

*Happy Thanksgiving*

# STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Happy Thanksgiving! Please make sure to contact your club members to see if they are signed up for Stillwater County 4-H for 2017. Some may need assistance with signing up and if they do, please ask them to contact our office. We are excited about the new 4-H year and the new online system. So far there have been great comments about how easy the new online enrollment is. We look forward to the exciting opportunities for members and families for this new year. Read the newsletter each month which is loaded with information about dozens of things you can get involved in.

-Lisa

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# YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

## Bright & Bold

### Girls for a Change Conference

The Girls for Change Conference (GFAC) will take place in Bozeman on November 12 this year. This is a day like no other and brings over 200 girls (grades 8-12) from 40+ communities together to discover their strengths and connect with other girls and women. Daisy Gumin has made appearances on the CBS Early Show and is a contributing writer for bestselling author Susan Cain's website, *Quiet Revolution*, "a mission-based company whose goal is to unlock the power of introverts for the benefits of us all."

Mandy Smoker Broaddus Director of Indian Education at the Montana Office of Public Instruction, published poet, and member of the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation. Mandy grew up seeing the hardships on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, so she3 know how important, and sometimes difficult getting an education can be.

Cost runs \$25 and girls choose from over 30 workshops, attend a luncheon and get a rad conference take away. For information check out the site <https://allthrive.org/programs/girls-for-a-change/2016-summit/>

### 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

**Deadline: November 8**

Students in grades 5-12 in the U.S. who have volunteered in the past 12 months are invited to apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. 102 State Honorees (2 per state) will receive \$1,000 awards and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent for four days of recognition events May 6-9, 2017. The Top 10 youth will receive a \$5,000 award, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for the nonprofit charitable organization of their choice.

## 2017 4-H Greytak Calendars



The 4-H Greytak calendars have arrived! If you are interested in placing an order, I've attached a fillable order form that you can email, mail or fax back to Christy Huddleston at 406-994-5911 or [chritine.huddlestone@montana.edu](mailto:chritine.huddlestone@montana.edu).

The calendar includes new artwork by Don Greytak of Havre and I've attached a copy of the calendar cover for a preview. It is recommended that calendars be sold for \$10 each, which gives a twenty-five percent profit to your local 4-H program. Proceeds from the calendar sales also support 4-H programs statewide.

### Cloverbud Workshops

Amanda Zajanc 406-293-1408

Please come join us on every first Monday of the month at 6pm at the Evangelical Church in Columbus for Cloverbud activities. We are excited to have a County Cloverbud leader this year. She has lots planned for the kiddos for the year. She will be doing an educational section which will include the different parts of a cows stomach and many other topics to prepare the kids educationally for when they become a member. They will also be doing craft that will be completed during the workshops and she will collect them and keep them in a safe spot so that the kids can enter them when fair time rolls around. Please call her and let her know if you plan to come so she can prepare for the appropriate number of kids.

### Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Who: 4-H members ages 14-19.

When: Requested June 10-17, 2017.

Cost: Approximately \$1600 per person

Scholarship(s): Susan Dufner for one person 17+ (amount varies annually)

Application due January 15, 2017 with a \$650 deposit

### Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)

Who: 4-H members in grades 7-9

When: July 16-21, 2017

Cost: Approximately \$1,600 per person

Application due January 15, 2017 with a \$650 deposit

### National 4-H Conference

Who: In-depth leadership conference for three (3) teens and one (1) adult chaperone

When: April, 2017

Cost: Sending counties usually provide funds for participants after the 4-H Foundation contribution is applied

Application due February 1, 2017.

**Chaperones** (25+) are needed for all of the citizenship programs. Application deadlines are the same for chaperones as for participants. Chaperones do not pay a fee (except for National 4-H Conference which is usually paid sending county).

### Just a Reminder!

Beef Weigh-In  
January 8th, 2017  
Midland Bull Test

### Two Clubby Steers for Sale

Please call Brent Shay at 855-4949 if you are interested in them.

Shooting Sports practices will be starting up in the month of November. Please be checking emails for the dates and times of those practices. If you have any questions please call us at the extension office. 322-8035

Shooting Sports Leaders  
Training in Kalispell & Baker  
December 9, 10, 2016  
Baker—Archery, Rifle, Shotgun  
Kalispell—Archery, Rifle, Pistol,  
Shotgun, Muzzle-loading, and  
Hunting disciples if there is adequate interest.



**Dog Practice/Meeting  
November 14th at 6 pm  
Stillwater County  
Fairgrounds**

# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS




## SAVE THE DATE

Montana 4-H  
Horse and Livestock

# Youth & Leaders

Forum

## March 24, 25, 26, 2017

Red Lion Inn, Kalispell MT  
Watch for Registration Materials by February

**AT the Horse & Livestock Forum You Will:**

- > Network with other Youth and Volunteers from around the state.
- > Intro into Livestock and Small Animal Care & Knowledge.
- > Youth Activities, forums, Dance, Skill-A-Thon
- > Interactive tours in project related facilities

Obtain new ideas and inspiration to take back to your county!!

Also if you have topics that you'd like to learn more about please let us know!!

Please respond by December 1, 2016  
Start your fund-raising NOW To Attend!!



**Attention:**

## All Stillwater Homemakers

The Stillwater County Fair presents  
Open Class Competition  
in  
Quilting, Baking, Canned Goods & Arts, Crafts & Ceramics  
for the 2017 year.

Apply your creative Arts & Crafts skills in an open class forum with other like-minded individuals. Information and applications will be available soon with all entry fee proceeds going to the Stillwater 4H Awards funding. Support your county, show off your talents and join your neighbors in a little friendly competition.

Please turn your forms in no later than June 15th.

Contact the Extension Office at:  
406-322-8035 or [stillwater@montana.edu](mailto:stillwater@montana.edu)



## 2016-2017 4-H Camp

Please pay close attention to upcoming newsletters and emails that will be coming out about the upcoming 4-H camp this year. We will be sending out Counselor and CIT applications shortly. There will be a few changes that we will be making for the upcoming camp year as well. So again, please pay close attention to the details in those newsletters and emails that will be coming out shortly. Please call us at the extension office if you have any questions at all.



**4-Hers In Action!**



There was a great turn out for the Robotics Workshop that Marsha and Scott Olson organized and put on. It was great to see a lot of enthusiastic kids about this project and are truly excited for this program to take off. The 4-Hers and community kids did an excellent job and showed off their talents and imagination in remarkable ways. If you were unable to come this time, Please be watching for more events in future newsletters.



Thank you Johnny's Buckaroos for the outstanding work you put into this project for National 4-H Week. I love seeing it around town at different locations and seeing how much joy and excitement you take in 4-H through your display. Well Done!

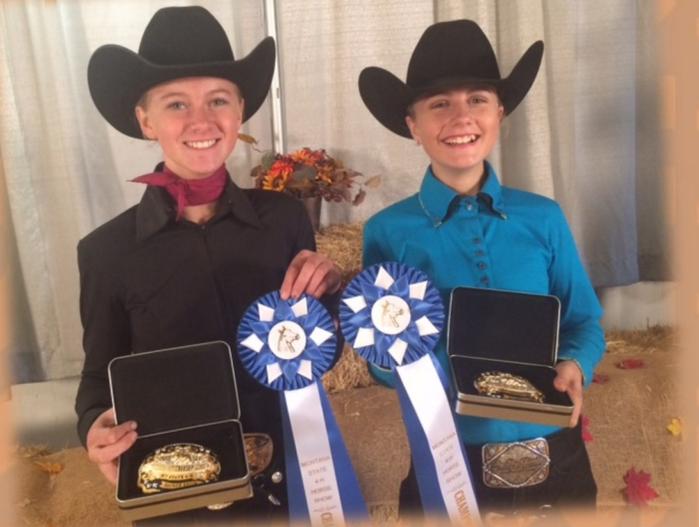
# 4-HERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## State Horse Show Results

**Kennedy Ekwortzel**      **Horse: Solo Version (13)**  
 1st Intermediate Showmanship (Ages 11-13)  
 1st Intermediate Bareback Equitation (Ages 11-13)  
 2nd Intermediate Western Equitation (Ages 11-13)  
 1st Western Horsemanship, Level 4  
 6th Intermediate English Equitation  
 3rd English Horsemanship, Level 4

**Abby Knoll**              **Horse: Vested Revenue (12)**  
 5th Intermediate Western Equitation (Ages 11-13)  
 1st Western Horsemanship, Level 3  
 1st Intermediate Trail (Ages 11-13)  
 1st English Horsemanship, Level 3

The girls brought home a total of 6 championships resulting in 3 buckles and 3 ribbons. Good Job Girls!



Kennedy Ekwortzel with her horse Deuce  
 Abby Knoll with her horse Bentley



Rory Shay had the Reserve Champion merit heifer at the Nile. Congrats Rory!



Katrina Feddes was voted Youth Volunteer of the Year at Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce banquet last week. CONGRATS!

## Fairbook Covers Congratulations to our Fairbook Cover Winners.



← Front Cover:  
 Madalyn Rider,  
 Park City Wranglers

Back Cover: →  
 Layne Yorke  
 Rapeljacks & Jills



Stillwater County Junior 4H  
 NILE Livestock judging team.  
 7th place.

Lane Thompson, Levi Kramer, Cash Kramer

## Livestock Judging

Please contact Melissa Kramer from the Johnny's Buckaroos for more information and meeting times for livestock judging practices. They would love to have others join and compete in the livestock judging competitions around the area. Melissa's number is 322-5688.



# Stillwater County 4-H Leaders Council

The 2016-2017 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 Co-Treasurers - Karen Schott & Meredith Feddes**

## Highlights from the Council Meeting...

Brian reported that Jim discussed possible conflicts when combining different types of camps during the same week. Brian reported that Jim stated they are not able to go much lower than \$297 unless possibly knocking a day off camp. Tammi Kirch reported that the teen leaders had suggested ideas such as fundraising at places like Pizza Ranch, writing grants, or essays for need based scholarships to attend. Meredith Feddes made a new motion to that 4-H camp with continue to be held with Yellowstone, Carbon, and Stillwater Counties at Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch. Counselors and CITs would be charged \$130 to attend camp and campers would be charged \$175 to attend. Scholarships would be available as needed up to our budget. Jolene seconded the motion. Motion passes. Lynn Phipps reported that the open class committee recently met to discuss adding baking and ceramics. Open classes would still include canning, photography, and quilting. A pretty pie contest was one suggestion to increase participation. Tammi Kirch suggested expanding ceramics to include all arts and crafts. Lynn said that there were endless possibilities.

Lynn reported that the garden is now cleaned up and that she is looking into ideas to expand the garden and to include trees that sponsored by area businesses or families.

Brian Young had recently reviewed the trip policies and pointed out that financially it could become a hardship for the council should all the members take advantage of the way policies were currently written. Council members agreed that it was in the best interest to review the policies in more detail and discuss at the next meeting.

Jolene Degele made a motion to approve the proposed budget of \$5000 of council monies to be used towards 2017 4-H camp. Nikki Markle seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Amanda Zajanc submitted a financial request to help offset the cost of Cloverbud supplies to be used during Cloverbud meetings. Brian Young made a motion to approve \$100 for Amanda to use towards Cloverbud supplies needed at countywide cloverbud meetings. Ashley let the leaders know that Cloverbud information would be coming out in the next newsletter.

Nikki Markle submitted a plan of action to change the wording in the dog department of the fairbook to align verbally with other exhibits. Meredith Feddes made a motion to support the listed changes, however, changing Class 3 Level 3 to read Equivalent to Excellent. Eve seconded the motion-see attached to meeting agenda.

Eve Brubaker submitted a plan of action to change/add classes in the horse show at fair to include changing all the walk/trot classes to only be available to levels 1 and 2. In addition, adding Ranch Horse Pleasure (no silver allowed on tack) and add yearling trail. Brian Young made a motion to adopt the proposed changes. Reita Reiter seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Brent Shay acknowledged that the awards night went well. However, Brent would like to ensure that in the future other areas/projects get the recognition for the hard work put in as well as the other projects. Such as including Montana Fair, Champion of Champions, etc. Jolene Degele stated that she would take this information and pass it along to the Teen Leaders that would be doing the planning of Awards Night in 2017.

Melissa Kramer submitted a plan of action to create an official policy that all animals sold during the 4-H/FFA Market Livestock sale and sent resale will be delivered to the resale buyer. There will not be any negotiations or reselling of animals during or at the fair. Resale prices and terms will be negotiated and posted prior to the fair by the sale committee. Once the prices are finalized, 100% of all animals sent resale will be delivered to the committed resale buyer. The 4-H council and resale committee will not be negotiate or makes changes prior to delivery. The names of the resale buyers will not be released to the general public by the sale committee except to those individuals needing the information for transport, inspection, health, and related issues. Brian Young made a motion to accept the proposed plan of action. Meredith Feddes seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Melissa Kramer submitted a plan of action that record books will be completed utilizing the Montana State 4-H records as approved by the Stillwater County 4-H Leader's Council. These records will be evaluated for completeness (up to the fair) by the members' club leaders prior to the interviews at the fair. Any members with incomplete records will not show or sell at the fair. Project interviews will be conducted as usual but questions will be formulated around the project and will drive the use of the record books in the interview to benefit the member and prove their understanding of the project. Members will be given one overall project interview score. Brent Shay made a motion to approve the proposed plan of action. Brian Young seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Melissa Kramer submitted a plan of action regarding animals attending the Champion of Champions contest after the fair. Brian Young suggested that additional research be done regarding liability and Montana laws. The topic will be postponed to the next meeting.

Brent Shay made a motion that he would like to see Rick Young and Son's Auctioneers do the clerking for the 2017 Stillwater County Fair. Brian Young expressed that he would like discuss this in more detail with Penny from First Interstate Bank to avoid possible conflicts. Brian will report back at a future meeting.

Two club members presented fairbook entries. Brian made a motion to have the clover design on the front page and the barn design on the back page of the fairbook. Nikki Markle seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Meredith Feddes made a motion to elect Melissa Kramer as President, Brian Young as Vice President, Tammi Kirch as Secretary, and Karen Schott/Meredith Feddes as Co-Treasurers for the 2016-2017 4-H year. Reita Reiter seconded the motion. Motion passes.

**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. Next council meeting is November 16, 2016.**

# ***STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H CLUBS***

| CLUB NAME                        | ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER               | PHONE NUMBER             | MEETING DATE & TIME                                   | LOCATION OF MEETING           |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Beartooth Ramblers</b>        | Tammi Kirch                         | 855-3839                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 6 pm                        | Columbus Fire Hall            |
| <b>Broadview Homesteaders</b>    | Shelley Erickson<br>Sarah Karpstein | 667-2390<br>907-394-2451 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm                       | Broadview Community Center    |
| <b>Johnny's Buckaroos</b>        | Melissa Kramer                      | 322-5688                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 5 pm (Call First)           | West Annex Meeting Room       |
| <b>Molt Happy Helpers</b>        | Kris Krieger<br>Christina Pierce    | 670-8985<br>669-3104     | Call First-2nd Tuesday every other month at 6:30pm    | Molt School or Molt Hall      |
| <b>Park City Wranglers</b>       | Reita Reiter<br>Cathy Tebay         | 633-2076<br>633-2398     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm                     | Park City Civic Center        |
| <b>Rapeljacks and Jills</b>      | Anna Schladweiler                   | 663-2232                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday at 9 am                      | Rapelje School-Shop Classroom |
| <b>Rosebud Adventurers</b>       | Jolene Degele                       | 328-6536                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm (Every other Month) | Fishtail Community Center     |
| <b>Spring Creek Stockgrowers</b> | Meredith Feddes<br>Katrin Chandler  | 547-4025<br>328-4253     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 4 pm                        | Spring Creek Community Center |
| <b>Stillwater Ranch Hands</b>    | Finis Sandlin<br>Brian Young        | 328-6277<br>328-6864     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm                     | Nye Fire Hall                 |
| <b>Stillwater Ridge Riders</b>   | Wendy Reed<br>Jeanne Eaton          | 321-1369<br>209-4488     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm                     | Columbus Evangelical Church   |
| <b>Stillwater Sharp Shooters</b> | Bobbi Schatz                        | 322-8583                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 3 pm                        | Little Stone Church           |

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