

Up Coming Calendar

August

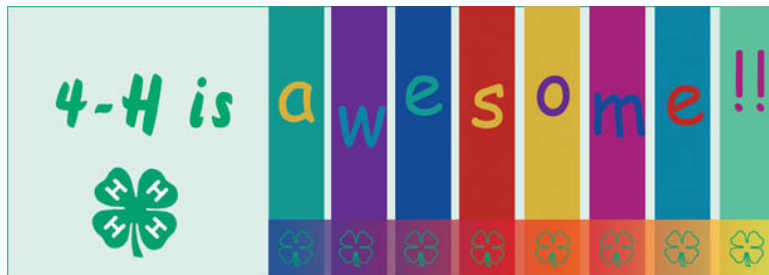
- 3 Buyer Appreciation Dinner-Great Northern Fairgrounds
Community Center 5 p.m.

September

- 1 Holiday, Labor Day, Office Closed
8 Centennial Award Applications due to extension office
8 Project Award applications due to extension office
8 Ambassador Prospects applications due to extension office
8 Leader of the Year & Friend of 4-H nominations due to extension office
8 Top Notch Breeding Project Applications due to extension office
9 Awards & Recognition Committee Meeting, Hill County Courthouse Annex, 4 p.m.
9 Livestock Meeting, Hill County Courthouse Annex, 7 p.m.
14-16 2007 State 4-H Horse Show, Corvallis, MT
18 Council Meeting, Hill County Courthouse Annex, 7 p.m.
28-29 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Training, Glasgow, MT
26-27 Montana Leadership Forum, Holiday Inn-Great Falls

October

- 1 Start of the 2008-2009 4-H year
5-11 National 4-H Week
13 Holiday, Office Closed- Columbus Day
20 4-H Foundation Meeting
31 Club Audits Due



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Hill County 4-H Newsletter

August 2008

Congratulations to everyone for a job well done. This years Great Northern Fair was a great success. Thank you to the volunteers that made the fair such a success.

Reminders

There are many people that need to be thanked for making the Great Northern Fair a success. **A Thank-you needs to be written** to the Great Northern Fair Board for premium dollars that were paid out during the fair. The fair board also purchases the ribbons, serves as a plaque sponsor and contributes \$800 that goes toward the judges fees. The fair would not be possible without the support from the fair board and the sponsors.

**Members that received plaques
Remember to send a thank you card to the
sponsors that are listed on the back of the
plaque you received.**

Market Animal Members

If you have not delivered your pictures to your buyers yet, please get that done ASAP. We have had a few calls about not getting their pictures of the animals that they had purchased.

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Congratulations!!

Congratulations **Molly Jurenka** and **Josh Lybeck**, winners of the 4-H Scholarship Award. Funding for the scholarships came from the 2007 auction of the 4-H Scholarship plaque purchased by Hi-Line Drilling during the livestock sale. This year the 4-H Scholarship Plaque was purchased by Lakeside Excavation.


Herdsmanship Winners!

Congratulations to Kremlin Hawks and Happy Havre for winning the herdsmanship awards. Keep up the good work!

Thank you to Kremlin Hawks and Happy Havre 4-H clubs for organizing the Buyer's Appreciation Dinner.

2008 Top Market Livestock Carcasses Congratulations!

* Top Lamb - Kayla LaSalle	* Top Goat - Laura Barkley
* Top Hog - Savannah Faber	* Top Beef - John McLean

 A BIG thanks to Lisa Springer and all the volunteers for arranging Interview Day and Steve Faber and the Livestock Committee for all their hard work this year. You did a great job and we appreciate all you have done!

4-H Camp Wrap-Up

Thank you to Diane McLean , Camp Director, Lisa Springer, Assistant Director and all the Camp Leadership Team for a very successful 2008 4-H Camp. The weather was great. We had 72 campers enjoy themselves while taking part in the Disney Olympics and the fun events at camp. Attending Monday's Cloverbud Camp, were 14 cloverbud members that played games, made play dough and sidewalk chalk. We would like to thank Dana Seidel once again for keeping all of us healthy for those days we are at camp. A big thank you goes to Wanda Allison and Janet Crowder for being the camp cooks. Thank you to all the volunteer teachers and chaperones that put there time in during camp, without your help camp would not be a great success.

The fair is finished and the 4-H year is wrapping up, there will be a Livestock Committee meeting and a 4-H Council meeting in September. Anyone (members, leaders and parents) are welcome to attend these meetings, whether they are wanting to get involved with the committee's or have any questions or concerns. Remember, at the livestock meetings each club has one voting representative and each club has four voting representatives at the 4-H Council. It is important that each club has voting representatives at these meetings.

4-H Livestock Committee
Hill County Courthouse Annex
September 9, 2008 ~ 7 p.m.
Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledges
- Minutes from June meeting:
- Communications
- Committee Reports:**
 - Beef
 - Swine
 - Goat/Sheep
 - Horse
 - Dog
 - Small Animals

- Old Business:**
 - Livestock Workshop
 - Fair Wrap up
 - Appreciation Dinner
 - Other

- New Business**
 - Tim Solomon-Fairgrounds
 - Nominating Committee
 - QA Training
 - Steer Weigh-in
 - Jamee Vaughn-Donkey
 - Other

Adjourn

4-H Council Meeting
Hill County Courthouse Annex
Sept. 18, 2008 ~ 7 p.m.
Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledges
- June minutes
- Communications
- Committee Reports**
 - Livestock - Steve Faber
 - Interview Day - Lisa Springer
 - Chuckwagon -
 - Queen/Teen - Karla Vaughn
 - Recognition & Awards-Exchange-Jennifer Wells

- Old Business**
 - Fair
 - Congress
 - Other
- New Business**
 - Tim Solomon-Fairgrounds
 - Nominating Committee
 - Recognition Day
 - Yearly Calendar
 - Other

Adjourn



State 4-H Horse Show ~ September 12-14, 2008

The horse show will be held September 12-14 at the Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis, MT. Registration forms are due postmarked no later than August 29th. If you are interested in attending the state horse show you can pick up the registration forms at the Hill County Extension office.

What is a Montana 4-H Ambassador?

A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of the 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. Ambassadors are chosen to represent their county for a period of two years. Being an Ambassador is an honor and privilege that only a few will desire or receive, and entails the acceptance of responsibility and a total commitment to the Montana State 4-H Ambassador Program. We need 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, Sr. Ambassador, Jr. Ambassador and Ambassador Prospects. All Ambassadors attend Fall Ambassador Training and 4-H Congress where they receive additional training and put their skills to use. In addition, Ambassadors may attend District and State Leader's Forums and a variety of special events throughout the year.

Sound interesting? Why not apply to be one of two Hill County Ambassador prospects? If selected, you will be eligible to attend Fall Ambassador Training. 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 2008. 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

The application process is a letter that answers the following questions: 1) Why would you like to be selected to represent Hill County as an Ambassador? 2) What special traits or qualities do you have that would benefit the ambassador program? 3) Give us one idea you have for strengthening the 4-H program in Hill County or in the State of Montana. Each letter of application must be submitted in typed form to be considered. **All letters of application are due in the Hill County Extension Office on September 8, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.**

Selection Process for Ambassador Prospects Qualifications: ***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 1st of the current year 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 current year.

Remember, if you are chosen as Jr. Ambassador, it is a 2 year commitment. ***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 expense.

Attention Organizational Leaders-The 2008-2009 enrollment materials (enrollment forms and clovers) will be available to pick-up at the end of August so you can distribute them at your September meetings. Remember October 1 is the new 4-H year.

Message from 4-H Camp Director Diane:

4-H camp is over and it was a huge success with spectacular weather. I'd like to thank our RC's Lynsey Waid and Taylor Springer along with all our other counselors who worked hard and slept little to make it happen. We are fortunate to have adult volunteers who are invaluable to the success of camp. Thank you to our camp cooks, camp nurse, chaperones and all who generously give their time and energy to teach classes. Many of these people are repeat volunteers and have helped us out for many years.

I feel I need to also address an area of concern. Our camp sign-up sheet clearly state that campers can leave at 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday after clean-up is finished. Every year we have parents asking to take kids early before check-out is finished. Those of you who left with campers before everyone was checked out with Beaver Creek Park officials were really out of line. You did not speak directly to me or with the extension agents. Nor did you make arrangements ahead of time to leave early with your child. This put some of our volunteers in the awkward position of enforcing rules and that's not their job. You put us in jeopardy of losing these people the next time we need a volunteer. It's also not fair to the campers who did stay and had to go back and finish clean-up chores that did not pass initial inspection. We really work hard to give your children a safe, fun and educational camp experience for 4 days and nights. Everyone involved makes sacrifices in their work, business and personal lives. Our check-out time is a target goal we aim hard to meet. You really need to plan an hour or so extra when coming to get kids. Also, your help in clean-up on Wednesday is asked for and always welcome.

Again I cannot thank the people who did help enough. Just remember that what you sow you shall also reap. Sincerely, your exhausted and hoarse 2008 camp director,

Diane McLean

**Congratulations to the 2009 4-H Camp
Return Counselors**

Tabitha Beck and Layne Waid



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.

Top Notch 4-H Breeding Project Program

This program provides 4-H members between the ages of 11 to 17 years of age with the opportunity to begin raising cattle of their own. 4-H members will be eligible for one calf during their 4-H career.

The chosen applicant will receive the use of the donor's cow for about one year. The winner will take possession in November, and will care for the cow through calving. During the breeding season the cow may be returned to the donor herd (donor discretion) to ensure quality breeding, after which the animal will be returned to the recipient to be displayed at the fair. If the project has been judged successful by the Top Notch Committee at fair time the recipient will be awarded a bill of sale for a female calf and the calf will belong to the 4-H member. The cow is returned to the donor herd upon weaning of the calf. For more information and applications, contact the extension office. **Applications are due Monday, September 8, 2008**

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

The Friend of 4-H is given to a business or person in the community that has shown outstanding support of 4-H. The Leader of the Year 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 an application at the extension office and return it by **Monday, September 8, 2008.**

\$50 Savings Bonds

Does \$50 catch your eye? Hill County Centennial Cattle Drive Committee sponsors the winners of this award. Based on the interest earned from the fund, a limited number of bonds are given out. Recipients must have demonstrated a level of excellence in raising one or more 4-H animals. Livestock is defined as beef, swine, horse, dairy, goats, rabbits or poultry. Applications are available in the extension office and are due **Monday, September 8, 2008.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008-09 ROYALTY
TABITHA BECK 4-H QUEEN
TAYLOR SPRINGER TEEN REPRESENTATIVE

County Project Awards Applications

As a 4-H member, you may apply for an award in any of the projects you are currently enrolled in such as Beef, Sewing, Leadership, Health, etc. There is **one application** for all the awards that you want to apply for.

Pick up an application at the Hill County Extension office.

Applications are due Monday, September 8, 2008.



Attention all 4-H Clubs County Wide Fundraiser **Save the Date**

The Hill County 4-H Council voted at the June meeting to participate in the county wide fundraiser.

The fundraiser will take place **Sunday, October 19, 2008.**

At this time 4-H will work with Unified Disposal to remove garbage in designated areas near the city/county landfill. Each club will need to have at least 15 members and adults present on the designated day. Hill County 4-H will receive \$1500 for their work. Drinks and lunch will be provided after the fundraiser is complete. There will be a sign-in to determine if all clubs are participating.



Fall into Leadership In Great Falls, MT 2008 Montana 4-H Leaders Forum

September 26-27
Great Falls Holiday Inn
400 10th Avenue South

Register Early and Save!

By September 2, 2008 - \$65.00 After September 2, 2008, \$70.00
No registration accepted after September 16th!
Limited to the first 200 registrations

Offering first time attendees scholarships and Leader's College 3 training.
Registration forms are available at the Hill County Extension office