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# Welcome to the New year, 2015 is Here! !

Hello to all our 4-H Families and Leaders!

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Cory Hamilton, our wonderful administrative assistant. Cory will be taking a position as part owner and manager at ACE Hardware. Though only with us for a short time, she has shown herself to be an outstanding administrative assistant, Extension advocate and great friend. She will be sorely missed by many people in the community. However, she will not be far away since she will still be in town. We are even talking with her about becoming a 4-H Leader! She has also told us that she wants to help with fair, so we look forward to having her back for that. Please let her know how much you have appreciated her assistance. The position has been advertised and applicants will be reviewed next week. We hope to have someone within the next few weeks. As always, if you have any questions about the new 4-H Year, give us a call at the Extension office at 322-8035.



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# January 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 New Year's Extension office closed	2 Deadline Ad. Min. Applications	3 Rapeljacks and Jills at Rapelje Evangelical Church
4 Beef Weigh In 1:00pm Midland Bull Test Shooting Sports 3:30pm	5 Beartooth Ramblers at Columbus Fire Hall Stillwater Ranchhands at Nye Fire Hall Stillwater Ridge Riders	6 Broadview Homestead- ers at Broadview Community Center— Joohye Lee Special Speaker 7pm	7	8	9 Cory's Last Day  Camp Counselor/CIT deadline	10
11 Stillwater Sharp Shooter at Little Stone Church Shooting Sports	12 Park City Wranglers at Park City Civic Center	13 Molt Happy Helpers at Molt School or Molt Hall Call First!	14	15	16 Shooting Sports Training Bozeman	17
18 Shooting Sports 1:30 Teen Lead- er/Exchange 3:30pm	19 Legislative Breakfast Helena	20	21 Stillwater County Livestock and Leaders Council Meeting at West Annex Building	22	23 Registration deadline—Make It Take It	24
25 Shooting Sports 1:30 Camp Interviews Stillwater/ Carbon 4:00pm	26 Camp Inter- views Yellowstone 4:00pm	27 8 Hour ServSafe Class	28 4-H Agent Institute—Butte	29 4-H Agent Institute—Butte	30	

# February 2015

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1	2 Beartooth Ramblers at Columbus Fire Hall Stillwater Ranchhands at Nye Fire Hall Stillwater Ridge Riders at Columbus Evangelical Church	3 Broadview Homesteaders at Broadview Community Center	4 Solid Finances Webinar 12:00 noon—Who get's grandma's pie plate?	5	6	7 Rapeljacks and Jills at Rapelje Evangelical Church  MAKE IT TAKE IT— BILLINGS 9:00—2:30
8 Johnny's Buckaroos at Columbus Middle School Library  Rosebud Adventures at Fishtail Community Center  Spring Creek Stockgrowers at Spring Creek Community Center	9 Park City Wranglers at Park City Civic Center	10 Molt Happy Helpers at Molt School or Molt Hall Call First!	11 Solid Finances Webinar 12:00 noon—Should I have a Trust?	12 WRLF Webinar 7:30pm	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Stillwater Sharp Shooter at Little Stone Church	16 President's Day	17	18 Solid Finances Webinar 12:00 noon—Avoid probate on Real property with beneficiary deed.	19	20	21 Citizenship Seminar in Helena
22 Citizenship Seminar in Helena	23 Citizenship Seminar in Helena	24	25 Solid Finances 12:00 noon—Will probate be neces- sary on my Estate?	26	27	28 Lincoln Day Dinner

## 4-H Camp Counselor/CIT Deadline Jan. 9th!



Camp Counselor and CIT (Counselor in Training) Deadline for application is **NEXT WEEK - Friday, January 9th.** Please see the enclosed/attached application and return to the Extension office with your payment by next Friday. This is getting to you late this year since we did not have a newsletter in December. We also needed approval of the camp budget which the council approved on December 17th.

This is one of the most fun and exciting 4-H activities for Teens. You will NOT want to miss this opportunity to hone your leadership skills, learn new things, mentor younger 4-H members and have tons of fun with peers from Stillwater, Carbon and Yellowstone Counties. SIGN UP TODAY!

### CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

Believe it or not, 4-H Camp is just around the corner. Camper application deadline will be the first week in May. Get an early start by filling out the attached/enclosed application.

### Shooting Sports Leader Training January 16-17 in Bozeman

Contact Lee at the Extension Office if you are interested in attending the Shooting Sports Leader's Training. More help is always needed in this area. Junior leaders 14 years old and up may also be trained as Jr. Leaders. The 4-H Council pays for all expenses of the adult and one half of 4-Hers.



Andrew Glennie says, "CALLING ALL CAMPERS!!!!!! Camp 2015!"



## 4-H Ambassador Applications Being Accepted—Week of January 1

The deadline to apply to become a Stillwater County 4-H Ambassador for the upcoming year is this the first week in January. The Ambassador program provides intentional opportunities for youth to represent 4-H through leadership and citizenship that contributes meaningfully to their communities. Ambassadors are a select team of Stillwater County Montana 4-H youth that have demonstrated leadership in their local 4-H programs, and who are interested in developing and refining skills to teach other 4-H youth about leadership and citizenship topics. To apply contact the Extension Office.

Requirements:

- 1) Must be 14 years of age by October 1 of the current year.
- 2) Must be enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years and must be enrolled in 4-H for the current year.
- 3) Must be or have been a Teen Leader or Club Officer .
- 4) Must be willing to attend county, district and state events.

**Join Sammi Schultz, Ty Pffingsten & Taylor Beinvenue Current Ambassadors**



**We need  
your help!**

## 4-H Legislative Breakfast 2015

Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and successes of 4-H and MSU Extension. It brings youth and adult constituents from across the state together to share ideas, issues and concerns. The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes and pays for the event through private donations and other support. It is held during the years when the legislature is in session. This year's Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 20th, 2015 at the Red Lion Hotel in Helena. The evening prior to the breakfast provides opportunities for youth and adults to practice speaking and prepare for visits with legislators. Ambassador Key Leader, Marsha Schultz and daughter Sammi will be attending this year's Legislative Breakfast. Dave Kelsey, of Molt and member of The Montana Extension Advisory Council (MEAC) will also be in attendance representing our county. Invited Representatives include David Howard and newly elected Forrest Mandeville, both of Stillwater County.



## Lincoln Day Dinner Invitation

Representative Dave Howard has graciously invited Stillwater County 4-H to have a table at the Lincoln Day Dinner which will be held on **Saturday, February 28th at the Stillwater Pavilion**. If your club or members from your club are able to attend, please contact Lisa at the Extension office so that she can make arrangements with the organizers of the program. **No endorsement of certain political parties is intended by 4-H. These gentlemen just happen to live in our county.**

## 4-H Resources

We encourage you to start thinking about new projects, community service, and fundraising projects. Make this new year the best one yet! Get to know the 4-H Foundation website. Check out all of the great resources for Leader’s and Members! There are Club forms and support Materials available to help you make your club run efficiently and free downloads for you to learn more about all 4-H has to offer, [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Also, Check out [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org) for lots of ways to get involved in your community through “The Revolution of Responsibility” program.

# Make It Take It February 7th — Register by Friday, January 23rd

This year’s District 7 4-H Make It Take It event will be held on Saturday, February 7th in Billings. See the attached registration form which is due on Friday, January 23rd. If you have never attended this event, you are missing an amazing opportunity. Instructors from all over District 7 team up to teach 4-Hers various projects that they make there and then take home. Lisa Terry will be teaching pie and jelly making and Emma Phipps will be teaching “Clay Critters”. REGISTER TODAY!

## Club Secretaries

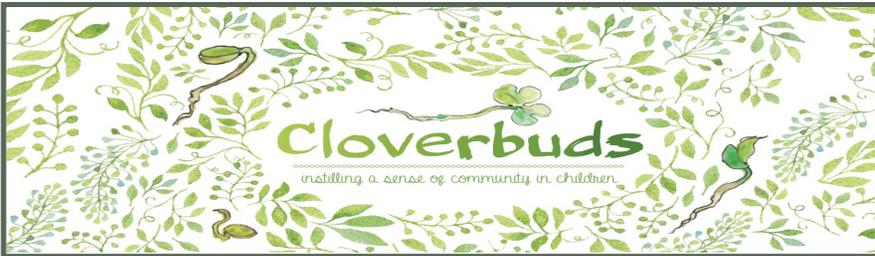
Please send your club minutes to the Extension Office the week of your club meeting. When completing your club minutes remember these key elements:

- ☘ Date of the Meeting
- ☘ Where it took place
- ☘ Attendance
- ☘ What was discussed
- ☘ What was decided
- ☘ Action needed if any
- ☘ Sign your name to the minutes

Minutes are very important to help document what to place for those that attended and very important for your club members who were un able to attend.

Thank you for doing this important job!





Thank you Luncinda Timberman for volunteering to become our new county Cloverbud Leader! Look for more details on meetings in later newsletters!



### Would anyone like to enroll in Mini Horse?

Gayle Ott has miniature horses of all levels and would love to see the mini horse program grow! Gayle is willing to lease or lease to own a handful of her miniature horses. If you are interested please contact Gayle at 406-326-2187.

### International Exchange Student – Joohye Lee

Please do not forget to invite Joohye Lee to some of your events or club meetings this year. Joohye is a South Korean International Exchange Student who is living in Reed Point for the next year. We want her stay to be rich in learning about Montana culture and Stillwater County’s wonderful people.

Joohye had the opportunity to speak in San Diego last month and couldn’t wait to get back to quiet and slow Montana. She has recently learned to make Christmas candy. What can YOUR Club teacher her?

She will be speaking at the Broadview Homesteader’s club on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00pm. To schedule her to come to your club, contact Lisa at the Extension Office at 322-8035 or by email at lterry@montana.edu.



Joohye Lee—South Korea Delegate

### 4-H Scholarships and Grants Application Deadlines!

People Partners Grant applications are due February 1st, 2015

Innovative Programming Grants Applications are due April 1st, 2015.

Carson Christensen Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications are due April 1st, 2015.

Jim Annin Scholarship Applications are due April 1st, 2015

Stillwater Homemakers Application are due April 1st, 2015

MSU 2015 Freshman Scholarships Applications are due February 1st, 2015



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**BRAIDEN RANSTROM & ALEXIS SCHATZ WHO WERE SELECTED TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP WAHSINGTON FOCUS IN JUNE! THEY WILL REPRESENT US WELL!**



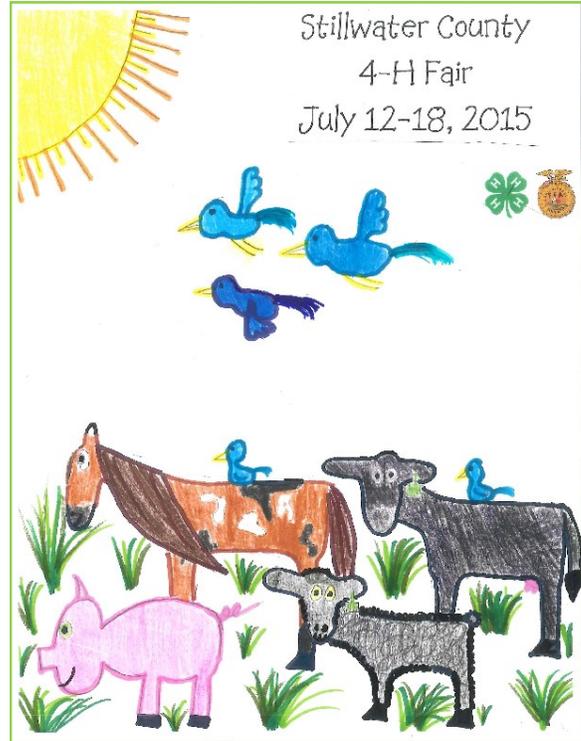
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# AVERY GATES

## Winner of Fairbook Contest!



Avery with her Lamb in 2014.



**Beef Weigh In - January 4th, 2015, At Midland Bull Test. Remember to bring your Bill of Sale with you to weigh in!**



### Stillwater County 4-H Livestock Judging

If you are interested in learning about Livestock Judging, contact Melissa Kramer at 322-5688 or [mak.kramer1@gmail.com](mailto:mak.kramer1@gmail.com)





# Stillwater County 4-H Leaders Council



The 2014-2015 Executive Officers have been elected. We would like to welcome our new Council Officers and wish them a fun and successful 4-H year!

**President - Melissa Kramer, Vice President - Brian Young, Secretary - Tammi Kirch, and Treasurer - Karen Schott**

Highlights from recent changes.....

- ✿ **Fair entry deadline** - The deadline will be set for June 15 by the close of business. If June 15 falls on a weekend, the following Monday by the close of business will be the deadline. Late entries will be accepted through June 22 by the close of business, and must be accompanied by a \$50 late entry fee. If June 22 falls on a weekend, the following Monday by the close of business will be the deadline.
- ✿ There will be **no photo fee** for the sale starting in 2015.
- ✿ **Senior recognition awards will be given at fair during the sale** rather than Achievement Night.
- ✿ **Items from indoor projects will be allowed in the live Market Sale at the fair.**
- ✿ **Animal Health Committee.** This will include all superintendents, Council President, Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, and an on-call veterinarian. This is to ensure all animals Stillwater County standards and the health of all animals.
- ✿ **Beef Weigh-in** will be January 4th at Midland Bull Test please be sure to bring your Bill of Sale. **Sheep Weigh-in** will be May 3rd at the Stillwater County Fairgrounds. **We will not have an actual weigh-in for hogs**, all member must submit a photo with the correct tag number to the Extension Office by May 5th.
- ✿ **Work Days** have been set for May 3rd, June 6th, and July 11th.
- ✿ **Stillwater County Fair will be July 12th - 18th, 2014.**

**Everyone is encouraged to attend the Council Meetings. You are welcome to become a leader and be part of the voting process. Decisions are made by those who regularly attend meetings. Every club gets two votes. Our next 4-H Leaders Council meeting is on January 21st at 6:00pm. Pizza will be provided.**

# Stillwater County 4-H Clubs

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Organizational Leaders</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Meeting Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location of Meeting</u>
Beartooth Ramblers	Tammi Kirch Dena Griffel	855-3839 322-4868	1st Monday at 6:00 pm	Columbus Fire Hall
Broadview Homesteaders	Mylo Lane Shelley Erickson	669-3156 667-2390	1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm	Broadview Community Center
Johnny's Buckaroos	Melissa Kramer	322-5688	1st Sunday at 6:00 pm	Columbus Middle School Library
Molt Happy Helpers	Christina Pierce	669-3104	Call First - 2nd Tuesday every other month at 6:30 pm	Molt School or Molt Hall
Park City Wranglers	Cathy Tebay	633-2398	2nd Monday at 6:30 pm	Park City Civic Center
Rapeljacks and Jills	Anna Schladweiler	663-2232	1st Saturday at 9:00 am	Rapelje Evangelical Church
Rosebud Adventures	Andrea Stampfel	322-4180	1st Sunday at 5:30 pm	Fishtail Community Center
Spring Creek Stockgrowers	Katrin Chandler	328-4253	1st Sunday at 4:00 pm	Spring Creek Community Center
Stillwater Ranchhands	Finis Sandlin	328-6277	1st Monday at 6:30 pm	Nye Fire Hall
Stillwater Ridge Riders	Wendy Reed Jeanne Eaton	322-8421 209-4488	1st Monday at 6:30 pm	Columbus Evangelical Church
Stillwater Sharp Shooters	Melissa Ranstrom Bobbi Schatz	290-4240 322-8583	2nd Sunday at 4:00 pm	Little Stone Church

**Stillwater 4-H Leaders Council** - Meet every January, March, May, July, August, September, October, November, and December. Meetings begin at 6:00pm in the meeting room in the basement at the Stillwater County West Annex Building (exception July meeting at fairgrounds). All leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. It is important that one leader from each club be present to vote on issues brought before the Council.

**Stillwater 4-H Teen Leaders** - A club made up of teen 4-Hers from all clubs in Stillwater County, this group meets on one Sunday afternoon per month with the exception of June. The dates of the meetings are set by the teens at the meeting the month prior. This club is dedicated to promoting leadership skills and helps sponsor the 4-H Ambassador Program.

# Rabies Clinic Saturday, January 17th 1-3pm Fire hall Sponsored by Stillwater Ridge Riders



A rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, January 17th from 1:00—3:00pm at the Columbus Fire Hall. Take advantage of this low cost way to keep your pets healthy and safe. No appointment necessary.



Would you like to contribute to our monthly newsletter? We are always looking for pictures and stories to feature. Also, if you have an event your club is participating in remember this is free advertising to all of your local 4-H families!



## 2015 4-H REC LAB 4-H BONANZA STRIKING IT RICH IN 4-H!



We are looking for Teens interested in attending the 2015 Rec Lab which will be held in Livingston, Montana on March 27-29, 2015. This event 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 is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. Rec Lab will be hosted by District 6 and will be held in Livingston, MT at the Park High School. Plan to attend. **Registration information will be in later newsletter.**