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SUPERINTENDEDENT MEETING & 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Superintendents meeting & Leader Council will meet on May 12 at 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm respectively in the community room of the Extension Office. Please help us make decisions to strengthen the 4-H program. Dues paid leaders & 1 Jr. Leader from each club have voting privileges. Please call 665-9770 if you have agenda items you would like to have discussed. Agenda items include the following:

* Congress Delegation/orientation/chaperones
* Fair stuff: club duty rotations, three-generation of family exhibits, “sponsor days”,
* Scholarships
* Van/bus info
* Local mini-rec lab

* National 4-H Conference report

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

THE MSU Extension Office will close on
May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

SHIPTONS BIG R WEST

On Saturday, May 7 there will be a “4-H Appreciation Day” at the Billings West End Shiptons (2600 Gabel Road) from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This event is free of charge and jam packed with fun for the whole family. The flyer (on “Page 7”) included with this newsletter is your “meal ticket” for youth. If you need more; call us at 665-9770. We’d be happy to send them to you!

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY - MAY 8, 2016
All that I am, or hope to be,
I owe to my angel Mother
~Abraham Lincoln
MAY BIRTHDAYS
May 2........................Emily Prokop
May 3................Jordan Calloway
May 7..................Mesa Svedberg
May 9....................Joey Land
May 13......................Alex Russell
May 19........................Nicole Green
May 20...Annie Schneider & Michelle Uffelman
May 26........................Lane Blankenship
May 30........................Molly Hammond

Hope you all have great days!

4-H SUPPORTERS

We continue to thank those community members who faithfully support 4-H. We continue to recognize our buyers from our 2015 Market Sale. Last year’s sale generated a total of $155,583.45 in sales for our members. As always, we ask you to thank them with both your appreciation & business support.

Keith Rausch
Scott & Kellie Ohmstede
Pepsi Distributers – Bim Marston
Pocket Creek Ranch – Harry & Ellen Allen
Giant Rubber Water Tanks – Lyle & Diane Neal

SHOOTING SPORTS

MATTHEW QUIGLEY RIFLE MATCH

The Quigley Shoot is a long range rifle event using original or replica period firearms from the days of buffalo hide trade. This year’s Quigley Shoot will take place on June 18-19 at the AG Lee Ranch north of Forsyth off US 12. If you are interested in being part of this historic event; please call Buz at 351-1180

BHC SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOPS
Reminder: .22 (small Bore) will meet on May 2nd at 6pm at the Hardin Rod and Gun Club Range. Air Rifle will meet on May 5th at 6pm at the fairgrounds. Air Rifle will NOT meet on May 19th. Archery will be meeting in the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds on May 12 & 26 at 5:00 pm.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

After much discussion, Planning, paperwork and registrations... the scheduled shooting sports leader training in Billings on May 6 & 7 has been postponed until next fall due to lack of participants and certified instructors. We were very disappointed and hope we can still count on you next fall!

YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

Youth Trapper Camp is sponsored by the Montana Trappers Assoc., MT F, W & P and Montana 4-H. It’ll be at the Beaver Creek Park south of Havre on June 10-12. For more info call Jim at 406-376-3178.

SHED HUNT

Looking for something fun to do on a weekend? How about collecting antler sheds to benefit Montana 4-H’ers. There’ll be prizes & recognition for all participants. Sheds may be dropped off at the BHC Extension Office for our Congress delegation to turn in in July or to the 4-H Foundation office in Bozeman any time during the year. Questions? Call 994-5911.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service,
and my HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

NASCO SHOWING & GROOMING CONTEST

NASCO was started in 1941 by a vo-ag teacher, Norman Eckley. He developed several teaching aids to use in his classroom that were not readily available from any other source. This simple act of filling a classroom need with an appropriate product was to become a way of life for NASCO in years to come. NASCO is sponsoring a showing & grooming contest that is open to individuals that qualify as juniors in the classes they show. Contestants must submit a photo of themselves and their animal along with an essay of no more than 800 words about their relationship with their animal. All entries are due by September 29, 2016. Send your entries to:

NASCO’s Showing & Grooming Contest
901 Janesville Avenue
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

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HORSING AROUND
HORSE JUDGING COMPETITION
The Big Horn County 4-H Horse Judging will be on Saturday, June 4 at 9:00 am at the BHC Fairgrounds. Contestants should be there no later than than 8:30 to get checked in, get their judging cards, class lists and patterns. This competition will qualify our 4-H members with a “Public Speaking” event requirement. If you have questions about this; please email LaDona Yerian at ladonayerian@yahoo.com, call her at 406-640-1903 or message her on Facebook.

BIG HORN COUNTY HORSE WORKSHOPS
Horse superintendent, Michelle Uffelman is “chomping at the bit” to get outside and get riding with all interested horse members. She has set the following schedule at the fairgrounds. Please call or text Michelle at 679-2706 if you have questions.
- May 3rd Spring Kick off 7:00 pm Indoor meeting-no horses. Bring ALL your questions and concerns
- May 13 & 27-Ride at 5:00-weather pending.
- June 8-Start our morning rides. Stay tuned for scheduling.

MSU YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL
MSU will be holding a Youth Horsemanship School June 27-July 1 in Bozeman. Youth age 11-15 can attend and both horsemanship and barrel-specific classes are available. Cost is $425 per student which includes instruction, lodging, meals and stalls. Registration is due by May 13, 2016. Please call Sharon at 994-3415 for more.

4-H STATE HORSE SHOW
We want to keep reminding our horse members of the State 4-H Horse Show in Great Falls this year on September 22-25. We hope to send as great of a representation as we did in 2015!

HORSE JUDGING
Congrats to the Big Horn County 4-H horse judging teams at the Montana State FFA horse judging competition on April 9 at the Alexanders arena. Team 1 of Kristin Proctor, Nicole Green, Myah Van Order and Courtney Uffelman placed 4th overall and the beginning team of Lizzie Morse, Nevaeh Morse and Kiana Van Order placed 12th. There were 23 teams competing and we thank 4-H leader, LaDona Yerian for working with these members.

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS
Hey Cloverbuds! Our next stop around the world will be in the country of CHINA! On Friday May 13 at 2-00-3:00 at the Extension Office we’ll take a look at this large country’s people, culture, food and animals! We look forward to meeting on into the summer with some great places to visit! If you have questions about this; please call 665-9770.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
We thank all our 4-H’ers for finding ways to help those around you! We hope your random acts of kindness bring you as much happiness as it does the person who receives them! Read on for a few ideas:

- Operation Sparkle:
  Hardin has a 30+ tradition of cleaning up the community every spring called “Operation Sparkle” This year it’s scheduled for May 22.

- Summer Library Program:
  With summer coming you will want to take advantage of the summer programming offered at the Big Horn County Library. They have a great summer program scheduled with “On Your Mark, Get Set....Read”. They will kick off with a free showing of “When the Game Stands Tall” on June 10th at Centre Cinema and the program will follow a sports theme. Call 665-9743 for more info.

- National Teacher Day – May 3, 2016
  Thank a special teacher in your life for making a difference...this goes for you home schoolers, too! A card or a note from you could be just what they need to keep up their great work.

- Alive Inside – Alzheimer’s Walk 2016
  On May 17, Heritage Acres is sponsoring a fund-raising walk starting at 5:30 pm at Heritage Acres and going to the Depot. The $25 fee includes a T-shirt, walk, dinner & a showing of the movie “Alive Inside”. Call the Heritage Acres Activity Director, Tami at 665-8909 for more details.

Q: What clothing does a House wear?
A: Address!
LIVESTOCK JUDGING EVENT

Don’t forget the Livestock Judging Event coming up on May 21, 2016 at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds. Check-in will be at 8:00 with the judging to begin at 8:30 am. Call 665-9770 to register by May 13 or send in the form found on page #6 of this newsletter. There will be a $5 fee assessed to help pay for animal transportation costs. Registration fees can also be collected at the May 21st event. Call our office with your questions.

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TEEN TALK

JUNIOR LEADERS MEETING

Junior Leaders are 4-H’ers who are 13 years of age or older who want to serve as role models to the younger 4-H members by sharing their experiences. BHC offers a great opportunity for fun and leadership at the next meeting on May 9, 2016 at 5:00 in the Extension Office. We will meet to plan and discuss our June Junior Leader Showing Clinic.

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

Make your plans to attend the 2016 Montana 4-H Congress on July 13-16 on the Bozeman campus of Montana State University. Prepare to step back in time to the age of lords and ladies, knights and chivalry. Come and defend your county 4-H crest by participating in state contests, workshops, and many social engagements. Exciting new adventures have been arranged for you! The Congress schedule will include: special guest-Cromery, workshops, scholarships and awards, Renaissance Fair, Dances and games. Updated Age to Attend Montana 4-H Congress: If you are 13, you need not wait any longer! Youth must be 4-H age 13-19 (13 on October 1, 2015) to attend Montana 4-H Congress. Registration will be Open on 4honline May 1. Adult volunteers/parents please consider being a chaperone, this is a great event for you as well.

FUN FACT:

According to the America Saves Week Website (and the US Treasury) Americans collectively have $15 billion in loose change hanging around their homes, night stands, cars, purses, pants pockets, piggy banks and, of course, underneath the couch cushions.

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SEW WHAT’S NEW

Quilt Show – Little Big Horn Days

Little Big Horn Days offers our community so many opportunities. Many quilters in our community labor long & hard to put on a fabulous quilt show at the library. 4-H quilters have been invited to display their talents at this quilt show. If you’re interested or have questions call the library at 665-1808. The Quilt Show will be displayed at the library from May 27th-July 1. They’re due to the library by May 25 & will be back to you in time for displaying at the fair.

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CLASS OF 2016

We are happy to announce that we have three graduating seniors in 4-H this year. They are:

Bailey Torralba-Stieber
Eric LaFontaine
Nicole Halfpop

A reminder seniors: Please take a minute to fill out an application & return it to us by May 2. We’d also like to meet with you for an informal interview on Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 at the Extension Office.

SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH-IN

Sheep & Goat weigh-in will be on Saturday, May 21 at the BHC Fairgrounds at 7:30 am. All market lambs that will be weighed MUST be scrapie tagged. Contact Sheep Sup’t Tami Haug at 679-5555 with questions.

GOING WHOLE HOG-SWINE INFO

There’ll be NO INITIAL SWINE WEIGH-IN again this year and instead will be using the photographic method of ID’ing your animals. Ear tags, along with a member/parent ID form, will need to be picked up at the Extension Office. The form will need to be returned, along with a photo showing your tagged animal(s) to our Office by our Office by May 21.
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

If you are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student this summer please call Stephanie at 994-3501 at the state 4-H office. They are still looking for host families for about 20 Japanese students & several IPYA’s. We’re excited to announce that the WORLD is coming to Big Horn County through the 4-H Program & three BHC families. The three families and their students are:

- Stanley & Julie Stieber – hosting Madaline from Costa Rica
- Leonard & Kelly Zier – hosting Matthew from Ireland
- Ray & Jill Dale- hosting Ella from Wales

Take a few minutes to get to know these exchange students during this summer!!

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LEADING THE WAY FOR OUR LEADERS

State Leaders Forum

The 2016 Montana 4-H Leadership forum will take place on September 30-October 2 in Lewistown, MT. these forums are great ways to get new ideas for your county. This year’s theme is “On Track to 4-H Volunteer Success”...so everybody...get on board!

2017 Western Regional Leader’s Forum

Western Regional Leader’s Forum is fondly known as WRLF. This conference was started in California in 1966 as a staff & volunteer joint effort to gain leadership skill and share ideas. For the first time ever WRLF will be hosted outside the United States in Alberta, Canada on March 16-18, 2017.

LITTLE BIG HORN DAYS PARADE

A parade is fun to watch and even more fun to participate in. The Little Big Horn Days Parade will be on June 25, 2016 AT 11:00AM with a theme of “Legends of the West”. There will also be a kids parade on Friday the 24th sponsored by the local Kiwanis. The parade committee encourages all 4-H’ers and their clubs to participate in the parade by preparing an entry or building a float. For more parade information please contact the Hardin Chamber of Commerce at 665-1672.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS

The 40th annual Montana Range Days will be held in Havre, MT on June 20-22, 2016. Range Days is designed to include the entire family from ages 4-94! Early registration deadline is June 1, 2016 and scholarships are available with a deadline of April 30. For more information contact the Carter County Conservation District in Ekalaka at 775-6355.

CLUB NEWS

Bighorn 89’ers 4-H Club

The April 2016 meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm on April 3 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Those in attendance were Nicole Halfpop, Brooklyn & Jolene Herman, Kolton & Quinton Miller, Dustin & Kristin Proctor, Robert Koyama, Michael & Maria Gomez, Mesa Svedberg and Jessie Ahmad. For old business Leo told us about the Cook Off and Edible Art. For new business we were reminded that on May 12th there is a council meeting and to remember your two public speaking events. There are lists of stock animals for sale if you’re looking to purchase some. Also, remember to do your Quality Assurance! The Cloverbuds are working on an activity where they are studying Norway. There is state FFA horse judging April 9th at 10AM. Also, dog starts Tuesday, April 5th. Saturday May, 21st is goat and sheep weigh in. There are some fair book changes, such as some of the events times. Another reminder is that the boots you wear to fair no longer have to be black! We sang happy birthday to Jonnie Pitch, Dustin Proctor and Leo Schmaus.

Respectfully submitted, Kristin Proctor

CLOVERBUDS

Uff-da! We learned a lot about Norway on April 15. We made lefse, ate fiskebollers and did some of our own rosmaling! Next month we will go to CHINA! Please join us as we travel the world together.

Laurie F. Lautt  Molly Hammond
MSU/Big Horn County Extension Agent  MSU/Big Horn County Extension Agent
1) Contestants and coaches will be permitted to watch shows from outside the stockyards. Coaches and contestants are to stay out of stalling areas for cattle. No contestants or coaches will be allowed in the yards prior to the contest.

2) Contestants will be provided one placing card for each class. Please bring your own writing instrument.

3) Coolers of water and cups will be provided for contestants, however, contestants will need to utilize this between classes and not during class judging.

4) No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins or badges that will in any way reveal his or her identity or club he or she represents. The contest will be held outside so dress accordingly. Hats may be worn during the contest, however, they must be 4-H appropriate and in good taste. (Normally hats are not allowed)

5) The contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with the assigned group throughout the contest. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except by the Superintendent or his assistants.

6) The contest will be comprised of several classes of livestock. Classes may consist of the following species: beef, sheep, goats or swine. There may be more than one class of any of the breeds of stock. All of these classes will be comprised of four animals and the animals will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. If possible, performance data and a situation statement of the class will be provided on breeding classes.

7) Reasons will be taken on three classes. Members may use a clipboard &/or notepaper of their choice - notebooks should be clean and free of notes. Only a page to record placings on is permissible. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons or answering questions. Reasons classes may be market, breeding or performance classes.

8) Performance data will be limited to no more than 10 pieces of information. Performance data used will reflect current industry trends for that specific breed or type of animal. Performance data may be actual animal performance (such as growth) or genetic predictors (such as EPDs) or a combination of the two.

9) Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons to the official judges. Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes per class to make observations, make notes if necessary and fill out the placing card.

11) Breeding cattle will not be handled. Steers will not be handled. All judging will be done from a distance to insure proper viewing (10 to 15 feet).

12) Breeding sheep will not be handled when they are judged loose in a pen. If sheep are in racks (market or fleeced breeding sheep), contestants will stand in line and will be allowed 15 seconds to handle each sheep individually.

13) Contestants will have a minimum of 10 minutes to prepare each of the three sets of oral reasons. Contestants will not be permitted to refer to any data or notes when delivering oral reasons.

14) 4-H and FFA contestants will judge the same classes.

15) All contestants and coaches are expected to be present for the Awards after the contest.

16) Contestants will not be allowed to carry electronic devices on the floor while judging. This includes mobile phones, pagers, PDA's, and other device capable of transmitting information. If a contestant is found with a device, the contestant's cards will be pulled and the contestant removed from the contest.
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