Welcome New 4-H Club Members

The Toole County 4-H Program would like welcome the following new members to our program:

Brant Blonde, Colter Sandon, Damian Liskey, Ethan Samsal, Gracie Ahmels, Gregory Ahmels, Halle Rogers, Kaley Sanon, Kaylee Berthelot, Lucas Rogers, Mattie Gaither, Parker Berthelot, Wyatt Rogers, and Zoey Fisher

4-H is a wonderful and rewarding program for the whole family but it can seem to be overwhelming at times, especially when you’re new. There are all those project manuals and record books to deal with and at times it really seems like 4-H speaks a whole different language that is unfamiliar to a new family in the program.

So, as a new family, know that you will find wonderful support in your organizational leaders and fellow club members. When things seem difficult to understand or that form you just got in the mail just doesn’t make sense, don’t be afraid to ask for help. Please feel free to drop by the Extension office any time and ask the staff any questions you might have.

Market Quality Assurance Training:
Market Animal members are required to attend Market Quality Assurance every two years. If your name is on the list below you are required to take Quality Assurance this year. There will be a training at Project Day, January 2nd

Brant Blonde  Clara Blonde  Zack Kinyon
Lane Lerum  Landon Omdahl  Ella Samsal
Ethan Samsal  Shane Samsal

Save the Date
Toole County Project Day
Tuesday, January 2nd
1 PM—5 PM

Workshops will include: quality assurance, Large Animal workshop, Squishy Circuits, Leatherwork, Public Presentations, Coding Your World, and Pie Pops
You can register online or you can call the office to RSVP

Public Presentation Day
March TBD—Please be thinking about what you may want to present for Public Presentation Day!
Marais Fair 4-H Archery Tournament—February 9th & 10th
Pondera Shooting Sports Complex in Conrad

The tournament will be held at the Old Shelby Middle School on February 9th & 10th.
To register for the tournament:
• Follow this link to register for the invitational: https://practiscore.com/marias-4h-fair-invitational/register
• You will need to create a login using your e-mail address, name, and a password. One login for an entire family is fine, some families may already have a login from previous tournaments.
• Read through the registration information and then register one child at a time with their division, class, age category (as of Oct. 1, 2018), date of birth, and phone number. Click Register.
• It will then ask for a squad time and you pick your time slot. There are 25 slots open for each of the following: Saturday evening, February 9 - 6 p.m. and Sunday, February 10 - 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. There will be an adult fun shoot at 2 p.m. on Sunday while the scores are being tallied.
• Click ‘Select Squad.’ You will then receive a confirmation e-mail.

• Registration fees are $15 per class for each shooter. Please bring registration fees to the shoot, as they will be collected during the shoot.

• If shooters will be shooting multiple disciplines, they’ll need to register an additional time under the other discipline with a different squad time. There are 25 spots open for each of the shooting times. Spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. If members want to shoot on Saturday night, they need to sign up now to ensure they get one of the 25 Saturday night spots.

• We will need volunteers for scoring and helping with concessions, there will be an online sign-up sheet for that.

1st Annual Cascade County 4-H Archery Invitational.

Cascade County will be hosting our first Archery Invitational in Great Falls on January 12, 2019. Registration must be post marked by January 4, 2019. Any questions please email cascadecoshootingsports@gmail.com

This is a 4H Member only Shoot. All participants must be at least 9 years old by October 1, 2018 and be an active enrolled 4H member & in an Archery project. All Montana 4H archery standards & rules apply. Registrations are also available on the state web site. http://montana4h.org/programs/events/ENTRY%20FORM.docx

We will also be having a postal shoot, that registration is on the state web site as well. http://montana4h.org/programs/events/2018-2019%20Cascade%20County%20Archery%20Postal%20Shoot%20Form.docx

Working Ranch Horse

The Marias Fair Horse Committee is looking for members who are interested in the working ranch horse project. If you would like to learn more about the cowboy lifestyle, roping, working with livestock, and ranch horse maneuvers as well as basic horsemanship, this project is for you! The horse committee would like to have some working ranch clinics this year with the possibility of a Working Ranch Horse Show in the years to come. For those of you who already have working ranch horses at home, this is a great opportunity for you to do even more with them! If you are interested in this project, please contact Kim or Alice.
KMON 4-H and FFA Judging Contests
January 18-19, 2019
Sharpen your pencils and your knowledge about livestock, meats I.D. and agronomy judging. The KMON 4-H and FFA contests are coming up. Register on www.judgingcard.com by January 9, 2019.

Rec Lab—March 22-24, 2019
Rec Lab will be hosted by District 2 in Chester on March 22-24, 2019. Youth participants must be 13 or older as of October 1, 2018. Registration opens in January.
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 laidback weekend to create lasting memories.

Rec Lab Community Service project:
Our district must bring 50 travel sized bars of soap to Rec Lab to be assembled into Blessing Bags to help the less fortunate in our community. Blessing Bags full of personal hygiene products will be donated to the Great Falls Rescue Mission. Please drop off your donations of travel sized soap to the Extension Office.

4-H Winter Teen Retreat
Montana 4-H teens from all over the state get together and learn leadership, STEM, and wellness skills, along with participating in fun activities like nighttime tube sledding, a dance, and more!
Dates: February 2-3, 2019 (one night)
Location: Yellowstone Youth Alliance, Bozeman, MT
Ages: 13-19
Cost: $70 to Lewis and Clark County 4-H
Registration information can be found on the website at: https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/state-opportunities-events.html.
**People Partner Grants Available**
If you, your club, 4-H friends, etc. have an idea for a community project and need funds, the Montana 4-H Foundation People Grants are a great source of funding! These grants provide up to $500 per project. Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
- Project makes it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
- There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidenced by “partners” listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.

Information and applications are available at [http://montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html](http://montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html), with a February 1 deadline. Projects could include planting flowers or trees in a community area, purchasing or creating travel bags for foster kids to use, buying materials for a community service project, etc. You may think of projects within your community or 4-H where you’ve seen a need.

**Camp Counselors Needed**
Applications for the Multi-county 4-H Camp counselors are due by Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. To apply, you must be in grades 9 through 12 (15-18 years old). You must enjoy working with children and be willing to participate in all counselor training sessions. Training sessions will be scheduled in March and April. Multi-county 4-H Camp will be held on June 10 - 12 at Camp Kiwanis in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. Camp will include 4-H members from Blaine, Glacier, Phillips, Hill, Toole, Pondera, Chouteau and Liberty Counties. To apply, you must fill out the application which can be found on our website. You must also agree to and sign the Responsibilities Form which can also be found on our website. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions about this leadership opportunity!

**National 4-H Conference is held in Washington D.C.**
*April 6-11, 2019 Application Deadline is January 15.*
The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H youth development programs nationally and in their communities. Montana sends a delegation of up to 4 participants (including one adult chaperone). Youth must be 15-18 years old and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply to attend. To learn more about the National 4-H Conference and to download the application visit their website: [http://montana4h.org/programs/events/national-conference.html](http://montana4h.org/programs/events/national-conference.html)
Please include TWO letters of recommendation with the application from each of the following:
1. County Agent
2. One other person who is familiar with your leadership skills

**Legislative Breakfast**
*Registration Deadline: January 9, 2019 Event date: January 21-22 Location: Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, Helena*
**Registration Link:** [https://montanansfor4h.wixsite.com/legislativebreakfast/county-registration](https://montanansfor4h.wixsite.com/legislativebreakfast/county-registration)

- Legislative Breakfast will be held the morning of January 22nd with a preparatory dinner on the evening of January 21st. Travel and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participants. Scholarship money is available for anyone interested in attending the Legislative Breakfast.
- Participant fee to attend the Monday night dinner & Tuesday morning breakfast is $35.00 [Dinner $20 & Breakfast $15].
- Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and success of 4-H in the state. It brings together youth and adult constituents from across Montana to share stories of achievement drawn from their 4-H experiences. The breakfast also reinforces the vital role of the MSU Cooperative Extension Service budget, which supports 4-H in Montana communities.
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Christmas Community Service and Celebration
2018 was a challenging year for 4-Hers to pick award winners. This year we had outstanding support from volunteers and local businesses. This year’s **Alumni of the Year** went to Dean Lerum, **Meritorious Service** went to CHS Cut Bank Group/CHS Nutrition, and **Distinguished Service** went to Art and Diana Adamson!
Thank you all for the countless hours and dollars spent to make our 4-H program run effectively and efficiently!
Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

January
1  Office Closed for New Year’s Day
2  Toole County Project Day
4  Great Falls Archery Invitational Registration Due
9  Registration Deadline for Legislative Breakfast
12 “Calvin’ Fever” - Ladies only Calving Management Workshop
13 Great Falls Archery Invitational
15 National 4-H Conference Application Due
12-28 Montana Winter Fair
21-22 Montana Legislative Breakfast and rehearsal dinner in Helena
23 Livestock Committee Meeting 7PM MRE
26-27 Marias Fair Archery Tournament at PSSC

February
1  Montana People Partner Grants Due
9-10 Marias Fair Archery Tournament—Old Shelby Middle School

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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