Hello 4-H members, leaders, and parents,

Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!! This year’s Great Northern Fair was a great success. Thank you to everyone that made the fair such a great experience.

**Remember your “Thank You’s”**

4-H members that received plaques at the Fair need to write a Thank you to their plaque sponsor. The sponsor’s name and address is listed on the back of your plaque.

Also, if you received a special award at the Horse Show or Sheep Show, be sure to write a Thank you to the sponsor.

And of course, please do write a Thank you to your animal buyer(s). The buyers at the Livestock Sale are an intricate part of making your 4-H year a success.

If you enjoyed breakfast on Sunday morning of the Fair be sure and send a Thank you to CHS Big Sky for sponsoring that great start to the day.

And be sure and thank that special 4-H leader or member or even a parent who helped you along the way in getting ready for this year’s Fair. A kind word means a lot!!

**Multiple and Resale Livestock Buyers —Additional Buyer Pictures Available**

4-H members that had more than one buyer for their beef, sheep or swine at the 4-H Livestock Sale can request an additional picture so all of your buyers get one. Also, if your animal was donated back and you went through a resale, we can print extra pictures for that buyer also.

Call or email the Extension Office if you would like an extra buyer picture for your additional buyers.

**Fair Ribbons**

Do you have fair ribbons sitting around the house getting in the way? This is the time to collect them and donate them back to the 4-H program. The ribbons must be clean, not written on the back and in good shape. If you would like to donate your ribbons back to the 4-H program, drop the ribbons off at the Extension office.

**In looking ahead — End-of-Year Celebration** is scheduled for October 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Chuckwagon. Kremlin Hawks and Havre Honey Badgers 4-H clubs are in charge of the meal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, email or stop by the Extension office.
UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

4-H Exchange Meeting  
Sunday, August 5, 2018  
5:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room  
The 4-H Exchange group will meet this Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room to start working on this year’s fundraiser dinner.

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting  — Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
in the Timmons Room at 6:00 p.m.  
The Hill County 4-H Livestock Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Court House.

4-H Chuckwagon Committee Meeting  — Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
at the 4-H Chuckwagon at 6:00 p.m.  
The 4-H Chuckwagon Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Chuckwagon.

Special 4-H Council Meeting  
Thursday, August 23, 2018  
in the Timmons Room at 7:00 p.m.  
The Hill County 4-H Council is holding a special meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Courthouse.

4-H Foundation Meeting  
Monday, August 27, 2018  
at Wipfli’s Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m.  
The Hill County 4-H Foundation Board will meet on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Wipfli LLP—300 2nd Avenue.

State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals  
The State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals are September 8-9, 2018 at the King’s Arena located at 50 Foothills Lane in Great Falls.  
On Saturday, September 8th, the events are open to all 4-H youth enrolled in the 4-H Working Ranch Horse project—Levels 1 thru 4. There is no qualifying show to participate in the State event. Each competitor will exhibit in 5 classes including Knowledge Test, Pattern, Sorting, Heading and Heeling.  
On Sunday, September 9th, the events are open to all youth. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to compete this day.  
Registration and rules are available on the Hill County 4-H website. Registrations are due by August 24, 2018 to the Cascade County Extension Office.

Montana State 4-H Horse Show  
The Montana State 4-H Horse Show is an opportunity for 4-H horse project members to test their skills alongside their peers from across the state in an educational and enjoyable competitive contest. Classes are offered to include many aspects of the 4-H horse project for nearly every skill level. Youth, ages 9-19 years old, may enter.  
The 2018 Montana State 4-H Horse Show is being held on September 14-16, 2018 at the Heart K Arena in Livingston, Montana.  
The Rule Book is available at the Montana 4-H website under “programs”.

4-H Project Books and Record Books Due  
It is time to finish up your seven activities in your 4-H Project Books and complete your 4-H Record Book for the year. The completion deadline is September 20th. If you have questions, please call the office.
District 5 4-H is pleased to announce that the State 4-H Leadership Forum will be September 28-29, 2018 in Dillon, MT on the beautiful Western Montana Campus.

Registration is now open on the Montana 4-H website under programs. http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership-forum.html

Why should you attend—4-H leaders and youth leaders—because there are great workshops, a day camp for younger kids (see note marked “NEW”), great tours of Bannack, the campus and other historical areas around Dillon, and there will be a talent show on Friday encouraging musical, dance, poetry or any other talents. There are also great pre-conference workshops on Friday including First Aide and CPR and Leaders College II.

So, check out the Leadership Forum info at the Montana 4-H website and get registered today.

NEW: 4-H Leadership Forum is for the family!* A Discovery Camp for children ages 3 to 10 will is available on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 4-H Teens and Volunteers will provide a day camp experience for your children, complete with activities, snacks and meals for $15/child. Sponsored in part by NorthWestern Energy and the Montana 4-H Leaders' Council.

**Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab — September 30—October 5, 2018**

The Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab will be held September 30 - October 5, 2018, at Outlaw Ranch near Custer, South Dakota.

Registration fee includes all meals and lodging for the entire week, access to instructor resource material, and your group photo. BHRLL is committed to offering the highest quality training and the absolute lowest price possible. Registration fee is only $325, and remember, first time participants may qualify for scholarships! Visit our website at www.BHRLL.org for more details.

Some of the major workshops offered this year are “The Fine Art of Group Facilitation” by Dr. Jim Cain from Brockport, New York; basic spoke-and-weave “Basketry” by Lori Spearman of Casper, Wyoming; fundamentals of “Improvisation” by Todd Linsley from Orem, Utah; and one who believes STEM should be “Fun for Everyone” by Jill Marostica, Girl Scout Outdoor Programs Director from Rye, Colorado.
2018 Herdsmanship Winners!

Congratulations to the Trailblazers and Kremlin Hawks 4-H clubs for being chosen as the Herdsmanship winners at the 2018 Great Northern Fair. At the Year-End Celebration, Trailblazers as the small club will receive a $50 Chamber Gift Certificate and Kremlin Hawks as the large club will receive a $75 Chamber Gift Certificate for their efforts in keeping their areas of the barns clean and spiffy. Job well done!!

Congratulations 4-H Scholarship Recipients!!

Congratulations to Kate-Lyn Compton, Jalissa Horinek, Jenna Meldrum, Laine Shettel and Loni Waid this year’s recipients of the 4-H Scholarships. Funding for the scholarships came from the 2017 auction of the 4-H Scholarship Plaque purchased by McDonalds of Havre during the 4-H Livestock sale. This year the 4-H Scholarship Plaque was again purchased by McDonalds of Havre.

4-H Interview Day “Thank You”!!

A BIG thank you goes out to the many volunteers from the Bear Paw Beavers and Mountain View 4-H Clubs for organizing and working at 4-H Interview Day. You did a great job and we appreciate all your hard work!

Premium Money and Interview Day Comment Sheets

In regards to Premium Money, this year each 4-H club will receive a check for their 4-H members’ Premium Money. There will be a printout for each 4-H member showing the amounts they earned through their entries, along with the comment sheets from 4-H Interview Day. Your club’s packet will also include Cloverbud Comment Sheets. When the Premium checks are ready, an email will be sent to the Organizational Leader of each 4-H club.

Nominate a “Friend of 4-H” or “Leader of the Year”

The Friend of 4-H award is given to a business or person in the community that has shown outstanding support of 4-H. The Leader of the Year award is given to a leader that has done exceptional work in their club or county. You may nominate a person or business that has previously received the award. Pick up nomination forms at the extension office or find them on the 4-H website. Deadline to turn in the Nomination forms is Tuesday, September 25, 2018.
**What is a Montana 4-H Ambassador?**

Ambassadors are youth that are engaged in **LEADERSHIP, SERVICE and PROMOTION** of the Montana 4-H Program. A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of our Montana 4-H Program. A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and non 4-H youth. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations. Being an Ambassador is an honor and privilege. Being chosen as an Ambassador entails the acceptance of “great” responsibility and a total commitment to the Montana 4-H Program. We are seeking 4-H members who are not afraid of people, work, or the time it takes to create success.

To be an Ambassador for Hill County requires a commitment of time, money and enthusiasm. The Ambassadors work on a team which consists of the County Extension Staff, Ambassador Key Leader, Senior Ambassador and Junior Ambassadors. The county 4-H Ambassadors will have the opportunity to serve on both the district and state levels as officers. Thus, opportunity to extend their service beyond the county level is available.

All new Ambassadors will attend Fall Ambassador Training, and all Ambassadors will attend State 4-H Rec Lab and 4-H Congress where they receive additional training and put their skills to use. In addition, Ambassadors may attend District and State Leaders’ Forums and other special events throughout the year.

**How to Apply**

To apply, please fill out the Ambassador Application (in typed form) and submit it to the Hill County Extension Office by Tuesday, September 4, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.

Ambassador Prospect Qualifications consist of: *Must have a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.5; *Must be responsible and have time available to fulfill the role; *Must be 14 years of age by October 1, 2018 and not have yet completed your sophomore year in High School; *Must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years and be enrolled for the upcoming year.

Remember, if you are chosen as a Junior Ambassador, it is a 2 year commitment. **You MUST BE** willing to travel, attend training sessions, and serve in ambassador roles when asked. Funds for this program are limited, so you may be responsible for some out of pocket expenses.

Ambassador Applications can be picked up at the Extension office or can be found on the website - msuextension.org/hill.
2018 District 3 MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST

It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this Fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect wool fabric. Wouldn’t it be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this Fall and then already have an outfit finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year?

The fabric needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the MIWW contest. The District 3 contest is scheduled for November 3, 2018 in Great Falls. Entry forms are due in to the Director by October 8, 2018.

**There is a $7.00 Montana entry fee per swatch of fabric used and wool yarn used. These funds will cover the cost of testing your fabric or yarn for content.**

The categories are Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); Adult (age 25 and older); and Made for Others. Ages are determined as of January 1, 2018.

First place winners in the Junior, Senior, Adult, and Made for Others categories advance to the State competition which will be held during the Montana Wool Growers Convention held in Billings on November 30th and December 1st, 2018.

Entry forms and brochures are available at the Extension Office or you can contact the District 3 Director:

Janet Smith
406-799-7003

There is also a Quilt/Afghan Contest this year. The fabric or yarn needs to be at least 60% wool. There is a $10 entry fee and entry forms are due in by November 1, 2018. Quilts and afghans need to be mailed to Jean Harrison and postmarked no later than November 15, 2018. Entry forms are available at the Extension office or from Jean Harrison at 406-799-1331.

Don’t Forget — 4-H Invested in Sweat Equity

In lieu of paying the fair board’s rental fees for this year, the 4-H Council has made an agreement with the Great Northern Fair Board to waive the $1800 proposed rental fee in exchange for “sweat equity”.

As mentioned previously, Hill County 4-H is responsible for the weekly mowing of the campground and twice weekly cleaning of the campground bathroom from Sunday, August 5th through—October 2018.

Council voted to approve this agreement, so 4-H members are reminded that they are expected to volunteer and help. Volunteers have been requested on a weekly basis. No one has volunteered to take the next week beginning August 5th or anytime thereafter. Volunteers will be responsible for both the mowing and the bathrooms. If slots are not filled with volunteers, clubs will be assigned to these duties.

Dominique Preputin has been overseeing the project and can explain mowing and cleaning expectations. To volunteer, please contact her at: preputin@hotmail.com or cell: 390.1481 with your preferred week.
Upcoming Events

August 2018
- August 5: 4-H Exchange Meeting 5:00 pm Timmons Room
- August 6: 4-H Foundation Grant Applications Due to the Extension Office
- August 14: 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Timmons Room
- August 21: 4-H Chuckwagon Committee Meeting 6:00 pm 4-H Chuckwagon
- August 22: Weather and Climate Workshop 6:00 pm Location TBD
- August 23: Special 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm Timmons Room
- August 27: 4-H Foundation Meeting 6:00 pm Wipfli Meeting Room

September 2018
- Sept 3: Labor Day—Extension Office Closed
- Sept 4: Ambassador Applications due to the Extension Office
- Sept 8-9: Montana State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show in Great Falls
- Sept 14-16: Montana State 4-H Horse Show in Livingston
- Sept 20: 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm Timmons Room
- Sept 20: 4-H Record Book Checklist due to the Extension Office
- Sept 25: 4-H Project Award Applications due to the Extension Office
- Sept 25: Centennial Cattle Drive Award Applications due to the Extension Office
- Sept 25: “Friend of 4-H” and “4-H Leader of the Year” Nomination Forms due to the Extension Office
- Sept 28-29: Montana 4-H Leadership Forum in Dillon

October 2018
- October 1: New 4-H Year
- October 7-13: National 4-H Week
- October 14: 4-H Year End Celebration 5:00 pm 4-H Chuckwagon

4-H Agent Chat Box

Hey 4-Hers!

We want to thank you for your hard work during the fair. You all did AMAZING!

As your academic year approaches, we want to invite you to a fun upcoming workshop. If you are interested in how weather works, weather patterns where you live and knowledge of how forecasting weather works, then this workshop is for you! Hill County 4-H has joined a multi-state team to have different activities related to weather and climate. The plan is that this first workshop will be one of 4 in the year to come.

The workshop will be on Wednesday, August 22nd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The location is still to be determined. If you are interested, please call the Extension office by Friday, August 17th at 265-5481 ext. 2333.

Jasmine & Shylea

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension
Are You Part of the 4-H Council Meetings?

Council meetings are where decisions are made that affect the 4-H program. If you want your club to know what decisions are being made, and have a voice in those decisions, you need to have a representative present. Each club is required to have a representative at the meeting. Youth and adults are voting members of the council.

August 5, 2018

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