Toole County Project Day Rescheduled

We have rescheduled Toole County Project Day for April 2nd. It will still be at the First Baptist Activity Center from 9 AM to 4 PM. If you already paid for Project Day and cannot make this new date, please let Kim know and she will get you a full refund.

Toole County Public Presentation Contest
Sunday, March 18th, 2 pm

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
Registration form is included in this newsletter!
**Butter Braid Fundraiser**

A HUGE “Thank You” for all who are selling! The Butter Braids are due to the Toole County Extension Office on March 14th. They will be delivered on March 28th at the Exhibit Building from 8 AM to 1 PM. If you cannot pick up your Butter Braids at this time, please make arrangements with Barb Larsen (432-2765) before they are delivered. Thanks to Barb for taking this over since we have been shorthanded at the office!!!

**Fair Board Manager**

The Marias Fair Board is searching for a new manager! This is a part time position and you will mostly be needed during the Summer months to help put on events at the fair. If you are interested in this position, details and applications are available at the Toole County Clerk and Recorder’s Office in Shelby.

**4-H Goat Bootcamp**

The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders will host a 4-H Goat Boot Camp on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Leardini's at 50 Whitetail Lane in Ulm, MT. The boot camp will start at 10:00 a.m. and will feature clinicians Perry and Courtney Frank from Standing on the Rock Boer Goats out of Missoula. They will answer all of your goat questions from feeding, marketing, fitting, showing, and other topics. 4-H members are encouraged to bring their goats, fitting stands, and clippers to the boot camp. If you just have a goat, that's ok! Bring your goat and yourself along. A goat lunch will be provided at noon. The fee is $5 per 4-H member. The fee is non-refundable and for lunch. Please contact Michelle Leardini at (406) 781-4918 or Heather Lewis at (406) 788-8761 for more information.
GROW Camp
GROW Camp 2018 – Save the Date April 13 – 14!

4-H members ages 11 through 13 (middle school) are invited to attend the GROW camp (formerly known as Junior Leadership Camp/JLC). We want to GROW 4-H! Goals, Recreation, Opportunities, and Will is an over night retreat with workshops on topics that will GROW your leadership, parli-pro abilities, time management, communications, and community service. There will be fun and games! The dates are Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th. Registrations will be ready soon, the deadline to register is March 23rd. What will you do to GROW in 4-H? Sign up soon!!

Two classes being offered in Pondera County

Pi Day - Pie Making Classes

The Pondera County Extension is offering a class to learn how to make pie crusts and pies! The Pie Class will be on “Pi Day,” March 14th from 6-8PM at the Pondera Center in Conrad, 311 S. Virginia Street. The class will be FREE and there will be tips and tricks to help you be a successful pie maker. Topics will include the different types of pies, crusts, fillings, and decorations. Please call the Pondera Extension Office at 271-4054 to sign up so there are enough samples for everyone!

Two–Part Cake Decorating Class

Pondera County Extension is offering a cake decorating class in two parts, the first class will be on April 10th and the second will be on April 17th. The first class will teach students how to make butter cream icing and how to make parchment piping cones and other piping techniques. The second class will be learning piping techniques to decorate the cakes.

The class will cost $30 and you will get a set of 5 basic piping tips, flower nail, buttercream icing, parchment paper, instruction, and fabulous prizes for participants!

See the attached application and please return it to the Pondera County Extension office at 20 SW 4th Avenue, Conrad, MT 59425

4-H Multi-County Camp
SAVE THE DATE
June 11—13, 2018

4-H Multi-County Camp is June 11-13, 2017 and will be held at the Kiwanis Park in the Bear Paw mountains about 20 minutes South of Havre. 4-H members grades 3rd-7th this school year may attend camp. The camp is a wonderful opportunity for 4-Hers to interact with members from different counties and gain leadership and communication skills.
Toole County Extension Resources

Learning Lab Kits

Toole County has four Learning Lab Kits: beef, swine, chicken, and plant identification. The Learning Lab Kits from Ohio 4-H are your answer for species-specific, hands-on, durable learning materials. Use for teaching and evaluating knowledge of livestock and companion animals. Perfect for classrooms, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, skillathons, agricultural association activities, and more.

Resource Handbooks

Toole County Extension has several Resource Handbooks from Ohio State including: swine, beef, sheep, and goat. These make an excellent resource to 4-Hers for teaching education outside of the project books. These are perfect for a 4-Her who needs one of their Learning Experiences for their project books.

The Learning Lab Kits and Resource Handbooks would be perfect for a 4-Her who needs one of their Learning Experiences for their project book. If you or your club would like to check out the beef, swine, chicken, or plant identification kits, please stop by the Toole County Extension office and visit with Kim or Alice to check one out!

Pondera County also has swine, sheep, horse, dog, rabbit, goat, and plant ID. Please visit with the Pondera County Office to check those out.

Bret Wanken and Ben Sisk 4-H Memorial Funds

The Bret Wanken fund is comprised of proceeds from the sale of Bret Wanken’s 4-H steer at the Marias Fair in 2009, along with donations from other generous individuals and businesses. Both Scholarship funds were established to help 4-H youth from the five 4-H programs in the Marias Fair (Glacier, Liberty, Pondera and Toole Counties and the Blackfeet reservation) attend the following 4-H Leadership Trainings:

- Rec Lab
- Ambassador Training
- GROW Youth Conference
- Camp Planning
- Junior Leader for Shooting Sports
- Congress

This list is only intended as a guide to many other possibilities.
The goal of these funds is to help you develop leadership skills and share them with your fellow 4-H’ers. Please contact the Extension office to get your application.
Toole County Elementary Students
You are Invited to
Join the Second Annual
Poultry Club

- The Poultry Club is open to all elementary students rather they are members of 4-H or not.
- The club will meet every Thursday starting March 22nd through July, at the Marais Fair Grounds, to learn about raising chickens.
- The chickens will be raised at the fairgrounds
- Youth will take one turn a week doing chores which will include feeding and watering the chickens.
- The cost to join the club is $10, scholarships available.
- Youth can choose to show their chicken at the Marias Fair in July

Poultry Club Informational Meeting
March 22nd, 2018
Marias Fair Ground Exhibit Building
6:30 pm

Please return registration form to MSU Extension-Toole County, 226 1st Street South or email aburchak@montana.edu if you would like to enroll your child in the Poultry Club.

Youth’s Name ____________________________________________________________
Parent’s Name __________________________________________________________
Contact Name __________________________________________________________
Email _________________________________________________________________

If you have any questions contact the MSU Extension Office at 424-8350
2-Part Cake Decorating Class
From 6 to 8 p.m. on
Tuesday - April 10th and 17th
Pondera Center, Conrad

April 10th - Learn how to make and color buttercream icing, how to make parchment piping cones and piping techniques including string work, borders and flowers.

April 17th - learn additional piping techniques and use your choice of techniques from both classes to decorate your own cake.

Instructor: Baker Bob 50 years of baking and decorating experience.

Cost: $30 for both classes Includes: Set of 5 basic piping tips, flower nail, buttercream icing, parchment paper, instruction, and fabulous prizes for participants!

**Please Note: Youth from 9 to 12 will need an adult helper.

To Register for the class, please fill out this form and return it with the $30 fee to:
MSU Extension Pondera County, 20 SW 4th Avenue, Conrad MT 59425

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 16, 2018. Class size is limited, sign up now!

Name ___________________________________________ Phone # ____________________________
Address ___________________________________________ City/Zip _________________________
Youth: 4-H Club ___________________________ Email ______________________________________
Adult Helper ____________________________________ (does not include piping tips)

Please use one registration form per person (includes piping tips, flower nail, icing, and supplies). The helper does not need to pay the registration fee.
Toole County 4-H Public Presentation Contest Entry Form
Demonstration—Illustrated Talk—Public Speaking—Cowboy Poetry
Sunday, March 18 @ 2 pm
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
751 Marias Avenue

Please return entry forms to the Extension Office by Wednesday, March 14th.

Name ___________________________________________ Age as of Oct 1, 2017 ______________________________

Club ______________________________ Phone # ______________________________

Email Address ____________________________________________________________________________________

Please select the category that you are competing in and circle age division:

**Individual Demonstration/Illustrated Talk** 
Clover Bud Pre-junior Junior Senior

Title of Presentation ___________________________________________________________

**Team Demonstration/Illustrated Talk** 
Clover Bud Pre-junior Junior Senior

Title of Presentation ___________________________________________________________

**Public Speaking Original Speech** 
Clover Bud Pre-junior Junior Senior

Title of Presentation ___________________________________________________________

**Cowboy Poetry** 
Presentation

Clover Bud Pre-junior Junior Senior

Title of Presentation ___________________________________________________________

**Cowboy Poetry – Original Poem**

Clover Bud Pre-junior Junior Senior

Title of Presentation ___________________________________________________________

Contest rules and evaluation sheets can be located in the Clover Communications Contest Guidelines online on the Toole County Extension website www.msuextension.org/toole or you can pick them up at the Extension Office.

**Awards:** Cloverbuds will receive a participatory ribbon and gift. The Danish system will be used to award red, white, and blue ribbons the top three scores in the pre-junior, junior and senior age division will receive $50 for 1st Place, $25 for Second Place, and $10 for 3rd Place. Judges will award a trophy to the top overall demonstration/illustrated talk, speech or cowboy poem. All awards will be awarded after the contest as soon as the judges have tallied up the results.
### Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

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### 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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Explore YOUR MSU Resource in Toole County