Sunday, November 4th, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm a 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 are the appropriate times! If you have any questions please contact Joe Hofer 406-450-2041
UPCOMING EVENTS

Secretary and Treasurer Report due to the Office November 1st

Secretaries Book instructions: Please make photo copies of your club minutes for Oct 2017 to September of 2018.
Do not turn in your original minutes but keep them with your Club records.

Treasure Book Instructions: The office will email you and your leaders the list of requirements and required forms by October 5th. Please photo copy required Information and keep your originals for your club record.

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

4-H Project Updates and Meeting Opportunities

New Projects this Year:
Horse and Livestock Judging have been added as projects. This would be a great opportunity to start a competitive judging team in our county. If any one is interested give Kim a call.

Updated Project Manuals: Child Development manuals have been updated. The Wildlife series has had additional levels added.

Opportunities for Leader Lead Project Meetings:
Members that participate in project meetings enhance their project learning and skills. This year we have a few leaders willing to organize project meetings. Consider signing up for one of the following leader directed project meeting opportunities.

- Veterinary Project: Hardee Clark and Sanna Clark will be providing learning opportunities for members interested in the Vet Science project.
- Rabbit Project: Robyn Wanken Kimmet will be providing leadership for the Rabbit Project this year and plans on organizing project meetings.
- Poultry Club: Barb Larsen, Robyn Kimmet, Kim and Alice will organize Poultry Club again this year beginning the end of March. The club will raise day old chicks at the fair grounds, meet once a week to work on project, and incubate ducks for the fair.
- Robotics Club: Barb Larsen and Alice will provide opportunities for Robotics Project meetings. The program has recently obtained two new robotics kits.
- Shooting Sports: Archery, Air gun and Shotgun are all leader lead projects that are offered in our program. There are project meetings once a week for each discipline. Archery and Air gun will be beginning soon and there is information in this newsletter about the Upcoming project meetings. Shotgun begins in May.

Project meeting dates will be announced in the newsletter as they are scheduled. But if you are interested in one of these projects please register for the project. online You can add a project at a latter day if your not sure right now.
**TEEN AMBASSADORS WANTED!**

Any 4-H members that are 13 years and older are eligible to be Toole County 4-H Ambassadors. The Ambassador program will focus on county leadership, and promotion of the 4-H program. The meetings scheduled will be very flexible with meetings once a month or when scheduled. 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 short application process will be conducted and the first meeting will be held in October. There will be a few required activities such as helping with Project Day and teaching a workshop at the upcoming Rec Lab in Chester. A few of the recommended activities include being a camp counselor, attending Congress in Bozeman, and speaking at GROW. If you are interested, there is an application online or in the office. You may also email Kim at kimberly.suta@montana.edu. The deadline is October 31st.

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**Limited Availability at the Extension Office**

The Toole County Extension Office will have limited coverage from the 18th—26th of October. 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 22nd—26th. Kim and Alice will both be available by cell phone or email during this time.

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**Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Registration**

Would your kid like to learn 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 1st at the Toole County Extension Office and online at www.msuextension.org/toole. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15th 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. Anyone 9 years of age as of October 1, 2018 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 17th 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 attends the State 4-H Horse Show  
By Zack Kinyon

Another successful year in 4-H was concluded at the State 4-H Horse Show in Livingston. The show started on Friday September 15. I competed in Colt to Maturity Showmanship, Colt to Maturity 5 year old Trail, Colt to Maturity Western Equitation and Colt to Maturity 5 year old Horsemanship. Of these classes I placed fifth in Showmanship, and first in Trail, Western Equitation and Colt to Maturity 5 year old Horsemanship. This show was the completion of my Colt to Maturity Project that I started when my horse was a yearling. Besides participating in the classes, I met a lot of new people and saw a lot of people I had met at previous shows. The judges also gave a lot of good feedback after the classes. The state show is a great way to test all of the skills that you have been practicing. All of the showing and hanging out with friends made the long journey to Livingston well worth it.
Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

Oct. 1: 4-H New Year
Oct. 3: Fair Board Meeting 5:30 PM at Fire Hall
Oct. 6: West Butte Club Meeting 11 AM Sunburst Library
Oct 7: Kountry Kids Club Meeting 1 PM Devon Lutheran Church
  Blazing Saddles Club Meeting 2 PM Baptist Activity Center
Oct 7-13: National 4-H Week
Oct 15: Horse Committee Meeting 7 PM
Oct 18 –20 Fall Ambassadors Training—Bozeman
Oct 22-26 Extension Office Closed for Annual Conference

Nov. 7: Livestock Committee Meeting 7 PM @ MRE
Nov. 22: Thanksgiving

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
Sanna Clark
450-2122

West Butte
Tawna Hanson
937-3888
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.

- Brent Hanson—Brent is the Blazing Arrows Archery leader.
- Barb Larsen—Barb helped out the Agents a lot when we were short handed at the beginning of the year. She helped organize the Public Presentation Day, Project Day, and Reccs. Also a 4-H Council Member
- Tawna Hanson—Tawna is the leader of the West Butte 4-H Club and is also a 4-H Council Member

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.

- Randi Samsal—Randi presented chicken showmanship at the Small Animal Showmanship Clinic
- Dean Lerum—Dean is the President of Livestock Committee
- Julean Hanson—Julean is the leader of the Blazing Arrows Archery, Premium account treasurer