

Stillwater County 4-H Newsletter April 2015

Happy Spring! This newsletter is filled with tons of information for you of things that are happening in Stillwater 4-H as well as counties around Montana. Ashley has done an excellent job of making these newsletters “kid friendly” with all the beautiful colors and graphics. If your 4-Her is not reading this newsletter, please make sure that they do. Although we want to inform parents and leaders of upcoming events, this newsletter is for the kids so please have them read it! There may be things they are interested in, but had no idea was happening because they have not seen the newsletter. Perhaps give the member an incentive if they read the entire newsletter.

We want the kids informed!

Lisa Terry Lee



Happy
Easter



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April 2015



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19 Week of Service	20	21	4-H E-academy 12-2p.m. 22	23	Shooting Instructor Certification 24	Sewing Project Showcase 25
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May 2015



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Upcoming Events & Deadlines!

Please Take A Look! New Website!

Hello All! We have began the process of transferring over our website to the new MSU site. The new website will have all of the new and updated information such as newsletters, attachments, council agendas, and more. I am currently making the banners and such in a different program, as this site has no options to decorate or add color. I do ask for patience as we are learning this new system and transferring data. However, I am looking forward to working with this site more and am having fun with it. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments. The website address is as follows:

<http://msuextension.org/stillwater> ~ Thanks, Ashley

There will be a Woodworking Camp put on by Mike Baker in Park City on May 30th instead of the previous April 25th. This camp will be going over shop safety, covering tools, and will be building a log cabin bird house. This camp will cost \$20. Please mark your calendars for this great opportunity and sign up in the office before May 23rd.

Cat Workshop
Saturday, April 4th at 11 a.m.
in the meeting room of the court house!

Schedule for Horse Ridings are as follows:

April 8th and 22nd

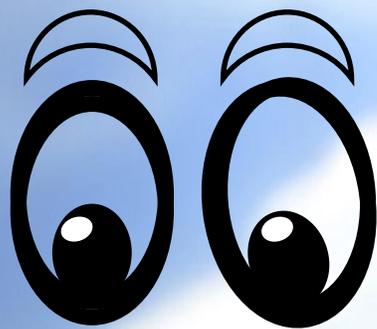
May 6th and 20th

June 10th and 24th

These are all at Keyser creek arena at 6pm.

So far Kayla has a schedule through June, she will probably add more rides as it goes.





Looking Ahead... Upcoming Events!

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.



IT'S SIMPLE!

1. Plan a Service Project
2. Get People Involved
3. Implement the project
April 12-19, 2015
4. Report the project at
www.mt4hservice.org

Attached is a flyer that explains a little bit more, in more detail.

The Stillwater County Library **NEEDS** your help!!!!

We will be hauling books and setting up for our huge book sale at the Pavilion on Monday April 20th. Any and all volunteers are appreciated. We will be starting at 8:00 am and working until it is set up or until 7 pm whichever is first. This being a school day, I understand if 4-Hers can't come until after school but they will be put to work setting up tables and shelves and getting books out for the sale. If you are interested and can help or if you have questions please call Della at the library at 406-322-5009. **This is a great opportunity to Volunteer!**

Shooting Sports

Congrats to all of our State Shooting Sports Participants! You all did very well in the competition & we are very proud of you!

4-H Shooting Sports
Family Camp
May 15 to 17, 2014
Loon Lake 4-H Camp
Ferndale, MT
Attached is more information and the registry form!

Idaho is offering a multi-discipline 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification training on April 25-26, 2015 in Coeur d'Alene. Since Idaho uses the same standards as Montana, this training will certify 4-H shooting sports volunteers to conduct local 4-H shooting sports programs in Montana. In some cases, they even utilize Montana instructors. If you attend, please ask that the Idaho Extension faculty notify Scott Francis of you completion of the training.

We are pleased to announce the following 2015 4-H Shooting Sports leader training opportunities, which have been endorsed by Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington 4-H. Both events will be held the weekend of April 25-26 at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene, with registrations due by Friday, April 3, 2015. A brief description of each program along with the link to the respective registration packet can be found below:

Beginning Level - This training is designed for 4-H leaders seeking their initial Shooting Sports certification in archery, hunting, pistol, rifle and/or shotgun. Participants can obtain certification for one discipline in a single day or certification for two disciplines over the entire weekend. [<http://sitecore.uidaho.edu/~media/Files/Extension/County/Kootenai/Kootenai-Extension-Beginning-Shooting-2015>]

Advanced Archery - This training is designed for 4-H Shooting Sports leaders who have at least one year of experience since receiving their archery certification. Participants will gain extensive knowledge and skills necessary to achieve USA Archery Level 2 certification. [<http://sitecore.uidaho.edu/~media/Files/Extension/County/Kootenai/Kootenai-Extension-Advanced-Archery-2015>]

We welcome all interested 4-H volunteers from throughout Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington to join us for these dynamic training opportunities. Any questions can be directed to Jim Wilson at jwilson@uidaho.edu or (208-446-1680).

Camp Is Here Again!

Mark Your Calendars. It's That Time Of Year Again!

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!



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 duck 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.



Toole County is hosting a 4-H Camp Counselor Training in Havre on Sunday, April 26th from 1:00-5:00 pm. This training is open to any youth or adult who is involved in a leadership role at camp. It is also a great training for any 4-H volunteer leader (or someone who is interested). To register or if you have questions, please contact Toole County at toole@montana.edu or 424-8350. There is no cost to attend. A flyer is attached. Please pass on the word to your leaders and camp counselors.



Natural Resources (STEM) Day Camp – Bozeman, Saturday, April 18th

Lisa Terry, Stillwater County Extension Agent and Nikki Bailey, Carbon County Extension Agent received a grant to offer a special field trip to Bozeman for 50 lucky 4-Hers from Stillwater and Carbon Counties! Each county will be allowed 25 participants which will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. The day will be filled with fun and exciting activities as we spend the day with Dr. Shannon Bailey and other MSU Extension faculty members who will be hosting the event. Goal of camp: The camp will be held at the MSU-Bozeman campus to foster exploration of research and careers in natural resources and STEM fields. We will study STEM content areas utilizing 4-H Science Abilities and National Science Education Standards in 4-H curriculum, Science Montana (<http://www.sciencemontana.org/>), Science Saturdays (<http://eu.montana.edu/SciSat/pastscisat.htm>) and Science Olympiad (<http://soinc.org/>): soils, water, ecosystems, ecotourism, plants, sustainability, land management, biodiversity, invasive species, climate change, recycling, animals, energy, and insects. **This STEM Camp is for Middle School 4-Hers.** If you are interested in attending, please call the Extension office to get your name on the list. Again, Stillwater will only be able to have 20 kids, so you will not want to delay! Call today. Applications will be given to those applying at a later date. The deadline will be in March. Please look over the attachments for more information.

The following members still have checks outstanding from the 2013 & 2014 commission refunds. Please cash the check at your earliest convenience or contact your club organizational leader if you have misplaced the check. Thank you!

ATTENTION

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Name</u>		
2940	Elijah Barbour	3059	Kyla Rouane
2945	Mikol Degele	3060	Megan Rouane
3034	Clayton Haverland	3064	Zacc Degele
3037	Tymber Jensen	3065	Wyatt Deskins
3038	Ivory Keller	3067	Brooke Kreiger
3040	Abby Knoll	3068	Max Lane
3041	Hana Kelly	3072	Morgan Sorenson
3043	Brianna Kreiger	3074	Ryland Stampfel
3046	Tim Lane	3075	Treylan Stampfel
3050	Ty Pfingsten	3076	Ben Strobel
3056	McKenna Robertus	3077	Dan Stobel
3057	Aubree Mitchum	3079	Aidan Tilzey

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 or call me @ 406-322-4522 Greg Burke 5 Beartooth Vista Rd Columbus, MT 59019



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.

For more information

contact:

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307-268-2525
Jeremy Burkett
jburkett@caspercollege.edu
307-268-2417

Casper College

LAMB AND PIG SALE

35TH ANNUAL

NEW DAY SAME GREAT SALE!

Sunday, April 12, 2015
viewing begins at 10:30 a.m., sale at 1:30 p.m.

30-35 lambs & 60-70 pigs
offered for sale!



2014 Reserve Overall Barrow, Natrona County, Wyoming. Shown by Nolan Hornecker. Raised by Burkett's, sold in last years sale.



2014 2nd in Class and 4th overall Carcase Sheep, Weld County, Colorado. Shown by Terra Saylor. Raised by Hornecker, sold in last years sale.

Attached are flyers for:
Show Pig in Hamilton
Market Goat in Park County

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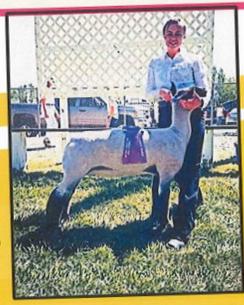


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DORVALL CLUB LAMBS

7th Annual Silent Auction
SATURDAY-APRIL 4, 2015
Viewing begins at 11:00am
Silent bidding closes at 1pm
Offering 35-40 head of Show Lambs

Link & Holly Dorvall Residence - Fromberg
Watch for Signs - Lunch served at 12:00 Noon



12
Champions

10
Reserve
Champs

Many Class Winners and Jackpot Champions



*We will also be taking phone bids during the sale. Please contact Jared Boardman at 307-272-4009. If you have further questions, please call Holly Dorvall at (406) 668-7701 or (406) 425-3027

Carlee's Club Lambs
April 12, 2015
Manhattan, MT
Contact Office for more information.

NEW

Check out our website
www.haysshowlambs.com

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FACEBOOK
HAYS SHOW LAMBS

11
APRIL 2015
10:00am

MONTANA PRIME PICK
show lamb sale

NEW SALE LOCATION 2040 West M Road | Worden, MT

The Crago Family Ranch
1st Annual Club Lamb Sale
Friday, April 10 at Stillwater County
Fairgrounds—Selling 25-30 Lambs
Viewing 5p.m. Bidding 6p.m.
406-322-9935 Like us on facebook: Crago Family Ranch

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

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
RAPELJE ROAD, THE ARENA IS LOCATED AT MILE MARKER 4,
390 RAPELJE ROAD.**

LODGING

**SUPER 8
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COLUMBUS, MT 59019
406-322-4101**

**GITS BIG SKY MOTEL
740 E. PIKE. AVE
COLUMBUS, MT 59019
406-322-4111**

MORE INFO.

- BRING CALF, CHUTE, FITTING MATS,
BLOWER, SHOWBOX WITH PRODUCT**
- BEDDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**
- GENERATORS ENCOURAGED**
- A SULLIVAN SUPPLY TRAILER WILL BE
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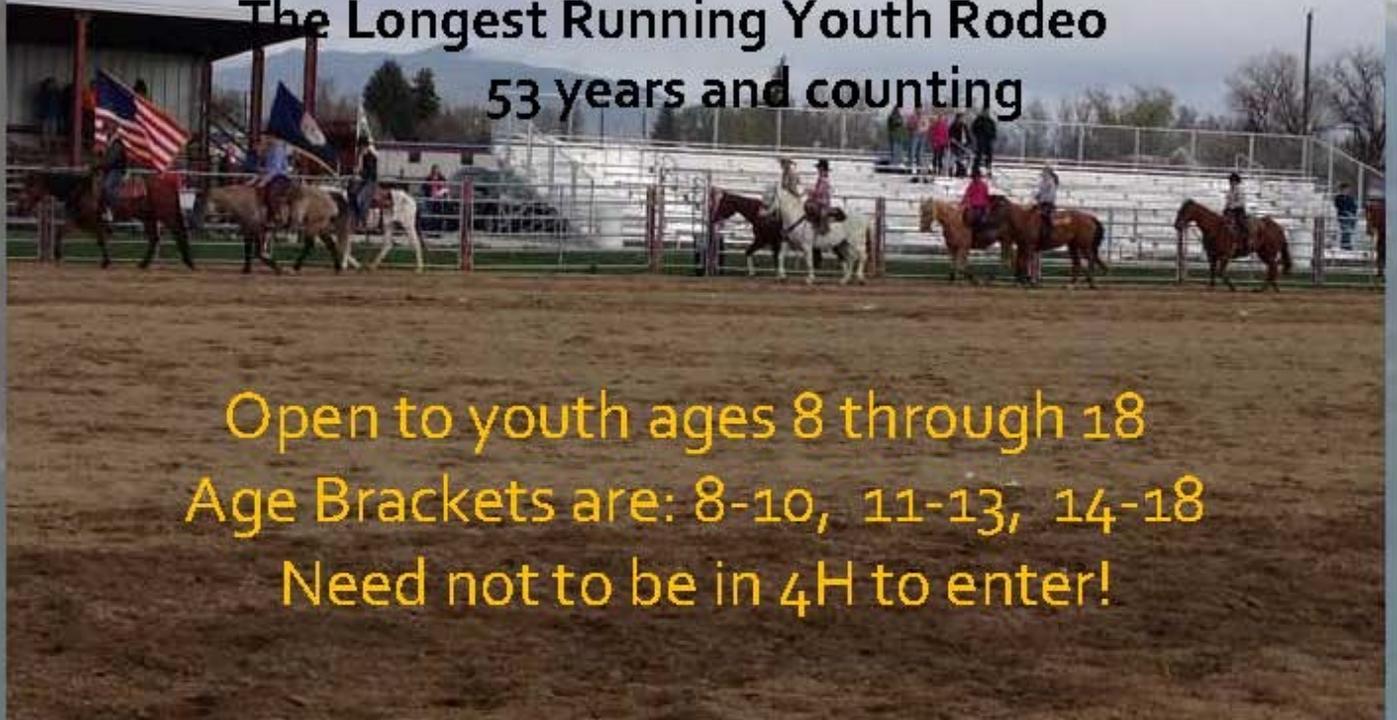


BY's Youth Rodeo

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Whitehall Rodeo Grounds

The Longest Running Youth Rodeo
53 years and counting



Open to youth ages 8 through 18
Age Brackets are: 8-10, 11-13, 14-18
Need not to be in 4H to enter!

Steer Riding, Cow Riding, Calf Daubing
Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing
Pole Bending, Goat Tail Tying, Goat Tying
Team Roping, and Ribbon Race.

Entry Deadline is Friday, April 17, 2015
(No late entries will be accepted.)

For Entry Form Contact: Tara Price (406) 596-1000
Bill Gillespie (406) 491-2918

Application is attached in the email. Please let Ashley know in the office if you need her to print one off for you!



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 for 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.

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 calling the MSU Cascade County Extension office at (406) 454-6980.

Last Minute Tid-Bits!

Sewing Project Showcase:

Calling all 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project Members

This event will take place at the First Congregational Church in Laurel on Saturday, April 25. Go to the Yellowstone County Extension website to print out registration forms. Forms are due April 10th. <http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension/>



Looking for Fair Animals or Pets???

Rabbits:

-One seller is selling white rabbits with pink eyes.

-The other sellers we do not have the details of the rabbits but have their contact information if you are interested in them.

-There are also a few rabbit hutches that were left behind. If you are wanting one you just have to pick them up.

Goats

-There are 2 available, however, they would like for them to stay together. The male is neutered.

If you are interested in any of these, please contact the office at 322-8035 for more information.

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.

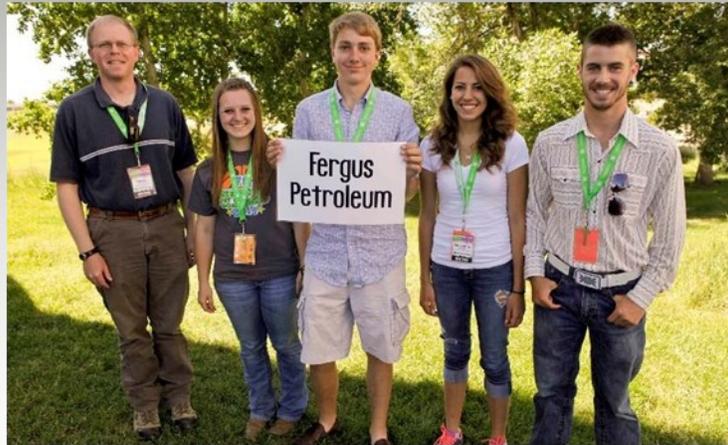
4-H Advanced Beef Tour

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

More information will be in the next newsletter!

SAVE THE DATE July 7-10, 2015

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS



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VOLUNTEERS/LEADERS

We have 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 are needing a new mini horse leader as the previous one is stepping down. She is willing to help as much as she can where needed. If you are interested in becoming the mini horse leader, please contact Ashley in the office at 322-8035 or by email at stillwater@montana.edu

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.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES!

National 4-H E-academy: Developing Skills Through 4-H Leadership and Citizenship Opportunities

4-H professionals at all levels of programming are invited to participate in a national e-academy focusing on the skills teens develop through participating in 4-H leadership and citizenship opportunities. Please plan on joining in on this opportunity. Also, share this communication via all newsletters, blogs, shared calendars, email lists, and social media avenues that reach 4-H professionals.

National 4-H E-academy: Developing Skills Through 4-H Leadership and Citizenship Opportunities

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2015

Sessions at 12:00pm & 2:00pm eastern time each day

Purpose - Inform and educate staff in aspects of teen leadership roles and citizenship

Topics to include

Teen leadership opportunities

The role of civic education in 4-H

Reaching new audiences in these areas

Skills developed through intentional civic engagement and service opportunities

Understanding and engaging in your world

Pre-registration will be required for each session

No fees for participating

All webcasts will be found on the 4-H Webcast Portal

<http://portal.on24.com/view/channel/index.html?showId=897406&showCode=national4hcouncil>

Webcasts will appear on the portal as planning continues. You will be able to search under Upcoming Webcasts

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available

Contact: Doug Swanson, National Program Leader, 4-H National Headquarters, NIFA/USDA
dswanson@Nifa.usda.gov

4-H Scholarships and Grants Application Deadlines!

- 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

NEW:

The Montana 4-H Foundation just finalized details for new scholarships with three new donors. This brings the Montana 4-H scholarship numbers up to 30 scholarships worth \$29,650!

Many Montana **graduating seniors who have been in 4-H can apply**. Check out the criteria for each scholarship on the Montana 4-H website at <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:30>. Filling out one application (also available on the Montana 4-H website) puts your name in the running for any of these scholarships for which you qualify. Our newest version of the application will be posted on our website next Monday. **Scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before April 1st.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at martha.klaumann@montana.edu or 406.994.5911.

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.



Weigh In Dates To Remember!

- ◇ Market/Carcass Sheep and Goats—**May 3rd**
- ◇ 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**.



Is your club up to the task??

Due to the success of last years collection, the Beartooth Ramblers Veterinary Science Project Members would like to challenge all Stillwater County 4- H Clubs again to a Pet Food Drive!

All proceeds will benefit Project Hope and Stillwater County Animal Control. We are looking for items such as dog or cat food, new or used towels, cat litter, etc.

Please have leaders bring pet items to the Leaders Council meeting on April 18, 2015.

For more information please contact Tammi Kirch at 406-855-3839



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>





Stillwater County 4-H Leaders Council



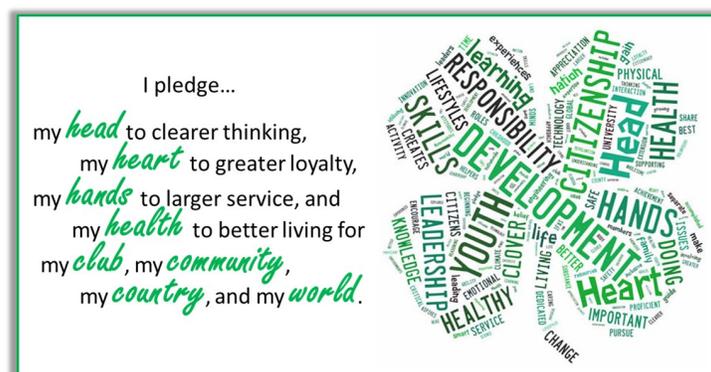
The 2014-2015 Executive Officers have been elected. We would like to welcome our new Council Officers and wish them a fun and successful 4-H year!

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

Highlights from the Council Meeting...

- ❁ The Exchange group has started their Spice Sales. Please be sure to get your spices from them!
- ❁ Tri County 4-H Camp will be accepting up to 50 campers from our county this year, June 9th-12th.
- ❁ It's FREE! Natural Resources Day Camp will take place in Bozeman on April 18th. We are able to take 20 from our county, ages 9-13, and it will be based on a first come, first served basis. So turn in your applications TODAY!
- ❁ Fair Schedule-After debating between last years schedule and this years, the vote came out to be FOR the new schedule, with some revisions. Those revisions will be discussed at the next council meeting.
- ❁ There are a lot of events that will be taking place within the next few months, so please keep your eyes open for new events and dates.

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 April 18th 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	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 - 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.

2015 Jackpot Information

■ Montana Show
■ Washington Show
■ Lamb Camp

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 - shonkin3383@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.boatmanclublambs.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