Legislative Breakfast 2019

On the very early morning of January 22nd, a delegation of 5 members of Broadwater County 4-Hers travelled to our capital city in order share their 4-H experience with our state legislators. In their best dress, our delegation explained the importance of 4-H over a delicious breakfast with legislators from Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, and Missoula counties. There were a few speakers, all former or current 4-H members, who shared stories and asked the legislators to continue to support funding for Montana 4-H and MSU Extension through the legislative budget. After the program, Broadwater County members gathered together to meet and greet Representative Julie Dooling, who graciously shared her autograph, her affirmations of how great a program 4-H is, and a few group photos! Another highlight of the event was the preparatory dinner held the evening beforehand, which most of the same 4-Hers attended. The dinner was a rehearsal for the Legislative Breakfast, without the legislators, where members enjoyed hearing from multiple 4-H Alumni and administrators from the state 4-H office, 4-H Foundation, and MSU Extension, who gave inspiration for the future of 4-H and members alike. The entire event was a tremendous and unique opportunity for our 4-Hers. Participants were Anna Beatty, Jennifer Beatty, Haylee Collins, Andy Ferrat, John & Samantha Ferrat, Grace Kroeger, and Bailey Taves. A big thank you to all of the parents who rallied their kiddos for an early morning! Thank you to all of the participants - it sure was enjoyable to share this time and event with you all. I hope you all had an awesome time, learned something valuable, and shared with the legislators a thing or two about how 4-H grows here!

Yours truly, Samantha Ferrat
COUNTY CONTEST EXTRAVAGANZA!

The County Contest is set for Sunday, March 31st. The theme will be “April Fool’s Extravaganza”. There are several different contests in the areas of communications, cooking, and sewing. You do not need to be enrolled in these projects to participate. An informational flyer will be attached with this newsletter and the registration information will be emailed later. Registration is due to the Extension Office by Thursday, February 28th at 5pm.

Indoor Committee

The Indoor Committee will hold their next meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, February 26th 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 Leaders Council

The Council will hold their next meeting at 7pm, February 26th in the same location as Indoor Council (see above). For any questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

Teen Leader Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm in the courthouse basement meeting room (515 Broadway in Townsend). For questions, contact Allison Kosto at 406.266.9242 or text 406.439.8863 or call Karen Noyes at 949.4852.

Interstate Exchange Meeting

The next Exchange Club meeting will be held in the basement of the courthouse on Wednesday, February 20th at 7pm. A new cycle of interstate exchange is starting! New leaders, Rob & Vanessa Rauser welcome anyone who is interested! This year our 4-H youth will host a group of 4-H members from another state and in exchange, we travel to their host state next year. 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.

Agriculture Appreciation Dinner

This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to give back to the agricultural community that supports so many programs in 4-H. The dinner will be held at the Watson Event Center on February 23rd and tentatively start their social hour at 5pm. If any 4-Hers would like to help serve, they will need to be there at 4:30 pm. Servers should wear black pants and white button down shirts. If interested in serving, contact Jemma Loughery at 406.314.3403 or email jloughery@townsend.k12.mt.us.

Robotics Update

NXT Lego kits will available for Independent Study members who have experience. Please check out a robotics kit for up to 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 the beginning members. For questions, contact Laura at 406.980.0408.

Upcoming Workshops

Gardening: 7pm, Tuesday, February 19th at Samantha Ferrat’s House. To RSVP, call 406.949.0869.

Goat: Dee Anderson will be hosting a goat hoof trimming workshop at his house on Saturday, March 2nd at 1pm. His address is 63 Hossfeld Lane, Toston. Please RSVP by February 27th to Amber Burgess at 406.459.2584.

Horse: 6:30pm on Monday, February 4th and Monday, February 18th in Basement of the Courthouse. Call Jan Finn 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards 406.521.0717 for more info.

Photography: Next workshop is Sunday, February 17th at 1pm at the Senior Center in Townsend at 516 2nd Street. Call/text Cassie Cooper for questions at 406.439.1269 or email cassie@mt.net.

Rabbit: Their first workshop of the year will be held at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30pm. Do not bring your rabbits as this will just be an informational workshop. Please RSVP to Karen at 406.949.4852 by Wednesday, February 13th.

Sewing: 9:30am at LDS Church in Townsend on Saturday, February 9th. To RSVP & get a materials list, call Sarah at 406.266.3473.

Visual Arts: Wednesday, February 20th from 4-5pm in the courthouse basement meeting room. If you are coming from Three Forks, it’s okay to be a bit late. To RSVP call/text Katria at 406.431.1087.
Scheduling Cooking Workshops!

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. We hope to hold them every (or every other) weekend at the fairgrounds in the 4-H Building Kitchen. 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?

Cornbread Workshop: held by Alice Kroeger on Saturday, February 16th at 10am. The suggested donation is $2 per participant per workshop to help cover ingredient costs. RSVP by February 9th! Call Alice at 406.547.2588 or email pkroeger@itstriangle.com.

Cake Decorating Workshop: Ashley Raiser will host a cake decorating workshop on Sunday, March 10th from 2-4 pm. Suggested donation is $2 per participant. RSVP to Vanessa at 406.451.9569.

Poultry Workshops

The poultry project leaders, Kendra Pizzini and Alice Kroeger, have set dates for their future workshops. You will be working on activities from the project books, learning about showmanship, have the opportunity for demonstrations, take a fun quiz, and more! The workshops will take place at the Trailhead Church at 3pm.

- Poultry Project Levels 1-2, Sunday, February 24th
- Poultry Project Levels 1-2, Sunday, March 17th
- Poultry Project Levels 3 & Up, Sunday, April 7th
- Poultry Project Levels 3 & Up, Sunday, April 28th
- ALL Poultry Project Levels, Sunday, June 23rd

Questions? Call Kendra Pizzini at 406.594.8620 or Alice Kroeger at 406.547.2588.

Swine Workshop + Quality Assurance

There will be a hog workshop on Thursday, March 14th from 6-8pm at the 4-H Building. The workshop, called “Keeping Your Pigs Healthy,” will be taught by Dr. Dave Madsen. It will cover nutrition, pig handling, general expectations of pig health, and what “normal” looks like in a pig. This workshop will qualify for Livestock Quality Assurance, which is required every other year for members selling market livestock. Contact Hugh Braaten at 406.439.8873 if you have any questions.

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. There will be a QA workshop on Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Building. The focus this year is on feed and nutrition. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

Prayer Breakfast THANK YOU!

The Friends in Fellowship of Townsend wrote a “Thank You” note for the 4-H kids that served at their 2018 Prayer Breakfast. They thank you for attending and serving because it made the event a great success for its first year! Thank you!

Multi-County 4-H Camp

Camp Counselor Training: If you were selected as a camp counselor, you are highly encouraged to attend the training on Saturday, March 16th from 10am-3pm in Harlowton. This is the ONLY training prior to camp, so if you don’t come, you miss being part of the decision making process for the theme, groups, and workshop ideas. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

Adult Male Chaperones Needed!
The Multi-County 4-H Camp takes place Tuesday, June 4th–Friday, June 7th. The camp is in need of adult male chaperones (Age 21+). If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office. Thank you!

Broadwater County 4-H Scholarship

The 4-H Council is offering a scholarship to graduating seniors up to $700. Applicants must have been active in 4-H for all four years of high school, enrolled and completed at least two projects during each year of high school, and demonstrated leadership skills. Record books must be submitted, along with the application, by April 1st to the Extension Office. Applications are available on the county Extension webpage or you can email broadwater@montana.edu for one.
County 4-H Strategic Planning

Broadwater County 4-H has set another enrollment record, currently at 141 club members. This is a 58% increase in the last five years! How amazing! To help set a new vision and goals for our growing 4-H program, there will be a strategic planning session on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6-8pm. Location TBD.

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. Please plan to attend! This is very important!

The session will be facilitated by Todd Kesner, Director of the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development, and Meaghan Phillippi, 4-H Volunteer Specialist. Leading up to the big event there will be other opportunities for you to provide input, so continue to watch for more details.

**SHOOTING SPORTS**

**Time for Change - New Section**

Since there are so many events for shooting sports, I am separating it into its own section. Please contact the extension office if you have any event questions at 406.266.9242 or emailing broadwater@montana.edu.

Montana State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition

The 4-H Shooting & Archery Sports competition will be held Friday, March 1st to Sunday, March 3rd at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and Big Sky Archery in Bozeman. The Smallbore Qualifier that usually has been held in October was moved to be part of this event. You must use Fair Entry to register for this event. Registration closes on February 15th. REGISTRATION FILLS UP EARLY, SO REGISTER SOON IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND! Click the link for more information.

Upcoming Shooting Sports Workshops

Archery: Held every Monday night 6-8pm, now through March 4th in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. For questions, call Jason at 406.949.4851.

Hunting/Wildlife: Held at the Methodist Church Annex, 124 2nd Avenue East, Three Forks, MT. One will be held Tuesday, February 5th and the other, Tuesday, February 26th. Both Workshops will go from 6-7:30pm. If you are interested in a hunting/wildlife project, you are free to attend. Must be 9 years old before October 1st, 2018. For those attending, please RSVP to 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.

Rifle Raffle Fundraiser!

The Archery Project Members and Caleb Toole are selling rifle raffle tickets for $20 each. There are some great prizes available. See last page of the newsletter for more details and contact information of sellers.

Additional Shooting Sports Events

February 9th: Sweet Grass County Archery Shoot, Big Timber. Register by February 5th.

February 16th: Bitterroot 4-H Archers Invitational, Ravalli. Register by February 1st.

February 23rd: Choteau County Archery Shoot, Fort Benton. Register by February 16th.

Shooting Sports Leader Training: Registration info found here. April 5th-6th: Billings. (Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Western Heritage) Registration Due March 27th.

April 13th-14th: Archery Pre-Qualifier, Park County. Qualifier Rules, Archery Rules.

April 28th: Muzzle-loader Qualifier, Park County. Registration TBD.

May 4th: Park County 3D Shoot, Livingston

May 5th: Archery Qualifier, Park County. Qualifier Rules, Archery Rules.

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

STATE 4-H ACTIVITIES

4-H Scholarships through Montana 4-H Foundation
Go to the Montana 4-H Website to learn more about the scholarships for graduating seniors. Scholarship applications must be received (or postmarked) by April 1st.

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab
Rec Lab will be in Chester on March 22-24th. Youth must be 13+ as of October 1, 2017 and Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. Registration is due Friday, February 15th with a $100 fee. If you received the “I Challenge You Award” you can use it towards this event. Other funding assistance may be available from the Teen Club or Council upon request. Late registration is due Friday, March 1st with a $115 fee. We are required to send at least one chaperone. Contact the Extension office for registration details.

AMTOPP Scholarship
A $250 scholarship for Montana 4-H age youth involved in, or wanting to become involved in, a 4-H project associated with the “greens industry”. In this case, “Greens Industry” includes areas such as: Fruit and vegetable gardening, floriculture, horticulture, ornamental and turf grass, arborists (trees), crops and weeds, as well as pesticide application. The Scholarship is funded by AMTOPP (Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental & Pest Professionals). Due February 25th. Contact the Extension Office for an application.

NILE Scholarships
The NILE awards scholarships to deserving FFA and 4-H students that have been actively involved in their program and community, excelled in the classroom, and participated in NILE events. Applications and guidelines can be found on the NILE’s website. For additional questions, contact the NILE office at 406.256.2495. Applications must be submitted to the NILE Office by March 1st at 5pm.

2019 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show in Billings
The show will be in Billings on August 9-17th. 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. You are required to bring your animals to taggings on the dates below:
- Swine tagging may be held on May 11th at PAYS Auction rather than mail-in tags. This is still a tentative idea.
- Sheep /Goat Tagging – Saturday, May 11th from 8-11am at PAYS Auction. Animal Quality Assurance Training from 9-10:30am
For more information about the MontanaFair in Billings, contact the Extension Office.

VOLUNTEERS

Montana Volunteer Facebook Page
Volunteer leaders are invited to join the closed Facebook group called “Montana 4-H Volunteer Leaders”. This group is an opportunity for Volunteers and Extension Agents to share project and club ideas and network with others committed to growing true leaders through 4-H. Click here to join.

NATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

Need Craft Supplies? JOANN Stores Team Up with 4-H!
JOANN stores are empowering the next generation of makers by connecting more young people to experiences where they can learn by doing, creating, and 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.

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INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

Host a 4-Her from Norway or Costa Rica this Summer!

If you are interested in hosting a young person from Norway or Costa Rica this summer, please submit your applications by Wednesday, February 20th. This deadline is different than for the Japanese kids who are also coming. These kids are usually a bit older, about 15+ years old.

HOSTING PERIOD: June 26th – July 21st, 2019 for youth from Costa Rica & Norway

- You can host a youth aged 12-18 or an adult chaperone.
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 10+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone.
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.
- This is a voluntary program; no stipend will be provided.
- You don’t need to be involved with 4-H to host.

Click here for application and more information. You can also contact the International Programs Coordinator for more questions: Stephanie Davison at 406.994.3502 or email sdavison@montana.edu.

Small Town to Big City!

National 4-H Congress 2018

Submitted by: Andy Ferrat, Grade 12, Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H

Last year in 2018, I was awarded an opportunity that I never thought would ever even come my way, and only a few get this chance each year. Over Thanksgiving weekend, I was able to get on an airplane with people I had never met, to fly to a place I had never been, to interact with even more people I’d never met. Sound fun? Well, I’ll tell you it was more fun than you’d think, especially when you are traveling with amazing people in Montana 4-H to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia!

My journey started for National Congress EARLY Thursday November 22, this was actually Thanksgiving Day. I said goodbye to my parents, went through airport security (they are very cheery at 5AM, let me tell you), then met up with the other member flying from Bozeman. Not long after our flight to Minnesota landed, we met up with the eastern Montana crew to fly the rest of the way to Atlanta.

We met the other half of Montana 4-H at baggage claim of the Atlanta International Airport and the adventure began! The first night we toured some of the city around our hotel which was really neat. There was a lot of cool sculptures and little historic spots there. I can’t remember who it was from our group of eighteen who wanted to do the famous shoe picture, but we did it, and it turned out pretty good.

The second day we were in Atlanta was the first actual day of National Congress, but before the event started we had some time to go touring around Atlanta.

We started the day of with breakfast at the Waffle House then went to Olympic Park. This was an amazing look into what the 1996 Summer Olympic Games were like in the city. There were names on every brick of supporters, multiple sculptures showcasing all the national flags of the countries that participated, and a fountain in the shape of the Olympic Rings. Bordering the park were some amazing things too, such as the College Football Hall of Fame, the CNN Building, the Georgia Aquarium, and the World of Coca-Cola.

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That day also was Montana's state lunch at the Sundial Restaurant. Did you know that the largest building in the state of Montana is First Interstate Center in Billings at 272 feet with 20 floors? Now some would say that's really tall, but the Sundial was atop the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel which stands at 723 feet with 73 floors!!! Our state lunch was on floor 72! After our lunch, we continued the day getting to know other 4-Hers from all across the country through a "speed dating" workshop.

The next day was when I had to be important because it was the State Ceremony. In the ceremony, each state’s Flag Bearer and Youth Delegate would walk across the stage to place the state flag in its proper location and tell a fun fact about their home. I was lucky enough to be chosen as Montana’s Youth Delegate and our Flag Bearer was Karena Appleman. Also just if you are curious, the fun fact I said about our amazing home was that yogo sapphires can only be found in Montana and they are the ONLY North American gem in the Crown Jewels of England.

For the sake of keeping this article smaller than the book War and Peace, I'll sum up some of the next few events. We took part in the International Night of Culture where we had food from all different countries and witnessed dances from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. This was really eye opening and cool to see how different all the people of this planet are from the perspective of a small town boy from Toston.

There were numerous workshops the next couple days ranging from cooking to dancing to science experiments (much like our Clover books we get at the beginning of the year). There was the 4-H Day of Service projects on the Monday of our trip which I really enjoyed.

I traveled to Bethlehem Elementary School about an hour outside of the city and I helped teach fourth graders about chickens! Being a cow guy I learned just as much as they did! Another cool thing I learned there was that in Georgia elementary schools, they actually have 4-H projects as part of their school classes so they already knew a little bit about what 4-H!!!

That night was also the night of the formal gala. All of us Montana kids cleaned up nicely, if I do say so myself. At the dinner, we heard a speech from Miss America, listened to some very musically talented 4-Hers, and even Santa Claus joined the party! After the formal dinner there was of course a dance because you can't truly have a 4-H event without one, and I'll say it like it is: Montana brought the best dancers to Georgia.

The last day was hard to leave. Don't get me wrong, we all wanted to come back to the clean, open air of home, but we didn't want to leave the event and the friends we all made there. Before we went to the airport we finished touring with the Georgia Aquarium, which was a splash! Yes, that pun was intended.

I had an absolutely amazing time at National 4-H Congress and I made memories and friends I will have for the rest of my life. I couldn't have made it to Atlanta without the tremendous help and support of my family, friends, or the amazing 4-H program in Broadwater County! I encourage EVERYONE to take that step out of their comfort zone into something bigger, because once you do, a whole new, interesting, fun world is opened up to you. Participate in County Contest Day, even if you don't want to, because from there you can go to State Congress and hopefully even Atlanta for Nationals! I could write so much more about National Congress, but I could write a book if I did. I want to say “Thank You!” one more time to everyone who helped me get to National Congress, and I hope you learned a little bit about how much fun I had!
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RIFLE RAFFLE
Only 1,000 tickets sold
All proceeds go to Montana 4-H Shooting Sports

1st Prize
Win a $2500 gift certificate towards a SHILOH SHARPS RIFLE

Other Prizes

Henry Lever Action 30-30 awarded to the 2nd ticket drawn.

Savage 111 Trophy Hunter XP 30-06, w/ Nikon Scope awarded to 3rd and 4th tickets drawn.

Winchester SXP Black Shadow Shotgun, 12 Ga awarded to 5th ticket drawn.

10 CHANCES to win Browning Knife/Light Combo awarded to 6th-15th tickets drawn.

Drawing will be held June 16, 2019 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT. Need not be present to win.

Purchase Raffle Tickets From:

Archery Project Members: Contact Jason Noyes for their information: 406.949.4851
OR
.22 Rifle Member: Contact Caleb Toole at 406.431.6178

Questions? Contact Scott Francis 406.994.3518

$20 per ticket (6 for $100) Checks payable to Montana 4-H Foundation

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