Hello 4-H members, leaders and parents,

The Fair is fast approaching and with the anticipation of everyone gearing up for an exciting 2016 Great Northern Fair, this Newsletter is full of information that you need to be aware of.

The schedules for the Chuckwagon and Exhibit Buildings are included herein again this month to ensure all are aware of their designated club responsibilities.

The Buyer Appreciation Lunch is being hosted by the Bullhook Buffalos and the Milk River Raccoons 4-H clubs.

Queen and Teen Rep Applications and Radio Ad forms are due in to the Extension Office no later than July 8th at 5:00 p.m. Both sets of forms are available at the Extension Office and online.

Interview Day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th at the Havre Middle School. Interview Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The interview schedule is included as an attachment with this Newsletter.

Please take time to read the 2016 Fairbook which was included in your Fair packets. There are General 4-H Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations on pages 6 thru 8 that you should be aware of before participating in the 2016 Great Northern Fair.

Also, be aware that you need to make arrangements for wood chips for bedding for your animals at this year’s Fair. We will have minimal wood chips available on Thursday, July 21st. Wood chips will be your responsibility for the remainder of the Fair.

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

See you at the Fair!!
Hill County 4-H Queen and Teen Representative

The goals of the Hill County 4-H Queen and Teen Representative are to promote the Hill County 4-H program through club work, activities, and state and or national 4-H events to the Hill County community. The purpose is to create awareness of the Hill County 4-H program and recruit potential new 4-H members.

4-H members that are 15 years of age before October 1, 2015 and have not graduated high school, and have been an active 4-H member for at least three years are encouraged to apply. The applications are available at the Extension Office and online. Applications are due Friday, July 8th by 5:00 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.

The Queen and Teen Representative serve as ex-officio members of the Hill County 4-H Foundation Board, Hill County 4-H Council, and the Hill County 4-H Livestock Committee.

Fair Camper Registration

We still have a few open spots for campers. If you are interested in having your camper at the Fairgrounds during the Fair, please come into the office as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Families are required to register for their camper spots individually and pay the $75.00 fee upfront. The 4-H camping area is located on the East side of the Bigger Better Barn. Generators can be used from 7:00 AM until 12:00 Midnight.

Camper spots will be marked off and numbered during the Sunday Fair Set-Up. Campers can be parked at the fairgrounds starting Tuesday night and need to be in place by dark on Wednesday night and all campers must be removed by Sunday night.

Bill of Sale — Market Steers

We still need a few Bill of Sales. Please bring your Bill of Sale into the office no later than July 5th to complete your Fair Entry.

Those 4-H members still needing to turn in their Bill of Sale are:

- Ereka Harvey
- Katelin Harvey
- Kylie Mikuski
- Loni Waid

TURN IN Your Camper Raffle Tickets

We need to round up all the sold Camper Raffle tickets. Please turn all stubs and monies to the Extension office no later than Tuesday, July 5th.

You are encouraged to continue selling tickets and ask that you turn in your sold tickets and monies at least once a week so we can make sure all tickets are added to the bin.
A Note From Tony Vigliotti

It's fair time again. A few years ago KOJM/KPQX Radio initiated a fair campaign with Hill County 4-H'ers. The idea is to build interest in 4-H activities prior to the fair, and provide an opportunity for members to say thank you for the support after the fair.

Prior to the fair, 4-H clubs are invited to write commercials and invite folks to share in fair activities. The members are encouraged to deliver the message themselves. The package would consist of 30 second promotional messages. A club may purchase as many announcements as they wish at $6.25 each. The number of times and rotation of announcements will depend upon participation.

The thank you's after the fair are based on individual member participation. The member may purchase a package for $25.00 that will include all animals. Three appreciations will be grouped together for one 30 second message. The messages will be recorded personally by the member on Sunday following the livestock sale. If you are interested in buying a thank you, pick up a form at the Extension Office and return it before July 8th.

The campaign timing is critical. Pre-fair promotion should run between Monday, July 18th and Thursday, July 21st, which means participating clubs must call the station and schedule a time to record at the studio before July 8th.

The individual 4-H messages of appreciation will be scripted out for the members. They will fill in the blank with the business or individual that purchased their market animal. The announcements will begin Monday, July 25th and runs through Saturday, July 30th.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to working with you again. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call the station at 265-7841.

Thank you.

Tony Vigliotti
Interview Day

Interview Day will be held on **Tuesday, July 19th at the Havre Middle School.** The Interview Schedule is included with this Newsletter. Please **arrive 15 minutes BEFORE** your first scheduled Interview. If you arrive late, you will moved to the bottom of the Interview list.

Listed below are a few reminders for Interview Day. Good luck to everyone.

1. You may want to bring your record book and project books as supporting material for your July 19th interview. For this interview, think of yourself as the teacher and the interviewers as the students. Tell them what you know about your project and your exhibit.

2. Each 4-H member is assigned specific times to bring in exhibits. If you are not there at the assigned time, you will be moved to the bottom of the Interview list.

3. Remember, it is your responsibility to educate the interviewer about your project and how the exhibit relates to the project. Interviewers are not evaluating if you have “completed” a project. They are, however, concerned about how your exhibit meets the project goals.

4. Members are required to dress for interviews. **No cut offs, sport shorts, t-shirts, ball caps or holey jeans.** Show ring attire would be very appropriate.

**Remember.....**

During the stress of competition, it may be easy to overlook the true meaning of 4-H. The motto and creed of 4-H, "To Make the Best Better", and "Learning By Doing", tell us that a person does not need to receive the Grand Champion ribbon to have a successful project. There have been many events which make "Learning By Doing" a very personal, and rewarding experience. However, there can only be one champion and that should not indicate the non-champions are somehow inferior.

**Everyone is a winner. Congratulate each other on a job well done!**

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**Feed Sheets for Livestock**

If you have a market animal you need to fill out the **Market Livestock Feed Sheet** that was included in your Fair Packet. Fill out the Feed Sheet as completely as possible and **bring it to Interview Day.** You need to leave the Feed Sheet with your interviewer. It will be available for you again at Weigh-In on Thursday, July 21st at the Fairgrounds.

**If you do not have it at Interview Day it is an automatic red ribbon.**
More Information on Interview Judging

A scoring sheet will be filled out by the judges for each project a 4-H member brings to Interview Day judging. The scoring sheet will give judges some guidelines for scoring and also help them target the questions they ask. Judges will be encouraged to make comments on the score sheet so that 4-H members have feedback on their work.

Hill County uses the “Danish System” for interview judging. In this system each project is judged against an ideal project and not against other exhibits. Projects that receive a high Blue ribbon will be “called back” for peer to peer judging. In the peer to peer judging the exhibits will be judged against each other for Grand and Reserve rosette ratings.

Each club needs to designate a leader or individual to be responsible for moving their club’s “call back” exhibits to the Fairgrounds.

Fair Setup

Set up for the fair will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 17th. All 4-H members, leaders and parents are expected to participate in Fair Setup. Please meet in the Bigger Better Barn on the Great Northern Fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. We will disburse to specific areas after a brief meeting.

Fair Clean Up

Fair Clean Up happens on Sunday of the Fair — July 24th. Please note that all 4-H members, leaders and parents are expected to participate in Fair Clean Up.

Chuckwagon clean up will start as soon as it closes for business on Sunday. Bigger Better Barn clean up begins right after the sale.

Exhibit removal will be at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday with cleaning of those buildings immediately thereafter.

How to Invite Buyers to the Livestock Sale

Be sure to deliver the postcards provided to you in your Fair packets to potential buyers for this year’s 4-H Livestock Sale. A simple invitation for the 4-H Livestock Sale would be to say — Hill County 4-H Livestock members would like to invite you to the 4-H Livestock Sale on July 24th 1:00 p.m. in the Bigger Better Barn. Pre-sale announcements begin at 12:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!.

Hand delivery works best because all buyers enjoy the personal contact with the 4-H members and look forward to talking with you about your projects.
Night Duty

Wednesday - July 20th  Chirping Meadowlarks
Thursday - July 21st  Blue Horizon
Friday - July 22nd  Bear Paw Beavers
Saturday - July 23rd  Milk River Raccoons

Night duty is a patrol of the 4-H barns (beef, horse and Bigger Better Barn) from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Clubs may work out their own duty schedule or hire someone to conduct the night patrol.

The duties include:

1. Sweep the bleachers.
2. Pick up trash and empty garbage cans in the Horse Barn, Beef Barn, BBB and bathrooms.
3. Clean BBB bathrooms.
4. Water area around the pens and bleachers.
5. Wet down the horse barn, if requested by the Horse Superintendent.
6. At the minimum, a two-person crew is required for the night patrols. This crew is responsible for checking the animals every two hours.
7. The night duty crew needs to coordinate schedules with the fair night security.
8. The night duty crew assumes no liability for the loss of exhibits, death of animals, etc. However, if the crew notices an animal that is out of the pen, untied, or requiring medical care, it is assumed that the crew has the owner’s permission to correct the situation or contact a veterinarian. If such conditions exist, attempts will be made to notify the owner.

4-H Appreciation Breakfast

All 4-H families are invited to the 4-H Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, July 24th from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at the 4-H Chuckwagon. Thank you to CHS Big Sky for sponsoring this breakfast for the 4-H families.

**Minimal Bedding Available at the Fair**

**PLEASE NOTE** that due to some unforeseen circumstances, there will be minimal wood chips available at this year’s Fair for your animals. You need to make alternative plans to ensure your animals have adequate wood chip bedding throughout the four day Fair. You can purchase additional wood chips on your own or your club can purchase wood chips for your club members.
Chuckwagon and Pepsi Wagon Concessions

The Chuckwagon will operate Wednesday, July 20th through Sunday, July 24th. Wednesday it will be open at 4 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday it will open at 11:00 a.m. Please review the enclosed schedule. The cash register and grill must be operated by adults. Parents need to assist at the Chuckwagon. Younger 4-H members cannot be expected to cover the shifts without parental assistance. The Chuckwagon manager will assist leaders in arranging job duties.

Food safety should be first in everyone’s mind. Remember to keep hot things hot and cold things cold, and to wash your hands thoroughly throughout your shift and especially before handling food.

The Pepsi Wagon at the Bigger Better Barn will be covered by the Milk River Raccoons 4-H Club.

Providing free meals for those working is not possible, the Chuckwagon is our main source of income for the year.

Thank you Michael Mary Hulett and Paula McLain for managing our food booths! We appreciate everything you do for us and all your hard work during the fair.

Homemade Pies Only Please!!

Much of the Chuckwagon’s success is due to the wonderful homemade pies that are sold there. Four homemade pies are needed from each 4-H club to sell at the Chuckwagon this year. If your pie making abilities are less than favorable...call on someone who is successful to make them for you! Please do not cut the pies. ** You can bring your pies to the Chuckwagon anytime from Wednesday through Saturday. Please, fruit pies only, NO pudding or custard pies.

Remember, this is 4-H’s main fundraiser!

Exhibit Buildings

The Exhibit Buildings will open at 1:00 p.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th. On Thursday thru Saturday, July 21st thru 23rd, the Exhibit Buildings will open at Noon and close at 9:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 24th, the Exhibit Buildings will open at Noon and close at 5:00 p.m.

Please watch the exhibits—don't allow the public to handle the projects. You are expected to remain on duty until the next club arrives. The first club each day needs to sweep—brooms are provided. Each club thereafter is asked to tidy up during the day.

Perishable foods should not be exhibited. We encourage perishable foods for Interview Judging but ask that only the entry tag and ribbon be placed in the Exhibit Buildings. Please review the enclosed schedule.
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### Buyer Appreciation Lunch

**hosted by**

*Bullhook Buffalos and Milk River Raccoons*

The Buyer Appreciation Lunch is immediately preceding the 4-H Livestock Sale on Sunday, July 24th. The hosting clubs will need to make arrangements for the meal and the event. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office.
**Up Coming Events**

**July 2016**
- July 4  Independence Day—Extension Office Closed
- July 8  Buyer Appreciation Radio Ads Due to the Extension Office
- July 8  Queen/Teen Rep Applications Due to the Extension Office
- July 13-16  Montana 4-H Congress—Bozeman
- July 17  Fair Set-Up
- July 19  4-H Interview Day at Havre Middle School
- July 20  Evening Final Fair Set-Up
- July 20-24  Great Northern Fair

**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 15  4-H Foundation Meeting 5:30 pm Timmons Room

**September 2016**
- 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 1  State 4-H Leaders Forum in Lewistown

4-H is . . . more than awards and ribbons …

It’s about the **friends,**

the **experience,**

the **MEMORIES,**

being a **role model,**

giving back,

and **MAKING THE BEST BETTER!!**
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