



# TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## Hello 4-H Families!

One of the most common things that I hear from parents is that they aren't sure what is going on in 4-H and what they need to do. Well this newsletter is full of upcoming events, local and statewide. If your child would like to attend anything please let us know! If there is a cost to attend, you can apply for a scholarship for assistance. These scholarships are available for anyone in 4-H. Don't be afraid to text or call whenever you have any questions! We also post everything on email and in the Facebook group so you'll find lots of information there!

Some upcoming dates to be aware of are the swine weigh-in date of April 16th and the lamb and goat weigh in date of May 7th. If you signed up for swine, lamb, or goat. Kim will be contacting you closer to the date to tag your animals.

There are various committees that parents can join, such as, the livestock committee, small animal committee, horse committee, exhibit building committee and the food booth committee. Please let us know if you would like to be on one of these committees.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. You can stop by the office anytime!

Kim & Jackie

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute - Billings, MT February 17-19, 2023**

The Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute is open to all 4-H volunteers in Montana. Registration cost is \$75 and we will be at the Double Tree Hotel downtown. The institute will be a great opportunity to learn from other volunteers and Extension Agents, network, and celebrate the accomplishment of volunteers across Montana.

Registration is now open and Volunteers will be able to register through their ZSuite Dashboard.

Visit the Institute Page for additional details, hotels, and workshop descriptions,

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt\\_volunteer\\_institute.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_volunteer_institute.html)

### **Rec Lab**

Save the date for Rec Lab in Culbertson on March 17-19th.

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event.

Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun!

This event is a 4-H member favorite: It 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 provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network.

Rec Lab will be hosted by District 4 in Culbertson on March 17-19, 2023.

Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1.

Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Registration Fee: \$100 (1/20 to 2/22) \$150 (2/23 to 3/1)

Registration includes lodging, snacks, meals, t-shirts, workshops, and exciting speakers.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Registration is available on ZSuite.

### **Volunteer Spotlight & Members of the Month**

Nominate a volunteer or youth in your county who has done something awesome and deserves a shout-out for making a difference. They will be recognized next month in a Volunteer or Member Spotlight social media post and in the state's monthly newsletter. They will also be eligible for Ag Network's Volunteer or Member of the Month sponsored by Stockman Bank. You are welcome to submit more than one recognition form!

**Nominate a volunteer you appreciate:** <https://forms.gle/z6qTGfjZEUxAksg9>

**Nominate a youth member:** <https://forms.gle/EbtccAkk6XE3ZWKX6>

### **Chouteau County Invitational Archery Shoot- Fort Benton - Saturday, February 25, 2023**

Indoor target archery competitions will be held at the Community Bible Center at 911 16th St. The 3D archery shoot will be held in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds at 205 Fair Ground Lp. Concessions will be available at the Community Bible Center.

Contact Chandee Bomgardner at [chandee.bomgardner@gmail.com](mailto:chandee.bomgardner@gmail.com) for more information.

Registration is available <https://forms.gle/Zm4zEMHKXcBamSHx9>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Attention: Seniors and College Students!**

Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships are due February 14. Each person need only complete one Montana 4-H scholarship application to apply for multiple Montana 4-H scholarships. Interested persons should complete the scholarship application via the Application platform on or before February 14, 2023. All applicants will need to submit two letters of recommendation, with one of the letters from your County 4-H Agent. <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

### **Youth State Award**

Members apply in a project area they have mastered and "gone above and beyond" regular project expectations. Communication, Goals/Learning, Leadership and Service are the 4 categories. Please reach out to youth in your county that may fit this criteria. Share with Organizational and Project leaders that may know of youth that fit this criteria. <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

- Plan of action Due June 1, 2023  
[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth\\_leadership/plan\\_of\\_action.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/plan_of_action.html)
- County Ambassadors interested in applying to be State Officers Applications Due June 15, 2023
- [https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth\\_leadership/officer\\_team.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/officer_team.html)

### **Summer 2023 National Citizenship Washington Focus**

A one week summer program in Washington D.C. where teens experience the capital as their classroom and connects young leaders from across the country to gain skills to be effective change agents <https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#!menu-builder>

Montana is sending 2 Delegations: Cost \$1,495/youth or adult for double occupancy (this cost includes the bus excursions however does NOT include flight)

Save-the-Dates

- CWF Session #1: June 11-16, 2023
- CWF Session #2: July 2-7, 2023

Application form and a mid-February deadline will be added to the CWF page on the MT 4-H site soon! State Contact: Christine Sommers-Austin at [c.sommersaustin@montana.edu](mailto:c.sommersaustin@montana.edu) or (406) 994-3504

### **Marias Fair Sidewalk Project**

Breaunna Erickson, of Pondera County, is the recipient of a \$500 People Partner grant for her sidewalk project at the Marias Fairgrounds. Breaunna is in the process of raising funds to add sidewalks to the fairgrounds . This will allow people with mobility issues, families with strollers and basically everyone to navigate the 4-H area of the fairgrounds more comfortably.

If you are interested in donating, you can contact the Pondera County Extension Office by calling 406-271-4054, e-mailing [pondera@montana.edu](mailto:pondera@montana.edu) or by mail at 20 4th Ave SW, Conrad, MT 59425.

### **Marias Fair Scholarships**

Marias Fair scholarships The following scholarships are now open they are available on ZSuite, the Marias Fair Website, and the Toole County Website, or stop by the office and due back by March 28 to the Liberty County Extension office:

- Livestock carcass scholarship (\$700)
- Livestock committee scholarship (3 at \$700/each)
- Mary Jane Kinyon memorial scholarship (\$550) - does not need to be a livestock member

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Leadership Academy**

Members 12+, 4-H Age Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022/2023. The Leadership Academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community. County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual state wide workshop together.

This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to county extension offices and can be shared locally.

Visit the webpage for complete descriptions:

[https://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth\\_leadership/academy.html](https://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html)

To receive the zoom meeting link and info for this workshop series please complete the short registration by clicking the "Register Now" on the montana4h.org page. Once the form is complete an email containing the zoom meeting link for all five workshops will be sent automatically.

- February 5, 2023
- March 5, 2023

### **Marias Fair Board Updates**

The 2023 Marias Fair will remain on the same date, July 19 - 23 this year. Next year the fair board is looking to potentially move the fair to the last weekend in June. They will be holding a public comment meeting on March 21st at 6:30 PM at the Toole County Ambulance Barn. If you have any opinions on moving the fair, I suggest you be there.

### **Public Presentation Day 2023**

Save the date for April 16th! More information soon to come!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Camp Counselors Needed:**

The 2023 Multi-County 4-H Camp (Blaine, Glacier, Phillips, Hill, Toole, Pondera, Chouteau and Liberty Counties) will be June 12- 14, 2023 at Camp Kiwanis in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The application deadline to apply to be a camp counselor is February 15, 2023.

Qualifications:

- 9th thru 12th grade (15-18 years old).
- Enjoy working with children.
- Willing to participate in all counselor-training sessions scheduled and camp
- Must be enrolled as a 4-H member and in good standing in your county.

Training Sessions: If you are selected to be a 4-H Camp Counselor, you must attend all camp planning sessions. The first one is a virtual training on March 12 and the second will be in-person in Chester on April 16. Additional sessions may be held at the county level.

### **State Shooting Sports Competition**

Registration is open through February 24 at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/17932>. The shoot is March 3 - 5 in Bozeman, MT. The cost of entries is \$14 and there is both archery (target and 3D) and Air Rifle and Air Pistol competitions. Details are up at [https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting\\_sports/shooting-sports\\_SS.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting-sports_SS.html).

### **Marias Fair Air Gun tournament**

The Marias Fair Air Rifle and Air Pistol tournament will be February 26 in Conrad. Registration forms will be coming this week. Registration deadline is February 15 to the Glacier County Extension Office. A \$20 late fee will be added after February 15, NO entries after February 22.

### **State 4-H Shotgun Qualifier**

This competition is open to all Montana 4-H members enrolled in the Shotgun Project. This will be April 22 in Three Forks. The National 4-H Shooting Tournament will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, Sunday-Friday, June 25 – June 30, 2023. The top four (4) finishers will be invited to represent the state of Montana at the National Shoot in the Shotgun event. The competitors must have passed their 14th birthday by January 1, 2023 and may not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships are held.

Details are up at

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting\\_sports/shooting\\_sports\\_events/Shotgun%20Qualifier%202023.pdf](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_events/Shotgun%20Qualifier%202023.pdf). Cost is \$40/person., registration deadline is April 14.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee Updates**

- **Goat showmanship** – There will be separate divisions this year for meat goat showmanship (held Thursday night of fair) and dairy goat showmanship (held Friday of fair). The top meat goat and dairy goat showmen will both compete in the Round Robin.
- **Belt buckles** – There will be belt buckles awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion in the market divisions of the beef, sheep, swine, and goat competitions at the fair.
- **Seewald barn signs** – If any business, family, etc. is interested in having a sign displayed in the Seewald barn, applications are available online at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/mariasfair/livestockcom.html>. It is \$400 to have a sign displayed for 10 years and then just \$250 for the following 10 years.
- **New rule** – The livestock committee has added the following to the Livestock Rules, 'All animals are subject to examination by the livestock committee or veterinarian and may be removed from the show and fairgrounds at their discretion.'
- **Officers** - Jeremy Curry (President), Chad Scarborough (Vice President), Jacki Boyce (Treasurer) and Stefanie Leach (Secretary) were all re-elected.

### **2023 Blazing Arrows Marias Fair Archery Invitational- Julean Hanson**

Sunday, January 29th, the Shelby Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Club hosted the Marias Fair Archery Invitational competition. We had a great turnout with 116 archers competing in the invitational from around the state. That was the largest one yet.

Our 40 Blazing Arrows archers have been practicing and preparing for this competition since October when we started shooting and will continue until the Bozeman state 4-H shoot the first weekend of March.

For the statewide invitational, 7 of our competitors brought home medals. For Bowhunter 9-10, Bridger Ergenbright took 1st and Sam Flesch took 3rd. For Bowhunter 11-12, Brant Blonde took 1st, Tel Gray took 2nd, and Paxton Flesch took 3rd. For Bowhunter 13-14, Dylan Clark took 1st and Avalyn Smith took 2nd.

The Four-County Marias Fair event consisted of Toole County, Glacier County, Pondera County, and Liberty County.

For Primitive 13-14, Dylan Clark took 3rd.

For Bowhunter 9-10, Bridger Ergenbright took 1st and Sam Flesch took 3rd. For Bowhunter 11-12, Paxton Flesch took 1st and Kaylee Berthelote took 3rd. For Bowhunter 13-14, Dylan Clark took 1st and Avalyn Smith took 2nd.

For Unlimited 11-12, Kaylee Berthelote took 1st and for Unlimited 13-14, Parker Berthelote took 2nd.

For the 4-H Archery Project Interview, four Toole County archers received purple ribbons, with Dylan Clark receiving a rosette for one of the Top Interviewers. Through a project interview the 4-Her is asked what their favorite part of the project is, what goals did they set for themselves, what is the most challenging part, and what are some safety rules to follow. Through these interviews the kids are learning skills they will utilize in the future.

Blazing Arrows has about three weeks left before the state shoot in Bozeman. Then we will end the year with a fun shoot and awards in March.



# SHOOTING SPORTS SCORES

## 2023 Pondera Invitational Archery

### Results

1st place unlimited Age 9-10: Morgan

Rippenburg- 204.1

1st place Bow Hunter Age 9-10: Bridger

Ergenbright- 256.2

1st place Bow Hunter Age 11-12: Kaylee

Berthelote- 246.2

3rd place Bow Hunter Age 11-12: Desirae

Salois- 201

2nd Place Bow Hunter Age 15+: Parker

Parsons- 222.1

## 2023 Pondera Invitational Air Rifle Results

### 3 Position Individual Results- All Shooters

3rd- Kacey Wipf

8th- Colter Sandon

9th- Kaley Sandon

### 3 Position Individual 11-12 yrs

1st- Kacey Wipf

6- Kaley Sandon

### 3 Position Individual 13-14 yrs

3rd- Colter Sandon

### Prone Individual Results- All Shooters

2nd- Kacey Wipf

8th- James Casap

### Prone Individual 9-10

2nd- James Casap

### Prone Individual 11-12

1st- Kacey Wipf

## 2023 Pondera Invitational Air Pistol

### Results

Pistol individual- All shooters

4th- Kacey Wipf

Individual- Stand Sprtd 11-12 yrs

1st- Kacey Wipf

## Primitive 13-14

3rd- Dylan Clark 119

## Bowhunter 9-10

1st: Bridger Ergenbright- 279

3rd: Sam Flesch- 244

## Bowhunter 11-12

1st: Paxton Flesch- 264

3rd: Kaylee Berthelote- 251

## Bowhunter 13-14

1st: Dylan Clark- 276

2nd: Avalyn Smith- 273

## Unlimited 11-12

1st: Kaylee Berthelote- 180

## Unlimited 13-14

2nd: Parker Berthelote- 212

## High Score for age Bracket

Bridger Ergenbright- Purple

## Top Archery Project Interviewer

Dylan Clark- Rosette

# MARIAS FAIR ARCHERY SHOOT PICTURES





# FEBRUARY

- 1st-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 1st-** Fair Board Meeting- 6:30pm @ Ambulance Barn
- 2nd-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 3rd-** Volunteer Institute registration deadline
- 6th-** Food Booth meeting- 6:00 pm @ MRE
- 7th-** 1st & 2nd Year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 15th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm.
- 15th-** Camp Counselor application due
- 15th-** Marias Fair Air Rifle/ Pistol deadline
- 16th-** 8-11 year old robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 20th- Office Closed-** President's Day
- 21st-** 1st & 2nd year robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 22nd-** Rec Lab registration due
- 24th-** Deadline to register for state archery and air gun shoot
- 25th-** Chouteau County Shooting Sports Invitational.
- 26th-** Marias Fair Air Rifle/Pistol tournament PSSC in Conrad

# MARCH

- 1st-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 2nd-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 7th-** 1st & 2nd Year Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 15th-** Cloverbuds @ New Life Community Church 3:30-5pm
- 16th-** 8-11 year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 19th-** 3rd-5th year Robotics @ Courthouse 2-5pm
- 21st-** 1st & 2nd year old Robotics @ Courthouse 3:30-5pm
- 21st-** Marias Fair Board Public Comment 6:30 PM Ambulance Barn

**\*\*Please eat before you come to all 4-H project meetings\*\***

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