

NOVEMBER 2022

# NEWSLETTER

STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H

November is the month that reminds us to give thanks for all the good things in our lives. For me, I know I am grateful that I get to work along side these wonderful 4-H students, leaders, and volunteers. Who are all incredibly hard working, which we get to see with the new 4-H year starting.

Again, its the season of being grateful, don't forget to enjoy all of the small moments this month, and eat lots of yummy food!



## Birthdays:

Hank Tuszynski

Kate Kovanda

Gage Witt

Alex Shane

Logan Young

Reece Lewis

Gracie Smith

Braxton Legg

Annsey Kelly

Kyler Durfey

Broderick Baluka

Wyatt Haaland

Rocky Rex Rothwell

# NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 broken down as follows: 55 pts for female evaluation score, 30 pts for record books and 30 pts for interview.
- > The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 broken 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 if 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](http://www.beartoothstockassociation.com) for entry forms and full futurity rules.

# Outdoor Day

Come join us for a day of fun and education outside! Where:  
Valley Creek Ranch (Fairgrounds if bad weather)  
When: Sunday, November 6th 10:00AM  
Meet at the Ranch or at the Extension Office at 9:00AM

**Range Management**

**Outdoor games**  
Air Rifle, & Pistol Shooting.

**Wildlife info and track-ing**

**Goose Hunting Demo**

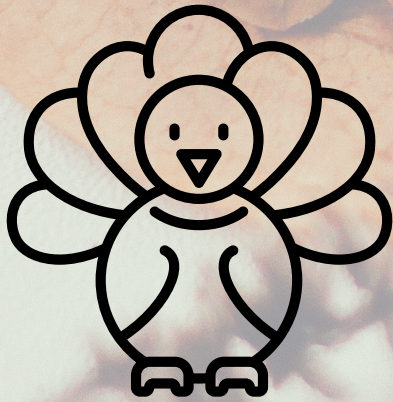
**Fly Tying**

**3-D and Target Ar-**

**Bring a Friend!**

**All Bowling Contest**

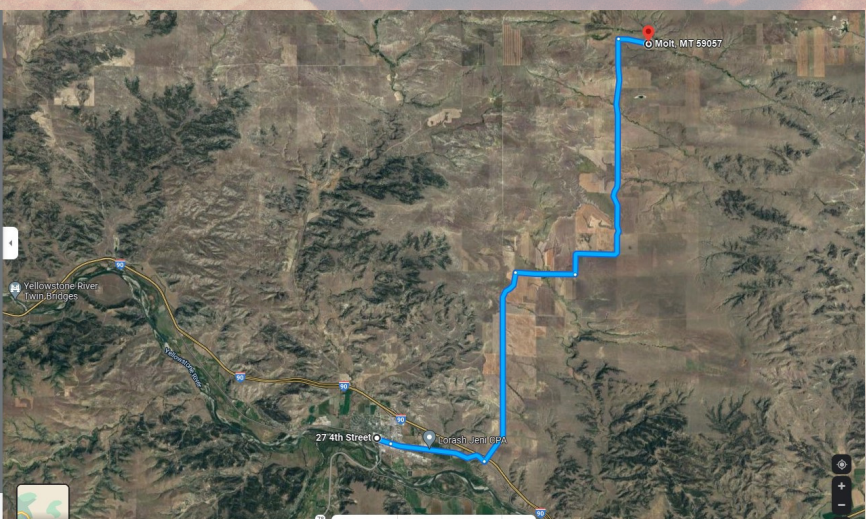
**This is for all 4-H Families.**  
Please register by November 1st  
322-8035  
[lees@montana.edu](mailto:lees@montana.edu)



via Columbus Molt Rd  
Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

**27 4th St**  
Columbus, MT 59019

- > Take 4th St to Old U.S. 10/E Pike Ave  
21 s (249 ft)
- ✓ Follow Old U.S. 10 to Columbus Molt Rd  
4 min (2.8 mi)
- ↶ Turn left onto Old U.S. 10/E Pike Ave  
0.4 mi
- ↑ Continue straight to stay on Old U.S. 10/E Pike Ave  
Continue to follow Old U.S. 10  
2.4 mi
- ✓ Follow Columbus Molt Rd to your destination in Molt  
23 min (13.9 mi)
- ↶ Turn left onto Columbus Molt Rd  
4.9 mi
- ↷ Turn right to stay on Columbus Molt Rd  
1.5 mi
- ↶ Turn left to stay on Columbus Molt Rd  
6.8 mi
- ↷ Turn right  
Destination will be on the right



## Cloverbud Workshop

**November 13th—2:30 to 3:30pm**  
Columbus Evangelical Church

Please join us for our first Cloverbud workshop of the new 4-H year!

I am so sad not to have some of our cloverbuds from previous years with us as they have graduated out of the cloverbud program and are now a 4-H member this year. Though I am going to miss them in cloverbuds, I can't wait to see their accomplishments and growth this year as a member. However, I am also so very excited to meet our new Cloverbuds coming into the program this year and excited to teach them some fun projects and crafts.

With all that said, in this workshop we will be creating some beaded pumpkin and corn pieces that could be used as decorations during the Fall holidays. We will also be doing a fun tea towel craft as well to gift to our loved ones as a thank you for all they do for us. Please RSVP to Ashley at [caacchouse@gmail.com](mailto:caacchouse@gmail.com) by November 9th!

**\$10**

## 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

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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](mailto:beyondhappynt@gmail.com)



### Teen Leaders and Ambassadors

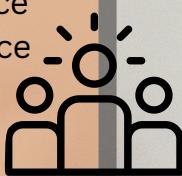
Open to all teens (12 and up) that are interested in growing their leadership skills, promoting 4-H throughout the county, completing community service projects and of having loads of fun along the way. Join us!

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

October 30th: 3pm at the Extension Office

December 4th: 3pm at the Extension office

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



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

## Stillwater County 4-H Ambassador Application

Name:

Date:

Address:

City & Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Parents:

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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2T Livestock  
Presents:

## Small Animal Showmanship Jackpot Show

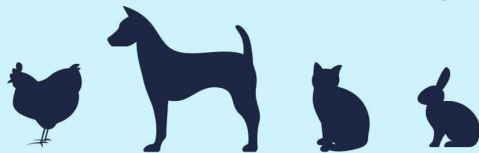
Saturday  
11/12/22

Billings Metra Center  
9:00 am

Open To All 4-H Youth  
SR JR NOV Levels  
Round Robbin Each  
Level

Silent  
Auction!

Rosettes  
and  
Prizes!



## General Information

Entry Fee \$10 per animal shown

No fee for round robbin

Show order is SR, JR, NOV

No dress code but neat attire advised

All animals must be kenneled/contained in a  
cage

Rabies/parvo distemper required for dogs

Dogs/cats must be leashed when not kenneled

Please pack lunch and drinks

Judges are VOLUNTEERS...please be kind

ARBA, APA, AKC, ACFA showmanship guidelines  
will be used as guides, but judges' determinations  
prevail

Top 2 in each animal age group qualify for  
round robbin

Age of child is ON October 1, 2022

NOVICE 8-10

JUNIOR 11-13

SENIOR 14-18



## 4-H WELCOME DINNER

### 4-H Welcome Dinner

November 16

6:30-8:00 pm

### Absarokee Elementary Gym

Open to all new families who have joined in the last couple years to learn more about 4-H. We will talk about projects, where 4-H can take you, record and project books and so much more. Please RSVP by following this link:  
<https://forms.gle/zVr2jtFRCwocueij7>  
by November 14th so we have an accurate count for food.

Questions? Give us a call!

**ENTRY FORM**  
(Payment due on day of show)

Name:  
Address:  
County:  
Phone Number:  
Email:  
Age on 10/1/22:  
Circle: SR JR NOV  
Animal(s): Poultry Dog Cat Rabbit  
Parent Signature:  
(Authorizing minor to compete)

**Show Sponsors Include:**



**MSU YELLOWSTONE COUNTY  
EXTENSION**

Entry form may be emailed or sent to Show Chair  
Mr. Kyle Russell  
kylerussell424@gmail.com  
9 Grandmas Lane  
Joliet, MT 59041  
208-539-2047  
Day of Show Entries Welcome!



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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](mailto:haley.barker@montana.edu) or 322-8035 to reserve yours today!

These will be available before Thanksgiving.

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

## Volunteer Orientation

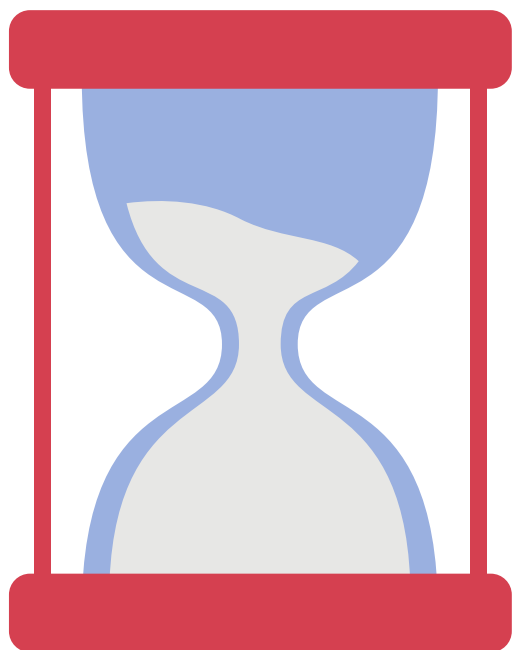
All of last year's volunteers will soon be receiving an email from the Montana 4-H Center notifying them of the Volunteer Orientation requirement. The email also will include the how-to guide that provides step by step instructions for finding and completing the volunteer orientation modules in ZSuites.

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.\*\***

**Next Leader's Council Meeting:  
November 9th: 6pm at the Extension Office**



Don't forget to re-enroll for the 2022-2023 4-H year through ZSuites. November 15 is your re-enrollment deadline.

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STEP BY STEP FOR RE-ENROLLING 4-H FAMILIES



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- 1.** Using your computer, smart phone or other device go to [www.4h.zsuite.org](http://www.4h.zsuite.org).
- 2.** Click **SIGN UP**. Complete all of the fields. Use the **FAMILY email address from 4honline as the ADULT EMAIL to connect your previous enrollment with ZSUITE**. If you are not sure what your "family email" is contact your MSU Extension office and they can tell you. Click **LET'S GO**.
- 3.** Arrive at your **HOUSEHOLD DASHBOARD**. Click on the name of the family member you want to re-enroll, click on the blue "start enrollment" button and follow the steps.
- 4.** Complete/Update the personal information, waivers, club and projects and hit **SUBMIT**. \*Counties may have an additional payment step.

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**\*\*You need to be a member for the year, before you attend 4-H events or classes.\*\***



Stillwater County 4-H Leaders' Council Minutes  
October 12th, 2022 @ 6pm  
Extension Office

This meeting was called to order by Melissa Kramer at 6:03pm

Attendance: Brian Young (Stillwater Ranch Hands), Joe Kovanda (Johnny's Buckaroos), Tammi Kirch (Beartooth Ramblers), Lee Smelzer (Extension Agent), Meredith Feddes (Johnny's Buckaroos), Melissa Kramer (Johnny's Buckaroos), Jeanna Fry (Park City Wranglers), Melissa Robertus (Park City Wranglers), Haley Barker (Extension Agent), Stephanie Wright (Johnny's Buckaroos), Kelsie Marshall (United Clovers), Wendy Reed (Sheep Superintendent), Ashley House (United Clovers), Shannon Moore (Johnny's Buckaroos)

Reports:

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders – met on Oct 9th, right before Awards Night were they visited about Outdoor Day, the awards and plans for the next meeting which will be Oct 30th @ 3pm at Mike Baker's house where they will elect new officers, and then travel to a scary corn maze together for an activity

Travel Program – met Oct 11th, they have a couple of new members, they will be hosting some Virginia 4-Hers in June, their first fundraiser this year is Christmas Wreaths sales – it just started so reach out to one of the Travel members if you are interested in purchasing one

Homemakers – Haley reported they met Oct 3rd. New officer elections took place, they visited about their silent auction from Fair where they garnered \$2,000 to go towards scholarships, the Lake Basin Homemakers group dissolved and are donating \$300 to Stillwater County 4-H to go towards 4-H Camp, they also visited about self-care and mental health

Old Business:

N/A

### New Business:

- 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments – if anyone has any adjustments that need made, just email Meredith
  - Awards Night – Haley is looking for a committee to help with the catalog for awards, sponsors, collecting items before awards night
  - Welcome Dinner – Nov 16th 6:30pm @ Absarokee Elementary Gym
  - Election of Officers for 2022-2023
    - o Melissa Kramer nominated Brian Young for President – Brian didn't say "no"
    - o Shannon Moore nominated Melissa Robertus for Vice President – Melissa accepted
    - o Meredith Feddes agreed to retain the office of Treasurer in the absence of any other nominations or volunteer for the position
    - o Shannon Moore agreed to retain the office of Secretary in the absence of any other nomination or volunteer for the position
- Stephanie moved to accept the slate of nominations and re-elected people for Council Officers.

Wendy 2nd the motion. Motion passed with 7 votes for, 1 vote against

#### • Action Plans –

- o Add a start time in the Fair Book to all Livestock Classes – Melissa Robertus moved, Joe 2nd the motion, motion passed
- o Add to General Rules in Fair Book in the Food Department that all entries be tasted by the judge or no entries be tasted by the judge – Melissa Robertus moved, Joe 2nd , motion failed. Tammi moved to make this request an educational piece for the judges when prepping them for interviews. Joe 2nd, motion passed
- o Add White Face class in Division 2 Market Lamb – Melissa Robertus moved, Meredith 2nd, motion passed
- o Add Dorset Class in Division 5 Breeding Sheep – Melissa Robertus moved, Wendy 2nd, motion passed
- o All Swine must be clean at weigh in and all swine weighed and tagged on the first Sunday of May – Meredith moved, Stephanie 2nd, motion passed
- o Shooting Sports – adjust all divisions to be broke into age groups to echo the State Shooting Sports divisions, rather than just a Junior and Senior division – tabled until November meeting, Stephanie will gather language used in the State competition guidelines for division guidelines
- o 4-H Project Scholarship – make changes to language on one of the pre-requisites to read "must show at Fair unless prohibited" -Tammi motioned, Stephanie 2nd, motion passes

Announcements:

- Fair Books – all major changes need to be presented by October to be voted on by November
- Year End Financial Statements from each of the clubs are due to the Extension Office
- Outdoor Day is November 6th – please sign up by Nov 1st
- Council Lamb Dates
  - o 2023 Park City Wranglers

**Next 4-H Council meeting: Nov 9th @ 6pm**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm Meredith moved, Tammi 2nd, motion passed

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### Explanations of events:

- **Outdoor day (November 6th):** a fun event to get our 4-H kids out into the great outdoors, learn some new skills (fly tying, 3D target practice, wildlife tracking, goose hunting and air rifle and pistol shooting).
- **Cloverbud workshop (November 13th):** Open to all new and former cloverbuds. A wonderful opportunity to learn new skills that could carry over to when cloverbuds become full 4-H members.
- **Gingerbread house contest:** Part of the parade of lights and 3rd annual Christmas Festival in Columbus on December 2nd. This year's theme is Country Christmas! Lots more details to come mid November, as a planning member of this event, I will let you know when we have more details to share.
- **Tree Decorating Competition:** What a fun competition among our 4-H clubs to create the most unique tree and potentially win some money at it. Use your imagination to create a tree to be auctioned off at the Snowflake Festival in Absarokee. Questions? Call Melissa Kramer
- **Welcome dinner (November 16th):** Open to all new families to learn more about 4-H and hopefully answer all your questions. Please RSVP by November 14th so we have an accurate headcount!  
<https://forms.gle/zVr2jtFRCwocueij7>
- **Action Plan form (next page):** Submit any changes you would like to see to the fairbook by the November 9th Leader's Council meeting.

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**COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN &/OR IDEA CHECKLIST ACTION PLAN**  
Save file as PDF and email to [Stillwater@montana.edu](mailto: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 nascarfamilly99@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