PUBLIC PRESENTATION DAY

The Public Presentation Contest was held on March 18th. We would like to thank our judges; Reta Rae Weisgram, Toni Dafoe, Emily Kinyon and Ramona Kinyon and an extra “THANK YOU” to Barb Larsen, who planned the event for us while we were short staffed.

AWARDS:

Pre-Junior
1st place  Juan Paolo Manda
2nd place  Dylan Clark
3rd place  Jadis Scarborough

Junior
1st place  Delaney Clark
2nd place  Anna Aklestad
3rd place  Ben Aklestad

Senior
1st place  Brittany Hanson
2nd place  Kiana Jorata
3rd place  Zack Kinyon

TOP AWARD:  Delaney Clark
**IMPORTANT DEADLINE!!**
4-H Project Drop/Add deadline is **MAY 1ST!**

If you plan to exhibit at fair, all project drops/adds must be called in by the May 1st deadline. Most projects require 7 activities and 3-5 learning experiences to complete the project. To drop/add a project, log in to your 4-H Online account. Organizational Leaders can log in to 4-H Online to check your clubs projects too.

**GROW 4-H Youth Conference 2018**
**Save the Date April 14!**

Registration has been extended through April 4th and the cost is $20. 4-H members ages 11 through 13 are invited to attend to GROW 4-H Youth Conference (formerly known as Junior Leadership Camp or JLC). Goals, Recreation, Opportunities, and Will is a youth conference that provides workshops on topics that will GROW your leadership, parliamentary procedure, time-management, communications, and community service skills. There will be fun and games! Kim is willing to drive kids who would like to attend and scholarship funds are available from the Bret Wanken Fund and the Ben Sisk Memorial Fund. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to register.

**Livestock Committee Scholarships**

We have two scholarships available to graduating seniors. They are the Livestock Committee Scholarship and the Don Nelson Scholarship. They can be found on the Marias Fair Website [www.msuextension.org/mariasfair](http://www.msuextension.org/mariasfair) under the Livestock Committee Tab. You can also stop into the Extension Office and we will print them off for you!

**Toole County Swine Tagging**
**April 7th**

It is the time of year to get your hogs weighed in! The deadline for hog tagging is the 15th. We will be going up as a group up to Big Rose Colony on the 7th of April. Meet at 10 a.m., at the Bowling Alley. Please let us know if you will be going with the group or picking up your hogs before the 15th.

**Fashion Revue**

This year’s Marias Fair Fashion Revue will be **June 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Building.** Commentaries will be due at the Fashion Revue for the Marias Fair public showing. Please bring them with you or email them to wendy.wedum@montana.edu. Fashion Revue has two categories to enter 1) an outfit you made yourself and 2) ready to wear that you accessorized. If you would like more information about fashion revue please call the Pondera County Extension office at 271-4054.

**Livestock Breeding**

A reminder for members with 4-H breeding projects that we updated Rule 7 of our Large Animal Division rules to state, “All breeding stock must be identifiable with 4-H Clover tattoo, Association Registration tattoo number, Bangs tag, or Scrapie tag through local Extension office by the official hog weigh-in deadline (April 15) each year. If no identifiable tattoo or tag is available, a picture may be submitted instead. The 4-H'er needs to have full possession of their project animal at this time.” Example – A registered heifer’s breed association tattoo can simply be submitted to the Extension office, while a commercial heifer should either have a picture submitted or be tattooed with the 4-H Clover.
When Selecting the “Perfect Pig”

By Kari Lewis, Glacier County Agent

When you are “Picking the Perfect Pig,” remember the 5 L’s & a M

- **Long** - Look for a long bodied hog (Length from the shoulder to the ham-loin junction)
- **Lean** - A well muscled hog will be leaner at finish than a light muscled hog, and gilts (female hogs) will finish leaner than barrows (castrated male hogs)
- **Level** - A level topline and hip is a sign of muscle, balance, and eye appeal
- **Loin** - Look for a long and wide loin
- **Loose** - Select a structurally correct hog that is ‘loose’ moving. A hog who takes short steps or has toes that point in or out is structurally incorrect.
- **Muscle** - Look for width and depth through the ham, a hog who naturally stands wide based, and width over the loin (down the topline).

Look for overall width and dimension (depth of rib and a hog who is wide based and wide through the chest floor) so the hog has the skeletal room needed to grow and put the feed he’ll eat!

Ready to look at some pictures? The websites [http://222.thejudgingconnection.com/pdfs/674Selecting%204H%20Pigs.pdf](http://222.thejudgingconnection.com/pdfs/674Selecting%204H%20Pigs.pdf) and [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/4h210](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/4h210) have great pictures illustrating these concepts. Also, ‘google’ Champion market hog and look through pictures to have an idea of what champions look like. The more familiar you are with what to look for, the better.
**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.

**4-H Camp**

**June 11-13, 2018**

**Beaver Creek Park**

Youth from third grade to seventh grade can register to go to 4-H Camp in Havre. Save the date to join in on the fun activities, canoeing, great food, and making new friends from neighboring counties. Counties include: Blaine, Chouteau, Glacier, Liberty, Toole, Hill, Phillips, and Pondera.

**Montana 4-H Congress**

**July 12 –15, 2018**

**MSU - Bozeman Campus**

Youth must be at least 14 years old as of October 1st of the current 4-H year. The registration is $220 per participant and includes housing, meals and program fees. Registration deadline is June 15th.

**Horse & Livestock Camp**

**June 23 and 24 Marias Fairgrounds in Shelby.**

The event will include instruction from the MSU livestock judging team in addition to numerous other fun and educational activities. If you are interested in helping with the event or have ideas for activities, please contact Adriane Good (Adriane.good@montana.edu, 271-4054) or Kari Lewis (kari.lewis@montana.edu, 873-2239).

**4-H English Horsemanship Clinic**

**April 22, 2018**

Newman’s Arena, 515 40th Ave So, Great Falls. The clinician is Meghan Johnson of Belt who competed in 4-H and collegiate English horsemanship. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about English riding and take home some valuable techniques. The fee is $10 per 4-H member, non-refundable and includes clinician and facility fees. Call the Extension office to get a registration form. Registration deadline is April 18, 2018.

**Colt to Maturity and Green Horse Clinics**

**June 7, 14 and 21 Clinics**

Want an opportunity to ride with Justin Warneke at his residence and learn about training young horses? The clinics are for youth riding colts or green horses. The fee is $75 for all three days. Those auditing can attend for free. Registration deadline is June 4, 2018. Registration forms are required for those riding and auditing. There will be a clinic for yearlings at a later date. Call the Extension office to get a registration form. Questions on any of the above clinics can be sent to Rose Malisani, 406-454-6980, rose.malisani@montana.edu. Registration forms and fees for each of the above mentioned clinics must be mailed to MSU Cascade County Extension office, 330 Third St NE, #9, Great Falls, MT 59404. Make checks payable to Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders.
**Important Marias Fair 4-H Attendance Requirements!**

Please remember that if you plan on exhibiting at the fair this year you need to meet the following requirements:

Club attendance and Community Service:
Members must attend a minimum of four (4) club meetings and participate in 5 hours of community service to participate in fair. One meeting maybe substituted for other 4-H events. Organizational leaders will submit documentation for club member attendance and community service hours to the extension office by June 30th of each year.

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**Project Day, April 2, 2018**

Toole County 4-H Members met at the First Baptist Activity Center to participate in our annual Project Day! We had some great speakers: Wesley Sarmento from Fish, Wildlife, & Parks gave his presentation on Bear Safety and Nick Courville from CHS in Great Falls gave his presentation on Quality Assurance and Large Animal Nutrition. The Toole County Ambassadors help with the cookie decorating workshop and they assisted when the workshops were at a break and played games with the kids. Barb Larsen was a huge help in assisting planning Project Day and baked all the cookies for the cookie decorating day and she organized the beaded animal workshop and the chalk making workshop. It was an enjoyable day and the kids learned a lot!
Shotgun Shooting Sports  
MAY 10, 2017  
6:30 pm  
Shelby Trap Club

It’s time to get together for this year’s shotgun shooting sports. The first meeting will be at the Shelby Trap Club at 6:30 PM. We will have the sign-up and a training at this time. If you are new to the program, this is the time for all the information and training you will need.

Rec Lab 
March 23-24, 2018  
Thompson Falls

Kiana Jorata, Brittany Hanson, and Zach Kinyon attended Rec Lab in Thompson Falls on March 23-24. They were able to interact with other teen leaders from all around the state. Rec Lab had workshops to help our 4-Hers with their leadership skills. They have brought back some excellent ideas for our 4-H program and have already shared some of those ideas with us! Next year’s Rec Lab will be hosted by our District and will take place in Chester. We are excited for this opportunity to host and hope that we will have a great turn out to the hi-line!
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Congrats to those who attended and placed! Congratulations on another great year!
Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

April 2  Project Day Rescheduled  
@ First Baptist Activity Center 9 AM—4 PM

April 4  Fair Board Mtg  
Fire Hall 5:30 PM

April 7  Trip to get Pigs  
Big Rose Colony—Meet 10 AM at the Bowling Alley

April 8  Blazing Saddles Meeting  
@First Baptist Church 2 PM  
Kountry Kids Meeting  
@Devon Church 2 PM

April 13  MRE Dinner  
@ Shelby High School

April 13-14  GROW (formerly JLC)  
Great Falls, MT

April 15  Hog weigh-in deadline  
Breeding Project Registration submitted to Extension Office  
West Butte Club Meeting  
@ Sunburst Lutheran Church 2PM  Project Day.

April 22  4-H English Horsemanship Clinic  
@ Newman’s Arena in Great Falls

April 23  Small Animal Committee Meeting  
@Toole County Courthouse 6:30 PM

April 28  National 4-H Service Day

May 1  Add/Drop Deadline  
Deadline to apply for State Awards  
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

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