

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	7 Office Closed Labor Day	8 Awards & Rec Mtg. 4 p.m. Livestock Committee Mtg. 7 p.m.	9	10	11	12
6	14	15	16	17	18	19
13	21	22	23	24 Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	25	26 District II 4-H Meeting- Cutbank, MT
20	28	29	30			
27 4-H Open House Holiday Village Mall 2-4 p.m.						

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Hill County 4-H Newsletter

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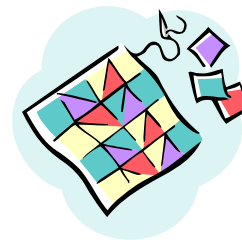
Attention 4-H Quilters

The Hi-Line Quilt Guild is looking for youth 16 years of age and younger that would like to register their quilts in the Havre's Festival Days Quilt Show September 18-20, 2009. Registration forms are available at Bearly Square Quilting, Ben Franklin and Heritage Quilting. **Register your quilt at Bearly Square Quilting in the Atrium Mall prior to Saturday, September 12th.**

The criteria are as follows:

- * Must be 16 years of age and under
- * Must have done the actual sewing by yourself.
- * Must be a complete quilt

The quilts will be judged on creativity, design balance and actual sewing precision. If you have any questions or need a registration form e-mailed to you call Terri Earl at 265-8694.



4-H Open House
Holiday Village Mall
Sunday, September 27th, 2009
2-4 p.m.

Each club will be sponsoring a booth and an activity during this open house. Please call the extension office to tell us your activity, so activities won't be repeated. Your clubs booth can contain projects that were displayed at the fair or others that your club has done through-out the year. This will be a an opportunity to offer 4-H to the community and encourage families to join for the next 4-H year starting in October. We want to display what the 4-H experience is all about. Invite everyone you know!



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Congratulations!!

Congratulations **Brad Duncan** and **Nolan Preeshl**, winners of the 4-H Scholarship Award. Funding for the scholarships came from the 2008 auction of the 4-H Scholarship plaque purchased by Lakeside Excavation during the livestock sale. This year the 4-H Scholarship Plaque was purchased by Milk River Cooperatives.

Herdsmanship Winners!

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

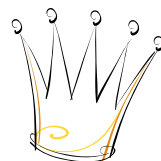
2009 Top Market Livestock Carcasses Congratulations!

Top Lamb - Amanda Verploegen **Top Hog** - Dalanie Faber
Top Beef - Ryan Holsapple

THANK YOU A BIG thanks to all the volunteers for helping with 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009-10 ROYALTY

4-H QUEEN-SHELBY O'NEIL



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.

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.

Up Coming Events

September 2009

- 4 Centennial Cattle Drive Application due 5 p.m.
- 4 County Project Award Application due 5 p.m.
- 4 Top Notch Breeding Award Application due 5 p.m.
- 4 Prospect Ambassador Application due 5 p.m.
- 7 Office Closed - Labor Day
- 8 Awards and Recognition Committee meeting, HCCH Annex 4 p.m.
- 8 Livestock Committee meeting, HCCH Annex 7 p.m.
- 17 Council meeting, HCCH Annex 7 p.m.
- 19 District II 4-H Meeting—Cutbank, MT 9:30 a.m.
- 25-26 State Leaders Forum - Sidney, MT
- 27 4-H Open House, Holiday Village Mall 2-4 p.m.

October 2009

- 1 2009-2010 4-H Year starts
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 11 County Fundraiser-Landfill Clean up 1 p.m.
- 12 Office Closed - Columbus Day
- 26 Hill County 4-H Foundation Meeting, HCCH Annex 7 p.m.
- 30 **Hill County 4-H Club Audit Due to Extension Office 5 p.m.**

November 2009

- TBA Quality Assurance Training,
- 11 Office Closed - Veterans Day
- 26 Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day

December 2009

- TBA Market Beef Weigh-in
- 25 Office Closed - Christmas Day

Committee Sign-up

Each club should have an adult representative on each of the following committees: Awards & Recognition, Queen/Teen, Livestock, and Council. There are more committees that need volunteers so if you would like to volunteer, please contact the extension office.

Awards & Recognition committee representatives need to sign up for the committee by **December 1st** to have voting privileges for their clubs. To become involved with these committees, indicate your choice on your leader enrollment form.

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Keeping your Record Books

It's now time to take a look back at all you have accomplished throughout the year. Every 4-H member must complete record books and give them to your club leader. Your record books should contain the following:

- *My 4-H Year
- *Project & Financial journal for each project enrolled in and an Animal Record for each large animal project.

To earn the "Gold Seal of Excellence" award from your leader, you must have:

- *Enrolled in and completed at least one project (to complete a project you need to have completed 7 activities in the project book)
- *Written at least 3 goals for the 4-H year
- *Completed the "My 4-H Year" journal form
- *Filled in each of your record journals with the things you did throughout the year
- *Participated in at least 3 activities
- *Completed the Project and Financial Journal for each project you were enrolled in
- *If you had a large animal project, an animal record needs to be completed

***REMEMBER-**The organizational leader and or designated leaders need to review project books and records to determine completion of projects.



What is a "Completed" Project in 4-H?

Each 4-H project has unique and specific guidelines for project completion. Over the past several years we have been moving toward a system that is more uniform and consistent regarding project completion. For all the animal science projects, foods, sewing & textiles, child development, entomology, woodworking, electricity, aerospace and others, the following general guidelines apply:

- **Complete a minimum of seven** activities per year in each level;
- **Complete the appropriate minimum number** of required and optional activities in each level within 3 years;
- **Complete a minimum of three** learning experiences each year (such as a demonstration, tour, exhibiting, participation in showmanship, etc.);
- **Complete one skill level** within a maximum of three years in order to move on to the next level;
- **Complete a set of records for the project** (including My 4-H Year, Project & Financial Journal and, if applicable, Animal Journal).

Records must be done in order to complete a project. The minimum set of records that must be completed consist of at least two to three forms: My 4-H Year, Project & Financial Journal and the Animal Journal.

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.

Are you interested in traveling! Come join 4-H Teen Exchange



Are you interested in travel and learning about another state? The interstate exchange for 2009-2010 is now accepting names of 4-H members the are interested in participating. **This is a two year commitment.** To be eligible 4-H members must be 13 years of age by October 1, 2009 and no older than a junior in high school this fall. **If you are interested call Emi at the extension office to put your name on the list before September 18th**, those on the list will be called for a member and parent meeting in September. For more information call Jennifer at the extension office.

Is your club still meeting your family's needs? Are you able to attend all your clubs meetings and activities?

If not you may come and get information on switching clubs. There are 11 different clubs in Hill County. All the clubs meet at different times. You may choose a club that is compatible with your family. This is the best time to interview the different clubs. The new 4-H year begins October 1. If you think you want information on other clubs contact the extension office.

4-H Member's Dedication

During the Great Northern Fair Kayla LaSalle's wheelchair ramp was taken and never returned. This is a necessary item in Kayla's daily life. Hill County 4-H members decided to help her out. The members decided to unite and come together and help Kayla get a new ramp. There were 4-H members with market animals that donated a portion of the money they received from selling their animals and other 4-H families that donated money to the cause. The 4-H members raised \$1525 to help Kayla get a new ramp. This is a remarkable thing that the members did for a fellow 4-H'er. It is refreshing to see the 4-H community caring for one another.

