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Hill County 4-H Newsletter

December 2009/January 2010



Remember who has supported 4-H

As 2009 comes to an end it would be a good time to remember those who support the 4-H program. Take a few minutes and drop a card to those individuals, especially those who purchase your animals at the fair. These thank you's can determine if buyers will buy another year!

Donations to the Hill County 4-H Foundation during the 2009 4-H Year

As 2009 come to a close you are asked to remember the Hill County 4-H Foundation. These tax deductible dollars are used for programming for the youth. This includes training day, fair and public speaking events to name a few.

General Contributions

Big R	Lon & Stacey Waid	Devon Energy
NFR Energy	Lakeside Excavation	Schine Inc
Denise Ladenburg	David & Fern Lohse	Carrie Dickson
J. Bob & Ruby Hould	Diamond K Ranch	Bear Paw Meats
Nordrum Farms Inc.	Steve & Wanda McIntosh	
Hill County Hotshots 4-H		

Memorial Contributions

Blue Horizon - Ron Kologi Memorial
 Jean Winchell - Wilma Anderson Memorial
 Elizabeth Springer - Fred Springer Memorial
 Bruce & Tammy Duncan—Fred Springer Memorial
 Reum Ranch - Giles Gregoire Memorial
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4-H Camp Leadership Team Applications

Now is the time to start thinking about being part of the Leadership Team at 4-H camp. If you were **14 years of age** by **October 1st, 2008**, you can apply to become a counselor. Applications are due **January 14th** by 5 p.m. Fill out the application on-line at the Hill County Website <http://co.hill.mt.us> (*click on the clovers, 4-H/Youth, forms, and camp counselor application*) then print the application. You and your parents must sign the application after it is printed. If you do not have internet access, you may come to the extension office and fill out and application.

Reminder: If you are 14 years or older the only way to participate in camp is by serving as a counselor.

Camp Committee meeting will be **January 14th** in the Hill County Courthouse Timmons meeting room at 5 p.m. The committee will be reviewing the counselor applications.

Literature Receipts

Receipts Due-Literature receipts are due by **December 15th** from the organizational leaders. If not received by this date, your club will not be reimbursed for the literature.

Policies and Procedures Guidelines

The Hill County 4-H program policies and procedures guidelines are due on December 15th.

Requesting 4-H Club Minutes

The extension office would like the minutes from all the clubs to see what is happening. We would like to make a section of the newsletter telling the rest of the county what each club is up to. Please submit the minutes before the 20th of each month. If you have any questions give us a call.

International Programs

Deadline for Outbound programs is January 15, 2010. Application materials are available on the web. www.montana4h.org. Outbound countries in 2010 are Australia, Costa Rica, Japan and Norway. Fees vary by country.

December 2009



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Beef Weigh-in NARC 8-11 a.m.
Shooting Sports Training-Kalispell
Cloverbud Club 3:30 p.m. Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
Literature receipt Due Policy & procedure forms due Club Dues Last day for reduced Back-ground checks

Up Coming Events

December 2009

- 5 Market Beef Weigh-in, NARC 8-11 a.m.
- 10 Cloverbud Club, HVM Community Center 3:30 p.m.
- 10 Air Rifle for Postal Shooters, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Literature Receipts due 5 p.m.
- 15 Policy & Procedure forms due
- 15 Last day to receive discount on leader's fees for background check
- 15 Last day to pay Club dues
- 17 Air Rifle for Postal Shooters, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Office Closed - Christmas Day

January 2010

- 1 Holiday, New Years Day, Office Closed
- 7 Air Rifle starts for all members, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Livestock Meeting, HCCH Timmons Room 7 p.m.
- 14 Cloverbud Club, HVM Community Center 3:30 p.m.
- 14 Camp Leadership Team Applications due 5 p.m.
- 14 Camp Committee Meeting, HCCH Timmons Room 5 p.m.
- 14 Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Holiday, Martin Luther King, Office Closed
- 21 4-H Council Meeting, HCCH Timmons Room 7 p.m.
- 21 Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 21-23 MAGIE, Great Falls
- 23 KMON Judging Contest, Great Falls
- 28 Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.

February 2010

- 1 People Partner Grant Applications postmarked
- 4 Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Cloverbud Club, HVM Community Center 3:30 p.m.
- 11 Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Communication Day Registration Due
- 15 Holiday, Presidents' Day, Office Closed
- 16 4-H Foundation Meeting, HCCH Timmons Room 7 p.m.
- 18 Air Rifle, Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Communications Day East 2 p.m. Location TBA

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4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

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Shooting Sports - Air Rifle

The air rifle series will start Thursday, December 10, 2009 for the four members (Quinn Spinler, Tyler Gorecki, Quinn Whitmus and Trinity Whitmus) that are shooting in the State Postal Shoot.

All other interested 4-H members that want to participate in air rifle it will begin on Thursday, January 7, 2010 and continue for the remaining six weeks. Air rifle will be held at the City Fire Hall basement at 6:30 p.m. Good Luck to the Postal shoot participants!

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting

January 12, 2010
Courthouse Timmons Room, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order
Pledges
Minutes of Sept 8th Meeting
Additions to agenda

Committee Reports
Sheep/Goat-
Horse-
Beef-
Small Animal-
Swine -
Dog -

Old Business

Nominating Committee Report
Bedding
Other Old Business

New Business

Elections
Position Descriptions
Lamb and Swine Weigh in—April 9-19
April 16-26

Fair Dates - July 20-25, 2010
Packing Plant Discussion
Judges for 2010 Fair
Other New Business

Adjournment

Looking for Military Families

If you have anyone in your immediate family that is part of a military branch including the guard, please contact Emi at the MSU Hill County Extension office. This information will be used when seeking additional funding for the 4-H program.

Hill County 4-H Council Agenda

January 21st, 2010
Courthouse Timmons Room,
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order
Pledges
Minutes of Sept 18th Meeting
Additions to agenda

Committee Reports

Livestock
Exchange
Camp

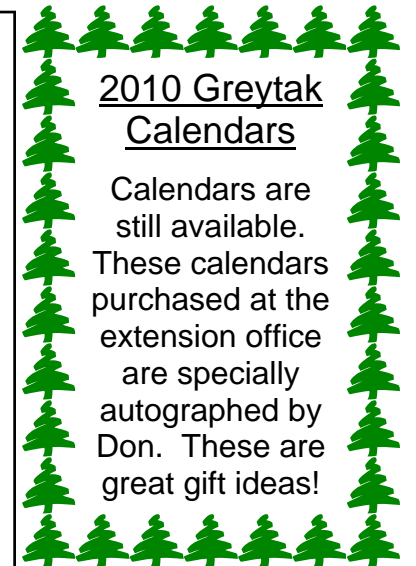
Old Business

Elk Raffle Follow up
Other Old Business

New Business

Landfill Clean up
Senior Citizen Prom
Other New Business

Adjournment



2010 Greytak Calendars

Calendars are still available. These calendars purchased at the extension office are specially autographed by Don. These are great gift ideas!

Junior Aq Loans Available

Through the Montana Department of Agriculture, funds are available. Contact Sam Antonich (406)444-2402 for further information, brochures or application forms.

4-H LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE- UNOFFICAL MINUTES

HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Lon Waid, Agent Joe Broesder, Zelda Fox, Janet Crowder, Tammy Duncan, Amanda, Joe, and Vicki Verploegen, Scott Chagnon, Rob Compton, Ron Konesky, J. Bob Hould, Joe and Alma Seidel

Vice President Lon Waid called the meeting to order and led the pledges. Alma moved and Janet seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried. Correspondence was an updated brochure from Sonya Gregory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SWINE: Rob reported everything went well at fair. We don't do SOE because can't do all the requirements when we do sonogram. We need 90 days on feed for SOE so may need to change weigh in dates incase they offer sonogram carcass award. Considered having one weigh in day for sheep and swine so all would have same number of days on feed.

SHEEP: Ron also felt sheep show went well. Would like to see increased number for both sheep and goats. Good sale and resale's were about normal numbers. Question arose on why wool from lambs is not judged. It was felt there is not enough wool from each lamb to making judging possible.

BEEF: J.Bob thought it was great, but was disappointed members disappeared leaving the loading of the animals for someone else to do. If not a reason why they can't load, they should be there or make arrangements for someone to load it. Beef barn with pens for tack boxes was good, however those with large tack boxes would like a little more room if possible.

HORSES: Lon reported that Dave who is out of state wondered if there is any chance to move horse show to the arena in front of grand stand for part of the show.

SMALL ANIMALS: Members did not have enough pens for all their exhibits and the exhibits were not concentrated in one location making it hard to find all of the exhibits. Is there a possibility of a few more pens. Possibility of contacting Jim Buell or a place in Malta to secure more.

DOGS: Joe B. reported appreciating Mary Hutchinson stepping in and acting as dog supt. for the day. We had many members signed up for dogs, but with no county leader few showed for fair and fear their will be decline in enrollment for next year. We MUST find a dog leader. Lon had a possible lead for a leader who wanted to make sure it could work hand in hand with his job.

Lon reported that all 4-H equipment is stored in the horse barn leaving the beef barn empty for use by fair board. The loading chute needs work and may have been delivered to Spinners to have work done on it. Concern over other people using our supplies such as pins for pens. Going to try to store rabbit pens and buckets of pins in the Old Ag building next to Chuckwagon.

OLD BUSINESS:**FAIR WRAP UP:**

ELK RAFFLE: Members who sold no tickets were charged and that money went into the raffle fund with \$9480 in the fund to be used for ultrasound. Cost for 2009 was \$2337.50 which came to \$21.25 each animal. Joe V. ask how ultrasound compared to actual carcass evaluation. Joe B. said that research shows the ranking is same. Advantages are that it took four kill days to do carcass on beef and with ultrasound all is done same day. Con is 4-Hers don't get to see carcass. Top carcasses for 2009 were chosen from ultrasound. The \$25 registration fee paid by members covered just everything this year. Members got just about all of the 1 1/2 % commission back. Question came up if there was a possibility we could find a sponsor who would be willing to help pay transportation for sonogram technician. It was also asked if there might be a possibility of finding a grant to purchase our own sonogram machine and have it in cooperation with NARC and Darren Boss.

SHOWMANSHIP:

RON MOVED ANY MARKET ANIMAL HAS TO BE SHOWN IN SHOWMANDHIP WITH SUPT. OF THAT CLASS HAVING THE OPTION TO EXCUSE FOR SAFETY. JBOB SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

We need to use our own ring men who are familiar with spacing between animals.

ROUND ROBIN: Joe and Emi have gone through all the minutes on number of animals to show in round robin. In 1985 a motion was made to require three animals, but it failed to pass.

Reason for discussion was only one senior horse and four juniors, two senior and 9 junior sheep show- men and plenty beef and swine. Senior horse showman was told because there was only one senior they were not eligible for round robin. Nothing could be found in past minutes concerning this ruling.

ALMA MOVED THE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN IN EACH SPECIES, BEEF, SHEEP, HORSE, SWINE AND GOAT, REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THAT CLASS BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN ROUND ROBIN. THE NUMBER OF 4-H ANIMALS REGISTERED AT THE FAIR NEED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE NUMBER OF SHOWMAN ELIGIBLE AND WILLING TO SHOW IN ROUND ROBIN IN EACH SPECIES. JOE V. SECONDED MOTION CARRIED.

Kim Kafka of Diamond K and Steve Faber have offered to donate another elk with funds going to the Chuckwagon fund. This needs to go to Council and Foundation.

SAWDUST: Lon will donate all the sawdust we want but some members brought their own making a decisive difference in how the pens looked. Rob feels if Waids are willing to donate sawdust, we need to make it mandatory that all member use the same sawdust. Pens need to look the same and financial ability of all to be able to buy chips when free ones are available needs to be considered.

Concern over market animals being allowed for members who do not live in Hill County or have any connection with Hill County. No decision.

SMALL ANIMAL PENS: One member cleaned all of their own pens plus an extra one and then they received a fine for not cleaning pens. They are threatening to leave 4-H because of this. Concerns need to be addressed to small animal superintendent and extension office.

Hogs will be hauled in trailers not semis.

A survey was done to buyers on how they liked having the Appreciation Dinner at the fair versus later, Results of that survey was 70% liked it and 30% liked the dinner. Hamburgers were served this year with decision of what would be served another year left up to clubs responsible for the dinner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee who will report at January meeting is Amanda Verploegen and Rob Compton.

Dates will be set for Quality Assurance

Steer weigh in will be on December 5, 2009, at NARC and at Duncan Ranch, if needed.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2010 in new Courthouse meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Alma Seidel, Acting Secretary