



# Broadwater County 4-H Newsletter

March 2019

## COUNTY CONTEST EXTRAVAGANZA!



Hope you are having fun preparing for the "April Fool's Extravaganza". Please contact the Extension Office with any questions. We can't wait to see what kind of creativity you bring to the table! The County Contest is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and will begin in the afternoon. The schedule will be set after the entry deadline and sent out ahead of time via email.

## County 4-H Strategic Planning

Broadwater County 4-H has set another enrollment record, currently at 142 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 workshop on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Committee and Council Meetings

**Livestock Committee:** Next meeting is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The meeting is at the Toston Irrigation Office, 8715 Highway 287, Toston. For questions, call Jason at 406.949.4851.

**Indoor Committee:** Next meeting is Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It's held in the Courthouse basement meeting room, located at 515 Broadway in Townsend. Enter the doors at the southwest 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:** Next meeting is Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Held in the same location as Indoor Council (see above). For any questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

## A Letter from the Extension Agent

Can you believe we are almost halfway through the 4-H year?! Now is a great time to step back and evaluate the progress towards your goals. Are you on track to complete your goals by the end of the 4-H year? What is left to do? What other resources or help do you need to make it happen? Your 4-H leaders and the crew at the office are more than willing to help if you have questions or need more resources. Don't hesitate to ask! We want to help you succeed and no question is a dumb one!

Also don't forget **you have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to add or drop projects**. If you find yourself falling behind or want to add a new challenge, it's not too late to make changes. You can do it yourself on 4HOnline or call the office and we will help you.

Sincerely,

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## 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.

## Teen Leader Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center in Townsend at 516 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. For questions, contact Allison Kosto at 406.266.9242 or text 406.439.8863 or call Karen Noyes at 949.4852.

## Interstate Exchange Meeting - Little Caesar's Pizza



The next Exchange Club meeting will be held in the basement of the courthouse. It has not been scheduled yet but planning on sometime during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March. Vanessa is working on putting together a Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser, so stay tuned! If you have questions or are interested in joining, contact Vanessa at 406.451.9569.

## First Leathercraft Workshop!

The first leather workshop will be held at Leader Marty Mitzkus' house, just north of Winston. In March, they will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There will be more workshops in April and May as well (see calendar). His address is 149 Quarter Circle Road in East Helena. If you have any questions, please contact Marty at 406.670.5421.



## Scheduling Cooking Workshops for April!

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](mailto:broadwater@montana.edu). It doesn't have to be an elaborate recipe. What is your family's favorite homemade recipe?



**Cake Decorating Workshop:** Ashley Rauser will host a cake decorating workshop on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm.

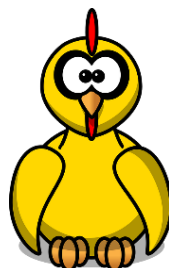
Suggested donation is \$2 per participant. **RSVP** to Vanessa at 406.451.9569.

## Poultry Workshops

The poultry project leaders have had their first workshop! The next three workshops will take place at the Trailhead Church, 20 Trailhead View Drive in Townsend and the last will be at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building.

- Poultry Project Levels 1-2, Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- Poultry Project Levels 3 & Up, Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- Poultry Project Levels 3 & Up, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- ALL Poultry Project Levels, Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm

Questions? Call Kendra at 406.594.8620 or Alice at 406.547.2588.



## Upcoming Workshops

**Dog:** From 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Gardening:** 7pm, Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm has been **CANCELLED** due to weather conditions. For questions, call Amber Burgess at 406.459.2584.

**Horse:** 6:30pm on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Senior Center in Townsend at 516 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Call/text Cassie Cooper for questions at 406.439.1269 or email [cassie@mt.net](mailto:cassie@mt.net).

**Rabbit:** The next workshop will be in late March/early April. Date still pending. Stay tuned! For questions, call Karen at 406.949.4852.

**Sewing:** 1pm at LDS Church in Townsend on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. To **RSVP** & get a materials list, call Sarah at 406.266.3473.

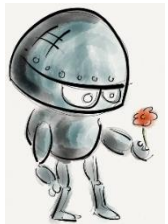
**Visual Arts:** Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm in the Courthouse basement meeting room. If coming from Three Forks, it's okay to be a bit late. To **RSVP** call/text Katria at 406.431.1087.

## Swine Workshop + Quality Assurance

There will be a hog workshop on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Robotics Update

NXT Lego kits will be 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 **four robotics meetings in June**. Dates and times will be by consensus of the beginning members. For questions, contact Laura at 406.980.0408.

## Swine Market Possession and Tagging

All market hogs must be in your possession by April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. **NEW this year, a form needs to be turned into the office by that date with the animal details including designated tag number.** The form will be emailed out in mid-March. 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup>-Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 scholarships 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 and application, are due **April 1<sup>st</sup>** to the Extension Office. Applications are available on the county Extension webpage or you can email [broadwater@montana.edu](mailto:broadwater@montana.edu) for one.

## Project Add/Drop

Don't forget to add/drop projects by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**! You can do this on 4-H Online or at the Extension Office.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### Upcoming Shooting Sports Workshops

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



**Small Bore Rifle (.22):** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

March 16<sup>th</sup>: Shooting Sports Invitational, Beaverhead County, Registration Postmarked by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Billings, (Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Western Heritage) [Registration](#) is due March 27<sup>th</sup>. Shooting Sports Leader Training is also available at this event. Leader registration info found [here](#).

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

April 28<sup>th</sup>: Muzzle-loader Qualifier, Park County. Registration TBD.

May 4<sup>th</sup>: Park County 3D Shoot, Livingston

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Archery Qualifier, Park County. [Qualifier Rules](#). [Archery Rules](#).

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

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships, Grand Island, Nebraska

## 4-H Shooting Sports Camp - Air Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Sportfishing, and Family Time! May 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>



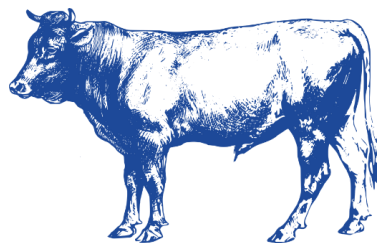
The camp is held at Loon Lake near Bigfork in Ferndale, MT. This is a family camp for members to try their hand at a variety of shooting sports disciplines. At least one adult must accompany 4-H member(s). The rate is \$60 per person. The maximum family rate is \$200 and good for immediate family members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

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, contact Nori at 406.758.5552 prior to registering for space availability. Contact the Extension office for a registration form. Registration is due May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## STATE 4-H ACTIVITIES

### Spring Fling Jr. Beef Show in Deer Lodge, MT

The Beef Show is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your entry form is postmarked by March 8<sup>th</sup>. For a registration form and more information, contact the Extension Office.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Cloverbud Camp

Held June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is "Cloverbud Superheroes!" Contact the Extension Office for a registration form or more information.

## 2019 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show in Billings

The show will be in Billings on August 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. An Exhibitors Handbook will be online by the end of May. Registration is online at [montanafair.com](http://montanafair.com), due June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at PAYS Auction rather than mail-in tags. This is still a tentative idea.
- Sheep /Goat Tagging – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-11am at PAYS Auction. Animal Quality Assurance Training is from 9-10:30am.

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

## Montana 4-H State Service Project - July 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

**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 table to attend dinner at Congress! - *Written by Nathan Hessel, MT 4-H Ambassador*



## NATIONAL 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 contributions of volunteer leaders, staff and alumni. Apply by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth Application found [here](#). Adult Nomination Form found [here](#).

### Joann Fabrics Clovers for Kids

From March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>, JOANN stores nationwide will ask their customers to donate towards the 4-H program. Like last year, both \$1 and \$4 donations are available and the purchase of a \$4 donation comes with a \$4 off a future purchase coupon. Although store associates are encouraged to ask customers to donate, sometimes this isn't possible and the display boards are available to make the ask.

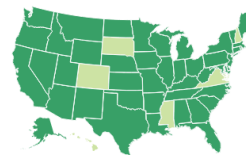
**Where does the money go? How is it used?** All funds raised go back to the 4-H program. Like last year, 70% of funds raised at Montana store locations go to Montana 4-H, with the other 30% going to National 4-H Council.

**4-H Fabric:** An exciting component of this year's partnership is 4-H fabric! Although the fabric initially is not available in-store at Montana locations, you can ask your local JOANN to order a supply from another store. Also, the fabric is available via the [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.

## True Leaders in Service

**44 States**

Projects were registered from 44 different states



**65,000 Impacted**

Approximately 65,000 people were impacted by the community service projects

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 officially kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



**407 Projects**

Number of registered service projects



**7,477 Volunteers**

Youth and adults that volunteered on behalf of the projects

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.

# INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

## Japanese Summer Exchange July 21<sup>st</sup> - August 17<sup>th</sup>

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! Contact Stephanie Davison if you are interested at 406.994.3502 or email [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu). I also have a list of the Japanese kids available and their interests. If you would like to see it, please email me at [broadwater@montana.edu](mailto:broadwater@montana.edu). You can also apply at [states4hexchange.org/apply/host/](http://states4hexchange.org/apply/host/). Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## Costa Rica or Norway Summer Exchange June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Families can host a youth from Costa Rica or Norway. Program dates are June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline for this program is NO LATER than **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Apply using the same link as above.

## IPYA HOSTING

Montana International 4-H Youth Exchange (IPYA) delegates need hosts from July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) for more information.

## 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 [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto: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?

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's rapidly evolving, with innovation and technologies. And with a rising population, agriculture faces new challenges such as helping solve the problem of hunger and increasing farm productivity. But with new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry.

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.

**Mission:** Our mission is to understand the impact farming has on our nations and our world's food supplies and the changes and challenges farmers face today, and, to explore the innovations, careers, and variety of farming systems the industry has to offer. In order to do that, we need your help.

**Video Submissions open March 25<sup>th</sup> and close April 24<sup>th</sup>!**

# 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.



THE LEGENDARY  
**Shiloh Sharps**  
RIFLE COMPANY



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

**\$20 per ticket (6 for \$100)**

Checks payable to *Montana 4-H Foundation*

Questions? Contact Scott Francis 406.994.3518