



Rec Lab—Investigating the Possibilities

Rec Lab was held in Chester, MT March 22nd-24th. Our District, District 2, hosted Rec Lab this year. Toole County was able to prepare workshops for the 4-Hers and plan the community service project for this year's Rec Lab. Attending Rec Lab this year was, Kiana Jorata, Brittany Hanson, Landan Omdahl, Bryant Mertz, Zack Kinyon, Josh Kearns, Cade Hanson, and Cody Hanson. The Blazing Saddles 4-H Club taught a workshop on different games you can create out of a set of old pantyhose. Alice lead a workshop on experiential learning called "Investigating Do-Reflect-Apply While Building Your Boats." Kim lead a workshop about animating characters online by using code and assisted in a workshop using iMovie.



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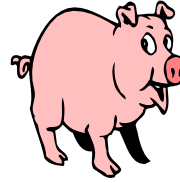


Toole County 4-H Website:
<http://www.msuextension.org/toole/4H.html>
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Upcoming Events!

IMPORTANT DEADLINE!! **4-H Project Drop/Add deadline is** **MAY 1ST!**



Toole County **Hog Pickup** **April 6th**

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.

It is the time of year to get your hogs weighed in! **The deadline for hog tagging is the 14th** We will be going up as a group up to Big Rose Colony on the 6th of April. Meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Bowling Alley. Big Rose will be picking out your hogs. Please let us know if you will be going with the group or picking up your hogs before the 14h.

Fashion Revue

This years Marias Fair Fashion Revue will be **June 25th 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.

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Butter Braids are available to begin selling on March 4th. The forms are due to the Extension Office **April 3rd.** They will be delivered on **April 16th** at the **Exhibit Building times TBD.** If you cannot pick up your Butter Braids at this time, please make arrangements with Barb Larsen (460-2765) before they are delivered. We ask that you take cash at time of order. There is a top seller incentive of the extra butter braids that the company sends. Your 4-Her may opt out of the fundraiser by paying \$20 per 4-H member.

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 under the Livestock Committee Tab. You can also stop into the Extension Office and we will print them off for you!

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-Her 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.

Marias River Dinner Fundraiser April 12, 2019

The Toole County 4-H Council has agreed to serve the Marias River Electric Annual Dinner again this year. 4-H Clubs will be working together to serve the dinner, club assignments are below. Please meet at the Shelby High School multipurpose room at your designated time. The Toole County 4-H Council has agreed to reimburse the clubs \$50 for their expenses from purchases for the dinner. Please keep in mind that we will be serving around 250 people.

Work Schedule:

4:30 to 5:30 Setup
5:00 to 6:30 Serving
6:30 to 8:00 Clean up

Chairman:

Food: Carrie Lerum
Kitchen: Anna Fretheim
Dining Room: Tawna Hanson
Drink: Barb Larsen/Sanna Clark
Clean up: Kim Woodring

Club—all clubs are expected for half of the club to serve and half of the club to clean

Kountry Kids:

20 dozen rolls, lemonade, six 10lb cans of beans, bacon

West Butte:

6 gallons of ice cream, 12-14 pans of brownies, hot fudge

Blazing Saddles:

Potatoes, 400 butter pats, sour cream

4-H Council:

Salad, salad dressing, horse radish, ketchup, coffee, paper products, cream, sugar, salt, pepper

Cross Border Classic Horse and Livestock Judging Contest

April 28 at the Marias Fairgrounds. Lunch will start at noon and judging will start at 1.

Cash prizes will be awarded to top 3 junior (8-13) and senior (14-18) judges.

6 horse and livestock classes will be judged, reasons will be given on 4. Classes will be horse, beef, meat or dairy goats, sheep, swine, and mystery. Mystery class could be: fleece, hay, alpacas, dairy cattle, or another class of traditionally judged species. Mystery class will be placings only. A brief livestock and horse judging overview will be offered at 10:30 for less experienced members. Lunch will be \$5, but it will be free to judge! Call the office by April 26 if you want to sign up.

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. Please call if office if you need clarification.

Open Class Challenge for 4-Hers

Every Open Class item entered by a 4-H member will earn a raffle ticket. The winning raffle ticket holder will win an ice cream party for their club. Entries are easy and DO NOT need to be entered in advance and are free (barn fees do apply.) Bring your item(s) Tuesday evening or Wednesday to the fair. You can also earn more premium money!

For entry information and the schedule, please find the Open Class Premium book online at www.mariasfair.com. If you have any questions, please call Julia Arnold at 470-0389. For other general Fair questions, please call the Marais Fair Office at 434-2692.

Cascade County 4-H Horse Camp

The second annual Cascade County 4-H Horse Camp will be on May 3-4 in Great Falls! The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders are excited to host this event for a fun, educational two days!

Friday, May 3, 2019 will be at the MSU Cascade County Extension office at 3300 Third Street NE, #9 in Great Falls. 4-H members will have a fun evening playing games, enjoying a pizza dinner, learning about bits and bridles, and creating horse crafts and treats. The second day will be at the Montana ExpoPark's Livestock Pavilion located at 400 3rd Street NW in Great Falls. This day is for you to bring your horse and ride. Sessions will include horseback yoga, Riding Right (equitation), Outdoor Adventures (obstacles), Practice Makes Perfect (Pattern drills), horse measurements (weight and height), bandaging, clipping, bareback, and horse grooming. Saturday night will wrap-up with dinner, visiting, and evaluation.

Please call the MSU Cascade County Extension office with any questions at (406) 454-6980. Let the Toole County office know if you would like a registration form!

Fairground Improvement Projects

The Livestock Committee is willing to pay up to \$250 for paint and supplies if clubs are willing to sand and paint the picnic tables or garbage cans for the fairgrounds. If you are interested please contact the Toole County Office. This would be a great service project.

Horse Project Day - Marias Fair Counties

June 2 starting at 1:00 p.m. All Marias Fair horse leaders will be conducting assessments and tack checks. Adriane Good will collect assessments and tack checks before the fair. The helmet safety video will also be available for any kids that need it. Peer workshops will also be available.

Follow the Beef Tour

We will be hosting a Follow the Beef North Tour as an opportunity for livestock kids in the Marias Fair counties to learn more about the cattle feeding industry. This program will consist of two parts. The first will be in-person workshops related to beef cattle feeding and finishing to be held on Sunday afternoons in Shelby. The second will be a bus tour to Brooks, Alberta to tour the largest commercial feedyard in Canada (75,000 head capacity) to learn more about modern day feedlots. While there, we will also meet with representatives from JBS Canada who will talk about what happens once finished steers get to the packing plant. The one-day tour will be on **Monday, June 17, 2019** and transportation and meals will be provided.

The Montana 4-H Foundation is supporting this program, so registration fees will be \$45. This just might be the cheapest international trip you'll ever take!

All livestock members are eligible, however preference will be given first to senior beef members, secondly to any beef members, and thirdly to any livestock member. I would encourage all livestock members to apply, even if you're not in beef! This is a great opportunity to learn a lot about commercial livestock operations AND you get a fun international trip out of it! If there are any remaining spaces on the tour, parents can also attend if they pay the registration fee.

The deadline to apply is **April 5**, please let Kim know if you are interested in applying and I will get you an application.

Remember, if you are selected to go on the trip, a passport will be required so make sure you have one that is up to date!

If you have any more questions, feel free to give me a call!

4-H Camp June 10-12, 2019 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.

NILE Merit Heifer applications open

Applications for the NILE Merit heifer program are open, check out <https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer> for more information.

Montana 4-H Congress July 9 –12, 2019 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. Pre-Congress will be July 7-9th. Please let us know if you are interested!

True Leaders in Service

National 4-H Day of Service: **April 27, 2019**
Its time again for 4-H across the country to showcase how they give back to their communities! Join the National initiative "True Leaders in Service" and put Montana on the map! For more information please visit the website: http://montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/TLS_Montana.html.

Toole County 4-H Public Presentation Event
April 7, 2019
First Baptist Church Activity Center
Schedule

- 1. Consecutive Platform Judging:** Each Platform begins at 2 pm. Members will present in the order listed on the platform schedule. Specific times will not be schedule for each presentation. All members are asked to arrive and be seated in the audience by 2 pm. Each member will have time to set up before presenting.

Platform #1 Room A

Name		Level	Type	Title
Gracie	Ahmels	Cloverbud	Demo/III	How to Take Care of a Cat
Kaley	Sandon	Cloverbud	Video	TBA
Gregory	Ahmels	Prejunior	Demo/III	First Aid
Dylan	Clark	Prejunior	Demo/III	Keeping Your Lamb in Sheep-Shape Condition
Colter	Sandon	Prejunior	Demo/III	Keep Them Fresh
Delaney	Clark	Junior	Demo/III	A Wooly Wash Up
Lane	Lerum	Senior	Speech	Stayin' Alive
Landan	Omdahl	Senior	Demo/III	Hose Head

Platform #2 Room B

Name		Level	Type	Title
Grace	Byers	Cloverbud	Demo/ILL	
Samuel	Byers	Cloverbud	Demo/ILL	
Jagger	Flesch	Cloverbud	Demo/ILL	Bouncy Eggs
Corin	Scarborough	Prejunior	Demo/ILL	Hop Into Robotics
Justice	Byers	Prejunior	Video	The Best Dog, Annie!
Preslee	Flesch	Prejunior	Demo/ILL	Saddle Up
Jadis	Scarborough	Junior	Team Demo/ILL	Saddle Up
Kiana	Jorata	Senior	Team Demo/ILL	

- 2. Lego Contest and Break immediately following Platform Judging (30 Minutes)**

- 3. Finals:** Top two presentation each from the Prejunior, Junior, and Senior level based on evaluation scores

- 4. Awards Ceremony**

Upcoming Programs & Meetings:

- April 3** **Fair Board Mtg**
Fire Hall 6 PM
- April 6** **Butter Braid money due to Extension Office**
Trip to get Pigs
Big Rose Colony—Meet 9:30 AM at the Bowling Alley
- April 7** **Public Presentation Day**
First Baptist Church Activity Center 2 PM
- April 12** **MRE Dinner**
@ Shelby High School
- April 14** **Hog weigh-in deadline**
Working Ranch Horse Practices—Wylie Gustafson's Ranch
Breeding Project Registration submitted to Extension Office
- April 16** **Butter Braid Delivery—Exhibit Building Time TBD**
- April 28** **Cross Border Classic—Marias Fair Grounds**
Camp Counselor Meeting
1:30 PM Chester Catholic Church 11 W. Quincy Ave., Chester, MT
- May 1** **Add/Drop Deadline**
Deadline to apply for State Awards
- May 12** **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!!

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