

DECEMBER 2021

STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Seasons Greetings,

We hope the holiday season finds you and your family well as the winter weather sets in. May you get time to slow down and appreciate these last few days of 2021. Bake cookies, decorate gingerbread houses and sip on delicious hot cocoa. From all of us here at the extension office, we wish you a Merry Christmas and health, happiness and new adventures in the new year!



December Birthdays

Allyson Robertus
Reece Lewis
Mike Tuszynski
Addison Eaton
Hugh Savage
Waylon Yorke
Ethan Peters
Cooper Fry

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS



Christmas Cloverbud Workshop

December 11th 9am—11am



Please come and join us for a Christmas filled workshop where we will be decorating gingerbread houses, and creating stuffed gingerbread men, candy cane wreaths and more!

Location: Columbus Evangelical Church

Please RSVP by Friday, December 3rd.

Also, please consider regifting gently used/new toys to Project Hope. You can bring them to the workshop and I will deliver to Project Hope.



Photography Class

Classes will be held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM (Dec 8th)

Subjects will be determined by the first class of the year. Dates are subject to change.

West Annex (old hospital conference room)
431 Quarry
Call Brittney (406)272-6288
or bbphotography.bb@gmail.com

It's that time of year again...



KIDS' CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY

SUNDAY
12
DECEMBER
1 TO 3 PM



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



Parents enjoy coffee & cookies while kids shop!

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

Fair Book Cover Contest

We need your artistic ability/skills to design our Fair Book covers for 2022. Please submit your designs to Haley at haley.barker@montana.edu by **December 15th**. Please design portrait style (vertically). Needs to include something related to 4-H, that's the only rule.



TEEN LEADER MEETING

Meeting will be December 5th,
3:00 PM
West Annex

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

- Two categories: Youth (8-17) and Family (parents and children under 18)
- Drop off houses by December 10th at 5:00pm at the courthouse lawn.
- Top 3 in each category will receive a prize

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE

DEC 5TH
1:00-3:00PM



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Save the Date: 2022

- Jan. 9th: Beef Weigh -in from 1-3PM at Midland Bull Test
- Camp Counselor/CIT applications due Jan. 7th
- 2022 Heifer Futurity Contest: Applications due Feb. 1st to Beartooth Stock Association



NOTES

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Shooting Sports Practice 1:00 PM Teen Leaders 3:00PM West Annex	6	7	8 Photography Class 5:00 PM West Annex	9	10 Absarokee Snowflake Festival	11 PARK CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE & COLUMBUS PARADE OF LIGHTS
12 Project Hope Kids shopping day	13	14	15 Fair Book Cover Designs DUE!	16 Dog Classes Contact Nikki for time 855-3386	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!
26	27	28	29	30	31	Happy New Year!

4-H News and Happenings



WE ARE UPDATING OUR WEB CONTENT, ALL 4-H NEWS, FORMS, ZSUITES, COUNCIL MINUTES AND MORE SHOULD BE ACTIVE AND USABLE NOW, AT STILLWATER.MSUEXTENSION.ORG. IF THERE ARE NEW THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE SITE LET US KNOW.



Nigerian Dwarf Goats

2 registered does and a wether available. 18 months old and ready to breed. Super friendly! If interested contact Kendra Jackson at 406-876-1000 or thegallopingpony@gmail.com



Food and Coat Drive



The deadline to earn points for your club for the drive is **December 3rd.** Make sure to be gathering your donations!

4-H Camp Counselor / CIT



Time to start those applications for the 2022 summer camp.

COUNSELORS: Must be 14 by June 1st, 2022

CIT: Must be 13 by June 1st, 2022.

Applications can be found on page 6-7 of this newsletter or if you would like them emailed to you contact us at the office.



Exchange Group will not have a December meetings. Meetings will resume in Jan. 2022

2022 GREYTAK CALENDARS



\$25 Each

Pickup available at the Extension office



Fair Book Cover Contest

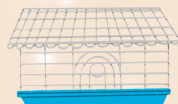


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Cages available



We have some rabbit cages and chicken pens available, if you would like one call the Extension office at 322-8035.

Canon Rebel XSi

Great beginner camera, includes a battery, charger and lens
Contact Cadee at 780-0770



\$150

4-H News & Happenings

Can't afford to have your dog or cat spayed or neutered? Don't have hay for your horses this winter? Maybe you or someone you know has a pet they can't keep? Do you know where to turn if you find a lost or found pet?

Contact the Beartooth Humane Alliance



What is the Beartooth Human Alliance?

BHA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization established in 2007 that assists the people and animals of Carbon County and Stillwater County 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.

Services BHA offers to Stillwater County:

• Adoption Services

BHA can assist in rehoming pets who for any reason can no longer stay with their owners. We conduct a thorough screening process to ensure that every pet is placed in the perfect home, and, in many cases, can provide foster care for pets until a forever home is found.

• Lost and Found

BHA has established a Facebook page, Stillwater County, Montana Lost and Found Pets, to post lost or found pets in Stillwater County.

• Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Vouchers

BHA offers low-cost vouchers for spay/neuter services for limited-income pet owners or for those who are facing a temporary financial hardship. If you've been putting off having your dog or cat spayed/neutered because of the cost, please call BHA at 406-446-3500 or visit the website at www.beartoothhumane.org for program details.

• Operation Nip & Tuck

BHA's Nip & Tuck program provides **FREE** spay and neuter services for barn cats. To qualify, cats must live primarily outdoors and within Stillwater County. To make an appointment, please call 406-446-3500. Operation Nip and Tuck is made possible through a generous grant from the Golden Heart Charitable Fund.

• Hay Bank

If you or someone you know is facing a temporary hardship and is unable to afford feed for your horses, BHA can help by providing quality hay through the Hay Bank program. For details on how to apply, visit the website at www.beartoothhumane.org or call 406-446-3500.

You Can Help

BHA is a nonprofit organization and relies on generous donors who help fund operations and volunteers who open their homes to foster animals until they can be adopted. If you would like to help, please contact BHA at 406-446-3500 or email info@beartoothhumane.org.

Contact Us

For more information about the programs listed above call BHA at 406-446-3500 or email info@beartoothhumane.org or visit our website www.beartoothhumane.org.

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

**2022 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR and COUNSELOR- IN-TRAINING
Fact Sheet and Application Form**

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, 2022 to be a Counselor or 13 years of age by June 1st, 2022 to be a CIT.

B. **You must be a 4-Her in good standing at date of application.** for the 2021-2022 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 **FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022 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 Office
P.O. Box 807
Columbus, MT 59019

D. Campers will attend camp **June 6-10th, 2022. You will be required to be at camp one day early-on June 6th.**

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, 2022 _____ Birthdate _____

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

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.**

Name Mailing Address Phone #

1. _____

2. _____

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Leaders Council Minutes

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Council Meetings.

Stillwater County 4-H Leaders' Council Minutes

November 17, 2021 @ 6pm

West Annex

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Brian Young at 6:01 pm. The pledges were recited, there was no correspondence to share. Those in attendance were Brian Young (Stillwater Ranch Hands), Meredith Feddes (Spring Creek Stockgrowers), Katrina Feddes, Suzi Smith (Johnny's Buckaroos), Tammi Kirch (Beartooth Ramblers), Wendy Reed (Stillwater Ridge Riders), Raya Jackson, Anndi Hollar (Teen Leaders), Cortney Thiel (Johnny's Buckaroos), Stephanie Wright (Johnny's Buckaroos), Beartooth Humane Alliance - Meghan Richardson, Nikki Markle and Jenny Still, Jeanna Fry (Park City Wranglers), Shannon Moore (Johnny's Buckaroos), Lee Smelzer

Reports:

Teen Leaders

Anndi reported they had their elections, and participated in the countywide food and coat drive. They are currently brainstorming ideas for their trip. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

Travel Program

Tammi reported that they are up to four members, they have found a match in Virginia to exchange with, there will be no December meeting, and they are still selling Christmas Wreaths but they are going quickly so get your order in. Contact the Extension Office or a Travel member to make an order. Please make checks payable to Stillwater County 4-H.

Homemakers

None to report at this time.

Welcome Dinner

Tammi reported that the dinner was pretty well attended with several new and returning families, roughly 100 attendees. Tammi reported that the 4-H members did an excellent job presenting various projects and answering questions. Jeanna & Shannon concurred. Jeanna did mention that 3 minutes per presenter was a good amount of time but not 3 minutes per table if there were multiple projects being represented by multiple presenters.

Old Business:

Reminder of Fair book cover contest - entries due December 15th

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New Business:

Beartooth Humane Alliance

Meghan Richardson is the new Community Outreach Coordinator. Also accompanying her was Jenny Still, the current coordinator. Jenny advised there is a big need for pet foster homes in the Stillwater County area. She suggested this would be a great way for 4-H members, especially Senior members looking for volunteer time, to make a little money, help the community and quickly build volunteer hours. There is a daily stipend for cats and dogs, plus the Alliance pays for the food, bed and toys for the animals. The Alliance also offers spay/neuter & rabies shots for free to outdoor/farm/barn cats in effort to curb the population and health issues, as well as help rehoming animals. Something else the Alliance is working on is a Lost & Found program with the Sheriff's Office. Nikki Markle was also introduced as the Alliance's new Humane Education Coordinator. Nikki is working on getting into the surrounding schools to educate children on animal safety and appropriate handling of animals/pets. If you have or know of any groups that could benefit from this knowledge, reach out to Nikki at (46)446-3500 or nikkimarkle@beartoothhumane.org. If anyone is interested in being a foster parent, please contact Beartooth Humane Alliance at (406)446-3500.

Fairbook Changes

Clarifications to Shooting Sports Dress Code - amended to read 4-H collared shirts and/or collared T-shirts are acceptable, hair tied back, arms guards required for archery. Tammi motioned to accept the amendments, Meredith 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Action Plans

None

Proposed Budget

Suzi moved to accept the proposed budget. Wendy 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Announcements

Welcome Raya Jackson - new Office Administrator for the Extension Office

Meredith moved to adjourn the meeting, Wendy 2nd, meeting adjourned 6:35pm

Next meeting: January 19th, 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
Jonny'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
Rapelijacks & 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



Merry
Christmas &
Happy New
Year!

from the MSU Extension Office