

# STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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*Happy February*

THINGS WE LOVE: our phenomenal 4-H kids and families, our awesome teen leaders, our fantastic volunteers and our amazing club leaders! Seriously, you guys make our jobs possible so thank you for being here to help us love what we do! We hope you are using this month to spread the love too!

The 2021-22 Fairbook has been printed and distributed to club leaders, if your family still needs a copy call or stop by the office. Everything is going to be getting busier as the year goes by, so make sure to stay in touch with your leaders, read the newsletters and check our Facebook pages for updates. If you are not receiving emails that is our **top** communication method so PLEASE get in touch with us, so that we can get your contact info updated. Also if you have content you would like shared within the clubs feel free to email us at [stillwater@montana.edu](mailto:stillwater@montana.edu) to get information added to the monthly newsletters or FB page.



## Fairgrounds & FCIP Update



We just wanted to send an update on the county's current building plan, as promised from our last council meeting. The Facilities Capital Improvement Plan (FCIP) met today and had a long discussion of the funding mechanism surrounding two projects in the county; the law and justice center and the fairgrounds. At this time, movement has been put on hold for the law and justice center due to current funding concerns. While they address the law and justice center and other projects, they will start on the fairgrounds because the funding around that facility is available. The committee is going to meet again next Thursday to develop a plan moving forward, not a meeting to decide on actual buildings and such, but looking at the funding of each component.

It was said in this meeting today by commissioners that we will not be displaced for fair in 2023 or moving forward.

If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Wade Kramer  
Alexis Zajanc  
Granite Bowler  
Ember Bowler  
Emma Short  
Trevor Hollar  
Mia Gill

Lorraine  
Thompson  
Keagan Sandlin  
Lisa Arlt  
Rebecca Arlt  
Hannah  
Bunting  
Luke Bunting  
Meghan Reed



# COUNTY NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## 4-H Has My Heart Workshop

Saturday, February 5th from 9 to 11a  
Columbus Evangelical Church

Please join us for another fun filled workshop with all things heart and valentine's themed. We will be making our own candies/chocolates as well as some fun arts and crafts too.

*Please be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, February 2nd.*

**\$10**

## TEEN LEADERS PIZZA PARTY

Sunday, Feb. 6th from 1-3PM  
at Stillwater Pavilion

All clubs are encouraged to join the fun. Please be sure to RSVP by **FEB. 4TH** so we know how much pizza to provide!



### RSVP:

Call 322-8035 or email  
stillwater@montana.edu

### 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

### Photography Class

Classes will be held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM (Jan 12th)

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

West Annex (old hospital conference room) 431 Quarry

### SHOOTING SPORTS

PRACTICE  
FEBRUARY 20TH  
2-4 PM

## February Calendar of Events:

**Tri-County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational:**  
6th, All day @ MetraPark & Yellowstone Rifle Club

**Teen Leaders Pizza Party**  
6th from 1-3 @ Pavilion

**Cloverbuds Workshop:**  
5th from 9-11AM @ Evangelical

**Exchange Meeting:**  
8th @ 6pm, Extension office

**Photography Class:**  
9th @ 5pm, West Annex

**Dog Class:**  
17th @ Pavilion, times vary

**Shooting Sports:**  
20th 2-4, @ Pavilion

**Teen Leaders Meetings:**  
Feb 6th: 1130AM @ Pavilion & 27th 3:00PM @ Extension Office

**Council Meeting:**  
23rd @ 6pm, Pavilion



## The Beartooth Humane Alliance (BHA) Hay Bank Program

BHA maintains a hay bank for horse owners who are experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay for feed for their animals. The program provides quality hay at no cost for up to 30 days. Applicants need to prove a genuine need and have a plan to feed their horses after the 30 days of assistance has ended.



### **NEED HELP WITH HAY THIS WINTER?**

The purpose of the Beartooth Humane Alliance Hay Bank is to assist private horse owners residing in Stillwater County who are experiencing a financial hardship with free hay for their horses. The Beartooth Humane Alliance Hay Bank is donation driven and hay is provided at *absolutely no cost* to qualified recipients.

The Beartooth Humane Alliance Hay Bank will provide qualified Stillwater County applicants with hay for their horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules in the event of a financial hardship or a crisis. It is not intended to be relied upon on an ongoing basis. A qualifying financial hardship or crisis includes, but is not limited to, job loss, medical bills or other hardships.

The Beartooth Humane Alliance Hay Bank was established to serve private horse owners, not equestrian businesses, equine rescues, or 501c3 organizations.

Applicants need to not only have a genuine financial need for assistance, but they also need to devise a well thought out plan for how they will get back on their feet and manage their horse care after the 30 days of Hay Bank assistance has ended. It's perfectly appropriate to use those 30 days to responsibly re-home or sell your horse if you have determined you can no longer afford your horse(s) long term

**Visit [beartoothhumane.org](http://beartoothhumane.org) or call 406-446-3500 for an application.**

## ***NO EMPTY BOWLS* Pet Food Drive**

**BHA provides pet food for food banks throughout Carbon & Stillwater counties and we are in *desperate* need of dry cat and dog food.**

**\*Any donations would be greatly appreciated.\***

### **Ways to Donate:**

- Drop off at our collection site in Red Lodge. (Hangar # 6. off North Airport Rd (gray hangar with bright yellow door. The food bin is to the north of the yellow door)
- Donate online at <https://beartoothhumane.org/donate/>
- Call 406-446-3500 to arrange pickup

**THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Cat Food Challenge!**

Winner will be announced Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Upcoming Workshops & Events

## SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONALS & POSTALS

**4-H Shooting Stars Invitational** – Baker, February 4 & 5, 2022. Deadline January 24, 2022, contact (406) 778-7110, falloncarter2@montana.edu

**Flathead County 4-H Shooting Sports Postal Tournament-** Enroll by 1/31/2022 Contact Bill Voermans (406)261-2361

**Custer County 4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle Postal Shoot** -Deadline 2/4/2022 contact Jessica Blankenship: 406-853-5985

**Cascade County Archery & Airgun Postal Match** – Deadline March 4, 2022. Great Falls, February 19, 2022. Contact Allyssa Peak at (406) 454-6980.

**Beaverhead County Invitational-** February 26, 2022, deadline February 16th, contact Jackie Sutton 406-925-2221

**2022 Tri-County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational-**Feb 6th at MetraPark and Yellowstone Rifle Club, Registration is open on zsuites, deadline 1/28/2022

**Cascade County Invitational** – Great Falls, February 19, 2022. Deadline Feb 14th. Contact Allyssa Peak at (406) 454-6980

**Choteau County Archery Shoot** – Fort Benton, February 26, 2022, contact Tyler Lane – 406-622-3751

**State 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational** – Bozeman, March 4-6, 2022, Contact Scott Francis – 406-581-6845, scott.francis@montana.edu

For entry forms or postal information please email us at stillwater@montana.edu

## REMINDER

Statewide Postal and Invitational information can be found on the MT Shooting Sports page:

<http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/shooting-sports-event.html>

## Tri-County Shooting Sports Invitational

The invitational will be held in Billings, MT on February 6 at the MetraPark Expo Center & Yellowstone Rifle Club . This event is open to members of Yellowstone, Carbon, & Stillwater Counties and includes BB Gun, Air Rifle (sporter and precision), Air Pistol, Small Bore and Archery.

The cost is \$10 per class per event. Registration and fees are due to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by 5pm on January 28th. Payment must be made by check or cash and mailed or delivered to: Yellowstone County 4-H Council at 301 N 27th St. #330, Billings, MT 59101.

If you have questions regarding registration you can contact us at 322-8035 or also the Yellowstone extension office at 406-256-2828 or by email at:

yellowstone2@montana.edu; yellowstone1@montana.edu

# Hello, February!

## Save the Date: 2022

- **Feb 1st:** 2022 Heifer Futurity Contest: **Applications due** to Beartooth Stock Association
- **Feb 6th:** Tri-County Shooting Sports Invitational, Metra & Yellowstone Rife Club
- **Feb 6th:** All club Pizza Party 1-3

NOTES

# FEBRUARY

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HF apps due	2	3	4	5
6 Tri-County Invitational-All day Pizza Party 1-3	7	8 Exchange Meeting	9 Photography Class 5PM	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Dog Class Times vary	18	19
20 Shooting Sports 2-4	21 Office Closed	22	23 Council Meeting 6PM	24	25	26
27 Teen Leaders Meeting	28					

# STATE EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



## SAVE-THE-DATE



Your Invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Carter County

## 4-H Shooting Stars Invitational

Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> & FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Baker, Montana

**Registrations: January 24<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM**

Questions: (406) 778-7110 // falloncarter2@montana.edu

## Save-the-Date

Montana 4-H Congress

Join us Wednesday July 13 -

Saturday 16, 2022 on MSU

Campus - Bozeman. Pre-

Congress and Ambassador

Officer Selection will be

Monday July 11-13, 2022

## Montana 4-H Leadership Academy

**Who:** 4-H members 12+

**What:** The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

**When:** Sundays from 2:30-3:45pm

**Where:** Virtual Zoom Meetings, links will be emailed weekly.



## REMINDERS

The State 4-H page has many resources for Record Books, winter months are a good time to get setup for record book success

visit:

[http://montana4h.org/projects/support/record\\_books/index.html](http://montana4h.org/projects/support/record_books/index.html)

Cow Town Beef Breeders Show Livestock Judging Contest  
Hosted by: Miles City FFA, Custer Co. 4-H, Miles City Chamber of Commerce, Miles Community College

MCC Ag Advancement Center - Miles City

Friday, February 4th, 2022

Check in: 8:30 am Contest: 9:00 am Junior & Senior Divisions

All Beef - Eight Classes

Completely Indoors in the Heated Ag Advancement Center

Register by: Friday, January 21st, 2022

\$10.00/contestant Includes lunch / \$10.00 for additional lunch  
(make checks to: MSU Custer County Extension)

## MATE Montana Agri-Trade Exposition Stallion Row

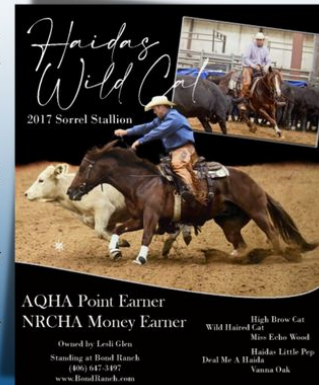
Stallions will be on display during trade show hours in the Montana Pavilion.

**Thursday, Feb 17th**  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Friday, Feb 18th**  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Saturday, Feb 19th**  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Presented by: **NIFE**



If you plan on attending the MATE show we do have some free tickets at the office there are also free tickets at First Interstate Bank or MATE show vendors



# LEADERS COUNCIL MINUTES

## Stillwater County 4-H Leaders' Council Minutes January 19, 2022 @ 6pm Stillwater Pavilion

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Kramer @ 6:02pm. The pledges were recited, no correspondence to share. Those in attendance were Brent Shay (Park City Wranglers), Mike Baker (Park City Wrangler), Garth Pelton (Spring Creek Stockgrowers), Jeanna Fry (Park City Wranglers), Stephanie Wright (Johnny's Buckaroos), Wendy Reed (Stillwater Ridge Riders), Tammi Kirch (Beartooth Ramblers), Kathy Hollar (Beartooth Ramblers), Cortney Thiel (Johnny's Buckaroos), Mark Crago (County Commissioner), Randy Smith (Johnny's Buckaroos), Joe Kovanda (Johnny's Buckaroos), Haley Barker (Extension Agent), Raya Jackson (Extension Office), Lee Smelzer (Extension Agent), Brian Young (Stillwater Ranch Hands), Melissa Kramer (Johnny's Buckaroos), and Shannon Moore (Johnny's Buckaroos).

### **Reports:**

**Teen Leaders** - Mike Baker advised the members have decided to go to Silverwood for a fun trip, it will be after Champion of Champions. They will be having a raffle to raise money for the trip. Also a reminder of the Teen Leader sponsored Pizza Party on 2/6/22, from 1-3pm. Please RSVP so they know how many pizzas to order.

**Travel Program** - Tammi Kirch advised the group will to head to Virginia in July. They will stay at an AirBnB, meet up with a small group of Virginian Teen Leaders, have some farm tours, see the beach, possibly Washington D.C. as well are a few of their itinerary items. Their group has 4 members currently.

**Homemakers** - Haley advised nothing new to report at this time.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

**Awards Committee** - Haley asks that the committee gather for input on what changes need to be made, if any, for Fair awards and offers an open invitation to anyone who would like to help with the Awards Committee. Contact Haley if interested.

**Market Beef Policy** - Lee asked for discussion/clarification regarding the rule "A 4-H member may sell in the Live Auction any projects that receive Grand and/or Reserve Champion awards."

- What is the intent of the rule for future Fairs?
- Initial concern is Beef Projects. In the past a member can show two beef projects but only sell one. With the wording of the new rule, both beef could technically be sold in Live Auction if they receive Grand and Reserve Champion awards.
- As far as the Live Auction goes, a 4-H member has the potential of selling twelve animals and two indoor projects, depending on what projects the member enrolled in.
  - Do we need to cap the number of beef per member?
  - One beef per member?
- The importance of marketing for the Live Auction sale and thanking all of our supporters from the county level, club level and individual level is crucial in keeping our Live Auction a success.

After discussion, it was agreed that if a 4-H member has that much drive to have that many projects for Fair and receives Grand and Reserve Champions on all those projects, no need to discourage them by limiting the number of Live Auction entries.

**Fairgrounds Brainstorm Discussion** - Haley and Lee asked all parties present to weigh-in on the Pros and Cons for a physical Fair Location for 2023 & 2024 as the current location may not be available/accessible with current construction plans. Brainstorming Headings included: using Sweetgrass County Fairgrounds, Carbon County Fairgrounds, Temporary Tents at new fairground location, push for Building New Fairgrounds Now, Other Ideas. Haley and Lee will compile information from the brainstorming session and move forward to the next step for planning.

At 7:58pm, Brian Young moved to adjourn the meeting, Tammi Kirch seconded the motion.

**Next meeting: February 23rd, 2022**



# 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