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 success.

Remember your “Thank You’s”

There are many people that need to be thanked for making the Great Northern Fair a success. You should write a Thank you to the Great Northern Fair Board for the ribbons that you received at the Fair, for the premium dollars that you received, and for paying our Chuckwagon Manager, Michael Hulett. The Fair would not be possible without the support from the Fair Board.

Also, 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.

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.

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 Hill County Extension office.

In looking ahead — End-of-Year Celebration is scheduled for October 9th at 5:00 p.m. at HRDC Fireside Room. Trailblazers and Mountain View 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 AND MEETINGS

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2016 in the Timmons Room

The Hill County 4-H Livestock Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Court House.

4-H Exchange Meeting – Sunday, August 14, 2016 in the Timmons Room

As the Hill County 4-H Exchange Group prepares for the second half of the Exchange program, we will have a recap meeting on Sunday, August 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Court House.

4-H Foundation Meeting Monday, August 15, 2016 in the Timmons Room

The Hill County 4-H Foundation Board will meet on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Court House.

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 22nd. If you have questions, please call the office for more information.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Jalissa Horinek and Sheridan O’Neil this year’s recipients of the 4-H Scholarships. Funding for the scholarships came from the 2015 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.

A BIG thank you goes out to Reba Domire and Donna Barkley and to all the volunteers from the Chirping Meadowlarks 4-H Club for organizing and working at Interview Day. You did a great job and we appreciate all your hard work!

Thank you to the Bullhook Buffalos and Milk River Raccoons 4-H clubs for organizing the Buyer Appreciation Lunch. Also thank you to all of our 4-H clubs that brought other food items for the lunch. And a big “Thank You” goes out to Jim at Big Sandy Meats for donating the meat for the lunch.
Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Hill County 4-H Royalty
4-H Queen– Jenna Meldrum
4-H Teen Representative– TJ Mackmer

2016 Herdsmanship Winners!

Congratulations to the Havre Honey Badgers and Kremlin Hawks 4-H clubs for being chosen as the Herdsmanship winners at the 2016 Great Northern Fair. Havre Honey Badgers as the small club received a $50 Chamber Gift Certificate and Kremlin Hawks as the large club received a $75 Chamber Gift Certificate for their efforts in keeping their areas of the barns clean and spiffy. Job well done!!

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 and return them by Tuesday, September 27, 2016. The nomination forms are also available on the website at msuextension.org/hill.

State 4-H Horse Show

The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders are excited to invite 4-H members enrolled in the horse program to the show from September 22-25, 2016. This year’s show will be held at the Montana ExpoPark located at 400 Third Street NW in Great Falls, Montana, which is a different location than the 2015 show. The Montana ExpoPark location has indoor stalls available for rental for the show. If you are interested in the State 4-H Horse Show, please contact the Extension office for the schedule, rules, accommodations, and registration information.

Left Behind Exhibits-Premium Money-Cloverbud Comment Sheets from Fair

Did you make it home with all of your stuff? We have a few exhibits here in the office that were left behind at the Fair. If you are missing something, please stop in and see if we have it here. Also, if you did not collect your premium money from the Fair office during the Fair, it is here at the Extension office for you to pick up. We also have several Cloverbud Comment Sheets at the office. Please stop by and pick yours up.
What is a Montana 4-H Ambassador?

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.

A 4-H Ambassador will have the opportunity to serve on the county, district and/or state level. 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, Junior Ambassador and Ambassador Prospects. All Ambassadors will attend Fall Ambassador Training, 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.

Sound interesting? Why not apply to be a Hill County Ambassador? If selected, you will be attending Fall Ambassador Training in October. The two selected prospects then have the option of applying to become the new Jr. Ambassador, whose duties start at 4-H Congress in July 2017. If you don't apply to be a prospect now, you will not be eligible to apply to be an Ambassador for the coming 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 Friday, September 2, 2016 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, 2016 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.
2016 MONTANA 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 October 29, 2016 in Great Falls. Entry forms are due in to the Director by October 3, 2016.

**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, 2016.

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 December 2nd and 3rd.

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

Amanda Powell
406-265-8046

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, 2016. Quilts and afghans need to be mailed to Jean Harrison and postmarked no later than November 15, 2016. Entry forms are available at the Extension office or from the District #3 Director.

Community Service Opportunity

Is your club looking for a community service project? The Recycle Hi-Line Group is asking for help during their monthly Saturday Recycle Day at Pacific Steel. The next few dates for recycling are August 20th, September 10th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 11:30 a.m. If your club would be willing to help out on any of the mentioned dates, please call Wanda Meredith at 262-4902.
The 2016 Montana 4-H Leader’s Forum registration is underway. Participants will have an opportunity to learn together with volunteers and staff from across Montana and beyond through workshops and activities that promote, encourage, and educate 4-H volunteers to become extraordinary leaders in their 4-H programs.

The forum provides a weekend retreat for all of our 4-H Volunteers, Youth Leaders and 4-H staff across Montana to come together for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Participants return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of how to accomplish it, and an expanded toolbox to make it happen.

Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H leaders happens here. You’ll come home loaded with ideas and activities and a better idea of how to implement them. Your County’s 4-H program becomes stronger through your participation and dedication to its Youth!

Forum attendees have the opportunity to self-select workshop tracks pertaining specifically to their area of leadership.

Registration packets can be found at the Montana 4-H website – http://montana4h.org/#program:24. First Class registration for $80 is available through August 30th; Main Cabin registration for $100 is available from August 31st thru September 12th; and Boxcar registration is from September 13th thru September 23rd for $150.

Tours are planned for Friday afternoon with Opening Ceremonies scheduled for 8:00 p.m. A full day of workshops, social time and a banquet is scheduled for Saturday. Sunday morning will finish up the Forum with speaker, Holly Hoffman, and Closing Ceremonies.

A block of Motel Rooms have been reserved at the Yogo until September 1st. The rate is $89 per night plus tax- you may have up to 4 in a room. Ask for the 4-H State Leaders Forum Block. The phone number is 406-535-8721.

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**Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Training**

**September 30-October 1, 2016**

**Lewistown, Montana**

A State 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be offered during State Forum in Lewistown. First time attendees will have a Friday night session plus all day Saturday. Returnees will just attend an all day Saturday session. For more information contact Todd Kesner at tkesner@montana.edu.
## Upcoming Events

### August 2016
- **August 1**: 4-H Foundation Grant Applications Due to the Extension Office
- **August 9**: 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Timmons Room
- **August 14**: 4-H Interstate Exchange Recap Meeting at 3:00 pm Timmons Room
- **August 15**: 4-H Foundation Meeting 5:30 pm Timmons Room

### September 2016
- **Sept 2**: Ambassador Applications due to the Extension Office
- **Sept 5**: Labor Day—Extension Office Closed
- **Sept 15**: 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm Timmons Room
- **Sept 22**: 4-H Record Book Checklist due to the Extension Office
- **Sept 27**: 4-H Project Award Applications due to the Extension Office
- **Sept 27**: “Friend of 4-H” and “4-H Leader of the Year” Nomination Forms due to the Extension Office
- **Sept 30-Oct 2**: State 4-H Leaders Forum in Lewistown

### October 2016
- **October 1**: New 4-H Year
- **October 2-8**: National 4-H Week
- **October 9**: 4-H Year End Celebration 5:00 pm HRDC Fireside Room
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 meetings, youth and adults are voting members of the council.

August 7, 2016

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

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