



# Dawson County 4-H Newsletter

**December, 2017**

- ***First of all we would like to welcome our new 4-H members and families. If you ever need help with anything please feel free to stop by the Extension Office. We are always here to answer any questions you may have.***

***As some of you are aware this new year will be bringing some changes to our fair program. Together we will work through this process and hopefully things will run smoothly.***

***There is information in this newsletter about some of the upcoming events. If you have questions on any of it please contact the office.***

***You can also access copies of all of the newsletters, meeting minutes and calendar on our Extension web page at <http://msuextension.org/dawson>.***

***We look forward to an exciting and fun new year.***

***Bruce and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.***

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4-H Assistant

*Bruce Smith*  
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## **DECEMBER**

27<sup>th</sup> Beef Weigh-Ins

## **JANUARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Courthouse Closed

11<sup>th</sup> Cloverbuds Meet

15<sup>th</sup> Courthouse closed

16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 6:30

21<sup>st</sup> Speech & Demo Day

## **FEBRUARY**

1<sup>st</sup> People Partner

Grant App Due

TBD Fruit Sale Begins

9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> AG Show – GATE

19<sup>th</sup> Office Closed

## **MARCH**

23-25 Rec Lab –  
Thompson Falls

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## GREYTAK CALENDARS



The 2018 Greytak Calendars featuring the artwork of Don Greytak are now available at the Extension Office. They can be purchased for \$10. \$2.50 from the sale of these calendars stays in the County and is used to help fund 4-H activities. Stop in and get your's today.



## Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) & Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)

4-H leadership and civic programs take place at the [National 4-H Conference Center](#), just one mile from the Washington, D.C. border. With over 50 years of life-changing summers and with three weeks already sold out, this summer promises to be another great year! If you have not registered your delegation yet, don't delay.

### CWF is for 4-H'ers ages 14-19:

- **Week 1:** June 3-9 **SOLD OUT**
- **Week 2:** June 10-16 **SOLD OUT**
- **Week 3:** June 17-23 **SOLD OUT**
- **Week 4:** June 24-30
- **Week 5:** July 1-7
- **Week 6:** July 8-14

LWF is a leadership program for youth entering grades 7-9:

- **July 16-20**

### For More Information or To Register:

Please visit [www.4HCWF.org](http://www.4HCWF.org) for additional program details and for registration instructions. If you have any questions, call (301) 961-2893 or via email at [cpriesing@4hcenter.org](mailto:cpriesing@4hcenter.org). We look forward to hosting your delegation!



## **CLUB MINUTES**

\*\*\* Reminder that club secretaries need to email or drop off your monthly club meeting minutes to the Extension Office. Email [dawson@montana.edu](mailto:dawson@montana.edu) \*\*\*\*\*



## **BEEF RATE OF GAIN**

Weigh-in for 4-H members enrolled in market beef will be held on **December 27** at the stock yards, here in Glendive. The Beef Rate of Gain contest will conclude at the Dawson County Fair at the Livestock Weigh-in. Average daily gain from steers weighed in on December 27th will be calculated and the steer's owner with the highest average daily gain will be awarded. According to the Dawson County Livestock policy if you are not able to bring your animal on this day, you will not be eligible for the rate of gain, however you may still exhibit at the fair.

4-H members must have their market beef and breeding beef in their care by January 1. The members must have market sheep, breeding sheep, market swine, breeding swine, and goats in their possession by June 1. Rabbits, poultry and orphan animal projects must be in the member's possession by June 1 also. May 1 is the deadline for horsemanship projects and January 1 for the colt to maturity project.

***It is also mandatory that you complete an option as part of your market animal project (i.e. series book, county options) and display that option at the fair. If you fail to do this, you relinquish your right to sell that market animal (steer, hog, lamb) at the livestock sale.***



The next Cloverbud meeting will be Thursday, January 11 from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Courthouse basement. We will do some more fun crafts and enjoy some treats again.



# SAVE-THE-DATE



**March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thompson Falls High School.**  
**Thompson Falls, MT**

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab provides an opportunity for youth ages 13-19 to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting.

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## Scholarships & Grants

### PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS FOR CLUBS

What are People Partner Grants? These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups, clubs, and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Who Can Apply? 4-H Groups (clubs) and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
- 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.

How do you apply? Submit a completed People Partners Grant application available to download from: <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31> Postmarked by February 1st.

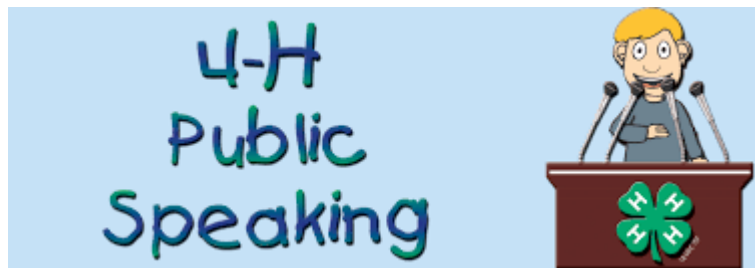


If you haven't enrolled yet for the new 4-H year, please try to do so by January 1. You still have until June 1 to add or drop projects, but we need everyone enrolled to get our mailing lists updated and we need to know who is enrolled in specific projects for upcoming meetings, ordering literature, etc. If you need help with the re-enrollment process, please let me know and I can assist you with that.



### **SPEECH & DEMO DAY**

Speech & Demo Day is January 21 at 2:00 at the Courthouse basement. Please be thinking over the next few weeks about what you would like to do for this event. You will need to let Jackie at the Extension Office know if you will be participating and the topic of your speech or demonstration.



### **LQA**

Reminder that in order to show your animal at the fair you need to be LQA certified. Any 4-H-er who is new, going from a Cloverbud to Junior member, or changing from a Junior to Senior member needs to complete this. Please stop in to the extension office and check out the power point presentation and get your testing materials. **The deadline to complete this is March 1.**



## **JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

*There will be a Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30. Location will be announced. With the resignation of Tana Canen as council President, a new President will be elected at this meeting.*

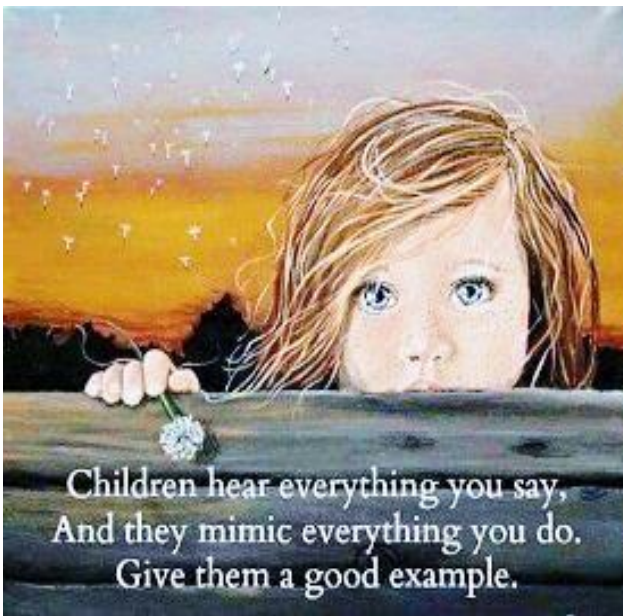
*We strongly encourage all parents to attend these Council meetings. This is your organization so you need to be a part of the decision making process. All minutes from previous meetings are available on the Extension website for review.*

**Upcoming  
Council  
Meeting**

### **The Fabulous 5 Flannel Challenge**

**REMEMBER TO LET JACKIE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE KNOW BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S SEWING CHALLENGE. WE NEED A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SO WE CAN GET THE KITS PUT TOGETHER.**





Children hear everything you say,  
And they mimic everything you do.  
Give them a good example.

I just want to remind everyone that our children listen to us and hear what is going on around them. Keep this in mind as you have discussions about the situation with the fair and the fair board. We need to strive to mend whatever differences there are between the 4-H program and the fair board, not make it worse. The division amongst the adults is hard enough, we don't need the kids taking it to school too.

4-H is about raising the kids to be good, responsible citizens. Let's keep that in mind with our own actions as adults.



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