

Stillwater County 4-H Newsletter

May 2022



A MESSAGE TO OUR 4-H SENIORS

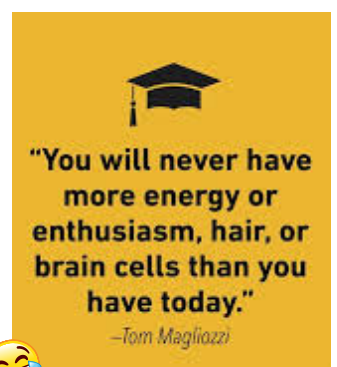
This time of year is always nostalgic for me. Graduation is an ending of one chapter but also the beginning of so much more. Your future will hold challenges and struggles but also so many achievements and triumphs. Be proud of all you have already accomplished and keep pushing yourself to broaden your horizons and reach new goals. We are so proud of you and wish you nothing but the best life has to offer! Congratulations!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Cazier
Lane Thompson
Meadow Brooker
Landon Olson
Andrea Gieser
Oliver Marshall
Colt Wright
Jolee Hulsey
Tucker Zumbrun
Emary Kelly
Gage Crago

Emma Heiken
Edwin Arlt
Layne Yorke
Lauryn Weber
Hailea Dalton
Belle Nummerdor
Ahna Eisenbraun
Matthew Brubaker



4-H NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

It's that time of year, school is almost done, spring sports are in full swing, summer plans are in the works and hopefully your Record books are looking good! May is full of deadlines and events so be sure to be communicating with your club, reading the newsletters, checking your emails and facebook.

Seniors, we will have a summer intern position available at the Extension office, this is a paid position through the county for more details on the position, hours and more visit the Stillwater County Jobs listing: <https://stillwatercounty.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=61>



4-H Rabbits for Sale

I have potential 4-H projects for sale. I have one litter of 7 that are purebred Dutch. The litter of 7 was born on the 28th of March and the other on the 20th. I am asking \$60 for the purebred. I will give a discount for multiples. Text or call Bailey Eaton at 406-780-1990 for more info.



May 1st:

- **Market Sheep/Goat Weigh-in,**
- **Project enrollment & add/drops deadline**
- **Independent and Self determined plans due**
- **Horse Id cards**
- **Hog picture and tags must be submitted**

Reminder

We do have a portable sheep, pig and goat scale available for checkout at the extension office.



Horse Practice

Every other Wednesday at Keyser Creek. Practice starts at 6:30pm, May 4th.

For more info contact Courtney Thiel

Quality Assurance

All market beef, swine, sheep, and goat members are required to obtain Quality Assurance certification by attending training during the first market livestock year as a junior and first market livestock year as a senior

Stillwater County

Tuesday, May 24th 5:00pm at the Broadview Community Center

Thursday, June 2nd 3:00pm at the Extension Office

Yellowstone County AQA

Saturday, May 7: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Thursday, June 16: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building The Public Auction Yards (PAYS) is located at 1802 Minnesota Avenue.

Monthly Workshops & Meetings

Events Calendar

CELEBRATE THE START OF SUMMER WITH 4H DOG CAMP!

When: June 1-2
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm
Where: Stillwater Pavilion
Focus: Two mornings of learning
and training to jumpstart our training, prep for summer shows
& assess levels for fair registration.
Open only to 4H dog participants in Stillwater County at
this time.
Space is limited!
Cost: \$20 for Craft Supplies
Please pack a lunch.

Contact Nikki Markle to register. Preregistration is required!

May 7th:

Cloverbud Workshop 9-10:30 at
Columbus Evangelical Church

May 15th: Shooting Sports 2-4 at
Pavilion

May 13th:

Photography Class
5PM

May 19th:

Travel Meeting
Extension office at 6PM

May 18th:

Leaders Council
Extension office at 6PM

May 29th

Shooting Sports 2-4PM at Pavilion

DOG CLASSES

Dog practices starting every
third Thursday of each month.
Check Stillwater County 4-H
Dog Project FB page for
updates. For more information
call Nikki at:
855-3386

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE MAY 15TH & 29TH 2-4 PM

Photography Class

Classes will be held
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 5:00 PM
May 11th

Call Brittney (406)272-6288
or westernsoulphotography@gmail.com

4-H Cloverbud Workshop

May 7th from 9am to 10:30am
Columbus Evangelical Church

\$10

Please RSVP by May 4th!

In this workshop we will be creating gifts for our moms. I will not give away any details or specifics, as to keep it a surprise for the kiddos and moms. I will say however, that we will be learning some sewing and weaving skills as well as some more arts and crafts.

Happy  Mother's Day

Travel Meeting



Date to be
determined



Senior Class of 2022

Ahna Eisenbraun

Molt Happy Helpers

9 year member



Best 4-H memories: Making amazing friends and the experiences I learned in the dog, swine, and quilting projects.

How did 4-H impact you? 4-H has been a great opportunity to meet new friends. It has taught me how to be a great leader and how to perform well under pressure!

Plans for the future: I plan to attend MSU-Billings for Business Accounting.

Thank you's: Thank you to all my leaders who have taught me the great skills that I have acquired and the wonderful 4-H community! Sincerely, Ahna Eisenbraun

Bailey Eaton

Stillwater Ridge Riders

10 year member

Best 4-H memories: Some of my favorite memories are trying to show my pigs while they were running around the ring and all the fun we had at dog practice. I have always loved showing my dogs.

I am almost certified in Equine Massage and bodywork.

Plans for the future: I plan on getting my business up and running this spring.

Thank you's: Thank you to Nikki Markle for helping me with my dogs and pushing me to do my best!





Levi Kramer

Johnny's Buckaroos
11 year member



Best 4-H memories: One of my favorite memories in 4-H was having a friend and my cousins come help me get Beef ready for a show and all the laughs we cherished. Camping together for a week in town for fair with friends and hanging out has created lots of memories.

Plans for the future: I will be attending Casper College in the fall and will be double majoring in Ag Business and Animal Science

How did 4-H impact you? 4-H has helped me become a better leader and helped me see how much confidence I really have in myself. I have developed lifelong friendships in the past years with people in the same interest as me. Many of my lifelong mentors have also started in 4-H as well and they will continue to mentor me throughout life.

Thank you's: I would like to thank all the buyers and the community that have supported 4-H throughout the years. Also I would like to thank the organization as a whole that has shown and taught me life skills. Lastly, I would like to take the time to thank my whole family for all the help and support they have shown. Some other shout outs are all of my Extension agents throughout all the years, volunteers, club leaders, and project leaders.

Hank Moore

Johnny's Buckaroos 10
year member

Best 4-H memories: 4-H Dances

Plans for the future: Work for a year or two then possibly look into a Diesel Tech School.

How did 4-H impact you? It helped me develop good interview skills and good bookkeeping skills.

Thank you's: I would like to thank the leaders of my group especially for the help and support and getting me to where I am right now and everyone that has given me a chance to be successful in 4-H.





Rylan Heiken
Broadview
Homesteaders
9 year member

Haylee Baver
Spring Creek
Stockgrowers
9 year member



Monthly Events Calendar

MAY 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Cloverbud Workshop 9-10:30	8
9	10	11	12	13 Photography Class 5PM	14	15 Shooting Sports 2-4
16	17	18 Council Meeting 6PM	19 Travel Meeting 6PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Shooting Sports 2-4

4-H STATE NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

WESTERN RANCH SUPPLY SHOW CLINIC AND JACKPOT

Western Ranch Supply will be hosting a show clinic and jackpot in Great Falls, MT June 24-26. This is a great opportunity for young stockmen to advance their knowledge in fitting and showmanship by having one of WRS's MorrMan's Show Tech representatives demonstrate the product and answer any questions. Members can fill out their registration form by visiting the Western Ranch Supply website at <https://bit.ly/3taOsYQ>. Questions? Contact Western Ranch Supply's West End Store at 406-252-6692.

Beekeeping Project

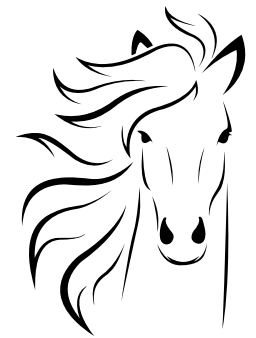


Participants who wish to complete the Bee Keeping 4-H project can present their displays at their county fair. The project is FREE to join and the curriculum book will be available online. The event Kicks off in Butte Saturday, May 21st at the Butte Vigilante Saddle Club & Rodeo

- 4-H'ers interested in participating can register in Z suites for the Entomology/Bee Keeping project, or register as an Independent Project
- We will roughly be following the beekeeping curriculum from Purdue: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/Uidaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/projects/beekeeping-purdue-571-level1-pdf.pdf>
- Meetings will be held June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th at 7:00pm on WebEx. We will learn about basic bee keeping as well as hear from special guests who are experts in the industry each week
- Participants will be encouraged to develop a display and present their new knowledge as an Independent Project for Fair

State Ambassador Officer

Apply to be a State Ambassador Officer. Applications Due June 15 and Selection is during Pre-Congress July 11-12



State Horse Events

May 14- **Spring Horse Show Series** at Creekside Ranch in Huntley. Sign up with Edee Weigel at 406-698-0299.
May 21 -**ApHC & Open Horse Show** in the SuperBarn at MetraPark.
June 4 -**All Breed Ranch Horse Challenge** in the SuperBarn at MetraPark.
June 18 -**Spring Horse Show Series** at Creekside Ranch in Huntley. Sign up with Edee Weigel at 406-698-0299.
July 9-10- **Big Sky State Games Pony Show**
July 16-17- **Project Rockin Wrangler Show Show** in the SuperBarn at MetraPark.
September 3-4 **Working Ranch Horse Show** in the 406 Arena in Great Falls.
September 9-11 **State Horse Show** in the Cottonwood Arena in Joilet, MT .

Horse Ambassador Application:

Youth 14 and up and riding level 3 or above to apply.

State Horse T-Shirt Design

Contest: Email Emma Tracy with entries. July 15th

State Horse Essay Contest:

Registration on Zsuites. Deadline August 15th

State Horse Photography

Contest: Registration on Zsuites. Deadline August 15th

4-H Adult Award
Nominations Due June 1st

The Montana 4-H Foundation and Center have consolidated the award nomination for adults into one form.

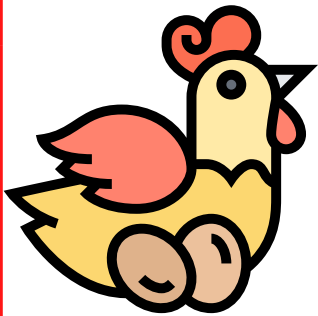
Categories include: Tribute to Volunteer Excellence, Hall of Fame and Outstanding 4-H Alumni. For details on qualifications, and forms visit:

<http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html>



The annual Montana Range Days will be held at the Marias Fairgrounds in Shelby, MT
June 20-22, 2022.

Range Days is designed to include the entire family from youngster at least 4 years old, all the way to adult competitions. There will be individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas. The cost for registration by May 17th is 50\$ per person. This includes 5 meals (3 meals Wednesday and 2 meals Tuesday), books and materials, shoulder bad, transportation and camping free. 100\$ for a family of 4 (25\$ extra person). The Yellowstone Conservation District does offer scholarships. For more info contact LaVerne Ivie at 406-247-4420 or visit Montana Range Days website at <https://www.montanarangedays.org/>



AVIAN FLU

There is a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) spreading across the country. Twenty million birds in 24 different states have been impacted. There have been infections in Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming. We will keep you posted as we continue to communicate with experts at MSU as well as the state veterinarian.

NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

This year the NILE will select recipients for the Merit Heifer Program and match them up with donors from across the region. Applications are being accepted and can be found at the NILE website:

<https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer>

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a "live animal" scholarship that strives to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 12-16 as of June 30, 2022 who are 4-H/FFA members may apply.



Beartooth Humane Alliance Low Cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program

The BHA assists limited income homes, senior citizens on a fixed income or families encountering hardships in Stillwater County by providing low cost spay-neuter vouchers. Call 406-446-3500 or apply online at beartoothhumane.org



Spaying and neutering can:

- Improve your pets' behavior.
- Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to wander, less likely to "mark" your stuff and get in fewer fights.
- The procedure does not change your pet's personality. So no, your tough pup won't lose his hunting dog edge and your cat won't get fat and lazy (well, at least not from the operation).
- Make your pets healthier and help them live longer.
- Spaying and neutering reduces the risk of many cancers and certain infections.
- Give you a happier pet and help you and your pet have a better relationship.

This simple procedure helps pets live longer, healthier, happier lives.

We look forward to seeing you at these events this summer:

Columbus Montana Gives Community Block Party and Silent Auction— May 6th 5-8pm
Absarokee BBQ Cook Off— June 11th
Fishtail Family Fun Day and Parade— June 25th
Absarokee Days-July 30 & 31st

Beartooth Humane Alliance is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that assists the people and animals of Carbon and Stillwater Counties, by helping companion animals in need, promoting responsible animal care through education, providing solutions to dog and cat overpopulation, and serving as an animal welfare resource. For program details and to see adoptable dogs and cats visit www.beartoothhumane.org. For questions, please call 406-446-3500 or email info@beartoothhumane.org

406-446-3500

Spay-Neuter-Adopt

beartoothhumane.org

LEADERS COUNCIL MINUTES

Stillwater County 4-H Leaders' Council Minutes

April 20th, 2022 @ 6pm

Stillwater County Extension Office - South Annex

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Kramer @ 6:00pm. The pledges were recited, no correspondence to share. Those in attendance were Melissa Kramer (Johnny's Buckaroos), Katrina Feddes (Johnny's Buckaroos), Meredith Feddes (Johnny's Buckaroos), Wendy Reed (Stillwater Ridge Riders), Jeanna Fry (Park City Wranglers), Brian Young (Stillwater Ranch Hands), Shannon Moore (Johnny's Buckaroos), Haley Barker (Extension Agent), Suzi Smith (Johnny's Buckaroos), Stephanie Wright (Johnny's Buckaroos), Tammi Kirch (Beartooth Ramblers)

Reports:

Teen Leaders - Haley advised they prepared and delivered 112 Easter meals. Their next meeting is April 24th. They will be working on planning for their trip to Silverwood after the Champion of Champions and also the cornhole tournament for Fair.

Travel Program - Tammi advised they are waiting on a firm itinerary for their trip but they will fly into Washington D.C., tour the sites, head to Virginia where they will stay at a 4-H Center, meet with other 4-H Clubs, visit the beach among other things. There will be a fundraiser June 2nd from 5-8pm at Get Air. Flyers to come!

Homemakers - Haley advised there were six applicants for their scholarship, two were selected. Some of the Homemakers have been participating in Haley's Strong People classes. Their next meeting is May 2nd.

Fairgrounds - The layout of the new Pavilion/Livestock Area has been selected. As of now, there are not walls on the Livestock Area in the plans. There is talk of using white PVC curtains that can be rolled up and down, depending on sun positioning, air current and weather for the sides of the Livestock Area. If they are able to include walls in the plans for the Livestock area, there will be an exhaust system but no climate control as far as heating or cooling.

Cloverbuds - There will be a Cloverbud Camp June 4th. Watch the newsletters and emails for future information.

Old Business:

Concessions - Lisa Weber was unable to attend the meeting but sent an introductory letter regarding her past experiences organizing and managing a concession booth, a tentative schedule for Fair concessions and list of help needed. There was discussion on do we hire someone like Lisa to organize/manage concessions with volunteer help, use a caterer, use food trucks. The council asked Haley to inquire on the flexibility of the schedule Lisa planned, as well as a few more questions before a final decision is made. Haley does have a spreadsheet with various dollar amounts and arrangements other county fairs in Montana use to have someone manage their concessions during fair that can be used for reference if the council decides to go that route.

New Business:

Pig Wrestling - We are on their calendar, have a check for them, waiting on contract - owner of the business has been super busy

Sharp Shooters Club Funds - The council was made aware that there are still funds in the now defunct Sharp Shooters 4-H Club's account. When asked, Melissa Ranstrom advised money left in the account was raised specifically for shooting sports. Suzi made a motion for council to accept the money from the account and turn it over to shooting sports. Meredith 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Advertising - need to approve an advertisement amount for our County Fair advertising. Meredith noted that historically the council has approved \$500 and the costs have exceeded that amount. Tammi moved to set aside \$750 for 2022 Fair advertising. Wendy 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Champion of Champions - a dollar amount needs approved for sponsorship, \$500 has been the amount past amount spent. Tammi moved to spend \$500 to sponsor the 2022 Champion of Champions competition. Wendy 2nd the motion, motion passed.

State Horse Show - a dollar amount needs approved for sponsorship, \$250 is what was spent last year. Tammi moves to spend \$250 for sponsorship of 2022 State Horse Show competition. Wendy 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Beef Quality Assurance - Bill Pelton inquired if it would be a fit to offer a time/place during Fair to give demonstrations? It was discussed as a possible fit.

MTGives (May 2-6): event to end the week - each non-profit is provide a silent auction item for the evening of the event, May 6th 5-8pm. It was discussed to gather some various 4-H projects the members have made and create a basket or display for the auction.

Annin Scholarship - Haley brought the scholarship applications and rubrics to the meeting. Needs 3-5 volunteers to stay after the meeting to fill out the rubrics and help with the application selection.

Announcements:

- Keep reading your newsletter for upcoming workshop, updates and deadlines.
- Avian Flu - most likely there will be no Poultry classes this year at Fair

Meeting adjourned @ 7:48pm

Next Council meeting: May 18th @ 6pm

Stillwater County 4-H Clubs and Leaders

Club Name	Organizational Leader	Contact Information	Meeting Date/time	Location
Beartooth Ramblers	Tammi Kirch	(406) 855-3839 tmkirch@hotmail.com	1st Monday 6:00PM	Call for Location
Broadview Homesteaders	Dana Jansen	(406) 667-2116 (406)788-2159 danadale31@gmail.com	1st Tuesday 7:00PM	Broadview Community Center
Johnny's Buckaroos	Melissa Kramer	(406) 780-0575 mak.kramer1@gmail.com	1st Sunday Call for time	Stillwater County Pavilion
Molt Happy Helpers	Kris Krieger	(406) 860-9842 kkrieger1@hotmail.com	1st Sunday 1:00PM	Molt School
Park City Wranglers	Reita Reiter Nicole Hess	(406) 860-9754 kevinreita@yahoo.com (406) 633-2097 hesscowboy@yahoo.com	2nd Monday 6:30PM	Park City Civic Center
Rapeljacks & Jills	Jessica Yorke	(406) 663-2262 jessicayorke37@gmail.com	1st Saturday 9:00AM	Rapelje School Shop Classroom
Spring Creek Stockgrowers	Beth Pelton	(406) 321-2817 bethclanton@hotmail.com	1st Sunday 4:00PM	Spring Creek Community Center
Stillwater Ranch Hands	Finis Sandlin	(406) 328-6277 sandlin_5@nemont.net	1st Monday 6:30PM	Nye Fire Hall
Stillwater Ridge Riders	Wendy Reed	(406) 321-1369 nascarfamil99@yahoo.com	1st Thursday 6:30PM	Columbus Evangelical Church

Questions: Call the MSU and 4-H Extension office at 322-8035