

Broadwater County 4-H Newsletter



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January 2024

Beef Tagging and Weigh-in

This **MANDATORY** event is on **Saturday, December 30th at Noon at GaLor Genetics** (8393 US Hwy 287, Townsend). To respect our host, please try to be on time and not too early. All **market** beef animals are required to attend. If you can't be there, you must make arrangements for your animal(s) to be there. Breeding animals are welcomed to get weighed but are not required to attend. Please bring your bill of sale or brand inspection for the inspector to look at and provide guidance on what needs to be done prior to Fair. Also be prepared to share information about your animal including breed, breeder and birthdate. If you have any questions, contact John Ferrat at 406.949.7911 or Samantha Ferrat at 406.949.0869. If you run into issues on tagging day, contact Allison Kosto at 406.439.8863.

Record Book Survey

The Montana Curriculum Advisory Team is requesting feedback from parents and members on 4-H record books and their format. This is your opportunity to share your love or frustrations with the books to help guide the future of their development. Take the survey [here!](#)

4-H Scholarships Now Open

Calling all high school seniors as well as current college students! The Montana 4-H Foundation has opened up the 2024 Scholarships. You can see all of the available scholarships [here](#). Applications are done online [here](#). You will need two letters of reference and a copy of your transcript. Please keep in mind that one of the reference letters must be from your Extension Agent. Think ahead and talk with Allison about this early, so she has plenty of time to get these letters written. Scholarship application deadline is February 14th, 2024.

Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner

The Ag Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Watson Event Center. We would like to have 4-H and FFA members who are 12 and over serve dinner. Please wear white button down shirt and black pants and arrive at the event center by 5:30pm. If members are interested please contact Jemma Loughery 406.314.3403 by February 15th.

A Letter From the Extension Agent

What does leadership mean to you? In my opinion, leadership is not a single skill but a combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes that help a person project a leadership quality. It is a destiny that is constantly changing and shaping to be better.

I got my first experience with leadership skill development as a young person in 4-H. There are many opportunities in 4-H to learn and practice leadership skills in a safe supportive environment. One example is through designing and implementing a teen leadership project. This is only the beginning though. You can also become a 4-H camp counselor, attend state and national leadership development events, be a club officer, mentor younger members and so much more.

Stretch your leadership skills this year and take advantage of a new opportunity. There are many listed in the newsletter!

Sincerely,

Allison Kosto

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Countywide 4-H Activities

4-H Leaders Training

Save the date for the annual 4-H Leaders Training on Tuesday, **March 26th at 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. This will replace the monthly Indoor Committee and Council meeting that month. The training is open to all leaders (club, project and others) or parents. The focus of the training is conflict management. There will also be a taco dinner. Please RSVP to the office by Friday, March 22 to ensure we have enough food. Contact Allison in the office at 406.266.9242.

Committee & Council Meetings

4-H COUNCIL: The next meeting will be **Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office (Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend). Contact Karen at 406.949.4852 if you have any questions or agenda items. Agenda items must be submitted by noon the Friday prior to the meeting.

INDOOR COMMITTEE: The next meeting will be **Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm** at the Extension Office (Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend). Contact Karen at 406.949.4852 if you have any questions or agenda items. Agenda items must be submitted by noon the Friday prior to the meeting.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend). If you have any questions or agenda items, please contact Jason Noyes at 406.949.4851. Agenda items must be submitted by noon the Friday prior to the meeting.

TEEN CLUB: The next Teen Club meeting will be **Monday, January 29th at 6:30pm** at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend). Teen Club is open to all Middle or High School aged members. If you are not currently in Teen Club, but want to find out what it is about, please come to a meeting! Please RSVP to Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

COUNTY CONTEST COMMITTEE:

There will be a planning meeting for the county 4-H contest on **Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm** in the backroom of the Extension Office (Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend). If you volunteered to be a part of this committee, please attend this meeting. Items to discuss are date and theme ideas. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

4-H Animal Project Activities

Beef Workshop

Please join Jeff Klompfen and Kayla McDonald on **Sunday, January 14th at noon** for our workshop on our ranch during calving season! Jeff and I are putting together a workshop during calving season. We would like to invite you to my family's ranch to experience calving season on our ranch. We will be covering newborn care and

perhaps even experience delivery. We ask that you please wear the cleanest pair of shoes to prevent sicknesses into our facility and dress for the weather. If you can carpool with others, that would be great but not required. The easiest way to find our corrals is come to our driveway at 83 Dry Hollow RD Townsend MT 59644 then you will go 2.7 miles past our house, over 2 cattle guards. You will keep going until you see our corrals on the right-hand side. Please feel free to call myself, Kayla McDonald (406)570-0904 or my mom Pam McDonald at (406)580-3499

Dairy Goat

The next workshop will be on **Saturday, January 6th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). Meat goat members are welcome as well. Any member wanting to do a demonstration at one of the meetings is welcome to do so. If you have any questions, please contact Danyel Henke at 406.980.0995

Rabbit

The next rabbit project meeting will be **Sunday, January 7th at 3:30pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend) If you have any questions, please contact Dannielle Douglas at 406.465.3318.

Poultry

There will be a poultry meeting on **Saturday, January 20th at 4:30pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). Topics covered will be choosing your market animal, a poultry quiz, and parts of chickens, ducks and turkeys. The next Poultry meeting will be on Saturday February 24th. If you have a questions, please contact Alice Kroeger at 406.547.4343.

4-H Non-Animal Project Activities

Cloverbuds

The first Cloverbuds meeting will be held on **Sunday January 21st at 3:00pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). Cloverbuds is the project for our 4-H members age 5-7. 4-H members who are 8 can choose to take Cloverbuds as their project or to be a full 4-H member and take any of the other 4-H projects available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Lancello at 406.860.5355.

Sewing

The next sewing workshop will be **Saturday, January 13th at 9:30 am at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). Sewing workshops are planned for the second Saturday of the month until April 2024. There is no December workshop! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Holland at 406.266.3473

Baking and Cooking

There are workshops scheduled for Thursdays in January. The next workshop will be on **Thursday, January 4th at 6:30pm at the Trailhead Church** (20 Trailhead View Dr, Townsend). If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Beatty at 406.490.1362.

Cake Decorating

Cake decorating workshops are scheduled for **Fridays, January 12th and 26th at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). Watch for more information in the January newsletter. There will also be workshops on February 9th and 23rd and March 8th and 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Six at 406.980.1204.

Visual Arts

There will be a workshop on **Monday, January 8th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). This workshop will be painting with tempera paints. There is another Visual Arts workshop scheduled for January 24th- working with chalk pastels (bring your own chalk and chalk paper if you have it). If you have any questions about this workshop, please contact Renee Kockler at 406.220.2820

Hunting/Wildlife

The next workshop will be **Saturday, January 6th at 3:00pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). Topics will be cold weather hunting, hunter orange, mapping your hunt, ballistics and many more. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Henke at 406.980.0992

Archery

Archery workshops will be held on **Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds** (189 US Hwy 12E, Townsend) until March 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Noyes at 406.949.4851.

Photography

There will be a 4-H Photography workshop on Sunday, **January 21st at 1:00 pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). The workshop will be taught by 4-H alumni, Bailey Taves. Contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 with any questions.

Statewide 4-H Opportunities

Shooting Sports Leaders Training Opportunities

There are shooting sports leaders trainings planned for this fall and winter. Any adult interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Leader must complete training in that particular discipline in addition to becoming a certified volunteer. The training includes four online training modules and an in-person training portion. The 4-H Council has traditionally helped with some of the financial costs of the training. New instructions are needed in all disciplines. Trainings will be held on the following dates:

- December 1-2– Kalispell, MT. Disciplines offered; Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting, and Coordinator.
- December 8-9– Miles City, MT. Disciplines offered; Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting, and Coordinator.
- December 15-16– Belgrade, MT. This is an Advanced Training for Rifle, Pistol, and Archery.
- Basic and Advanced Trainings for Western Heritage, Muzzleloader, and Hunting Skills will be held later in the Spring of 2024.

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways. Each month the officer team members will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own

leadership abilities through a virtual platform.

The workshops are on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00pm. The dates are: January 14, February 11 and March 10. Registration is done online [here](#). Click on the blue 'register now' button. Once registered, the zoom links will be shared monthly.

Custer County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

Registration for the Custer County Invitational is available now. The meet is scheduled for January 13th and 14th, 2024, with registrations due by January 10th. This is an opportunity for Archery members. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Archery – Helena Invitational Shoot

Registration for the Helena Invitational on January 6 is now OPEN. The price is \$15 per event. Please use the links below to sign up. The tournament will be held at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds in Helena. If you have questions, please call Sam Allen at 406-461-8583

[Archery Target Registration](#)

[Archery 3D Registration](#)

2024 4-H National Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

The 2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl registration portal is now open. Quizzes this year are comprised of 50 new questions for Intermediate/Seniors and 25 new questions for Juniors as a mix of General 4-H, STEM, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage - hosted on a brand new, exciting, hopefully trouble free, platform.

Quiz Bowl registration price is the same as last year, \$10 for individuals and \$40 for teams. Team members are automatically scored as individuals and receive individual awards/recognition as well as team awards/recognition.

Upon registration you will be provided a link to the study materials and a personal quiz link.

The Quiz may be taken anytime between January 15-19, 2024. You will only have one chance to take the quiz. Quiz scores are based on the number of correct answers and the amount of time remaining in the quiz.

REGISTRATION LINKS

[Junior Individual \(Age 9-11\)](#)

[Intermediate and Senior Individual \(ages 12-19\)](#)

[Teams \(ages 9-19, uses oldest team member's age\)](#)

2024 REC LAB April 19-21 – Save the Date!

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event. Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun! This event is a 4-H member favorite: It 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 provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2023. Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Registration will be done through Zsutes. Watch for more information on when registration will be live!

4-H Congress July 9 – 12 – Save the Date!

Montana 4-H invites all members 4-H age 13 and older to the 2024 Montana 4-H Congress event on the Bozeman campus of MSU. Congress provides youth from cross the state an opportunity to come together on campus in Bozeman for four

days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers.

Montana 4-H'ers have been attending an event like Congress for decades. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the Montana 4-H Program. Congress' purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H Congress has to offer including contests, workshops, entertainment, social events, and much more. Watch for more information in the spring!

People Partner Grants - Montana 4-H Foundation

These grants, up to \$500, provide incentives and financial support to 4-H clubs, groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
- The project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
- There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidenced by "partners" listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.
- The project has lasting benefits.

Applications can be found [here](#) and must be postmarked by February 1.

National 4-H Opportunities

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF): A Leadership Summit Through the Lens of American Democracy

CWF is the civic engagement event for teens to learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy, and our amendments in Washington D.C.

Who: open to 4-Hers ages 14-19 at the time of the program

When: Week 1: June 15–22, 2024 or Week 2: June 20–27, 2024

Note: *The MT 4-H delegation will participate in 1 of the 2 week options – whichever week works best for the majority and/or chaperone(s) availability.*

Where: Hyatt Regency – Bethesda, Maryland

Approximate Cost: \$1,495/youth delegate for 7 nights double room occupancy includes program activities and most meals; cost of airfare/transportation is additional

For more information [check out the website.](#)

*If interested in participating in the 2024 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), please indicate by completing this [Citizenship Washington Focus Interest Form!](#) Completing this form does not commit you to participate in the program - it helps our state office plan.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE: Calling All Change Agents!

National 4 H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4 H Civic Engagement for teens. At the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in round table discussions and present to federal partner agencies as well as engage in service-learning.

Who: open to 4-Hers ages 15-19 at the time of the program, geared for juniors & seniors in high school

When: April 19-24, 2024

Where: Hyatt Regency - Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia
Approximate Cost: ~\$810/youth delegate (cost based on 2023 registration) for Apr 19-23 double room occupancy includes program activities and most meals; cost of airfare/transportation is additional

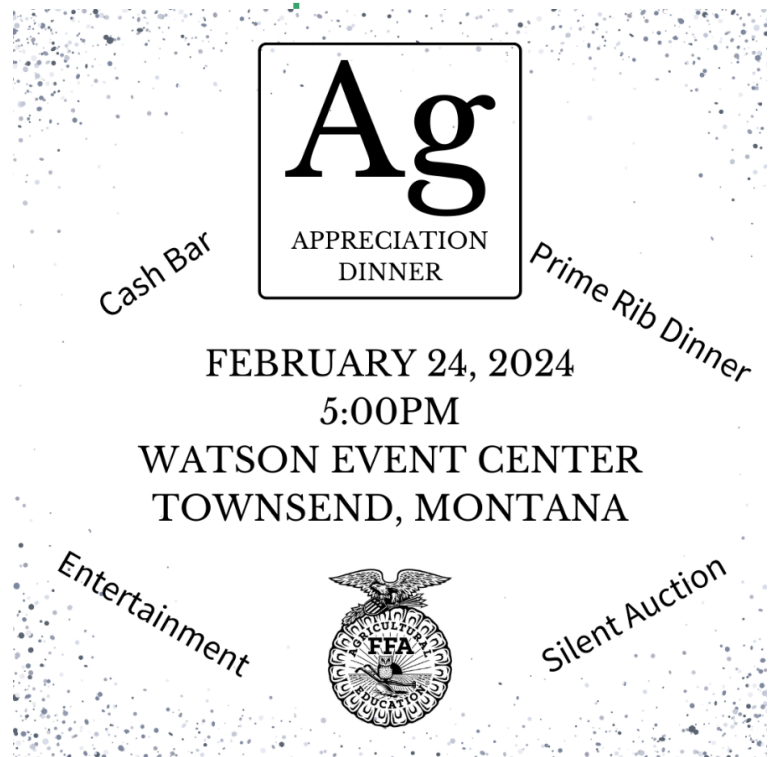
For more information [check out the website.](#)

*If interested in potentially participating in the 2024 National 4-H Conference, please indicate by completing this [National 4-H Conference Interest Form!](#) Completing this form does not commit you to participate in the program - it helps our state office plan.

Other Opportunities

Fair Board is Asking for Fair Theme Ideas!

The Broadwater County Fair Board is charged with coming up with the annual Fair themes. The board likes to gather ideas and decide on themes for the next few years at once. We are looking to decide on our themes for fair 2025-2030! We are reaching out to 4-H'ers to submit ideas for possible themes for us to choose from. Ideas can be submitted to our fair email address: fair@co.broadwater.mt.us or dropped off at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend). We will collect ideas until January 31, 2024!!



The poster features a central box with the text "Ag APPRECIATION DINNER". Surrounding this box are four phrases: "Cash Bar" (top-left), "Prime Rib Dinner" (top-right), "Entertainment" (bottom-left), and "Silent Auction" (bottom-right). The date and time "FEBRUARY 24, 2024 5:00PM" are centered below the box. The location "WATSON EVENT CENTER TOWNSEND, MONTANA" is centered below the date. At the bottom center is the FFA logo, which includes an eagle and the text "FFA" and "FEDERAL FARMERS' EDUCATION AND COUNCILS OF AMERICA".

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day—Observed Office Closed	2 Livestock Committee 7:00 pm @ EO Archery 6:00 @ FG	3	4 Baking/Cooking 6:30pm @ Trailhead Church	5	6 Hunting/Wildlife 3:00 @ EO Dairy Goat 5:30 @ EO
7 Rabbit 3:30 @ EO Club Meeting	8 Visual Arts 5:30pm @ EO Club Meeting	9 Archery 6:00 @ FG Club Meeting	10	11 Baking/Cooking 6:30pm @ Trailhead Church	12 Cake Decorating 5:30-7:00 @ EO	13 Sewing 9:30 am @ EO
14 Leadership Academy 3:00pm online Beef 12:00 pm @ McDonald's Ranch Club Meeting	15 MLK Jr Day Office Closed	16 Archery 6:00 @ FG County Contest Committee Meeting 6:30pm @ EO	17	18 Baking/Cooking 6:30pm @ Trailhead Church	19	20 Poultry 4:30pm @ EO
21 Photography 1:00 pm @ EO Cloverbuds 3:00pm @ EO Club Meeting	22 Indoor Committee 6:30 Council 7:00 @ EO	23 Archery 6:00 @ FG	24 Visual Arts 5:30pm @ EO	25 Baking/Cooking 6:30pm @ Trailhead Church	26 Cake Decorating 5:30-7:00 @ EO	27
28	29 Teen Club 6:30pm @ EO	30 Archery 6:00 @ FG	31			

Locations:


EO— Extension Office-416 Broadway, Townsend

FG— Fairgrounds 4-H Building

Trailhead Church—20 Trailhead View Dr, Townsend

McDonalds Ranch—2.7 miles past the house at 83 Dry Hollow Rd, Townsend

February 2024

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