Hello 4-H members, leaders, and parents,

Congratulations to members and volunteers for a successful 4-H year. This is a great time for members and volunteers alike to reflect and evaluate the goals that were set at the beginning of the 4-H year. However, as some of you might already realize, sometimes the outcome and/or the results from the 4-H year do not always match the goals that were set. This at times can become frustrating or feel like failure which is not true. One of the main goals of 4-H is to not only achieve the goals that are set but also remember that the learning process is just as important as achieving those goals. The Extension Office is excited to look over your Record Books and recognize all of your accomplishments at the End-of-Year Celebration on Sunday October 9th!

**Planning 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 main course.

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

**4-H Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2016**  
in the Timmons Room  
The Hill County 4-H Council will meet on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Court House for its Post-Fair meeting.

**4-H Exchange Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 25, 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 meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Timmons Room at the Hill County Court House to plan the annual fundraiser.

**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.

**4-H Project Award Applications and “Friend of 4-H” and “4-H Leader of the Year” Nomination Forms Due**  
4-H Project Award Applications and Nomination forms for “Friend of 4-H” and “4-H Leader of the Year” are **due into the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on September 27th**. If you have questions please call the office.

**Awards And Recognition Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, October 3, 2016**  
in the Annex Meeting Room  
The Awards and Recognition Committee will meet on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Annex Meeting Room to go over the 4-H Record Books that have been turned in for Project Award consideration.

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**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 “4-H 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.
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.

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.

Registration packets can be found at the Hill County website – msuextension.org/hill. 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.

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.
The Havre Hi-Line Quilt Guild
Invites Area Youth to Enter their Projects
in the Annual Festival of Quilts Show
during Festival Days—September 16-18

The Youth category is for those 17 years of age and under. Entries are limited to two entries per person. There will be a “Guild Choice” Youth Award given with a monetary gift.

Registration forms are available at the Extension Office or at the Bearly Square quilt store.

Entries can be dropped off at Bearly Square prior to September 10th, or they can be taken to the show location between 12:00 Noon and 3:00 p.m. on September 10th.

The show will be at the old Vets Club building located at the corner of 4th Avenue and 2nd Street in Havre.

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END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Hill County 4-H Project Award recipients, 2016 Carcass Winners, Friend of 4-H award, and 4-H Leader of the Year award will be honored at the End-of-Year Celebration on October 9th at the HRDC Fireside Room at 5:00 p.m.

Following the awards portion of the event, we will share in a potluck meal. The Trailblazers and Mountain View 4-H Clubs will be in charge of the main course.

We are asking the following clubs to bring a salad to share:
Bullhook Buffalos
Havre Honey Badgers
Milk River Raccoons
Happy Havre
Sunrise

And the following clubs to bring a dessert:
Bear Paw Beavers
Chirping Meadowlarks
Blue Horizon
Kremlin Hawks

And to keep the fun moving along, we are also asking each 4-H club to donate a door prize.
Members—Is Your 4-H Year Complete?

Now that the Fair is behind us, it is time to wrap up the 2015-2016 4-H year. The end of the 4-H year is a time for 4-H members to be recognized for their accomplishments through the year, and to also complete their records in order to progress to the next 4-H year.

It is a requirement that all 4-H youth in Hill County complete their Record Books for all projects they are enrolled in.

Leaders look for the following information in your book?
“My 4-H Year” sheet is complete, including three goals for the year.
A completed “Project and Financial Journal” for each project.
Project Book Activities completed are listed for each project.
“What I Did/What I Learned” section is complete for each project.
A completed “Animal Record” sheet for each animal project.

If a 4-Her does not complete his/her Record Book according to the completion criteria, the year will not count as a year in 4-H.

APPLYING FOR A COUNTY AWARD

1. Club Leader(s) set date for books to be turned in to them.
2. Designated leader(s) review each book for completeness.

When the book is complete:
The leader signs the book at the bottom of page 1 on the “My 4-H Year” sheet.
The youth then fills out the Hill County 4-H Award Application and writes a 4-H Story, (following the guidelines for a 4-H story that are on the application form) and turns both in with their 4-H book by 5:00 p.m. on September 27th.

RECORD BOOK ASSISTANCE

Leaders: Nicole and Katrin, Hill County Extension Agents, will assist organizational leaders with the Record Books. Organizational leaders are encouraged to make an appointment with the Extension Office to answer any questions regarding Record Books. We look forward to this opportunity to meet with the organizational leaders and discuss any ideas, plans, or thoughts for the upcoming 4-H year.

The Member Report List of those meeting the Record Book requirements is due into the office by September 22nd.

*Please note that clubs will only receive the 2016-2017 4-H Clover if organizational leaders complete their clubs record book checklist and submit the list to the extension office.
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

State 4-H Horse Show

The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders are excited to invite 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H 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.

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension
Upcoming Events

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
Oct 1      New 4-H Year
Oct 2-8    National 4-H Week
Oct 3      Awards and Recognition Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Annex Mtg Room
Oct 9      4-H End-of-Year Celebration 5:00 pm HRDC Fireside Room
Oct 10     Columbus Day—Extension Office Closed
Oct 11     4-H Livestock Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Timmons Room
Oct 17     4-H Foundation Meeting 5:30 pm Timmons Room
Oct 20-22  Fall Ambassador Training in Bozeman at the Hilton Garden Inn
Oct 31     End of the Year Financial Summary Reports due to the Extension Office

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.
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 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 406-265-5481 ext 233.

September 11, 2016

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