COUNTY CONTEST RESULTS

We had 31 amazing 4-H kids participate in the events; what a great turnout! Those that took home purple ribbons in each category were: Taylor Noyes in Senior Communications, Kayley Conner in Junior Communications, Amanda Wilcox in Hooked on Cooking, Gabriella Rauser in Stir-Ups, Taylor Noyes in Senior Quilting, and Haylee Collins in Junior Fashion Review. Congratulations to those who won and to all those who participated! It was such a fun event, and we hope it will continue to grow.

Multi-County 4-H Camp

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. Both campers and counselors must register by Friday, May 10th. The registration fee for Broadwater County 4-H members is $65, thanks to a contribution from the 4-H Council.

We still need adult male chaperones! If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office.

Fair T-Shirt Design Contest Winner

The winner of the Broadwater 4-H Fair T-shirt is (drumroll): Kaitlyn Noyes! We had a total of six entries that were great! Thank you to all who participated! Congratulations, Kaitlyn!!

4-H Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to recipients of the Broadwater 4-H Leadership scholarships! Trenton Braaten and Wayne Ascheman received the Broadwater County 4-H Leadership Scholarship. We hope they will help you achieve your future educational endeavors!

Committee and Council Meetings

Livestock Committee: Next meeting is Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm at the Toston Irrigation Office, 8715 Highway 287, Toston. For questions, call Jason at 406.949.4851.

Indoor Committee: Next meeting is Tuesday, May 28th 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, May 28th at 7pm. Held in the same location as Indoor Committee (see above). For any questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

A Letter from the Extension Agent

This month are recognizing and congratulate our six graduating seniors! Can you believe that every single one of them has been in 4-H for 10 years! What an accomplishment! Wayne Ascheman is a member of Old Baldy 4-H Club, graduating from Broadwater High School. Trenton Braaten and Andrew Ferrat are members of Toston Blue Ribbon, also graduating from Broadwater High School. Emily Pizzini is graduating from Helena High and is a member of Winston Eager Beavers. Ashley Rauser and Tanner Sayers are both members of Crow Creek Clovers and graduate from Three Forks.

Congratulations and we wish you the very best in your future endeavors! It has been my pleasure to work you in the 4-H program and watch you grow as young leaders. I have no doubt you’ll go far in whatever you decide to do! Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

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**Horse Committee**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm 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, contact Jan Finn at 406.266.4992.

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**Fair Entries Open June 1st**

Fair entries will open June 1st and close July 1st. All fair entries will be done online through FairEntry with your 4HOnline log-on. The Fair book was emailed March 15th. Please use this as a reference when deciding your entries and understanding rules. If you have any trouble or questions, please do not hesitate calling the Extension Office at 406.266.9242.

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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.

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**Teen Leader Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 23rd at 7pm in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. (This will take place right after the rabbit workshop.) For questions, call Allison Kosto at 406.266.9242 or text 406.439.8863 or call Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

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**LOCAL 4-H CHALLENGE: Your Club Could Win a Snow Cone Party!**

Montana 4-H State Service Project

Our Teen Leader Club would like to challenge 4-H clubs to participate and represent Broadwater County. The winning club will win a snow cone party. The winner will be the club that brings the most of the below items to your June club meeting. (Your leaders will then bring it to the June Council Meeting.)

**ITEMS TO COLLECT:** Gum, Coffee - Individual Packets, Individual Size Trail Mix, Individual Size Jerky, Decks of Cards, Hand Warmers, Foot Warmers, Granola Bars, Chapstick, Lotion, Kleenex

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:** 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.

**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

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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

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**Babysitting Workshop - RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 7th**

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. Since you are making these “magic bags”, they can be entered in the fair! So she can gather supplies, please RSVP to Karen Noyes by Tuesday, May 7th at 406.949.4852.

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**Cooking Workshop - Summer Treats!**

Karen Noyes will host a cooking workshop on Saturday, June 1st from 10am-12pm in the 4-H Building Kitchen. Suggested donation is $2 per participant. RSVP to Karen at 406.949.4852.

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**Dog Workshops**

Starting Wednesday, May 29th From 6:30-7:30 pm and then every Wednesday until Fair, 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.

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**Goat Workshop**

Tancy McDaniel will be holding a goat workshop on Saturday, May 18th at 2pm at her house. For directions and to RSVP please call Tancy at 406.980.0456. She will be going over the basic care and feeding of goats.
Horse Workshops
Meetings are held every Monday night at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds, through July 22nd. Call Jan Finn 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards 406.521.0717 for more info.

Leathercraft Workshop
Workshops will be held on Wednesdays, May 22nd and 29th 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
The next workshop is Sunday, May 19th at 1pm at the Townsend Senior Center at 516 2nd Street. Call/text Cassie Cooper for questions at 406.439.1269 or email cassie@mt.net.

Poultry Workshops - ALL Levels Invited!
Their last workshop will be held Sunday, June 23rd at 3pm, Trailhead Church (20 Trailhead View Drive, Townsend). Questions? Call Kendra at 406.594.8620 or Alice at 406.547.2588.

Robotics - Leader for Next Year Needed
Are you interested in leading robotics? Laura Ascheman 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 be 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.

Scrapbooking Workshop
The next workshop will be Monday, June 3rd at 6:30pm at Alisha Knaub’s house at 28 Sharon Loop in Townsend. For questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

Sewing
The last workshop for this 4-H year will be held at 9:30am at LDS Church in Townsend on Saturday, May 11th. For questions, call Sarah at 406.266.3473.

LOCAL LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES

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. All members must be in attendance or make arrangements for your animal(s) to be there.

Mid-Season Livestock Update - May 31st
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!

SHOOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Shooting Sports Workshops
Hunting/Wildlife: Erica will have 2 workshops in May on Tuesdays, the 14th and 28th 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: Starting at 5pm on Monday nights at the Canton Gun Range (weather permitting). Please call the leaders to confirm: Liz Wishman at 406.980.1965 or Joe Horne at 406.202.2186. They hope to start sporting clays shoots at Indian Creek Range, so stay in contact with Liz and Joe!

Additional Shooting Sports Events
May 4th: Park County 3D Shoot, Livingston
May 5th: National Archery Qualifier, Park County. Qualifier Rules, Archery Rules
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 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 the 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! 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, the 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. For a registration form, contact the Extension Office. Due May 10th.

STATE 4-H ACTIVITIES

Cloverbud Camp

Held June 7th-9th, this is a great opportunity for Cloverbuds and parents to experience a 4-H camp! There are 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 near 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 Congress

The event is July 9-12 in Bozeman. Youth must be at least 13 years old (as of October 1, 2018) to attend. Congress is an opportunity for teens to participate in statewide contests, expand leadership skills and meet other 4-H members across the state. Registration deadline is June 15th through 4HOnline. The cost is $225, which includes housing, meals and program fees. If you are interested in attending and would like funding assistance, please notify the Extension Office by May 22nd. The Council will help provide some funding for participants, but needs a more accurate count to make it happen. Find more details here. Chaperones are also needed for Congress! Pre-Congress is July 7-9 and registration deadline is also June 15th. Watch for more details!

Minecraft 101 - FREE

MSU is hosting the camp on August 15th-16th and August 20th-21st on campus in Bozeman. It will introduce the Minecraft gaming platform and how it can be used to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The camp is designed for Minecraft beginners who are entering grades 4-7 this Fall. The camp is FREE. Applications are due May 10th and camp will be fill on a first come first serve basis. For more information or to apply, click here.

Yellowstone Youth Writing Camp

This is a multi-day “unschooled” writing workshop on July 8th-12th at the MSU campus in Bozeman for youth entering grades 5-12. Campers write in multiple genres and share their writing with a supportive community of peers and licensed educators. The program includes field trips, writing games and guidance throughout the writing process. The cost is $250. For more information or to register click here.

Montana Range Days

This event takes place on June 17th-19th near Dillon, MT. It consists of tours, workshops and contests. It is open to ages 3 to adult. Workshop topics include: plant identification, soils, ecology, rangeland inventory, and management tools and techniques. Tours of local operations showcase natural resource management. Contests allow participants to test their knowledge and earn prizes and other awards, including scholarships. For more information, go to www.montanarangedays.org. Tickets can be bought until June 7th or June 17th, depending on events you are attending.

STATE & NATIONAL LIVESTOCK EVENTS

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 and 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 Billings Fair, contact the Extension Office.
Massey Show Lamb & Goat Camp - May 18th & 19th

JB Massey and his crew will 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.

NILE Merit Heifer Program

This is an amazing opportunity for young people to get started in the cattle industry. The program is a live animal scholarship, meaning the recipients are given a young female heifer. Participants are chosen based on merit, future goals and ability to care for the animal. 4-H and FFA members who are 12-16 years old may apply. During the program, participants are responsible for the care, records and breeding of the animal. At the conclusion of the program, participants show it at the NILE and the animal becomes theirs. Applications, which include a YouTube video, are due June 28th. More information is available here.

Champions Choice Lamb & Pig Camps in Helena, MT

This camp is taking place on June 7th and 8th at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds in Helena, MT. They will teach you about all aspects of your lamb and pig projects: showing, growing, managing, fitting, and marketing. Contact Tracy Dendinger at 740.505.6505 or email her at championschoicecamps@gmail.com for more information. Registration is available online. To register, click here.

Huntley Eagles 4-H Club Feeder Show - 406 Showdown

Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 at Big Horn County Fairgrounds in Hardin, Montana. Open to all MT 4-H & FFA Members with Pigs, Lambs, Goats, Steers, Heifers, and Registered Angus Steers. Entries must be postmarked by May 13th. Contact the Extension Office for a registration form.

NATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

Raise Your Hand for 4-H in Montana!

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. Please vote here!

INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

Japanese Exchange

If you have never hosted a summer foreign exchange 4-H kid, I highly recommend it! You have the opportunity to host a Japanese Summer Exchange student from July 21st to August 17th! 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 406.994.3502 or email sdavison@montana.edu for more information.