

STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



Merry Christmas y'all! 'Tis the season of joy... and snow. I hope everyone is staying safe and warm during this Christmas season.

Don't forget to slow down this month, as we prepare to go into the new year. End 2022 with many awesome memories and moments! From everyone here at the Extension Office, we wish y'all a Merry Christmas and stay safe!



- Birthdays -

Hugh Savage	Grace Moore
Waylon Yorke	Cooper Fry
Wyatt Downs	Ethan Peters
Addison Eaton	Caleb Emmett

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4-H Travel Program Wreath Sale

12" Wreath (18" with trimmings)—\$25

24" Wreath (36" with trimmings)—\$60

Please contact a travel program member, or the Extension office at haley.barker@montana.edu or 322-8035 to reserve yours today!

These will be available before Thanksgiving.

****Checks payable to Stillwater County 4-H****



COMMERCIAL HEIFER FUTURITY

In conjunction with
Stillwater County 4-H/FFA Fair

Program Outline:

Open to all Stillwater County 4-H or FFA members age would be 9-18 enter a yearling bred heifer into a 2 phase futurity.

- The 1st phase consists of showing the heifer, submitting record books on July 1 and completing an interview. Proof of pregnancy must be submitted to the committee prior to November 1st of the phase 1 year. If a heifer is deemed open at pregnancy check, she is then disqualified from the futurity. Heifer can be any make or model, purchased, home raised or donated. Points are broke down as follows: 55 pts for female evaluation score, 30 pts for record books and 30 pts for interview.
- The 2nd phase consists of the student bringing the heifer back as a pair with her natural calf (graft calves not permitted). Proof of pregnancy must be submitted to the committee prior to November 1st of the phase 2 year. If a 2 year old is deemed open at pregnancy check, she is then disqualified from the futurity. 2. Student will show the pair, submit a record book and complete an interview. Points are broke down as follows: 115 pts for cow/calf evaluation score, 30 pts for record books, 30 pts for interview.
- The student with the most accumulative points from both phases wins the futurity.
- All entries into phase 1 and 2 are shown unfitted. They can be clipped is so desired, but NO fitting is allowed in the futurity. Any animal fitted will be disqualified from the futurity.
- This program will be considered separate from the 4-H/FFA Breeding Beef classes. We encourage all participants to show in their 4-H/FFA classes, but it is not a requirement.
- A panel of 3 industry leaders will be selected by the Beartooth Stock Association Futurity committee as judges.
- Entry forms are due by February 1, 2023. There is no cost to enter into the futurity.

Goal behind the program. The goal is to give the youth an opportunity to showcase an animal that fits their individual program with a focus on fertility, structure, what works in their environment and breeding goals.

Award: A donation heifer would be secured by the committee and awarded to the student that receives the highest accumulative score from both phases. This heifer will be awarded in 2024.

For further information please contact:

Denise Loyning, Beartooth Stock Association, Committee Chair: 406-425-2252 or go to www.beartoothstockassociation.com for entry forms and full futurity rules.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

- Two categories: Youth (8-17) and Family (parents and children under 18)
- Drop off houses by December 2nd at 5:30 at the Extension office
 - Can drop off earlier in the week if you'd like.
- Top 3 in each category will receive a prize

Volunteer Orientation

All of last year's volunteers will soon be receiving an email from the Montana 4-H Center notifying them of the Volunteer Orientation requirement. The email also will include the how-to guide that provides step by step instructions for finding and completing the volunteer orientation modules in ZSuite.

All returning volunteers will have until September 30, 2023, to complete the training and will not be allowed to enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year until the orientation is completed. All new volunteers must complete the orientation before being turned active in ZSuite.

Volunteers that complete 100% of the orientation by November 30th will be entered in the drawing for one of six \$50 gift cards provided by the Montana 4-H Leaders Council for their club or project of the volunteer's choice.

****Returning volunteers: It's a very brief training, should only take 1 hour of your time to complete the whole thing. It's a great reminder of why we do what we do...because we want to give our kids as many positive opportunities and experiences as possible. For new volunteers, this is a great way to learn more about the operations of 4-H and available resources.****

Christmas Cloverbud Workshop

December 11th from 2pm to 3:30pm
Columbus Evangelical Church-Upper Room

Join us for a fun Christmas time of decorating cookies (possibly gingerbread houses) and creating ornaments. With these projects we will be working on the project area of ceramics, arts and crafts, and baking/cake decorating skills. Hope to see you all there. **Class is \$10 per Clovebud member.**

Please be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, December 7th to caacchouse@gmail.com.

Teen Leaders and Ambassadors

Open to all teens (12 and up) that are interested in growing their leadership skills, promoting 4-H throughout the county, completing community service projects and of having loads of fun along the way. Join us!

Interested in becoming an ambassador? Not sure what that means? Check out the application on the next page, and come to our next meeting.

December 4th: 3pm at the Extension office

Questions: call or email Haley (haley.barker@montana.edu)

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Stillwater County 4-H Ambassador Application

Name:	Date:
Address:	City & Zip:
Phone:	Email:
Parents:	f6j High School:
Grade in school:	GPA:

4-H Ambassadors serve 3 purposes – 4-H Promotion, Leadership, and Service.

Keeping this in mind, please address the following points on a separate piece of paper or separate document if returning by email. (Number your responses in conjunction with each point.)

1. Please list your major 4-H projects. (Include only those in which you feel competent in conducting workshops and giving instructions to others. Include any special skills you could teach.)
2. Please list your major 4-H activities. (Include only those in which you feel competent in conducting workshops and giving instructions to others. Include any special skills you could teach.)
3. Please list your major 4-H and other accomplishments. (This may include offices held, awards, special projects or activities, etc.)
4. Please discuss your leadership abilities. (This may include record keeping, demonstrations, camp counselor, leading or assisting with workshops, talent, etc.)
5. Keeping in mind the 3 purposes of 4-H Ambassadors, please indicate why you want to be a 4-H Ambassador.

Signature (electronic signature acceptable):

Date:

Parent/guardian signature (electronic signature acceptable):

Date:

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T-BONE CATTLEWOMENS FIRST ANNUAL

TREE DECORATING COMPETITION DURING OUR DECEMBER 10TH EVENT

WE INVITE ANY 4H GROUPS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES TO JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY CHEER. THE PUBLIC WILL VOTE FOR THE BEST TREE AND THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION TO WIN THE TREES.

4H groups will compete amongst themselves and receive a portion of the funds raised as a donation toward their club.

Stillwater, Sweetgrass, and Carbon County businesses will compete with the others in their county and the winner will receive a prize and bragging rights.

Trees must be under 5 ft tall including the stand. They must be family friendly and not need a power source.

Email for a sign up form or with any questions: beyondhappynt@gmail.com



Tree decorating competition, what a fun competition amongst our 4-H groups. Be creative! The official entry form is attached to the email or available at the Extension office. If you have more questions, please contact Melissa Kramer, Haley Barker or Emily Pederson (contact info on entry form).

Official Entry form for T-Bone Cattle Womens Tree Decorating Contest All Entry Forms Must be Received by December 10, 2022

Business/Organization Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Text Email

The Rules:

1. The event is limited to 1 entry per group/business.
2. The submission of completed Official Entry Form is required, no later than December 10, 2022. Incomplete or illegible entry forms will not be accepted.
3. You must provide the tree and all the decorations for your tree. You are free to express your creativity and originality, but we ask that your tree be in good taste, suitable for display at a family event.
4. Decorations should hang on the tree, not sit alongside the tree or be held up by any means other than the tree itself. The T-bone Cattle Women reserves the right to remove any decorations not meeting this criterion.
5. The tree will be given to whoever wins it during the auction at the end of the evening.
6. There will be no electricity provided by the Anipro, so any lights will have to be battery powered.
7. Most importantly... HAVE FUN!

By signing this Official Entry Form, I, the undersigned, request that the Holiday Market accept the Tree Decoration Entry described above. I acknowledge that I am the designated representative described herein, with authority to act as its agent and bind the organization to all matters pertaining to the described entry.

I have read, understood, and agree to the rules governing this contest, as stated above. I understand and agree that The T-bone Cattle Womens Association may use photographs, video or film of the actual decorated tree entries and/or entry information for publicity and promotions of the Event, and I waive all rights to compensation for such images.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed entry form to:

Email: tbonecattlewomen@gmail.com
Mail: Emily Pederson ~ tree decorating
746 Beaver Creek Rd, Columbus, MT 59019

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Country Christmas Parade of Lights and Festival



December 2, 2022
4:30-8pm

Enjoy an evening of family fun.

Pick up your map at any of the below locations, collect a stamp at the business while participating in a fun activity, and once you're done drop off your map at Parks Real Estate for the chance to win a prize.

(**Submit maps by the end of the parade**)

Map Locations

4:30 pm: Beartooth Ford Chili Feed

4:30-6:30 pm: Santa Pictures at the Columbus Fire Hall

5-7pm stop into these businesses for fun activities

- Whistlestop: Picture ornaments
- MSU Extension office: Gingerbread house contest voting
- Stillwater County Library: Ornament making
- Project Hope: Scratch art Christmas Ornaments
- Eagles Nest and Floral: Minute to win it games
- Maude West: Cow blindfold game and discounts on store items
- Parks Real Estate: Warm up by the fire and grab a hot cocoa

7pm: Country Christmas Parade of Lights



Letters to Santa

Kids: Drop off your letters to Santa in the mailbox at the Columbus IGA.

Don't forget to include your address for the elves, they might not know your mailing address.

Country Christmas Parade

- Santa Dash begins prior to parade at Palladium Brewery
 - Dress like Santa, Mrs. Claus, or an elf; grab your stick horse and join in the Santa Dash
- 7pm: Parade begins



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*It's that time
of year again...*



KIDS' CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY

SUNDAY
11
DECEMBER
1 TO 3 PM



FOR STILLWATER
COUNTY KIDS IN
GRADES K-5
\$3 FOR UP
TO 5 GIFTS
STILLWATER
PAVILION



*Parents enjoy
coffee & cookies
while kids shop!*

Fair Book Cover Contest

Submit a design for our 2022-2023 Fair Book Cover. Covers need to be portrait style (vertically) and designs must include something related to 4-H. Please submit to Haley at haley.barker@montana.edu or drop off at the office by **Monday January 12th.**



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STILLWATER COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2022-2023

November		
6	Outdoor day.	
15	7PM	Archery only
29	7PM	Archery only
December		
4	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
13	6PM	Archery only
18	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
January		
8	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
10	6PM	Archery only
22	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
24	6PM	Archery only
February		
5	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
14	6PM	Archery only
19	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
28	6PM	Archery only
March		
14	6PM	Archery only
19	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
27	6PM	Archery only
April		
11	6PM	Archery only
16	1PM	Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
25	6PM	Archery only

Contact Us:

Lee Schmelzer 406-780-1637
Extension office: 406-322-8035

Jake Wright 406-855-2456

Erica & Mike Kelly: 408-365-7056

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2023 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR and COUNSELOR- IN-TRAINING Fact Sheet and Application Form

Ck #	_____
Cash	_____
Amount	_____
Rec'd by	_____
Date	_____

ROLE OF THE COUNSELOR

The Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors- in-Training, Camp Managers and the County Extension Agents. They are responsible for selecting the program topics, and arranging the speakers, equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each Counselor will be responsible for specific responsibilities in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. As part of the Leadership Team, the Counselor shares in the overall responsibility for the success of camp - the learning, safety and fun.

ROLE OF COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT's)

The Counselors-in-Training (CITs) will carry out the same responsibilities as the Counselor; however, they will "learn by doing" while working with a Counselor. Read the "Role of the Counselor."

Application Process:

1. **If you are interested** in becoming a Counselor or CIT:
 - a. You **must** be 14 years of age by June 1st, 2023 to be a Counselor or 13 years of age by June 1st, 2023 to be a CIT.
 - b. **You must be a 4-H'er in good standing at date of application.** for the 2022-2023 year. The office may ask you to bring your book to the interview or will check with organizational leaders for completeness.
 - c. **The camp fee is \$130.00** and is due with the application below. Partial scholarships are available. Contact the Extension Office for more information. Checks are non-refundable if selected. Please fill out the application below, and return it with your fee payment to the Extension Office. The application **must** be in by **MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2023 by 5pm.** Late applications will **not** be accepted! **Make checks payable to Stillwater County 4-H Council** and send with this application to:
Stillwater County Extension
PO Box 807
Columbus, MT 59019
 - d. Campers will attend camp **June 6-9th, 2023.** **You will be required to be at camp one day early-on June 5th.**
 - e. You will be asked to interview with a committee composed of Tri-County Extension staff and camp planning staff in January, date to be determined. Interviews will be required. You will be notified one week after the interview if you are selected. Checks will be returned to those not selected.
 - f. Questions???? Please call 322-8035.
2. **If you are selected** to be a Counselor or CIT, you **must** attend all remaining camp planning meetings unless you have an excused absence prior to the meeting from the Extension Agent. **You are allowed only ONE excused absence. Failure to notify the Agent prior to the meeting may result in dismissal** as a Counselor or CIT. You **must** attend the training session for Counselors and CIT's that will be held. Rides to meetings will be provided. References may be checked to help in selection process. **Please note: If selected, you will have to travel on week nights or weekends to Joliet, Columbus, and/or Billings for planning meetings.**

COUNSELOR AND COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING Application Form

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ City & State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Age as of June 1, 2023 _____ Birthdate _____

I am applying to be a: (check one): Counselor Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

(Over)

1. Previous Camping Experience

____ Number of years you have attended camp as a camper. Where? _____

____ Number of years you have attended camp as a Counselor. Which camps?

2. Explain experiences you have had leading or working with youth, ages 9 - 13.

3. List three strengths or skills you have:

4. Please list 2 ADULT references (people not related to you); include information listed below.

References may be called prior to your selection.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
1. _____		
2. _____		

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Stillwater County 4-H Leaders' Council Minutes
November 9th, 2022 @ 6pm
Extension Office

Meeting is called to order by President Brian Young at 6:01pm

Attendance: Brain Young (Stillwater Ranch Hands), Wendy Reed (United Clovers), Stephanie Wright (Johnny's Buckaroos), Kelsie Marshall (United Clovers), Katrina Feddes (Johnny's Buckaroos), Tammi Kirch (Beartooth Ramblers), Meredith Feddes (Johnny's Buckaroos), Melissa Robertus (Park City Wranglers), Jeanna Fry (Park City Wranglers), Shannon Moore (Johnny's Buckaroos), Melissa Kramer (Johnny's Buckaroos), Ashley House (United Clovers) via zoom

Reports:

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders - met Oct 30th, lot of new people joined! Haley is encouraging some of the returning members to step-up as ambassadors. They have elected new officers. They will be having a pumpkin carving contest.

Travel Program - next meeting is Nov 29th , they have a few more wreaths they can sell yet, they will be exploring destinations for 2024

Homemakers - meet monthly, nothing new to report

Old Business:

Welcome Dinner - Teen Leaders please be there by 5:30pm for set up, Speakers please arrive by 6pm, will be having pulled pork, will pre-cook at Cobblestone, hoping some more families RSVP for a head count

New Business:

- By-law clarification – currently each club has 2 leader votes, Ambassadors have 2 votes or if filled by a Teen Leader in their absence they will have 1 vote. Discussion: do we amend the by-laws to still allow for 2 votes per club, 2 votes for Ambassadors and add Superintendents can each have 1 vote, as well as Executive Officers each receiving 1 vote. We will table this topic until the next meeting.
- County-wide 4-H Community Service Project – Last year Tammi Kirch led a group of 4-Hers in making tie blankets that were distributed in the community. It was a well received and appreciated project so Tammi is offering to again lead the county-wide 4-H community service project and is requesting the 4-H Council to donate the funds necessary to purchase the materials. Tammi moves to have the Council donate the funds needed to purchase, make and distribute 40 tie blankets in our community. Wendy 2nd the motion. Discussion brought about adding a dollar amount to the motion. Wendy moved to amend the original motion to include the council will donate up \$15/blanket for 40 blankets. Motion to amend passed. Tammi moved to have the council donated funds up to \$15/blanket to purchase materials for 40 blankets. Meredith 2nd, motion passed.
- Top Buyer banner distribution – banners are ready to be distributed
- Fair Week Schedule adjustments –
 - Suggestion: move Dog, Woodworking, Welding, Food Projects to Sunday afternoon, with a set up on Saturday to everyone can participate
 - Suggestion: move set up to Saturday morning and then have the Stockgrower Show to Saturday evening
 - Suggestion: flip flop Goat/Lamb with Beef in order to have fewer animals to work into the sale order throughout Friday – Beef Wednesday 9-3:30, Goats/Sheep Fri 8-1
 - Suggestion: put Futurity on Thursday after Swine
 - Take back our clubs for discussion on changes

- Action Plans –
 - Nikki Markle moves to add a division to Dog Project titled Nosework to encourage 4-Hers with dogs who have talents not captured by our other division. It can/will be held the week before Fair so it will not impact the Fair Week schedule. Wendy 2nd the motion. Motion passed
 - Tammi moves to clarify the award for the Nosework class to be a ribbon only class. Melissa 2nd the motion. Motion passed
 - Nikki Markley moves to remove the ribbon only class Jumper from the Dog Division classes. Tammi 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
 - Stephanie motions to adjust the Stillwater County Shooting Sports age divisions to match that of the Montana Shooting Sports Divisions. The Divisions will now be as follows – Class 1: 9-10 years old, Class 2: 11-12 years old, Class 3: 13-14 years old, Class 4: 15-19 years old. Tammi 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
 - Melissa Kramer moves to amend/clarify the dress code for Carcass Contest to read Business or Show attire (as interview dress code is stated) and to include closed toed-shoes required. Meredith 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- Budget Proposal – the budget outline provided is a basic channel guideline, not set in stone as some adjustments may/will need made. Melissa moved to accept the budget as presented. Wendy 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- Fair Book - Market Beef section. Melissa advised they are working to make each section consistent.
- Meredith motions to have a maximum of 2 tags for Market Beef per exhibitor. Tammi 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Announcements:

- Fair Book changes – all major changes need to be presented asap to be voted on by the end of the year.
- Year End Financial Statements – if your club has not done so, please get them into Haley asap
- Re-enrollment deadline is November 15th. Makes sure all current members get re-enrolled
- Club Premium checks should all be passed out to the clubs
- Read your newsletter for upcoming events and dates
- Council Lamb Dates:
 - 2023 – Park City Wranglers

Next Council meeting will be December 14th @ 6pm

At 8:10pm, Jeanna moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN &/OR IDEA CHECKLIST ACTION PLAN
Save file as PDF and email to Stillwater@montana.edu

Print Form

What is going to happen?

List committee members and chair person.

How will we know when action is accomplished?

When should the Council review it?

What is the cost?

Does action affect other funding sources?

What resources do you need to request from the Council?

What is your motion for the Council?

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
United Clovers	Ashley House	caacchouse@gmail.com	2nd Sunday 4pm	Columbus Evangelical Church

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