



Broadwater County 4-H Newsletter

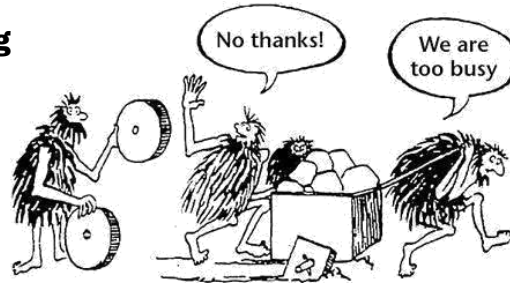
April 2019

STATE SHOOT RESULTS

We had 11 4-H kids represent Broadwater County at the State Shoot in Bozeman! Participants were: Aiden Kitto, Jonah Wishman, Kyla Meissner, Kaitlyn, Colton, and Taylor Noyes, Spencer and Trenton Braaten, and Sawyer and Dylan Andersen. In the 11-12 year old Bowhunter division, Sawyer Anderson placed 2nd in Target and 5th in 3D competition. In the 9-10 year old Bowhunter Division, Aiden Kitto placed 3rd in the 3D competition. He also placed first in his age bracket for Smallbore Rifle! In the 3D Archery competition, Trenton Braaten placed 10th in the 15-18 year old age bracket. Congratulations to all those who participated!

County 4-H Strategic Planning

Broadwater County 4-H has set another enrollment record, currently at 144 club members. This is a 64% increase in the last five years! To help set a new vision and goals for our growing 4-H program, we will begin a strategic planning process. For this session to be successful, we need YOU! This means members, leaders, and parents coming together to provide input and create a shared vision. Here is how you can participate:



Take the Survey – All 4-H stakeholders, members, parents, and leaders are asked to participate in a survey. The information from the survey will provide feedback to guide the strategic planning process. Please complete the [survey online](#) or use the hard copy included with the newsletter. Surveys must be completed or turned into the office by April 15th.

Attend the Event – The strategic planning meeting is on **Tuesday, April 23rd from 6-8pm** at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building. Again, we want to see a cross section of our 4-H program represented (members, parents, club leaders, project leaders, etc.) who can help us develop our mission, vision and goals. Come a few minutes early to enjoy a taco bar and refreshments. To help plan food and supplies, please RSVP by Friday, April 19th to the Extension Office.

Project Add/Drop

Don't forget to add/drop projects by **May 1st**! You can do this by going to your 4HOnline account anytime. This is especially important with livestock projects as we are expecting a very full barn with our current numbers. If you change your mind on livestock projects, please drop it ASAP. The Extension Office can also help you change projects or order books.

Rec Lab Participants

Laura Ascheman reported that the rec lab kids had fun and were busy the whole event! Participants were: Wayne Ascheman, Andrew Ferrat, Ashley Rauser, and Jeremiah Wishman. On Friday night, they were entertained by Conrad Yodeler Wylie Gustafson who does the Yahoo ad yodel! They also participated in multiple workshops and a dance.

A Letter from the Extension Agent

Hopefully you've heard the exciting news! Broadwater County 4-H is continuing to grow! April is the big month where we are start strategic planning. Strategic planning is a process to set priorities, focus energy and resources, ensure that stakeholders are working towards common goals, and develop strategies around desired results. With our record enrollment numbers, we are starting to have growing pains as we outgrow clubs and facilities and resources become stretched. I view this as a good problem and the purpose behind the strategic planning process is to help our program develop our mission, vision and goals for the next 5-10 years. We will hopefully identify strategies to help us prioritize the areas we need to focus on. Your participation is important! Please read the newsletter for ways to take part in the process. I look forward to hearing your feedback!

Sincerely,

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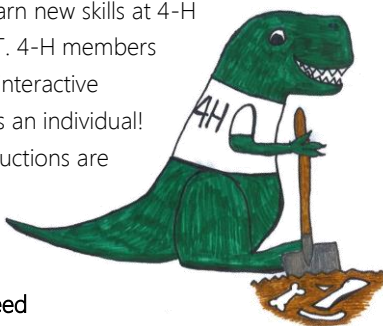
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Multi-County 4-H Camp - Diggin' Up Some Fun!

Registration is open! Join us to make new friends and learn new skills at 4-H Camp on June 4th-7th at Camp Rotary near Monarch, MT. 4-H members in grades 3-6 are eligible for camp. We have many fun, interactive activities planned to challenge you and help you learn as an individual! Registration is through <https://mt4honline.com> and instructions are included with the newsletter. The registration fee for Broadwater County 4-H members is \$65, thanks to a contribution from the 4-H Council. Both campers and counselors must register by Friday, May 10th. **We also need**



adult male chaperones! If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office. Thank you!



Fair T-Shirt Design Contest

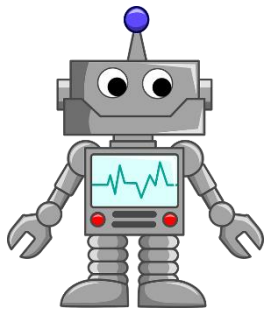
The theme for Fair is "Tractor Wheels & Cowboy Heels". As a 4-Her, You have the chance to design the 4-H T-shirt! Submit your ideas (either a computer image or drawing) by **Friday, April 19th** to the Extension Office. The winner will have their design on all of the Fair 4-H t-shirts!

Indoor Committee and 4-H Leaders Council

The April meetings will be replaced by the Strategic Planning meeting (see page 1). For questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or Terri Howey at 406.581.6295.

Teen Leader Meeting - Go to Strategic Planning Night

There will not be an April teen meeting. Instead, the teen leader members are encouraged to attend the Strategic Planning meeting and voice their ideas for improving Broadwater County 4-H. See page 1 for more details. For questions, call Allison Kosto at 406.266.9242 or text 406.439.8863 or call Karen Noyes at 949.4852.



Robotics - Leader for Next Year Needed

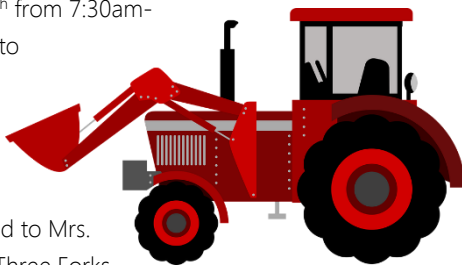
Are you interested in leading robotics? Laura Ascherman will be stepping down after this year. If you'd like to learn about robotics so you can lead it next year, please contact Laura.

Robotics Update: NXT Lego kits will available for Independent Study members who have experience. You can check out a robotics kit for a month at a time. For new robotics members, we will have 4

robotics meetings in June. Dates and times will be by consensus of beginning members. Questions? Contact Laura at 406.980.0408.

Ag Day in Townsend at Fairgrounds

The annual Ag Day event is on Thursday, May 30th from 7:30am-3pm at the Fairgrounds. All 4-H teens are invited to participate by conducting a hands-on station for elementary school youth to help them learn about an important facet of agriculture. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Extension Office for a form. It needs to be returned to Mrs. Larson or Mrs. Loughery **by April 1st**. Teens from Three Forks and Helena are welcomed to participate too!



Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser

The Exchange Club will be doing a Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser for their group. If you are interested in getting some take and bake pizza kits, contact a member or call Vanessa at 406.451.9569.

FAIR! Indoor Auction Reminder

For those in Indoor Projects this year, don't forget that you can sell up to two items at the indoor silent auction at the fair. These are indoor project items, but are not to include things like posters, displays, or food items.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Babysitting Workshop: Will be held Tuesday, May 21st in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room at 6:30pm. They will be putting together "Babysitting Magic Bags" so attending the workshop will cost \$5. Please **RSVP** to Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

Sewing: The next workshop is 9:30am at LDS Church in Townsend on Saturday, April 13th. To **RSVP** & get a materials list, call Sarah at 406.266.3473.

Visual Arts: We will be having our last two workshops this month on Wednesday, April 3rd and Wednesday, April 10th from 4-5pm in the Courthouse basement meeting room. We may do a meeting at the end of June to talk about your fair entries. For more information call/text Katria at 406.431.1087.

Three Gardening Workshops

There will be one 4-H workshop on Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm at Samantha Ferrat's House for a Garden Tour. The other two workshops are part of the Gardening Workshop Series organized by the Extension Office and Garden Club on: Monday, April 8th and Monday, April 29th at the Townsend Senior Center, 516 2nd Street at 6pm. For questions, call Samantha at 406.949.0869.

Scheduling Cooking Workshops for May!

Since we don't have a cooking/baking leader, we ask each family that has a 4-Her in the project to put on a cooking workshop. To reserve the weekend you would like to host, call the Extension office at 406.266.9242 or email broadwater@montana.edu. It doesn't have to be an elaborate recipe. What is your family's favorite homemade recipe? **Suggested donation is \$2 per participant at all of these workshops.**



Lasagna Workshop: Jennifer Beatty will host a lasagna workshop Saturday, April 6th from 10am-12pm in the 4-H Building Kitchen. **RSVP** to Jennifer at 406.490.1362.

Cake Decorating Workshop: Ashley Rauser will host another cake decorating workshop Sunday, April 28th from 1-3 pm. It will be held at the Rauser's home, 51 Rolling Glen Loop, Three Forks. Please **RSVP** to Vanessa at 406.451.9569.



Cooking Workshop: Karen Noyes will host a cooking workshop Saturday, June 1st, from 10am-12pm in the 4-H Building Kitchen. **RSVP** to Karen at 406.949.4852.

Horse Workshops - Helmet Safety Video April 1st

The next workshop will be April 1st in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room at 6:30 pm. The helmet safety video will be shown, so if you haven't seen it, make sure you're there! This is required before you start riding. Then meetings will hopefully be every Monday night at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds, (weather permitting) April 8th through July 22nd. Call Jan Finn 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards 406.521.0717 for more info.

Leathercraft Workshop

In April, workshops will be held on Wednesdays, the 3rd and 17th, at 6:30pm at the Mitzkus', 149 Quarter Circle Road, East Helena. If you have any questions, contact Marty at 406.670.5421.

Photography Workshop with Mark LaRowe

Next workshop is Sunday, April 14th at 1pm at the Senior Center in Townsend at 516 2nd Street. The guest speaker is Mark LaRowe, who specializes in western photography. Call/text Cassie Cooper for questions at 406.439.1269 or email cassie@mt.net.

Poultry Workshops - ALL Levels Invited!

- Sunday, April 7th at 3pm, Trailhead Church, 20 Trailhead View Drive in Townsend
- Sunday, April 28th at 3pm at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building
- Sunday, June 23rd at 3pm, Location TBA.



Questions? Call Kendra at 406.594.8620 or Alice at 406.547.2588.

Rabbit Workshop

The next workshop will be held in the Fairgrounds 4-H Building on Thursday, April 18th from 5:30-7:30pm. Do not bring your rabbits. Katrina will be going over general rabbit information. For questions, contact Katrina Warburton at 406.595.0402.

Scrapbooking Workshop

The next workshop will be Monday, April 22nd at 6:30pm at Alisha Knaub's new house at 28 Sharon Loop in Townsend. For questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.



Dog Workshops

From 6:30-7:30 pm on two Wednesdays, April 10th and 24th, all Agility and Obedience members will meet at Sorenson's Arena, 200 Flynn Lane in Townsend, for practice. Please bring your dog with a leash and make sure they are up-to-date on their vaccines. For questions, contact Julie Flynn at 406.439.1471.

LOCAL LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES

Quality Assurance Workshop - Attendance Required!

All 4-H members who plan to enter market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, or poultry) and breeding projects at the Fair are required to take livestock quality assurance (QA) every other year in order to participate. QA provides information in the areas

of animal care, handling, animal health, carcass quality, nutrition, ethics, and more. The QA workshop will be held **Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm** in the 4-H Building. The focus is on feed and nutrition. Even if you are not required to take QA this year, it is a great workshop to come to and can be counted towards your market livestock activity requirements. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.



Mid-Season Livestock Update

Come weigh your animals and work on your showmanship skills at the Mid-Season Livestock Update on Friday, May 31st at 6pm at the fairgrounds. Hog wormer and lamb/goat wormer will be available (fee applies). A shearer will be on hand to rough shear lambs (fee applies). If you would like your lamb sheared, please notify Jason Noyes at 406.949.4851. All species will be working on showmanship. Hope to see you there!

Swine Market Possession & Tagging - IMPORTANT!

All market hogs must be in your possession by April 15th. Due to biosecurity measures, no tagging and weigh-in will be held. It is your responsibility to get tags from the Extension Office to tag hogs by April 30th.

NEW this year, a form needs to be turned into the office by April 30th with the animal details including designated tag number. The form is attached in this same email.

There is no limit to the number of hogs tagged, but only two hogs can be entered in the Fair.

Also new this year, no family animals are allowed. Every hog must be assigned to a designated 4-H/FFA member. Fair entries must match the tagging form and all animals who are housed in the Livestock Building at Fair must be entered in the Fair. If you are looking for sales or sources of hogs, contact the Extension Office or Hugh Braaten, the swine leader, at 406.439.8873.



Sheep & Goat Tagging

All market lambs and goats must be in your possession by May 15th. If you are looking for sheep sales or sources, contact the Extension Office or Sheep Leader, Lori Sayers, at 406.285.4355 for ideas. If you are looking for goat sales or sources, contact the Extension Office or Goat Leader, Tancy McDaniel, at 406.980.0456 for ideas. **Tagging for both lambs and goats will be on Thursday, May 16th at 6pm at GaLor Genetics, 8393 US-287, Townsend, MT.** All members must be in attendance or makes arrangements for your animal(s) to be there.

SHOOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Shooting Sports Workshops

Hunting/Wildlife: Will be visiting the raptor center on Saturday, April 27th. They will have a follow-up workshop on Tuesday, April 30th at 6pm at the Methodist Church Annex in Three Forks. For more information, call Erica at 406.570.8696.



Small Bore Rifle (.22): Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm. They meet at the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Canton Lane Range. For directions, click [here](#). For questions, call John at 406.422.9590.

Shotgun: Workshops will be starting up this month (weather permitting), so stay tuned! Liz Wishman will be contacting current members. If you are not in shotgun, but are interested in attending a workshop to learn more, contact Liz at 406.980.1965.



Additional Shooting Sports Events

April 13th-14th: Archery Pre-Qualifier, Park County. [Qualifier Rules](#). [Archery Rules](#).

May 4th: Park County 3D Shoot, Livingston

May 5th: Archery Qualifier, Park County. [Qualifier Rules](#). [Archery Rules](#). Continued above...

May 17th-19th: Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports Camp, Loon Lake Camp.

June 23rd-28th: Shooting Sports National Championships, Grand Island, NE.

4-H Shooting Sports Camp - Air Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, & Sportfishing!

The camp is held at Loon Lake near Bigfork in Ferndale on May 17th-19th. This is a family camp for members to try their hand at a variety of shooting sports disciplines. At least one adult must accompany 4-H member(s). The rate is \$60 per person. The maximum family rate is \$200 for immediate family members only. This includes lodging, meals, equipment, range fees, and FUN!



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Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, etc. must pay an additional \$65. Limited space available for tents and RV's. If you prefer to bring your own lodging, same rates still apply. If you want to bring your own camping equipment please contact Nori prior to registration at 406.758.5552 for space availability.

Contact the Extension office for a registration form; due May 10th.

STATE 4-H ACTIVITIES

Montana 4-H State Awards

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a project area. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. There are also awards for the outstanding volunteer leaders, staff and alumni. **Apply by May 1st.** Youth Application found [here](#). Adult Nomination Form found [here](#).



Cloverbud Camp

Held June 7th-9th, this is a great opportunity for Cloverbuds and parents to experience a 4-H camp! Lots of group and outdoor activities to do with your child: swimming, canoeing, hiking, paddle boating, etc.

The camp is held at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake in Ferndale, MT. One parent must accompany your Cloverbud. Cost is \$120 for one youth camper and one adult. An additional \$50 for each additional youth or adult.

Registration is due June 1st. The theme this year is "Cloverbud Superheroes!" Contact the Extension Office for a registration form or more information.

Montana 4-H State Service Project - July 9th - 12th

The Montana State 4-H Ambassador Team is calling all members to help serve those that have served us. This year at Congress we will be helping Veterans by collecting items in need and packing the items with a note from Congress attendees to distribution veterans' groups all across Montana. We challenge you to have drives and collect donations from within your community to contribute. You don't have to be in attendance at 4-H Congress to help collect items.

ITEMS TO COLLECT:

- Granola Bars
- Gum
- Chapstick
- Coffee-Individual Packets
- Lotion
- Individual Size Trail Mix
- Kleenex
- Individual Size Jerky
- Deck of Cards
- Hand Warmers
- Foot Warmers

SERVICE AWARD: This year the Ambassador Team will be rewarding the County that earns the highest number of items (listed above) and bringing them to Congress 2019. You do not have to have someone from your county attending Congress to participate but the items do need be at Congress**. By bringing the most items, the County will earn a trophy, bragging rights, and the first to attend dinner at Congress!

- Written by Nathan Hessel, MT 4-H Ambassador



STATE AND NATIONAL LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES

Massey Show Lamb & Goat Camp - May 18th & 19th

We are super excited for JB Massey and his crew to be returning to Montana to help your youth with their lamb and market goat projects. This camp is put on by great people in the livestock industry: JB is a retired vo-ag teacher and Pete Dempsey is a current vo-ag teacher in Oklahoma. They invite you to check out their [website link](#) for more information.

Massey Lamb and Goat Camps are known for producing many showmanship winners, from local jackpot shows to national stock show winners. They had 35 kids attend the first annual camp in Hardin in 2018; many success stories just from that camp alone. After talking to numerous kids, many are returning for the 2019 camp because it helped them so much. With that in mind, numbers are limited so that kids get lots of one-on-one guidance. We would be glad to have new kids attend too. This is an intense camp, over the 2 days we will spend about 8 hours in the show ring practicing showmanship skills. The rest of the sessions are broke into selection, feeding, exercising, fitting, general care of the project animal. Come prepared to learn LOTS!! Come learn from the best in the nation.



2019 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show in Billings

The show will be in Billings on August 9th-17th. An Exhibitors Handbook will be online by the end of May. Registration is online at montanafair.com, due June 28th. Out-of-county exhibitors must pay a \$35 fee per animal tagged. Required tagging:

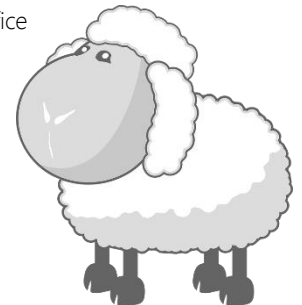
Sheep /Goat/Swine Tagging: Saturday, May 11th from 8-11am at PAYS Auction. Animal Quality Assurance Training is 9-10:30am.

For more information about the MontanaFair in Billings, contact the Extension Office.



PNW Sheep & Goat Judges School and Show Management Conference

Held May 16th-17th in Pullman, WA. It is sponsored by University of Idaho Extension and Washington State University Extension. The Show Management Conference and Sheep and Goat Livestock Judges School is open to individuals currently judging livestock shows and individuals aspiring to become judges; those involved in youth show management; and to any-one wishing to learn more about managing shows or judging livestock. The management track is especially for livestock superintendents, fair managers, FFA Advisors, Extension Educators, Stock Sale committee members, and other show management personnel. **Register by April 25th.** The registration cost is \$150 and does not include accommodations. Contact the extension office for a registration form.



NATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

Raise Your Hand to Support 4-H



For the third year, National 4-H Council is running its Raise Your Hand Campaign, asking people to “raise their hand” as a 4-H alum or friend/supporter of 4-H. The states with the most hands raised will receive \$20,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 toward the expansion of 4-H programs. The campaign runs through May 15th. Vote [here!](#)

True Leaders in Service

Research shows that 4-H’ers make positive contributions to their communities. This April, as part of True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month, 4-H’ers across the nation will pledge their hands to larger service – leading positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. True Leaders in Service will kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the **National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 27th**.



Join the thousands of 4-H’ers who will venture out into their communities to do what 4-H’ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others. [Sign up today](#) to take part in True Leaders in Service.

Joann Fabrics Clovers for Kids

From March 1st - April 30th, JOANN stores nationwide will ask their customers to donate towards the 4-H program. Like last year, both \$1 and \$4 donations are available. The purchase of a \$4 donation comes with a \$4 off future purchase coupon.

Where does the money go? How is it used? All funds raised go back to the 4-H program. Like last year, 70% of funds raised at Montana store locations go to Montana 4-H, with the other 30% going to National 4-H Council.

4-H Fabric: An exciting component of this year’s partnership is 4-H fabric! You can order the fabric at [JOANN’s website](#) or [shop4-H.org](#). A very small portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the fabric benefits the 4-H program. If sales of the fabric go well, there is potential to expand it in the future.

INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

IPYA HOSTING

Montana International 4-H Youth Exchange (IPYA) delegates need hosts from July 12th, 2019 (end of Congress) for about 2-3 weeks at a time. These young adults from European countries want a better understanding of Montana farm and ranch practices, although families do not need to live on a farm or ranch to host. There are 13 young adults from eight countries coming to Montana, with stays ranging from five weeks to three months. Contact sdavison@montana.edu for more information.



Japanese Summer Exchange

July 21st - August 17th

If you have never hosted a summer foreign exchange 4-H kid, I highly recommend it! Growing up, we had a lot of foreign exchange kids from Japan and we learned so much from them. They were amazed by the size of the US and learning about it! A yearlong exchange is definitely more of a commitment, but trying it for a few weeks in the summer is a great way to start! A list of Japanese youth and their interests is available from the Extension Office. Contact Stephanie Davison at 406.994.3502 or email sdavison@montana.edu. You can also apply at states4hexchange.org/apply/host/. Deadline is **May 15th, 2019**.

ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS (AYP)

Host families needed for high school students from Japan, South Korea or Eurasia (FLEX program). Students are here from August 2019 through May/June 2020. Contact Stephanie Davison at 406994.3502 or email sdavison@montana.edu for more information.

Become a Farmfluencer

Have you ever wondered who’s behind the food you eat? Or how it gets to your plate? Introducing Farmfluencer, a **global video contest**. By making a two-minute video about where the future of farming is going, you’ll get to share your point of view with the world, enter for a chance to win \$5,000, and become an official global Farmfluencer.

Want to know more about the contest, rules and guidelines, important dates, and our sponsors? Visit their [site](#) for more information.

Video Submissions are now open and will close April 24th!