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May 2025

### Market Swine Tagging

**IMPORTANT:** 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 May 1<sup>st</sup>. A Market Swine Form needs to be turned into the office by that date. There is no limit to the number of hogs tagged, but only two hogs can be entered in the Fair and only one will sell. Every hog tagged 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. Tagging forms are attached to this email, available [online](#), or can be submitted via [google form](#). Contact the Extension Office or Travis Volkman at 406.253.6160 if you have any questions.

### Project Add/Drop Deadline

The deadline to add or drop projects is May 1<sup>st</sup>! You can do this online through Zsutes or through the Extension Office. You are only able to enter into Fair for the projects you are enrolled in as of this deadline.

### Market Lambs and Meat Goats

**IMPORTANT:** All Market Lambs and Meat Goats must be in your possession by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Weigh-in and tagging is on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Galor Genetics (8393 US HWY 287, Townsend). All market lambs and goats are required to attend the tagging. If you cannot attend, then you must make arrangements for someone else to bring your animal. No exceptions. Breeding animals are welcomed to get weighed but are not required to attend. Also please be prepared to share information about your animal including breed, breeder and date of birth. If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office, Dave Merrit at 406.539.5838 or Tancy McDaniel at 406.980.0456.

### Market Rabbit & Poultry

If you plan to take market pens of poultry or rabbits to the Fair, they must be in your possession by June 25<sup>th</sup> and you are required to complete and turn in an identification form, **due June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Since there is no official tagging for these animals, we use a form. The form is included in this newsletter email and an online google form is available [here](#). This form is not needed for pet rabbits or poultry, laying hens or breeding projects. It is only necessary if you plan to take a market project to Fair and sell it through the livestock auction.

### A Letter From the Extension Agent

This month, I'd like to recognize and congratulate our nine graduating seniors! Graduating this year is Anna Beatty who has been in 4-H for nine years in the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club. From the Old Baldy Club - Kaden Bruins (1 year in 4-H), Grace Kroeger (9 years), Scarlett McDaniel (10 years) and Kaelyn Sangray (9 years). Members of the Rocky Mountain Rough Hands club are Grady Erickson (10 years), Cassidy Flynn (10 years) and Kayla McDonald (11 years). Our final graduate is Ross MacDonald, who has been a member of the Winston Eager Beavers 4-H club for ten years! All of these members have been highly active and successful with their indoor and livestock projects throughout their 4-H careers.

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

Sincerely,

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## Multi-County 4-H Camp

Camp is on **June 3-6<sup>th</sup>** near Monarch. Registration will open in April in ZSuites and is **due May 9** along with the payment and medical forms. 4-H Camp is open to members currently in grades 3-6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the generous support of the 4-H Council, the cost for campers is \$70 and counselors is \$60. Watch your email for more information soon.

## 2025 Broadwater County 4-H Fair

Believe it or not, we only have 3 months until Fair! This may seem like a long time, but it will be here before we know it! A copy of the Fair Book is attached to this newsletter email. It can also be found [here](#). In the Fair Book, you will find the Fair schedule, classes, rules and entry instructions. Now is the time to start planning your fair entries! Online fair entries will open May 16<sup>th</sup> and close July 9<sup>th</sup>. No late entries accepted.

## Fair T-shirts

Club leaders are in the process of collecting 4-H members t-shirt sizes. T-shirts are provided for all members through a donation from AgWest. If a non-member (parent, leader, younger sibling, etc.) would like to purchase a shirt, please contact the office. Shirts are \$20 each. Orders need to be in and paid for by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## Committee & Council Meetings

**4-H COUNCIL:** The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend). Please note that the date has been changed. 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 on **Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend). Please note that the date has been changed. 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, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HORSE COMMITTEE:** There is currently no meeting scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Finn at [2684hwy284@gmail.com](mailto:2684hwy284@gmail.com) or phone (406) 266-4992 - home phone or (406) 521-0001 - cell phone.

**INTERSTATE EXCHANGE CLUB:** The next meeting will be **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend). Please watch for the May meeting date. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Beatty at 406.490.1362 or Todd Beatty at 406.490.1361.

**TEEN CLUB:** The next meeting is not scheduled yet 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.

## 4-H Animal Project Activities

### Market Livestock Activity Requirements

To sell market livestock (including poultry and rabbits) at the Broadwater County Fair all 4-H members must complete 7 "activities" for each market project by the Fair entry deadline. There are many different activities that qualify for points.

One option for junior members (ages 8-13) is to complete seven (7) activities in your 4-H Project book. Senior members (ages 14-18) are limited to three book activities, but there are still many other options! You may also choose other activities such as attending a workshop, livestock judging, outside shows, helping a younger member or organizing a workshop. For each of these items, you should write a paragraph about what you learned during the educational experience. These educational experiences can be in-person or virtual but must pertain directly to your specific 4-H project.

These requirements are for market livestock ONLY. This means it is an animal that you plan to sell in the 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale. If you are not selling the animal (for example pet rabbits, breeding projects, laying hens, dairy animals, etc.), then this rule does not apply to you.

## Dog

The dog project will be meeting on **Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm at the fairgrounds** (189 US Hwy 12 E, Townsend). If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Wilde at 913.837.0061.

## Horse

### Horse Identification Form and Vaccination Records:

Members are required to complete a Horse Identification Form for every horse that you are using for a 4-H Horse project. It is attached to the newsletter email. The Horse ID form is due to the Extension Office on May 1. Also included with the ID form is the vaccination form. It is due by the first riding practice or May 1st, whichever is first. Make it easy on yourself and turn both in at the same time! If you need to change horses after May 1st, then you need to submit a new ID form along with a statement (written or electronic) of why you are changing horses.

### Horse Helmet Policy:

All members are required to view the Helmet Safety video once during their Junior aged years and again when they become a Senior aged 4-H member. This video can be viewed in the office by appointment only. There is also a Helmet Policy Form that must be signed EVERY year. This is also due by the first riding practice. A copy of this form is attached to the newsletter email.

### Riding Workshops

**Riding practices are scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds.** If you have any questions, please contact Jann Finn at 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards at 406.521.0717.

## Rabbit

The next rabbit workshop will be held on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend).** We will be going over rabbit breeds. No rabbits at this meeting please. Rabbit workshops are planned to be held monthly on the first Sundays at 3:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Dannielle Douglas at 406.465.3318.

## Dairy Goat/Meat Goat

The next meeting will be held **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Henke's house (200 S Railroad Ave, Townsend)** This workshop will cover showmanship for both types of goats. You can bring your goat to this workshop if you would like. If you have any questions, please contact Danyel Henke at 406.980.0995.

Important Market Livestock Deadlines		
Swine	Possession	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
	ID Forms w/ Tag #s (turned in to office)	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
Lambs & Goats	Possession	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
	Tagging and Weigh In (in person event)	May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Poultry & Rabbits	Possession	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
	Identification Form (turned in to office)	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

## Poultry

The next workshop is scheduled for **Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend).** Various poultry topics will be covered to help support member's projects and prepare for Fair. Please let Alice know if any members would like to use this time to present to the group. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Kroeger at 406.547.4343.

## Swine

The May meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds (189 US HWY 12 E, Townsend).** If you have any questions, contact Travis Volkman at 406.253.6160.

## 4-H Non-Animal Project Activities

### **Baking/Cooking**

There will be a workshop on **Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Deep Creek Pizza** (415 Broadway, Townsend). This workshop will be a tour of the restaurant, learning about running a food service company and food safety and labeling. You will also learn about pizza dough, tips on doughs in general and how to scale recipes for restaurant use. You will even have a chance to make your own small pizza for \$5. **Please RSVP to Jennifer Beatty at 406.490.1362 by 5:00pm on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Woodworking**

There is a field trip workshop planned for **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Marks Lumber Mill (30 Lump Gulch Road, Clancy MT).** Please get ahold of Daniel if you are planning on attending this tour, so travel arrangements can be verified. There are also workshops planned starting in June. These will be the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Cadillac Custom Cabinets Shop (6 Hunters Trail, Townsend). Please contact Daniel Harrigfeld at 406.980.0388 for any questions.

## Sewing

The next sewing workshop will be **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). If you are planning on participating in the sewing project next year, please attend! Sewing workshops are planned for the second Saturday of the month until April. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Holland at 406.266.3473

## .22 Rifle

The group has been divided into two shooting groups. Group A will meet on the first and third Mondays, Group B will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays **at 6:30pm at the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club (96 Canton Lane, Townsend)**. For May: **Group A meets on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and Group B meets on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you do not know which group you are in please contact John Pavao. If you have any questions, please contact John Pavao at 406.422.9590.

## Cloverbuds

The last meeting of the year will be on **Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Extension Office** (416 Broadway, Townsend). If you have any questions please contact Jessica Lancello at 406.860.5355.

## Shotgun

Shotgun workshops will be held on: **the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Canton Range (96 Canton Lane, Townsend)**. The shotgun program is planning on using SportsYou for updates. The code to join the shotgun group is YCXY-KMZK. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Truesdell at 406.980.0640 or Todd Beatty at 406.490.1361.

# Statewide 4-H Opportunities

## Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Matches

There are several shooting sports matches remaining. Visit the [Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Event page](#) for information, registration materials and instructions, dates and deadlines! For additional information on any particular event, please contact the office.

- Logan - Saturday, May 3, 2025 Shotgun Qualifier  
scott.francis@montana.edu
- Livingston - Sunday, 5/18/2025 Archery Qualifier  
sramaro350@gmail.com & jrfrost99@gmail.com

## Carbon County 4-H 3D Archery Shoot

Carbon County Archery Club would like to invite all active 4-H archery members to our 3D archery range on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 in Joliet!** We have twenty, 3D targets set on a wooded walking course at our outdoor range. Target ranges are from 5 to 50 yards. Each target has 2 stakes per target, 1 for the youth division and 1 for both the Junior and Senior division.

- 8am & 10am Shoot times
- BBQ Lunch and Awards following the conclusion of the 10am shoot time

Registration is done [online](#). Register before May 31<sup>st</sup> for a t-shirt. Late registrations will be accepted.

## MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS UPDATE

4-H for LIFE isn't just a theme—it's a call to adventure! It's all about the journey of growth, leadership, and endless possibilities that 4-H gives you, now and into the future. LIFE stands for Leadership In Future Endeavors, and that's exactly what 4-H helps you build—skills and experiences that will set you up for success long after you've left the 4-H community.

### WHAT PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT FROM 4-H CONGRESS:

- Make connections with peers, both youth and adult from across Montana.
- Learn by doing - Get practical experience through hands-on activities and competitions.
- Discover fresh ideas from workshops and national speakers that will fuel your future success.
- Build your network of mentors and friends who will cheer you on.
- Set yourself up for success— Participate in workshops that open doors to new careers. This event is the cornerstone of Montana 4-H's Beyond Ready initiative which prepares young people for the challenges and opportunities of the future by helping them build the skills needed to be healthy, productive, and engaged.

Congress is open to all members 4-H age 13-19! Registration will open May 1 and close June 15.

We will also be looking for a county chaperone to attend Congress with our members. Chaperone numbers will depend on the number of members going from our county! If you are interested in possibly helping chaperone this event, please contact the office!

More information can be found on the [Montana 4-H Congress](#) web site.



## Beyond the Beartooths Livestock Judging Camp

Carbon and Stillwater County are excited to be hosting a state-wide judging camp May 23-25th at the Red Lodge Fairgrounds. Registration will open April 2nd.

We are bringing in two experienced collegiate coaches, Jesse Henson from Auburn University and Sierra Meyers from Linn-Benton Community College. This camp will be full of hands-on learning for members and coaches!

There will be a contest on Sunday May 25th. This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members, not just to those who attended the camp. More information will be coming out. Please see the flier attached to the newsletter email.

## McCone County 4-H Jackpot

It's Jackpot Time in McCone County!

We're excited to kick off planning for our Annual McCone County Jackpot Show — open to all active 4-H and FFA members! This year's market animal classes include:

- ☒ Market Hog
- ☒ Market Lamb
- ☒ Market Goat
- ☒ Market Beef
- ☒ Heifer Class

NEW for 2025: Mini Market Beef Class!

Register now using the Showman App — it's live and ready to go!

Date: Saturday, June 22nd

Weigh-Ins: 8:30 AM | Show Begins: 10:00 AM

Location: McCone County Fairgrounds

For more info: [tandi.kassner@montana.edu](mailto:tandi.kassner@montana.edu) or 406.485.2605

## Rimrock Sheep & Goat Show

This is a goat and lamb jackpot for all Montana 4-H and FFA members. The show is on **June 7<sup>th</sup>**, with weigh in from 7-8 am at the Metra Park Super Barn. Entries are due by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, but late entries will be accepted with an additional fee. If you are interested, contact the office for more information.

## State 4-H Horse Shows

The dates have been set for the state horse shows. The Working Ranch Horse Finals will be September 12-14<sup>th</sup> and the State Horse Show will be September 26-28<sup>th</sup> at the 406 Arena in Vaughn MT. Watch for registration information as we get closer to the dates!

## Montana 4-H Foundation- Youth Representative Application

The Montana 4-H Foundation is seeking dedicated and engaged youth applicants to serve on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. You must be at least 14 by October 1 of the current 4-H year and be enrolled as a 4-H member the following year. The position is for youth who are enrolled/active 4-H members during their year of service, which will start at the July annual meeting.

[Application](#) is due **June 1, 2025**.

## Other Opportunities

### MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show

The event will be August 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Billings. Animals participating in this show must be tagged on the following dates: **Swine/Sheep/Goat on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00-11:00 am**. Both tagging events are at the Public Auction Yard in Billings. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

## International Exchange Programs

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

2025 Inbound Delegates

- 20 Japanese delegates (July 21 to August 18, 2025)

These are 18 youth, 12-18 years old and 2 adult chaperones

- 2 Norwegian delegates (June 25 to July 19, 2025)

These are 14-18 years old OR one adult chaperone

- 2 Academic Year Program (AYP) Students

Students from Japan or South Korea that need to be hosted for one academic year (August 2025-June 2026) and enrolled in a public school

For more information about the various inbound programs and hosting a delegate, please visit the [State 4-H Exchange](#) website to begin an application.

For more information or support materials contact:

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## 4-H Career Day

**When:** Saturday, May 31st 1-5 PM

**Where:** Madison County  
Fairgrounds

**What:** Join us for an exciting day of hands-on activities designed to introduce you to various careers related to the 4-H projects you love.



# May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE  SWINE TAGGING FORMS DUE	2	3 DAIRY AND MEAT GOAT 1:00 PM @ KENKE'S
4 RABBIT- 3:30 @ ED SHOTGUN 4:00 @ BRCC  CLUB MEETING-RR	5 RIFLE GROUP A- 6:30 PM @ THE BRCC	6 LIVESTOCK COMMIT- TEE 7:00 PM @ ED	7 DOG 6:00 @ FG	8 RIFLE GROUP B 6:30 PM @ THE BRCC-	9	10 BAKING/COOKING- 8:00 AM @ DEEP CREEK PIZZA
11  CLUB MEETING- EC, RM	12 CLUB MEETING- DB, TRR, WEB HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	13 CLUB MEETING-ECC	14 DOG 6:00 @ FG	15 LAMB/GOAT POSSESSION DEADLINE SWINE- 6:30PM @ FG	16 WOODWORKING- 2:00 PM @ MARKS LUMBER MILL	17 SEWING 9:30 @ ED  POULTRY 4:00 @ ED
18 SHOTGUN 4:00 @ BRCC  CLOVERBUDS 3:00PM @ ED	19 RIFLE GROUP A- 6:30 PM @ THE BRCC HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	20 LAMB/GOAT TAG- GING 6:00 @ GALOR GENETICS	21 DOG 6:00 @ FG	22 RIFLE GROUP B 6:30 PM @ THE BRCC-	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED  INTERSTATE EX- CHANGE 6:30 @ ED	27 INDOOR COMMITTEE 6:30, COUNCIL 7:00 @ ED	28 DOG 6:00 @ FG	29	30	31

LOCATIONS:  
EO- EXTENSION OFFICE-416 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND  
FG- BROADWATER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
GALOR GENETICS-8393 HWY 287, TOWNSEND  
KENKE'S-200 SOUTH RAILROAD AVE, TOWNSEND  
MARKS LUMBER MILL- 30 LUMP GULCH ROAD, CLANCY MT  
DEEP CREEK PIZZA - 415 BROADWAY TOWNSEND

# JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 CLUB MEETING RM	2 HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	3   <b>4-H Camp</b>	4 DOGS 6:00 @ FG	5	6	7 DAIRY GOAT 5:30 PM @ LOCATION TBD
8 RABBIT- 3:30 @ EO CLUB MEETING CC	9 CLUB MEETING- DR, WEB HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	10 WOODWORKING-6:00 PM @ CCC SHOP CLUB MEETING- CCC, RM	11 DOGS 6:00 @ FG	12	13	14
15	16 HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	17	18 DOGS 6:00 @ FG	19 SWINE- 6:30PM @ FG	20	21
<b>4-H Interstate Exchange—Traveling to Pennsylvania</b>						
22	23 HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	24 WOODWORKING-6:00 PM @ CCC SHOP  INDOOR COMMITTEE 6:00, COUNCIL 7:00 @ EO	25 DOGS 6:00 @ FG	26	27	28
29	30 HORSE- 6:30 @ ARENA	<b>LOCATIONS:</b> EO- EXTENSION OFFICE-416 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND FG- FAIRGROUNDS 4-14 BUILDING CCC (CADILLAC CUSTOM CABINETS) SHOP- 6 HUNTERS TRAIL TOWNSEND				