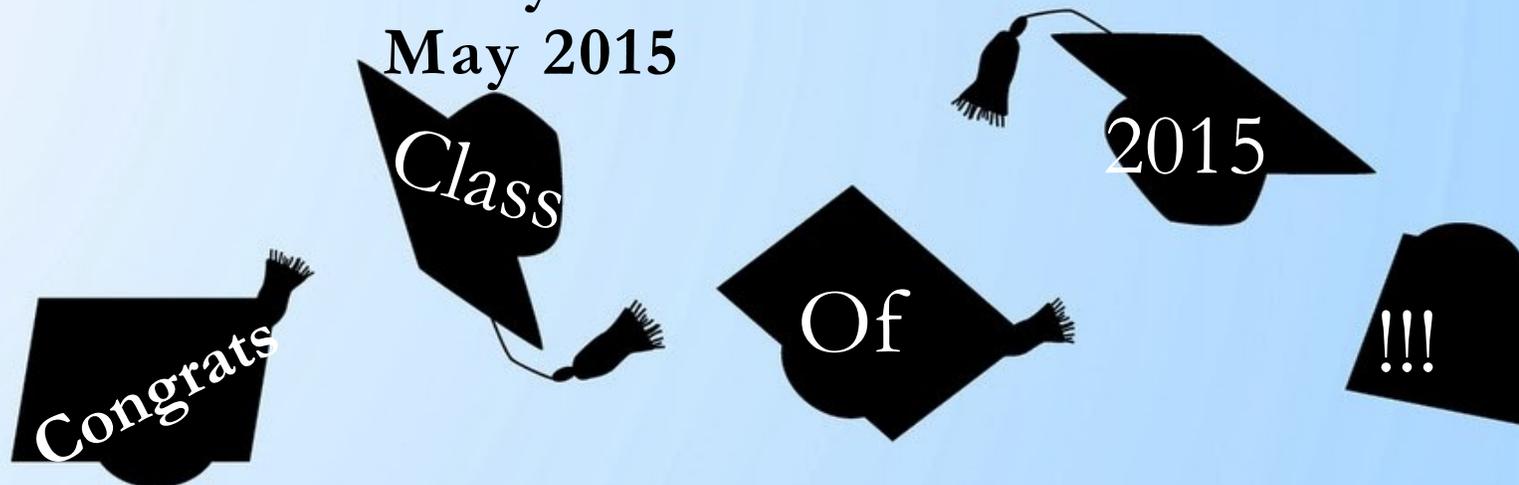


Stillwater County 4-H Newsletter

May 2015



Happy Springtime!

We want to wish each of our 4-H graduates congratulations on completing your high school education. We wish you the best of luck as you seek your future opportunities! Please pay careful attention to the dates and deadlines for this newsletter. There are many things due on May 1st and we don't want you miss the chance to participate. Ashley has worked hard to get this out to you in plenty of time, so don't delay sign up today!

Lisa Lee

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I am only **one**, BUT I am **one**. I cannot do everything, but I can do **something**. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what **I can do**.
-Edward Everett Hale

Congratulations 4-H Seniors!

We are so very proud of YOU!



Alfred (A.J.) Thomsen
Absarokee High School
Club: Stillwater Ranch Hands

Elijah Barbour
Absarokee High School
Club: Spring Creek Stockgrowers



Garrett Connor
Absarokee High School
Club: Spring Creek Stockgrowers

Ty Pfingsten
Absarokee High School
Club: Spring Creek Stockgrowers



Taylor Bienvenue
Broadview High School
Club: Molt Happy Helpers

Brooke Kern
Columbus High School
Club: Spring Creek Stockgrowers



Kelsey Schmidt
Columbus High School
Club: Stillwater Ridge Riders

Logan Smith
Columbus High School
Club: Stillwater Ridge Riders



Tyler Reed
Columbus High School
Club: Stillwater Ridge Riders

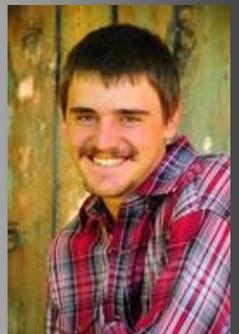
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Laurel High School
Club: Park City Wranglers

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Brianna Krieger
Rapelje High School
Club: Molt Happy Helpers

Seth Christensen
Park City High School
Club: Park City Wranglers



MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LOTS OF DEADLINES DUE -Please look in newsletter for events	2 Rapeljacks & Jills at Rapelje Evangelical Church 9a.m.
3 -Johnny's Buckaroos at CMS Library 6 p.m. -Rosebud Adventurers at Fishtail Community Center 5:30 -Spring Creek Stockgrowers at Spring Creek Community Center 4 p.m.	4 -Beartooth Ramblers at Columbus Fire Hall 6 p.m. -Stillwater Ranch Hands at Nye Fire Hall 6:30 p.m. -Stillwater Ridge Riders at Columbus Evangelical Church 6:30 p.m.	5 Broadview Homesteaders at Broadview Community Center 7 p.m.	6 -Market/Carcass Swine-tagged and photos sent in by TODAY!!! -Horse Clinic(Keyser Creek) at 6 pm -Rabies Clinic 6 to 7pm at Markle's shop behind the Stockman Café in Rapelje.	7	8	9 4--H Packing Clinic At Gallatin County Fairgrounds
10 Stillwater Sharp Shooters at Little Stone Church 4 p.m.	11 Park City Wranglers at Park City Civic Center 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15  4-H Shooting Sports Family Camp	16 Welding Workshop at 8 a.m. CHS Vo-Ag Shop (north shop door)
17 4-H Shooting Sports Family Camp	18	19	20 Horse Clinic at Keyser Creek at 6 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Woodworking Camp at the Park City Schools Shop at 9:30 a.m.
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JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 FREE! Stock Show Univ. at Keyser Creek Arena Today & Tomorrow Rapeljacks & Jills at Rapelje Evang. 9 a.m.
7 -Johnny's Buckaroos at CMS Library 6 p.m. -Rosebud Adventurers at Fishtail Community Center 5:30 -Spring Creek Stockgrowers at Spring Creek Community Center 4 p.m.	8 -Beartooth Ramblers at Columbus Fire Hall 6 p.m. -Stillwater Ranch Hands at Nye Fire Hall 6:30 p.m. -Stillwater Ridge Riders at Columbus Evangelical Church 6:30 p.m.	9 Broadview Homesteaders at Broadview Community Center 7 p.m.	10 Horse Clinics at Keyser Creek Arena at 6 p.m. ~~~~~	11 Tri-County 4-H Camp!!!	12	13
14 Stillwater Sharp Shooters at Little Stone Church 4 p.m.	15 Park City Wranglers at Park City Civic Center 6:30 p.m. -Exchange Applications are Due	16 Molt Happy Helpers Molt School or Molt Hall at 6:30 p.m. Call 669-3104 First! Cloverbud Camp at Spring Creek Community Center in Absarokee from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Horse Clinics at Keyser Creek Arena at 6 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Take Note...May Exciting Events!



A Special Invitation to Join Us For
Paper Clover April 23– May 4!

How You Can Participate: Your local club can sell Paper Clovers at a table, help bag customers purchases, have a cookout or bake sale, display animals, or even demonstrate some of the skills or projects they have learned in 4-H. If you participate, you'll be eligibile to enter our Paper Clover Participation Sweepstakes-where (5) winning clubs will receive \$100 Tractor Supply Gift Card and \$100 4-H Mall Gift Card, Plus a \$15.00 Tractor Supplyu gift card for every 4-H member who participates. Visit www.tractorsupply.com/4h for more details and the tracking form. If you would like to participate in this event, you may register online at www.tractorsupply.com/4h or call store manager at 628-2292.

Schedule for Horse Ridings are as follows:
May 6th & 20th
June 10th & 24th

Weigh In Dates To Remember!

- ◇ Market/Carcass Sheep and Goats—**May 3rd from 1-2p.m. ONLY**
 - ◇ Market/Carcass Swine must be tagged and photos sent in by **May 6th**. Exhibitors must send in photo of the tagged hog with the front and back of the ear tag visible. These photos must be received by the Extension Office (digital or hard copy) by **May 6th**.
- Please let us know at the office if you are wanting to borrow our portable scale.**

There will be a Woodworking Camp put on by Mike Baker in Park City on May 30th at the Park City Schools Welding Shop at 9:30 a.m. This camp will cover shop safety, tools, and will be building a log cabin bird house. This camp will cost \$20 and checks may be made out to Mike Baker. If you are able to, please bring a battery operated drill, hammer, and any unusual woodworking tool. The first 15 people will be able to attend the camp. So please mark your calendars for this great opportunity and sign up in the office before May 26th.

Upcoming May Events & Deadlines!

Drops and Adds Due May 1st

Parents need to sign, date and return your son/daughters drops and adds to the Extension Office by May 1st. 4Hers must be enrolled in a project by May 1 in order to exhibit at the 2015 4-H Fair. New form is attached!



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

Host families needed for 28 Japanese youth and 2 adult chaperones. Application deadline is May 1, 2015. To apply, go to <http://www.states4hexchange.org/host-families/> or contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 with more questions. Hosting dates are July 24-August 18. Families should have a child at home who is within two years of age as the person they host (see attached list). Kids have learned English in school, but are not fluent. This is a great opportunity for an in-depth cultural experience.

Host families needed for 5-6 AYP (academic year program) students from Japan, Korea or Eurasian (FLEX) countries. Delegates arrive sometime in August and stay through the following late May or mid-June. All types of families are welcome to apply to host. Home school families may host, but the international student must attend a public school. Students come with their own spending money and health insurance. Host families needed to host MI4-HYEs (formerly IFYEs) for up to three weeks from July 10. Delegates are young adults from primarily European countries and hope to be placed on a farm or ranch. Japanese delegates come with spending money and health insurance and are here to experience everyday life in an American family. Hosts for year-long high school students also needed for the 2015-2016 academic year. For application materials, contact Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu 994-3502.

Bioscience MT Applications Due May 1

Applications for the 2015 Bioscience Montana are due May 1, 2015. If interested in applying to be part of a 2015 team, please look on our new website for the registration forms. A team must consist of 4 members as well as leaders for the project. Selected teams will work directly with MSU researchers and professors to learn about neuroscience, metabolomics, and infectious diseases through experimentation and fun, hands-on learning activities.



Welding Workshops!

Welding will begin rather late this year due to a number of conflicts. We will begin May 16 Saturday @ 8:00 am at the Columbus High School Vo-Ag shop (north shop door). We will run consecutive Saturdays up to July 11 excluding July 4. The hands on time is about the same as last year just more concentrated.

For those welders from years past, please have your projects drawn out, complete with materials list, hardware list and what you think will be tools needed to complete the project. New welders, pick a couple of projects that you would like to do. Remember projects do not have to be large or elaborate and can be practical projects like a welding table or a decorative welding project like metal sculpture. Your imagination is as important as your ability to cut and shape metal or run a welding bead. The whole premise that I push for is each student being creative, learn to cut-shape-fabricate metals, learn basic welder setup and technique and most important to succeed. Required clothing/boots: Full leather work boot (6" or taller), good blue jeans without frays or tears, long sleeve cotton shirt (no synthetics). I generally have enough fire retardant coveralls, welding helmets, gloves, safety glasses for everyone. If however you have your own welding gear that is great. Any questions please E-mail me @ heartseven51@gmail.com <<mailto:heartseven51@gmail.com>> or call me @ 406-322-4522 Greg Burke 5 Beartooth Vista Rd Columbus, MT 59019

CAMP IS HERE! Mark Your Calendars

Tri-County 4-H Camp

Camp time is here again! Mark your calendars for the week of **June 9-12, 2015**. Please see attached registration form which is **due along with your registration fees on Friday, May 1, 2015**. Help us spread the word about our exciting 4-H Camp. We will be allowed only 50 campers from our county and the applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. So if you want to make sure you to get a spot, fill out your application today. In addition to it being a very fun-filled week, the Stillwater County 4-H Council covers a portion of your costs to attend. This is a very inexpensive camp and one that you should take advantage of. There are also partial scholarships available. Scholarship information is on the application as well. Sign up today!
We want **YOU** at 4-H Camp!

Cloverbud Camp

This year's Cloverbud Camp will be held on **Tuesday, June 16th at the Spring Creek Community Center in Absarokee from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. 4-Hers ages 5 – 8 are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful day camp where loads of fun and learning take place. Highlights of the day always include the annual dick race in Arnold's Creek. You will not want to miss this exciting time! See attached registration form and send payment by Friday, May 1st to the Extension office.



4-H Concession Sign-Up

Please consider signing your club up for an extra time or two, there are a few spots not filled yet. Please let Ashley know in the office if you are interested in a time.

Thank You!

Sign Up By Time Slot

Time	Wednesday 7-15-15	Thursday 7-16-15	Friday 7-17-15	Saturday 7-18-15
A.M.	Kitchen/Bussing	Kitchen/Bussing	Kitchen/Bussing	Kitchen/Bussing
9:00 - 10:15	1 2	1 2 Beartooth Ramblers	1 2	1 2 Stillwater Reiner Hands
10:00-12:15	1 2	1 2 ↓	1 2 Rope/Jacks & Jills	1 2 Spring Creek Stooegrowers
P.M.				
12:00-2:15	1 2 Stillwater Ridge Riders	1 2 Brownsview Homesteaders	1 2 Spring Creek Stooegrowers	1 2
2:00-4:15	1 2 Park City Wranglers	1 2 Malt Happy Helpers	1 2 Park City Wranglers	1 2 Stillwater Ridge Riders
4:00-6:15	1 2	1 2 Cloverbud Adventurers	1 2 Johnny's Bussing	1 2
8:00-Close	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2

SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Shooting Sports Family Camp
 May 15—17, 2015
 Loon Lake 4-H Camp Ferndale, MT
 Attached is more information and the registry form.



If you are interested in buying a Rifle Raffle Ticket for \$20 each please stop in the office or call Ashley at 322-8035 for more information and to fill out your ticket.. This goes to help the shooting clubs with funds and such. Thank you for your support in advance.

Sent on behalf of Scott Francis, Interim Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

Dear 4-H Shooting Sports Teens,
 If you have an interest in becoming a National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador, please see the attached training application packet.
 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassadors promote 4-H in a positive way, learn to write press releases and work with the media, plan events, recruit youth and leaders to 4-H Shooting Sports, gain an understanding of the philosophies of youth development through 4-H Shooting Sports, and much more.
 This year's National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute takes place in Fresno, California at California State University on August 4-8, 2015. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by January 1, 2015 to apply and two teens per state can attend if space allows for the secondary candidate. All lodging (including linens), meals, transportation during the event and materials will be provided by generous donations from the National 4-H Shooting Sports Steering Committee General Fund. The cost and arrangement of transportation to the event will be the responsibility of the participant.
 Deadline - May 15, 2015 to your 4-H Shooting Sports State Coordinator, Scott Francis (sfrancis@manhattan.k12.mt.us). One applicant will be identified as the primary candidate and another as the secondary candidate.
 Please review the entire attached packet and remember that the deadline to apply is May 15th.

There will be a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training in Miles City on Friday and Saturday, May 1 - 2, 2015. At this time the following disciplines will be offered; Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun
 Depending on availability of venue, the following disciplines will be possibly offered; Muzzle-loading, Western Heritage, Hunting



Missouri 4-H is very excited to officially announce the 2nd Annual 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Invitational Cowboy Shoot in Springfield, Missouri, July 29 to August 1st. Anyone interested in the 4-H Western Heritage Project is welcome to attend – officially enrolled or not. It's a great way to create enthusiasm and learn the history of a very pivotal state in the western expansion period. Visit the website at the link below for complete information. Please note that not all their information is complete – there will be more workshops to attend.

Check it out and start making your reservations. Missouri is centrally located, so they expect things to fill up fast from neighboring states. What a great opportunity for families to spend time together exploring history and experiencing all southwest Missouri has to offer – everything from Jesse James to Mark Twain and Wild Bill Hickok to the Bass Pro Shop Museums and Branson, Missouri. Please see the information attached on the website for more information.



MONTANA CRANE SERVICE
presents
Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen
4-H PACKING CLINIC

- Clinic I: ~~January 22, 2015~~**
- Clinic II: ~~February 12, 2015~~**
- Clinic III: ~~March 21, 2015~~**
- Clinic IV: ~~April 11, 2015~~**
- Clinic V: May 9, 2015**



COST:
\$20.00 per person

- Lunch will be furnished during the clinics III and IV.
 - 4-H members should plan on attending all clinics in order to be evaluated to qualify for a Back Country Horsemen packing trip.
 - 4-H members with horses are welcome and stalling or pens are available.
- Cost: \$20.00 for outdoor pens or
\$30.00 indoor stalls, shavings if needed.

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For more information or questions contact Harry Huntsinger at 406-580-2788 or hchuntsinger@gmail.com



Anyone with an interest may attend. NO RSVP required, just show up. The clinic will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in the East Exhibit Building, just west of the main parking lot. Attached is the brochure with all Clinic dates and topics. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Benjamin at (406) 580-9574.

2015 Horse Shows

- May 17— Big Sky Jackpot—Superbarn
- May 23-24—Montana Arabian Horse Show—Superbarn
- June 6—Roundup Ride Riders—Roundup
- June 7—Big Sky Jackpot—Superbarn
- June 12-14—jewel of the Big Sky Appaloosa—Superbarn
- June 28—Big Sky Jackpot—Superbarn
- July 11—Roundup Ridge Riders—Roundup
- July 18—Big Sky State Games—Pony—MetraPark
- July 19—Big Sky State Games—Horse—MetraPark
- August 2 Worden Riverdale 4-H Horse Show—Huntley
- August 6-8—Montana Fair 4-h Horse Show—MetraPark
- August 8-9—Montana Fair Open Horse Show—MetraPark
- Sept 25-27—State Horse Show—Great Falls

In the Fairbook Dept. 1 & 2 (Breeding, Market, Carcass) There should be a minimal of 7 activities with no more than 3 consisting of life experience, i.e. (more challenges) Example: see the attached example page taken from Swine 1 *The Incredible Pig* pages 4, 5, and 9.

Low-Stress Livestock Handling With
DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN & CURT PATE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2015
BAKER, MT
FALLON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

*The same workshop will be offered in Miles City, June 2nd.
 Call the Custer County Extension Office for information (406) 874-3370*

*Register with the
 Fallon/Carter Extension
 Office by May 26th*

**Fallon/Carter
 Extension**
 (406) 778-7110
 P.O. Box 850
 Baker MT, 59313
 falloncarter1@montana.edu

Agenda:

- | | |
|------------|--|
| 10:00 a.m. | Registration Opens |
| 10:30 a.m. | Presentation and Q & A Session (Grandin & Pate)
<i>*Bring your questions!</i> |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch provided |
| 12:30 p.m. | Livestock Demonstration (Grandin & Pate) |
| 2:30 p.m. | Horsemanship for Stockmanship (Pate) |
| 3:00 p.m. | Closing remarks |

Workshop Fee: \$20.00

(Make checks payable to Fallon/Carter Extension)

Dr. Temple Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Facilities she has designed are located in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a center track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling.



Curt Pate brings great value to the livestock industry. He spends his time conducting stockmanship demonstrations and trainings and also manages a small grazing operation in Montana. With his ability to think outside the box, his ability to challenge others to do the same, and a willingness to share his skills. Curt has set himself apart in conducting stockmanship clinics. His lifelong experience in ranching adds credibility and enables him to communicate his methods of effectively to cattle ranchers throughout the county. In addition, Curt continues to seek out new learning opportunities to increase and hone his knowledge and skills and enjoys sharing this knowledge with others.



BEEF NEWS!

Montana Junior Hereford Association is continuing to have their Certified Hereford Beef show circuit this summer. Here is the contest info. And rules:

There are 2 live shows

Mountain Magic CHB contest is held in Bozeman at the fairgrounds after the Mountain Magic jackpot steer show and heifer show. This will be tentatively on Saturday, May 23, 2015. More information verifying the date will be out later.

Montana Junior Beef Expo in Lewistown, June 18-20. CHB show will be held on Saturday and steers can also show in the MJBE Jackpot show on Friday. Entry of each show is filled out and sent in to MJBE prior to the contests. Mike & Mardi Vanek are the contact people for MJBE.

One carcass contest. Your steer or steers go through the live shows for CHB as well as any other shows you wish to attend such as the summer jackpot shows that happen around the state and your county fair if your in 4-H or FFA. When your steer is killed and a qualified carcass judge does an evaluation of the carcass the data is turned into MJHA by October 1, 2015. Ultrasound for carcass is not acceptable, and will not qualify, it must be a hanging carcass evaluation including HWT. There is a form for the evaluation that you will receive upon entry of contest in either Bozeman or Lewistown. You must show in at least 1 of the 2 qualifying live shows to be eligible to go into the carcass contest.

Upon entry of the first live show you will be required to also pay dues of \$5.00 to Mt. Jr. Hereford Association.

Steer Criteria is:

Steers may be 100% Hereford or they must be at least 50% Hereford with the other 50% from British Breeds; shorthorn, black angus, red angus, south devon.

More complete rules concerning the steers and shows will be available in the entry packets or for a copy of the rules contact:

Lynda Barker, MJHA advisor

PO Box 774

Shelby, Mt. 59474

(406)450-9716

Other jackpot shows around the state:

Golden Triangle in Great Falls April 18

Havre May 30

Huntley Eagles in Hardin June 13

Helena June 13

4-H Advanced Beef Tour

June 5th and 6th Deer Lodge, MT Registration will be \$20. Recommended age: 12 and up.

More information will be in the next newsletter!

FREE! Sponsored by Montana JR. Red Angus Association
More information and registrations forms are on the website!



MONTANA GRAD PROGRAM

JUNE 6TH - 7TH
COLUMBUS, MONTANA

PROFESSORS

JOSH ELDER, KYLER COLYER, TRACY COFFLAND
CHRIS FORD, JUSTIN CLICK, PAUL HILL, CALLYN HAHN

ADDRESS/DIRECTIONS

KEYSER CREEK ARENA
390 RAPELJE ROAD
COLUMBUS, MT 59019

FROM BILLINGS I-90 WEST, TAKE COLUMBUS EXIT 408. LEFT
OFF THE EXIT, FOLLOW TO STOP SIGN, TURN RIGHT ONTO THE
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406-322-4111

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- GENERATORS ENCOURAGED
- A SULLIVAN SUPPLY TRAILER WILL BE ON-SITE TO PURCHASE NEEDED ITEMS.
- CONTACT CALLYN HAHN AT 800-475-5902 OR CALLYN@SULLIVANSUPPLY.COM

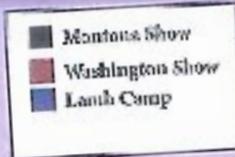


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2015 Jackpot Information



February 1 - Montana Winter Fair - Lewistown - Beef Only

Kim Vincent - kim.vincent@hobson.k12.mt.us - 406-423-5313

April 18 - Golden Triangle Preview - Great Falls - Beef Only

Also includes Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series Show

Alena Standley - ffaalena@yahoo.com - 406-799-9955

April 26 - Missouri River Royal - Fort Benton - Beef Only

Laurie McCullough - shoukin3383@yahoo.com - 406-868-2909

May 16 - Mountain Magic Junior Classic - Bozeman - Beef Only

Also includes Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series Show

Kari Wagner - jl.wags@hotmail.com - 406-670-9619

May 23 - Russell Country Classic - Stanford - Beef Only

Dawnita Deichmann - dd_ffa_salers@yahoo.com - 406-799-2379

May 30 - Hi-Line Preview - Havre - Beef Only

Shelby O'Neil - sherb_12@yahoo.com - 406-390-5073

June 5-6 - Kirk Stierwalt fitting clinic and Jackpot - Spokane, WA

Alyx Hanson - email: hansonstock@gmail.com

June 6-8 - Big Sky Lamb Camp - Bozeman

Early registration for (Discounted Entry fee) ends March 1st. Enter NOW at www.boatmanclublamb.com

June 13 - Huntley Eagles Jackpot - Hardin - All Species

Trish Hays - thays@nemont.net - 406-671-7493

June 13 - Helena Jackpot Show - Helena - All Species

Jeff Patten - Jeff.Patten@dot.gov - 406-449-6947

June 18-20 - Mt Jr Beef Expo - Lewistown - Beef Only

Two shows for Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series, NILE Merit Heifer Show, NILE Angus Futurity Heifer Show

Mike - 406-366-4668/Mardi - 406-366-4667 - mmcattleservices@yahoo.com

June 20 - Windy City Classic - Livingston - All Species

Dale Booth - 406-224-0071 or Jason Frost - 406-223-7063

June 21 - Deer Lodge Jackpot - Deer Lodge

Dick Perkins 406-560-0082

June 27 - Beaverhead Bonanza - Dillon - All Species (no goats)

Shelli Schuett - shooit@zipmt.com - 406-683-2406

June 28 - Yellowstone Classic - Billings - Beef Only

Also includes Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series Show & NILE Steer & Heifer Futurity Shows

Paul Bromenshenk - b.bromenshenk@brcsnan.net - 406-855-4465



Ambassador/Teen Leader News

District 7 Ambassadors will host a “Survivor Teen Retreat” for 4-Hers ages 13 and up which will be held at the Carbon County Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 3rd. Any teen 4-Her hoping to increase their 4-H survival skills will want to be present for this leadership event. Please look at the attachments for this month.



- 1. Do you want to do an awesome science program with your friends?**
- 2. Are you available **August 3-7, 2015** for an expenses-paid stay on campus at MSU in beautiful Bozeman?**
- 3. Can you commit to the BioScience project August-March?**

BioScience is an awesome, hands-on science program. Youth get to learn about neuroscience, infectious disease and metabolomics. Learn to draw your own blood. See how your hearing and concentration compare to others. Learn about how parts of the brain work. Grow bacteria in a lab.

See <http://eu.montana.edu/bioscience/index.htm> for more information and cool videos from other Montana youth who have taken the BioScience challenge.

Teams of four students who will be in grades 8-11 next school year can apply. One coach is needed per team. For more information call Ashley or Lisa with MSU Extension in Stillwater County at 406-322-8035.

Applications due May 1!

Cascade County will host the 2015 and 2016 Montana State 4-H Horse Show at the King's Arena in Great Falls, Montana. The dates for the two events will be September 25-27, 2015 and September 16-18, 2016. Event information can be found on the Montana State 4-H Horse Show's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/montanastate4hhorseshow?ref=hl> or by

The MSU Youth Horsemanship School (YHS) is in need of volunteers and interns to help with the school. YHS is a 5 day and 4 night youth personal growth and development school using the horse and horsemanship as a medium for learning and development. Attached is a flyer with more detailed information. Contact Dr. Shannon Moreaux with questions at moreaux@montana.edu or 406.994.7689.

Youth Trapper Camp

This 3 day camp offers youth the opportunity to learn all aspects of trapping from qualified instructors. Held in the Bear Pay Mountains south of Havre in Beaver Creek Park the date are July 12-14, 2015. Fees are \$50 per camper with a \$20 scholarship available to the first 60 youth applicants. All meals, snacks, drinks, eating utensils and educational materials are included in the fee. This is a family oriented camp so adults are encouraged to attend with their children, There will be a chaperoned cabin for youth over the age of 11 years unattended by an adult or guardian. Applications are available by calling 406-376-3178 or at the MT Trappers Association website www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc.htm or info@montanatrappers.org

Natural Resources Youth Camp

The 29th Annual Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp will be held July 12-17, 2015 near Missoula. The camp helps foster understanding and instills appreciation for the natural amenities of Montana that provide resources like clean water, wood products, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat. Campers spend a week in the rustic setting of the Lubrecht Experimental Forest learning about wildlife, forestry, water, soils, geology, range land, and multiple land use and spend a half-day rafting the Alberton Gorge of the Clark Fork River.

Field sessions are taught by professionals and there are special evening sessions, guest speakers, hands-on learning through discovery and camp fires! Student teams also compete in a Land-Use-Game where they manage a 3,400 acre ranch. Teams must make simulated real-life hard choices between profits and conservation ethics. Campers are accepted on the first-come basis. Camp cost is \$200 which includes meals, supplies, and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship which will cover much of the camp fee. A limited number of travel assistance grants (up to \$100) are available upon request.

Registration forms are available at www.mnryc.org Deadline is June 15, 2015. For additional information contact Martin Twer, MSU Extension Forestry at 406-243-2775 or email director@mnryc.org

Nickels Scholarship

During the February council meeting “Tammi Kirch made a motion to use the Dennis Nickels money as scholarships spread out to disperse across all areas of 4-H on a as needed basis. The recipients would be required to fill out an application that can be picked up at the Extension Office when a need arises such as 4-H camp, workshops, etc.

Wendy Reed seconded. Motion passes.”

SAVE THE DATE July 7-10, 2015

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS



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More Upcoming News & Events!

RABBIES CLINIC

The Rapeljacks & Jills will be doing a Rabies Clinic May 6th from 6pm to 7pm at Markle's shop directly behind the Stockman Café in Rapelje.

Non Food Vendors invited to Stillwater Fair 2015!!!

If you know of someone that would like to participate please have them contact Tammi Kirch at 855-3839.

4-H WORK DAYS

May 3, June 6, and July 11 will start at 9 a.m. and the ending date will vary depending on what is needing to be done for that day. As stated in the February Council Meeting "At this time it is strongly encouraged that families attend at least one of the clean-up days either May 3 or June 6 and at least one member from each family attend clean up on July 11, 2015. If commitments keep you from attending, please contact the extension office and we will direct you to a pre-fair chore that will substitute." ***See attached for May 3rd cleanup day information.***



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.

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. Also, Check out www.4-h.org for lots of ways to get involved in your community through "The Revolution of Responsibility" program.**

Remember, project book ordering will not be going through the Extension Office this year. Every club is responsible for ordering and paying for all club members project books. It is up to each club to decide how payment is collected for ordering. To order 4-H Project books go to:

<http://www.Store.msuextension.org/Departments/4-H-Materials.aspx>

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/educationresources.aspx>

<http://estore.osuextension.org/catalog.cfm?CatPos=157>



*Spring 2015
Annual Council Meeting*

Spring Fling

Stillwater County Homemakers

May 4th at 10 A.M.

Columbus Congregational Church

Heads Up on Upcoming Events In The (not so near) Future!

2015 Montana State Leaders Forum

Save the date to attend the Montana State 4-H Leaders Forum October 2-4, 2015, in Havre, MT. Join District 2 for 4-H Leadership on the Hi-Line to “Harvest the Seeds of Leadership.”

North To Alaska!-2016 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum

Save the date for the 2016 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum on March 2-4 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Workshop proposals are due June 1. The proposal form and additional information is available at www.alaska2016.com. One of the cool things about the forum is that the end of the forum is the start of the Iditarod. That is definitely a once in a lifetime experience!

VOLUNTEERS/LEADERS

The state office has successfully completed the second Montana 4-H Volunteer Excellence Webinar Series. All webinars were recorded and have been posted online: <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:56>. Please go to the website to watch the recordings and utilize the shared resources. Over the next couple of months, Allison Kosto will be evaluating the webinars and making decisions regarding continuing them in the future. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please contact the office and let them know!

We have filled the mini horse leader position. Irene Strobel called and she and Lyle will be the mini-horse superintendents. If you have any questions you can give her a call at 328-4991! Thank You Irene & Lyle!

Montana 4-H Foundation and 4-H Center have consolidated our awards for adults into one application and have several other exciting changes to share! The awards categories:

Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards: Traditionally, this award has only had one category, but this year there are two! The 4-H Center will recognize individuals from each 4-H District in two award categories. The *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer* recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for 10 years or more. The *Volunteer of the Year* recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years.

Hall of Fame Award: The 4-H Foundation honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving, volunteering or community support of 4-H.

Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award: The 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area.

More details regarding specific qualifications, application requirements and nomination form are attached. Each county may nominate one individual for each category (so up to four individuals). Nominees may qualify for more than one category. The other big change is that we have moved the deadline before your busy summers. Applications are now due May 1.



4-H STEM Camp Huge Success!

Thirty one 4-Hers and seven adult chaperones from Stillwater and Carbon County attended the highly successful, fun and entertaining Natural Resources STEM Camp in Bozeman on Saturday, April 18th. Highlights of the day included building a marshmallow catapult, building rockets, soil identification, animal feeds and seeing a cannulated cow. Several of our 4-Hers were able to withdraw the food from the stomach of the cannulated cow and then examine the contents under a microscope. Levi Kramer, from Johnny's Buckaroos, stated of the experience, "It was really cool. I got to stick my hand in the cow's stomach. It was really warm." Levi and other's from Stillwater County looked for microbes that are responsible for helping cow with digestion of food. These microbes are studied by MSU researchers in order to better understand the digestive system and the best practices for cow nutrition. In addition to the animal projects for the day was a session on states of matter where the kids experimented with gases, solids and liquids. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The purpose of the program is to stimulate interest in careers in the STEM field many of which are offered as degrees at Montana State. Dr. Shannon Arnold and her students hosted the event. Lisa Terry and Nikki Bailey of Carbon County wrote the grant which made the trip possible.

NEW 4-H EXCHANGE YEAR!!!!

The next 4-H Exchange cycle starts this year! We will be selecting the new exchange delegates this summer and hope to have them selected as well as a state to exchange with by fair. Interstate Exchanges give you the opportunity to travel and learn about other states within the United States. You must host a youth from another state or county and stay in another state or county with a youth. This project will allow you to taste other foods and participate in events and activities with 4-H'ers in other states. You will learn about geography, meet other people, have lots of fun traveling and site seeing. The Exchange project guide will lead you through the process, help you think about traveling and safety and give you lots of great ideas to implement as you travel. Selected 4-Hers will participate in this year's Pig Wrestling fund-raiser during fair week. Pig Wrestling funds help us to get started on our hosting fund. We will be hosting the summer of 2016 and will travel the summer of 2017. This is a two year commitment and involves commitment to fund-raise for the group as well as fund-raise for your own personal plane ticket. An interview process will be held to determine exchange delegates. See attached application and return to the extension office by June 15, 2015. If any of the parents are interested in being chaperons for the exchange group please let Marsha Schultz know or by contacting the office.



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 the Council Meeting...

-  The motion passed in which the order of the schedule would now read the market and breeding animals would show before showmanship.
-  Everyone is invited to the Homemakers Spring Council meeting that will be May 4th at 10 a.m. at the Columbus Congregational Church.
-  The 2015 fair concession schedule was passed around for the clubs to sign up. Please have Cloverbud age children sweep and wipe off tables, 9-12 year olds work the counter, and older children or parents are asked to handle the food.
-  Feedback was given from leaders as to how they would like to remember Don Vondra. Some leaders stated a plaque or award such as the volunteer award. Melissa Kramer is waiting to hear back about how Linda Vondra would like to memorialize Don.
-  The community garden is looking for someone to help with taking in the money, ect. Please let Lisa know if you are interested in helping with this.
-  The Farmer's Market is also looking for someone to help with the money, advertising, ect. If interested please let Melissa know.
-  Mike Baker made a motion to have members complete a total of seven activities per year in the livestock projects. A maximum of three life experiences can be completed each year while completing activities out of the book. Andrea Stampfel seconded the motion. Motion passes.
-  Stock Show university is coming to Keyser Creek on June 6 and 7. They are looking for at least 45 entries so that all 9 instructors will be able to attend.
-  In May, the Extension staff will be taking to commissioners about the happenings of 4-H.
-  Fair entry deadline-The deadline will be set for June 15 by the close of business. If June 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.

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 June 17th 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 & 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 Reita Reiter	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	Shop Room in the High School
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 - 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.

Happy 
Mother's
Day

*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for a while,
but their hearts
forever.*



Thank you for all that you mothers are and mean to us. We don't tell you enough that we appreciate all you do. You give so much of your time, love and devotion to make the lives of your little (or not so little) ones meaningful and worth it all. I hope all of you mothers have a fabulous Mother's Day and know that you are appreciated and thought of.

Happy Mother's Day!