

STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Hey All,

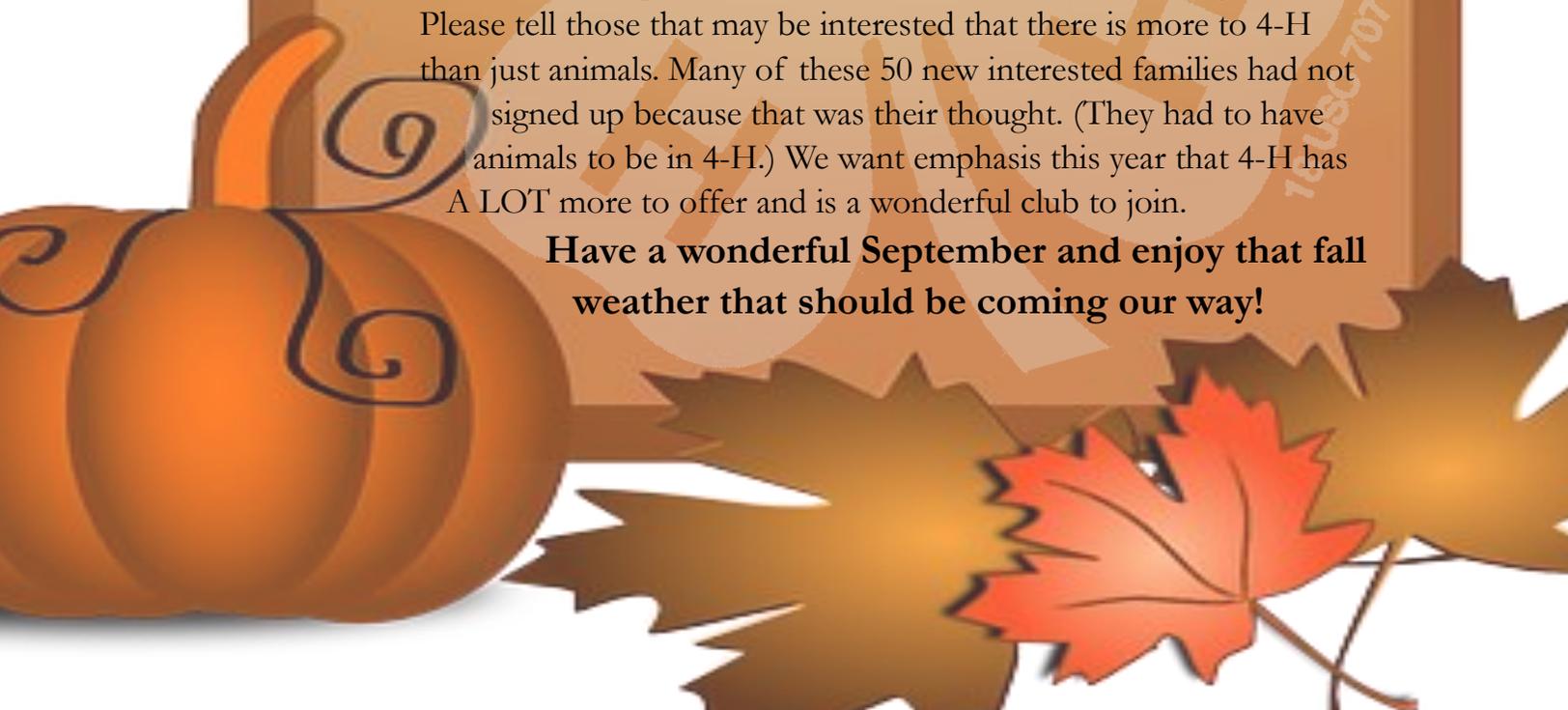
A few reminders for the Achievement Program that will be September 13th at 5:00 p.m. We will have a BBQ Dinner with meat being provided by the 4-H Leaders Council and lemonade and water provided by Teen Leaders. For each family who attends, we are asking that you bring something. If your last name begins with A-H bring some type of salad. I-P bring a side dish and Q-Z bring a dessert. Please encourage your leaders, parents, members to attend since many will be recognized for outstanding achievements. It is a reflection on your club if award winners are not present.

We have been going around to school events in our county recruiting members for the new 4-H year. So far, we have had about 50+ families sign up in just the Columbus, Park City, & Absarokee areas. Please help us recruit members for this new, exciting 4-H year. Please tell those that may be interested that there is more to 4-H than just animals. Many of these 50 new interested families had not signed up because that was their thought. (They had to have animals to be in 4-H.) We want emphasis this year that 4-H has A LOT more to offer and is a wonderful club to join.

Have a wonderful September and enjoy that fall weather that should be coming our way!

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Extension Open House	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Awards Night	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Champion of Champions Dog Show
27	28	29	30			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- September 5th—Rapplejacks & Jills @ 9 a.m. (Rapelje School-Shop Classroom)
- Sept. 6th—Johnny's Buckaroos @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Middle School Library)
- Sept. 6th—Rosebud Adventurers @ 5:30 p.m. (Fishtail Community Center)
- Sept. 6th—Spring Creek Stockgrowers @ 4 p.m. (Spring Creek Com. Center)
- Sept. 7th—Beartooth Ramblers Meet @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Fire Hall)
- Sept. 7th—Stillwater Ranch Hands meet @ 6:30 (Nye Fire Hall)
- Sept. 7th—Stillwater Ridge Riders @ 6:30 p.m. (Columbus Evangelical Church)
- Sept 8th—Molt Happy Helpers @ 6:30 p.m. (Molt School or Molt Hall) **CALL FIRST**
- Sept. 8th—Broadview Homesteaders @ 7 p.m. (Broadview Community Center)
- Sept. 13th—Stillwater Sharp Shooters @ 4 p.m. (Little Stone Church)
- Sept. 14th—Park City Wranglers @ 6:30 p.m. (Park City Civic Center)

OCTOBER 2015

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- Oct. 12th—Molt Happy Helpers @ 6:30 p.m. (Molt School or Molt Hall) **CALL FIRST**
- Oct. 12th—Park City Wranglers @ 6:30 p.m. (Park City Civic Center)

Upcoming Events



HARVESTING SEEDS OF LEADERSHIP
2015 MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM



Montana Leaders Forum

There is still time to get in EARLY REGISTRATION for only \$100., as well as some GREAT pricing on Hotel Choices!!!

Let's make this a GREAT EVENT!!! Look forward to all those Registrations pouring in!!!

Registration forms and information are attached on our website!

Attached online is the information and registration materials for the Park County Invitational Champion of Champions Dog Show.

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JOIN US FOR THE
**CHAMPION OF
CHAMPIONS
DOG
SHOW**

SEPTEMBER | SHOW START TIME
26 2015 | 10 O'CLOCK

PARK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
LIVINGSTON, MONTANA



Registration materials online at www.facebook.com/msuparkcoextension

2015 NILE Club Calf Heifer Futurity

THE NILE CLUB Calf FUTURITY SHOW

The 2015 NILE Club Calf Heifer Futurity will be held at NILE on Monday - October 12th at 1pm. Heifers that were purchased from the 2014 NILE Club Calf Sale and were nominated are eligible to enter the show. Entries are now open online and via mail in for \$25 until September 15th. After September 15th, entries will be accepted until 5pm September 29th with a \$25 late fee applied.

Over \$2,000 in premium money will be paid out to the top four (4) heifers! Thank you to ShowRite Feeds for being a major sponsor of this year's event!

Get your entries in today! Please contact the NILE Livestock Office with any questions 406.256.2495 or live-stock@thenile.org.

THE NILE CLUB Calf FUTURITY SHOW

October 12th, 2015 - 1 PM



2014 Grand Champion Futurity Heifer
Alison Ferris - Belle Fourche, SD
Purchased from: Reindl Livestock LLC

2015 NILE Heifer Futurity Payouts

** 2015 Heifer Futurity held at NILE

1st Place: \$1,100

2nd Place: \$550

3rd Place: \$330

4th Place: \$220



For more information visit www.thenile.org
or call the NILE Office 406.256.2495

Open to all heifers
nominated at the
2014 Club Calf Sale!

Junior member must show
heifer in futurity,
NO Exceptions!

Enter online or mail
entries to the NILE Office
by September 15th!

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Northern International Livestock Expo

SHOOTING SPORTS

Yellowstone County is pleased to host the 2016 Montana State 4-H Shotgun Qualifier! This is the event that determines the Montana 4-H Shotgun Team to compete in the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, NE on June 26-July 1, 2016. The qualifier will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015. The top four senior 4-H members plus alternates (must be 14 years of age by Jan. 1st, 2016 to compete nationally) are selected for nationals as determined by the combined scores in individual trap, skeet, and sporting clays.

LOCATION: This one-day event will be held at Blue Creek Sport Shooting Complex located at 1767 Bender Road in Billings, Montana. Lunch and drinks are included in your registration fee of \$60.00.

The registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 2nd. No Exceptions

Please see the attached registration and information document for complete details

WANTED: Shooting Sports Leader for 2015-2016 4-H Year

Please contact us at the office if you are interested in becoming our Shooting Sports Leader.

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held in Kalispell on September 25-26, 2015. The deadline for registration is September 18, 2015. We will be offering the Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, Muzzle-loading, Hunting, and the Western Heritage disciplines if there is adequate interest. Please see the attachments for the registration forms, agendas, and the pre-test. Please note that leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program in addition to general 4-H leader application procedures. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs.

The registration fee is \$60 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders (teens may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline).

*****Please present the registration form to your County Agent for a signature before mailing them in.***** Also bring your completed pre-test with you to the training.

The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following Saturday. Friday's lodging is on your own, but lunch is provided on Saturday as part of the registration. Educational materials are included with registration.

Complete information will be sent to registrants as the dates approach including meeting



Tommy Flanagan, 2015 Montana 4-H Outstanding Alumni of the Year.

Each year, a former 4-H club member is recognized and honored for contributions promoting, supporting, and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the 4-H program. This person has made a difference for Montana 4-H and is committed to the values and mission of the 4-H program. Nominees are leaders, mentors and role models for their peers and other community members. Honorees are recognized with a presentation at Congress and receive a plaque in appreciation for their contributions and accomplishments to the Montana 4-H program. In 2015, former Stillwater County 4-H member, Tommy Flanagan was selected as the Montana 4-H Outstanding Alumni of the Year by the state 4-H Council. Tommy continues to support 4-H and returns each summer to participate in the Stillwater County Fair.

As stated by Karen Tyra, former Extension Agent and Lisa Terry, current Extension Agent, in service and leadership, Tommy is exceptional. Karen writes, "Not only did he serve as president of his local 4-H club as well as club secretary and club treasurer, he also excelled within the county and the district. The Stillwater 4-H Teen Leaders, comprised of teens from throughout Stillwater County, learn leadership skills through putting leadership skills into practice while planning and conducting events and activities which benefit 4-Hers county-, state- and nation-wide. In this county-wide club, Tommy served as secretary, vice-president, and finished his county 4-H career serving as president. He also helped plan and participated in two interstate exchanges, which encompassed four years—2006/07 with Marinette County, Wisconsin, and in 2008/09 with Tompkins County, New York. These events required monthly meetings where hosting activities were planned one year, and travel activities were planned the second year of each exchange. Tommy was also selected by the Stillwater 4-H Leaders Council to serve as the county's 4-H Ambassador, beginning in 2007. In this capacity, he helped plan many educational countywide events, including planning a day camp for young 4-Hers, ages six through eight, a tri-county competitive event called 4-H Mini-Congress, a tri-county livestock day camp, and the annual 4-H Achievement Program, where he served as master of ceremonies for three years. Along with two other Stillwater County 4-H Ambassadors, Tommy was also instrumental in planning the Montana 4-H Recreation Lab, an active leadership conference attended by 265 youths and adults statewide.

As 4-H ambassador, he was also elected district secretary and vice-president of the ambassadors in a district comprised of six counties. He has been recognized at the county and state levels for his leadership.

Tommy has also excelled in what he has done for "community." He helped organize three blood drives for his local 4-H club for the Absarokee community. He chaired two of the four years his club has picked up trash along the Stillwater River Road near Absarokee, Montana, in its community beautification project. He also helped his club make door hangers and cookies for seven years for residents of the local assisted living facility. In his role as Senior 4-H Ambassador of Stillwater County, he led a challenge to our neighboring county ambassadors to raise funds for Camp Mak-A Dream, a camp held in Montana for youngsters suffering from cancer from throughout the United States. His goal was \$500, the amount to send one child to camp; however, under his leadership, Stillwater County alone raised \$2113.94! He received many thank-you notes from the participants of that camp. Tommy was instrumental in several fundraisers for a community building, sponsored by the Stillwater 4-H Leaders Council, which was erected on the Stillwater County Fairgrounds. Because of his extraordinary volunteer work in so many venues, the Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce awarded him Teen Volunteer of the Year in October 2009.

I worked with Tommy Flanagan mostly in a setting apart from his school career, but I am aware of his academic rigor. I know that his GPA was exceptional and he graduated with high honors. He was very active in leadership within his school, including the student body government, public speaking, Business Professionals of America, and other areas of leadership. His achievements within these areas have brought him many awards including national trips for competition and training in leadership, including the National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, during his junior year of high school.

His academic rigor and global awareness collaborated when, for several years, he and three other youths from Absarokee took German outside of the school setting. Under the tutelage of their German instructor, their hard work culminated in a trip to Germany and other parts of Europe in the summer of 2008. In fact, they were present for Barack Obama's speech in Berlin during his presidential campaign. His mother is from Finland, and I he has been to Europe more than once. Tommy is also fluent in German, Finnish, Swedish and Spanish."

Tommy was nominated for the award by Lisa Terry who had him in the program only a year before his graduation. According to Lisa, Tommy recently returned from a year-long Fulbright Internship to teach English in Germany. He is currently considering his future which may include graduate school. Unable to attend State 4-H Congress to receive his award, Veronica Christensen from the Park City Wranglers accepted his award on his behalf. Pictured is Veronica receiving the award. Tommy was given the award in person during the 2015 Stillwater County Fair. Best of luck to our Montana 4-H Alumni of the year!



Veronica accepting Tommy's plaque

Stillwater County Livestock Judging

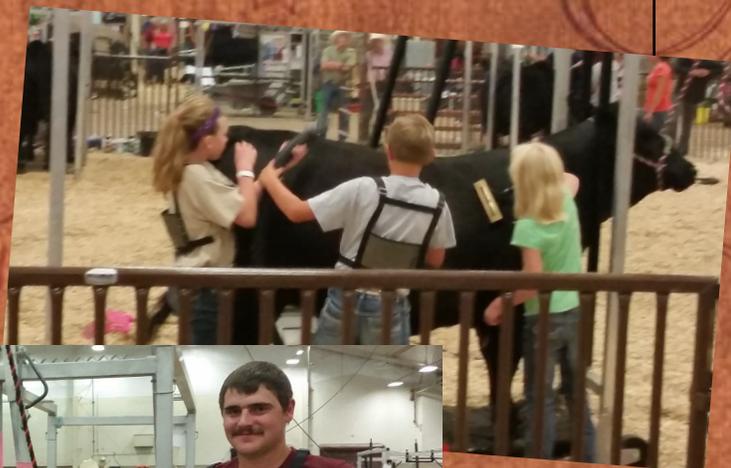
Stillwater County 4-H ...members on the road. Stillwater County was well represented at Montana Fair with many of our members showcasing their livestock and talents.

Stillwater County 4-H Members combined with 4-H members in Yellowstone County to form 3 teams at the Livestock Judging Contest at Montana Fair.

- Beginner Team: Cash Kramer, Maria Ackerman, and Owen Rae took first place overall beginner team and Cash Kramer was first place overall beginner.
- Junior Team: Rory Shay, Levi Kramer, Maddie Fink, and Zacc Degele took 3rd place.
- Senior Team: With 3 members from Yellowstone County and Eddy Shay took 1st place Senior Team and Eddy Shay was 3rd place Senior individual.

A fitting contest at Montana Fair had 3 Stillwater County Teams participating and all placing 3rd in their divisions.

- Beginners: Josie Reiter, Cash Kramer, and Isabelle Lowry (Lewis and Clark County)
- Juniors: Rory Shay, Zacc Degele, and Jake Reiter
- Seniors: Seth Christensen, Rianna Reiter, and Levi Kramer.



Way to get
involved
Stillwater
County!

Great
Work!



Stillwater County 4-H has selected a Bio-Science team. The members of the team are: Tymber Jensen, Kaiya Holmquist, Chloe Flynn and Ethan Terry; and their Bio-Science Team Leader is Linda Holmquist. Members spent a week during August on the MSU Campus learning about the many facets of bio-science and health sciences. BioScience Montana is an immersive health sciences project for high school-aged Montana 4-H'ers.

BioScience Montana is funded by the National Institutes of Health to help Montana teens prepare for careers and studies in the health sciences and biomedical research.

4-H students from throughout Montana, along with adult team leaders, will be chosen to participate each year. Students will be introduced to:

- hands-on science and research projects about how the brain makes choices, how scientists deal with infectious diseases, the connections between nutrition and health, and more
- careers and studies in health science-related fields
- digital media and social networking technologies

The year-long program begins in August when students spend an immersive week on the MSU-Bozeman campus, studying alongside faculty and students. Upon returning to their home communities, students spend the remainder of the school year fully engaged in experiments and science challenges. Participants will also use interactive technologies to communicate with one another, to connect with MSU student mentors, and to present what they have learned to family, schools and the statewide 4-H community.



Joe Wood, is our college mentor that is assigned to our team (Stillwater County Team). He is studying to become a doctor and wants to practice as a rural general practitioner.





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 4-H Senior of the Year, Volunteer of The Year, and License Plate Recipients were all voted on. Those who have received these awards will be announced at Awards Night, September 13.
- ✿ Fair Wrap Up & Brainstorming took place at the meeting and the topics are listed below.
 - Awards
 - Deadlines & Entries
 - Education
 - Facilities
 - Fair Book
 - Fair Schedule
 - Indoor & Open Class
 - Livestock
 - Records & Interviews
 - Sale & Silent Auction
 - Other
- ✿ Achievement Night-September 13th at 5 p.m. at the Pavilion

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 September 16, 2015.

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.