

Kind Actions

On Tuesday, November 20th, Old Baldy 4-H Club delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need. Thank you so much! A woman contacted us that was very grateful for the basket she received. Don't forget your community members this holiday season!



Don Greytak Calendars Are Still Here!



If you are interested in purchasing a calendar to help support the 4-H program, we have them here at the extension office. Don Greytak is a Montana artist that draws beautiful scenes of rural life. They make great gifts! Calendars are \$15 this year because they come with three raffle tickets you can enter to win a leather-bound collection of Don Greytak's Calendars. Make checks payable to the 4-H Council.

Multi-County 4-H Camp - Camp Counselors Needed!

Applications for Camp Counselors are **due Friday**, **December 14**th to the Extension Office. Camp is June 4th-7th at Camp Rotary near Monarch. Applicants must currently be in grades 9-12. Counselors are required to come a day prior to camp on June 3rd and attend the entire camp in addition to training opportunities prior to camp. Please include your resume with the application that details your skills, training, and accomplishments. The application process has been highly competitive the last few years, so complete and timely applications make the best impression! Application and more details are available from the Extension Office.

Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-in & Tagging at Galor Genetics at 9am on December 29th. Galor Genetics is located at 8393 US-287, Townsend, MT 59644. If you can't be there, you must make arrangements for your animal(s) to be there.



Teen Leader Meeting

Their next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 2nd at 2pm in the Courthouse basement meeting room. These meetings are open to any middle or high school students. For questions, contact Allison Kosto at 406.266.9242 or text 406.439.8863 or Karen Noyes at 949.4852.

A Letter from the Extension Agent

We are starting to talk about the 4-H Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development again. After a brief summary last month, we are on to #7 which is the Opportunity for Self-Determination. Believing that you have control over your life's events is important instead of submitting to chance or the wills of others. 4-H creates opportunities for you to make choices and develop a sense of influence over your life and your 4-H activities. There are many examples of this in the 4-H program.

Recently, you just went through the process of choosing your 4-H projects. It's up to you to decide what projects to take and what your goals are for the 4-H year. If you have not done so already, now is a great time to set your goals. This gives you plenty of time to work towards achieving your goals. It's up to you to make this happen!

Sincerely,



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Indoor Committee - No December Meeting

The Indoor Committee will hold their next meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, January 29th in the Courthouse basement meeting room, located at 515 Broadway in Townsend. Enter the doors at the southeast corner of the building. For any questions or suggestions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or Terri Howey at 406.581.6295.



4-H Council - No December Meeting

The Council will hold their next meeting at 7pm, January 29th in the same location as Indoor Council (see above). For any questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

Horse Committee

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16th at 6pm in the Courthouse basement meeting room, located at 515 Broadway in Townsend. Enter the doors at the southeast corner of the building. For any questions, contact Jan Finn at 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards at 406.521.0717.

Livestock Committee

Next meeting is January 15th at 7pm. Location TBD. For any questions, call Jason at 406.949.4851.

Scheduling Cooking Workshops Now!



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. These will be held at the fairgrounds in the 4-H Building Kitchen and held every Saturday or every other Saturday. Jennifer Beatty is kicking off the cooking workshop series on Saturday, January 12th at 10am. The suggested donation is \$2 per participant per workshop to help cover ingredient costs. Please RSVP to Jennifer by calling 406.490.1362 or emailing

beatty.jenn@gmail.com. Please reserve the weekend you would like to do by calling the extension office at 406.266.9242 or emailing broadwater@montana.edu. It doesn't have to be an elaborate recipe. What is your family's favorite homemade recipe?

Interstate Exchange Meeting

A new cycle of interstate exchange is starting! New leaders, Rob & Vanessa Rauser, are holding an informational meeting on Thursday, January 3rd at 7pm in the Senior Center in Townsend

for anyone who is interested. An interstate exchange is an exciting opportunity for you to experience the geography, culture and heritage of a community in another state. Our

4-H youth will host a group of 4-H members and in exchange we travel to their host state. Youth must be at least 12 years old (as of October 1, 2018) to participate and be enrolled in at least one other project. If you have questions, contact Vanessa at 406.451.9569. If you are interested in participating, but can't make the meeting, please let her know prior to the meeting.



Upcoming Workshops

Archery: Held every Monday night 6-8pm, now through March 4th in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. No workshops held December 24th or the 31st. For questions, call Jason at 406.949.4851.

Gardening: 7pm, Tuesday, January 15th at Samantha Ferrat's House. To RSVP, call 406.949.0869.

Horse: 6pm, Monday, January 21st in Basement of the Courthouse. Call Jann Finn 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards 406.521.0717 for more info.

Livestock Judging: For upcoming workshops, call Hugh 406.439.8873.

Photography: Next workshop is Sunday, January 6th at 1pm at the Senior Center in Townsend. RSVP to Cassie Cooper by December 15th. Call or text 406.439.1269 or email cassie@mt.net.

Sewing: 9:30am at LDS Church in Townsend on Saturday, January 12th. To RSVP & find out what you need to bring, call Sarah at 406.266.3473.

Visual Arts: For upcoming workshops, contact Katria at 406.431.1087.

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

4-H Kid's Corner

Definition: a bacterial disease of the feet in hoofed animals, especially sheep. What is it?



The first correct guess will win a prize! If you know the answer, email broadwater@montana.edu.



Shooting Sports Leader Training

The Shooting Sports Leader Training Schedule is listed below. Registration info here.

January 4th-5th: Fort Benton, (Archery Only)

January 11th-12th: Plentywood, (Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun). For registration information please contact Colleen Buck, Sheridan County Extension Agent, 406.765.3406.

January 25th-26th: Bozeman, (Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun) – Tentative

April 5th-6th: Billings, (Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Western Heritage)

SAVE THE DATE - COUNTY CONTEST!

The County Contest set for March 31st. If you are interested in being part of the committee for it, call 406.266.9242 or email broadwater@montana.edu. Any help would be much appreciated!



STATE 4-H ACTIVITIES

MONTANANS FOR 4-H LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

January 22nd, 2019 Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, Helena MT

The 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.

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 and may be supported by the county. The prep dinner

provides opportunities for youth and adults to practice speaking and prepare for visits with legislators.

Information for Counties, please visit the Montanans for 4-H website for more info.

Dates & Deadlines

- January 9th, 2019 Participant Registration Due
- January 21st, 2019 Preparatory Dinner, Helena
- January 22nd, 2019 Legislative Breakfast, Helena

John and Samantha Ferrat are chaperones for this event, so please contact them as you can get a ride with them! Call Samantha to register at 406.949.0869.

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

Rec Lab will be hosted by District 2 in Chester, MT, March 22nd - 24th. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1st, 2017 and Adult chaperones must be as least 21 years of age. 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 camplike atmosphere and hands on activity allows for a fun and laid back weekend to create lasting memories.

Registration due by Friday, February 15th with a \$100 event fee. Late registration due by Friday, March 1st with a \$115 event fee. Contact the extension office for information on how to register for this event.



NATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Go to Washington, D.C. for the week of June 8th to the 15th to experience our nation's capital, meet your legislators, and meet 4-Hers from around the country. Delegates have the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian and the National monuments as well as visit with Montana Senators and Representatives. Montana delegates travel as a group with two adult chaperones.

County agents should recommend delegates for participation. Delegates travel as a group with chaperones to the National 4-H Conference Center. The week is comprised of workshops related to the congressional process, meetings with your legislators, a cultural evening, and visits to monuments and museums on the mall. Applications due January 15th.

Current 4-H members 4-H age 14-19. To apply, contact your County Extension Agent or print and complete the application and return it to your county. <u>Application found</u> here.

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)

This program is held July 14th-19th and is designed for middle school students (grades 7-9). Participants build confidence in their abilities to motivate and direct others in meaningful action, practice effective communication with others through group discussion and public speaking, work with others to create and accomplish goals, develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style, exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-Hers from across the nation. Participants are accompanied by an adult chaperone. **Applications are due January 15th**. Current 4-H members in grades 7-9. To apply, contact your County Extension Agent or print and complete the application and return it to your county. <u>Application found here</u>.

National 4-H Council & JOANN Stores Team Up

JOANN stores are empowering the next generation of makers by connecting more young people to experiences where they can learn by doing, creating & making. By providing local 4-H Clubs with resources and tools to run impactful programs, JOANN will bring the 4-H experience to more kids in need.

Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards on in-store and online purchases with a rewards card. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of eligible transactions to 4-H. Get a JOANN Rewards Card here.

