

Broadwater County 4-H Newsletter



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October 2023

Re-Enrollment

The New 4-H year starts **October 1st**. Instructions on how to enroll are included with the newsletter. Make sure to get the new 4-H Clover Project Selection Guide from your leader or the office. Please re-enroll **by November 1st** to remain on the list to receive the 4-H newsletter and other communications. If you do not have internet access at home, we have a public computer at the office to help you through the process. Remember, if you plan on taking a 4-H project to fair, you must be enrolled in that project. If you have any questions, contact the office.



Financial Reports

All Treasurer's (including Council, Livestock, Exchange, Teen Club and Archery) are required to complete the Yearend Financial Report. Financial records need to be reviewed after September's bank statement is received and are **due Friday, October 20th to the office**. The form will be emailed out to all treasurers and will also be available to pick up with the September statements. Please turn in COMPLETED forms, which means they have been reviewed and signed by two people!

4-H Achievement Night

The annual Achievement Night has been set for **Sunday, November 12th** at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. We will be celebrating with a taco bar **at 5:30 pm** and **the program will start at 6:00 pm**. Come to receive your awards and celebrate our achievements. New members are invited also! Come and watch and see what you have to look forward to at the end of the year!

New 4-H Club Needed – Incentive Provided

Did you know that the Townsend area clubs are mostly full?! We have a growing thriving 4-H program and need your help to continue to grow! We are looking for parents or leaders who are interested in starting a 4-H Club. Starting a 4-H Club is a process, but it is a worthwhile effort knowing that you can truly make a difference in the lives of youth. As a club leader, you can grow the enthusiasm for 4-H and create a positive youth development environment. You can help shape the club into its own style and personality to fit your members. **The 4-H Council will provide \$500 in startup funds for an approved new club and provide mentors to help new leaders be successful.** Contact the Extension Office if you are interested or want more information!

A Letter From the Extension Agent

I say this every year, but can you believe that the new 4-H year is here?! There are already many activities starting, so I encourage you to re-enroll quickly. Enrollment is an annual process to let us know that you plan to do another year in 4-H. It's also your opportunity to start fresh with new projects and goals. I encourage you to think about trying a new 4-H project this year. Have you ever wanted to learn to quilt? Tie a fly? Decorate a cake? Now is your chance!

It's also important for leaders to let us know if you plan to continue. We'll be evaluating our volunteer needs in the upcoming months to fill potential holes. We already know we'll **need leaders for Dog, Visual Arts, 4-H Council and Indoor Committee**. If you are interested in volunteering, I'd love to talk to you!

Sincerely,

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Countywide 4-H Activities

National 4-H Week

Help celebrate the 81st National 4-H Week October 1st-7th! This is a great time to tell your friends about 4-H. Each club is encouraged to find a way to celebrate! Here are a few ideas:

- Put something “4-H” on every bulletin board around town or school.
- Make a 4-H promotional video.
- Do a service learning activity.
- Hang 4-H flags along main street.
- Organize a “green day” at school.
- Do a radio PSA.
- Announce the “4-H Club of the Day” during school announcements along with highlights and achievements of that club.



Old Baldy Extends an Invite to Edgewater Corn Maze

The Old Baldy 4-H Club would like to extend an invitation to all other 4-H members in the county to meet them at the maze again this year! The date is Saturday October 14th and will meet at 5:00pm. More information on a possible discounted cost for 4-H members will be shared later. Watch your emails!

Broadwater County 4-H Council Needs Volunteers!

Did you know that all of our county 4-H planning and decisions are made through our Broadwater County 4-H Leaders Council? The Council is made up of four officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Each club leader is also part of the council. Elections for officers are for 2 years rotations and this year, the treasurer and secretary positions need to be filled. Both current officers will not be continuing their positions. **Elections for Treasurer and Secretary will be held at the October 24th Council meeting**, so if you are interested, please reach out soon!

If you are looking for a way to help with our 4-H program, this is a good opportunity! All Council members do have to become Certified Volunteers. This is done by enrolling through Zsuites, passing a background check, and completing the Montana Volunteer Orientation. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office or to our Council President, Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

Committee & Council Meetings

4-H COUNCIL: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office (Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend). Contact Karen Noyes 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 **Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office (Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend). Contact Karen Noyes 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, November 7th 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.

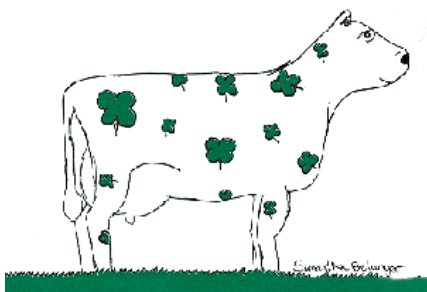
HORSE COMMITTEE: The next meeting has not been set yet. Please watch next month's newsletter for more information. If you have any questions or agenda items, please contact Jan Finn at 406.266.4992 or 2684hwy284@gmail.com. Agenda items must be submitted by the Monday prior to the meeting.

TEEN CLUB: The next meeting for Teen Club will be **Monday, October 30th at 5:30pm** at the Extension Office. 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 this meeting! Please RSVP to Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGE

CLUB: Plans are made to be partnering with Bradford County, Pennsylvania for this upcoming exchange program. We will be hosting them mid to late June 2024 and will travel mid to late June 2025. Some of the sites they will likely include in their itinerary are water caverns toured by boat, the Little League Museum, Hershey Park, the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, a coal mine, Niagara Falls and Gettysburg. Members must be 12 years of age as of October 1, 2023 to host and a minimum of 13 years old to travel. The first organizational and informational meeting will be held on **Monday, November 6 at 7:00 PM** at Infinite Hope Counseling located at 108 N Front St, Ste C. Questions, please call/text Jennifer Beatty at 406.490.1362 or email her at beatty.jenn@gmail.com.

4-H Animal Project Activities



Beef (Market and Breeding)

There will be a workshop for the Market and Breeding Beef Projects on **Sunday, October 15th at 1:00 pm at Ferrat Ranch** (191 Ferrat Lane, Toston 59643). All members of both projects are encouraged to attend, as well as any members in the vet science project or others who want to learn more about cattle. This workshop will be focusing on nutrition for beef cattle and nutrient

requirements, as well as feeding cattle efficiently and how nutrition affects cattle performance in general and in 4-H project settings. RSVP by October 11th is appreciated! Any questions, please contact Samantha Ferrat (406) 949-0869 or John Ferrat (406) 959-7911.

4-H Non-Animal Project Activities

Sewing

The next sewing workshop will be **Saturday, October 14th at 9:30 am at the Extension Office (416 Broadway, Townsend)**. Sewing workshops are planned for the second Saturday of the month from November-April (no workshop in December). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Holland at 406.266.3473

Baking and Cooking Workshops

There are four workshops scheduled for this year. These will be held at **6:30 pm on Thursday evenings on November 16th and 30th and December 7th and 14th** at the Trailhead Church (20 Trailhead View Dr, Townsend). If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Beatty at 406.490.1362.

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 trainings include 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. Trainings will be held on the following dates:

- October 13-15 – Lewistown, MT. This training will give leaders the opportunity to get two certifications for the weekend. The disciplines offered are rifle, pistol, archery, shotgun, muzzleloader, and hunting.
- 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.

Fall Leadership Training

Join the State 4-H Ambassador Officer Team for a fun filled, action packed weekend of leadership training at Fall Leadership Training on October 20-22 in Billings. Anyone interested in furthering their leadership skills and ability to impact their club and community are welcome! This is a great time to connect with those friends you may have met at 4-H Congress or meet new people from around Montana.

Registration is open now and done online through Zsutes. The registration deadline is October 6. Youth participants must be 14 on October 1, 2023. Registration cost is \$180 which includes lodges, meals and program supplies. For more details, check out the [Fall Leadership Training website](#).

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023-2024 4-H year.

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 Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00pm. The dates are: November 12, December 10, 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.

Other Opportunities

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

This event is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 am** at the Watson Event Center (290 Litening Barn Rd, Townsend). This is a great opportunity for the older 4-H members to perform a community service and help them set up and clean up after the event. Please RSVP to Paul Kroeger at 406.439.1042.

Montana 4-H Emerald Event: Fundraiser for Statewide 4-H Youth and Volunteer Programs

The Montana 4-H Foundation will host an Emerald Event on Friday, October 27th at The Commons in Bozeman. You, or someone you know, may want to sponsor a table or other aspects of the event. The Foundation needs help getting the word out to potential sponsors of the event.

Two young country music talents will perform. Opening will be Chisolm Christensen, a Montana 4-H alumnus. Headlining is Trey Taylor, an up-and-coming Nashville recording artist. Attendees will enjoy more than two hours of music, along with a delicious dinner and dessert bar.

There are a variety of ways for you to support 4-H through this Emerald Event:

- There is a limited number of Emerald sponsorships at \$4,000 per table. Each table allows sponsors to enjoy the evening with eight friends or clients. Sponsors will be invited to meet the entertainers at an early reception. They will also receive additional advertising benefits.
- Gold sponsor tables are available at \$1,000 per table, seating eight. Parties partake in the main event, meal, and auction.
- There are limited sponsorships for the meal, entertainment, venue, and more. If you are interested in partnering with Montana 4-H on these areas of the Emerald Event, please contact Jane Wolery at (406)590-2492 or Cathy Ratzburg at (406)937-5858.

Thanks to the C'Mon Inn, we even have a block of reduced rate hotel rooms for the event!

Sponsors may want to use this event as their annual holiday party for employees or clients. Get ahead of the holiday season. 4-H Foundation has the venue, entertainment, food, and fun. The gift will be supporting Montana's largest out-of-school youth education program.

Re-Enrollment Reminders!

- Your 4-H age is calculated by how old you are on 10/1/2023 and does not change for the whole 4-H year!
- Years in 4-H are automatically updated in zsuites. When a member transitions from a Cloverbud to a traditional 4-H member, the years start over again at 1.
- Cloverbuds are members 4-H age 5-8. 'Cloverbuds' is the only project they can enroll in.
- Members who are 4-H age 8, can either be a Cloverbud or a traditional member.
- Members must be 4-H age 9 to enroll into Shooting Sports projects (except for BB Gun Safety).
- Members must be 4-H age 10 to enroll into Market Beef.
- For Market and Breeding livestock projects, the member must ALSO enroll into a project level for that species. (Ex. If you are enrolling into market swine you must add both 'Market Swine' AND 'Swine Level 1, 2, or 3'.
- For DOG- You must enroll into a "Dog Level 1,2 or 3" project. IF you also want to do agility or obedience at Fair, you must also add 'Dog Agility' or 'Dog Obedience', or both.
- Project Books- please indicate in zsuites whether or not you need a project book. Check with your club leaders on how your club handles book orders. But zsuites is our back up for book lists, so please make it accurate. Remember the project level books are required, however the resource manuals are not.

Enrollment deadline is November 1st.
At that point, only enrolled families will receive reminders and newsletters.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4-H Enrollment Opens!	2	3	4	5	6	7
National 4-H Week						
8 Club Meeting	9 Columbus Day Office Closed Club Meeting	10 Club Meetings	11	12	13	14 Sewing 9:30 am @ EO Edgewater Farms Corn Maze
15 Beef Workshop 1:00pm @ Ferrat Ranch Club Meeting	16	17	18	19 Mayors Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM @ Watsons Event Center	20 Financial Reports Due to Office by 5pm	21
					Fall Leadership Training	
22 Fall Leadership Training	23	24 Indoor Committee 6:00pm Council 7:00 @ EO	25	26	27	28
29	30 Teen Club 5:30pm @ EO	31 	Locations: EO- Extension Office-416 Broadway, Townsend FG- Fairgrounds 4-H Building Ferrat Ranch—191 Ferrat Lane, Toston Watsons Event Center—290 Litening Barn Lane, Townsend			

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Enrollment Deadline	2	3	4
5	6 Interstate Ex- change 7:00pm @ IHC	7 Livestock Committee 7:00 pm @ EO	8	9	10 Veterans Day Office Closed	11 Sewing 9:30 am @ EO
12 Achievement Night 5:30 dinner 6:00 Awards @ FG Leadership Acad- emy 3:00pm	13 Club Meeting	14 Club Meetings	15	16 Baking/Cooking 6:30pm @ Trailhead Church	17	18
19 Club Meeting	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	24	25
26	27	28 Indoor Com- mittee 6:00 Council 7:00 @ EO	29	30 Baking/Cooking 6:30pm @ Trailhead Church		
Tree Lot Duty-						

Locations:
 EO- Extension Office-416 Broadway, Townsend
 FG- Fairgrounds 4-H Building
 IHC- Infinite Hope Counseling- 108 N Front St, Townsend
 Trailhead Church—20 Trailhead View Dr, Townsend

