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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
Our office will be closed on December 25 and January 1, 2018 to enjoy additional time with our families.
We would like to wish each & every one of you a holiday season filled with laughter & love!!
Holly, Molly, Shirley, Kelly & Jill

2017-2018 4-H ENROLLMENT
Ready for a new year of 4-H learning & fun? We are happy to say that most of our re-enrolling members made the November 15th deadline!! Way to go!! Our current enrollment is a little higher than last year at this time with 122 members and 51 leaders in five clubs. If you have friends that still would like to enroll...they have until February 1, 2018 to participate in the 4-H fair! We are ordering manuals all the time for members...so you can start the year out with a bang.

HAY RIDE & CAROLING
Hey 4-H’ers.....we are trying to get everyone in the spirit of the holidays with a hay ride through town, caroling & fun shared with friends. We’ve lined up a flatbed trailer and will meet at 5:00 pm on December 15 at the Extension Office parking lot. We’ll ride through town, stop at both nursing homes to sing carols & finish at the Extension Office for homemade chili, cocoa & goodies. We are asking people to bring treats to add to our celebration. We hope that you’ll join us. Call the Extension Office at 665-9770 for more info.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING WORKSHOP
4-H is such a great youth development program with uniqueness that speaks for itself, but sometimes it needs a little nudge. The 4-H Council is offering a 4-H Livestock Marketing workshop on January 25 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. This is open to ALL leaders and members. Keep watching for

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS
Applications for the People Partner Grants are due at the State Office by February 1, 2018. Money is available for groups that wish to do a project to improve the quality of life for all Montanans. Applications are found at: www.montana4h.org.

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension
The MSU Extension Service Is an ADA/EEO/AA/Veteran’s Preference Employer and Provider of Educational Outreach.
BIG HORN COUNTY NEWS MEDIA
We'd like to encourage clubs to utilize the Big Horn County News, The Original Briefs, KRWS 100.7 Radio and other media to publicize the 4-H Program. We thank them all for their support of 4-H. They are happy to work with you & we're happy clubs take the opportunity to submit articles.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
December 5..........................Jolene Herman
December 12..........................Klay Wacker
December 16..........................Robert Koyama
December 17..........................Lizinyani Gentry
December 22..........................Savannah Kaufman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!

ALBERTA LEADERS FORUM
Join Alberta 4-H as they welcome us to Edmonton for the Alberta Leaders Forum on January 19-21, 2018. Everyone is welcome to get “Back to Basics!” Enjoy a first class conference, workshops, & local entertainment. Forums are a time to network with peers; share ideas & build relationships.

4-H SUPPORTERS
Each month we like to recognize community members who faithfully support our program. This month we continue to recognize our buyers from our August 5 Market Sale. As always, please thank them with your appreciation & support them with your business.
Neal Cattle Company
Billings Farmhand, Inc.
Westmoreland Resources
Reisig Agency
Svedberg Insurance Agency

The total revenue generated for our members, from the sale of their 4-H animals, was $191,276.00!!
We still have a few who have not banked their market livestock check. Please do this as soon as possible so the account can be closed for the year.

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Frosty Flakes!

ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
Quality Assurance is a term used in animal agriculture which refers to the production of wholesome safe, high quality food. QA training is required, for members with ANY animal project. We currently have about 20 members who, by the “junior/senior” age requirements, need QA training. A parent or guardian must also attend.

Upcoming Quality Assurance
Trainings in Hardin & Billings are:
January 20 at 10:00 am at PAYS – Billings
February 20 at Billings MATE Show
Mar. 5 at 6:30 at the BHC Extension Office
April 2 at 6:30 at Yellowstone Co. Location TBA
May 12 at 9:00 at PAYS – Billings
June 5 at 6:30 at the BHC Extension Office

LOTSA’ HORSIN’ AROUND!!
Every Time...Every Ride
4-H horse project members are required to watch the DVD “Every Time-Every Ride” available at our office. Over 60% of all horse related deaths involve head injuries. Many could be prevented by wearing a SEI Certified helmet. The DVD is 20 minutes & is required for all riders - once for ages 9-13 and again for 14 & up.

Horse Meeting
Horse Superintendent, Pam Dahle has scheduled a horse meeting for all members and leaders on December 18 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. If you have questions about this meeting please contact Pam at 592-3767.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES
JUNIOR LEADERS
The Big Horn County 4-H Junior Leaders will be meeting on December 1 at 3:30 for a quick meeting before setting up a bake sale in downtown Hardin during the Christmas Stroll. Anyone wanting to donate (or buy) from the bake sale is encouraged to call Molly at 665-9770. They’ll next meet on January 5, 2017 at 6:00 at the Extension Office.

AMBASSADOR CORNER
The Extension Office & the 4-H Council are thankful for the enthusiasm of Nicole Green & Cora Wood who are taking on very active roles as Big Horn County 4-H Ambassadors! They are planning a pancake supper on February 17 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the BHC-Fairgrounds to honor our local veterans. They will be contacting different clubs for assistance. They’ll meet next at the Extension Office on Jan. 2, 2018 at 2:30 pm.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Big Horn County Livestock Judging Contest
For several years we've held a local Livestock Judging and have some leaders willing to work with members who are interested in improving their skills! We thank the livestock judging chair, Wailes Allen & his assistants for their continued work to make this public speaking event a fun learning experience for our members. The local event is scheduled for June 2 at the BHC Fairgrounds. Questions? Call 665-9770.

K'MON Judging Contest:
The K'MON Livestock Judging contest is scheduled for January 19-20 in Great Falls. Registrations will soon be available. If you are interested contact the Cascade Extension at 454-6980.

Pioneer Livestock Judging Camp
There will be a two day livestock judging camp at the Miles Community College Ag Advancement Center on December 28-29. The camp is open to youth ages 8-18 and will cost $50.00 per person which include two lunches. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office and due to Custer county Extension by December 19. Call 874-3370 for info.

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS!!
Hey Cloverbuds!! We are having a lot of fun and would love you to join us! Our next meeting will be on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 at the Big Horn County Extension Office. For more information, please contact our office at 665-9770.

MONTANA WINTER FAIR
Montana Winter Fair will be in Lewistown on January 25-28,2018 at the Fergus County Fairgrounds. There is much to do including: livestock shows, fiddlers contest, livestock judging events, art swap, relay for life, cinnamon roll baking contest, rabbit agility, quilts, pancake breakfast & more! Don't miss the fun & enjoy lots of great Montana scenery.

BIG HORN COUNTY YOUTH & 4-H FAIR
Before you know it...fair will be upon us again! Please mark your calendar with these important dates!
Fair books & Entry forms out........ March 8, 2018
Fair entry deadline..................... June 22, 2018
Fair Set-up............................... July 30, 2018
Round Robin............................ August 3, 2018
Market Sale & Buyer's Dinner........ Aug 4, 2018
Clean-up & Check out..................August 5, 2018
Deadlines are FIRM!! No Grace Period on deadlines!

RECREATION LAB 2018
There will be magic in the air in Thompson Falls on March 23-25, 2018. The 2018 Rec Lab will have a theme of “The Magic of 4-H” to be held in Thompson Falls. Registration form will open on December 15. For info call 258-4203. All Big Horn County 4-H'ers, age 13 & up, are invited to attend Rec Lab.

PUBLIC SPEAKING...FOR ALL!!!
2018 Performing Arts & More!
The first ‘public speaking event’ will be the January 28 performing arts competition. This is a new addition to our approved events. A registration form for this event is on Page 5 of this newsletter and questions regarding this can be answered by calling 665-9770. Remember that it was passed during 2008-2009 at 4-H Leader’s Council to require our 4-H members to participate in two(2) county wide activities. They can include:
Performing Arts-January 28, 2018
Demonstration Day – March 18, 2018
Fashion Review/Quilt Show – April 14, 2018
Cook Off - April 27, 2018
Livestock Judging - June 2, 2018
Horse Judging- June 7, 2018
Big Horn County Fair- July 30-August 5, 2018
Keep this in mind and watch for details as we schedule these dates/events. This is a great tool to “Make the Best Better” and give our members an opportunity to shine!

4-H SKILLS FOR LIFE
Please join FCS/4-H Agent, Holly Jay, for some fun activities in the kitchen and home. She has something for everyone and is encouraging all to come...join the fun! All classes will be held at the Extension Office and questions can be answered by calling 665-9770.

Food, Fun and Jelly Making –
December 6 @ 5:30 pm learn to make pepper jelly.
Dec. 16 @ 9:00 am jelly making for kids ONLY

Sewing Workshops – January 6,13,20 & 27
Beginning Sewing Skills 9:00-10:00 am
Advanced Sewing Skills 10:15-11:45 am
Class size will be limited for both levels.
Participants will need own sewing machine and skill level will be assessed when registering. Please sign up for sewing classes by January 2.

Quilting – February 3,10,17,24 and March 3,10,17,24
Class will be offered from 9:00-11:00 am. Please register by January 19, 2018. Sounds SEW fun!
COMMUNITY SERVICE
This time of year you don’t have to look far to see where you can lend a hand to your neighbors. Please take a glance at some ideas below. We thank you all for finding ways to help those around you!

* Hardin Food Bank Holiday Boxes: The Food Bank is always pleased to accept donations of food & volunteer help. Please call 665-2997 for info.

* Military Mail: 4-H Clubs & families can send greetings to people in the armed forces. Remember our military personnel & let them know you care.

* Family Service Stockings: The DFS office displays the needs of children, at 409 No. Center. Pick up a slip & return your unwrapped gifts with a gift bag to their office ASAP. Call 665-4164 with questions.

* Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Volunteers are needed to “Ring the Bell” for Salvation Army. If you have time to help make a difference call 256-2828.

* St. Jude’s Ranch for Children: We love recycling holiday cards. Bring the front of your cards to the Extension Office by January 31. We send them to St. Jude’s Ranch.

* Heritage Acres Nursing Home: Nursing Home residents always enjoy company & this time of year is a great time for us to share. They also have a “Holiday Decor Auction” available for viewing & bidding ’til December 5, 2018. Call 665-2802 to make someone smile.

We remind you all that your acts of community service should be written down in your 4-H Record books.

CITIZENSHIP; MONTANA & BEYOND!
Don’t miss out on any opportunity that 4-H can offer you! Citizenship starts in the home but continues to grow. Please take a minute to think of these offerings:
MT Citizenship Seminar – travel to Helena to get a close-up view of the political process, learn life skills and visit historical sites.
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H Leadership Program for high school youth, ages 15-19, from across the country. This event is held in Washington DC on June 9-16, 2018. App due Jan 15
Leadership Washington Focus- (LWF) is similar in fashion to CWF for youth grades 7-9. This is also in Washington DC on July 9-16, 2018. App due 1/15
The cost is approx. $1,500 for either LWF or CWF.
International Hosting- we can share our country (an aspect of citizenship) with others from all around the world. If you would like to open your home and hearts to another….please contact the Extension Office.
For more info call our office at 665-9770.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE
On April 7-12, 2018 the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD will host the National 4-H Conference. At this working conference, youth & adults help develop Programs nationally & locally. Montana sends a delegation of 4 participants. Youth must be 15-18 and chaperones must be enrolled leaders or extension staff.

I Pledge...
My HEAD to Clearer Thinking;
My HEART to Greater Loyalty;
My HANDS to Larger Service; &
My HEALTH to Better Living for My Club,
My Community, My Country & My World

CLUB NEWS
COMMUNITY HUSTLERS
The Community Hustlers met at the Mark home on September 29, 2017. We elected officers and began to plan our year. Officers are: President – Myah Van Order, Vice president – Dallas McGraw, Secretary – Hannah Mark, Treasurer – Caleb Mark, Reporter – Joel Van Order, Callier – Kiana Van Order, and the Rec Committee – Kaylee Reichart, Kara Reichart, Kiana Van Order and Toby Mark.
We also welcomed the Denny family to our club. Our next meeting will be on October 27 and we will do highway cleanup. Respectfully submitted, Joel Van Order

JUNIOR LEADERS
The Junior Leaders had their first meeting of the year. We had pledges and reports. We discussed: getting baseball caps, performing as a team for 4-H events doing opening & closing ceremonies. Next we took nominations for club officers. After elections our officers are: Josie is President, Myah is Vice President, Joel is Treasurer, and Celia is Secretary. We will help with the Halloween Parade but not the Cancer Survivor Banquet. The Christmas Stroll was also discussed. We’ll have another bake sale. Molly told us about the new public speaking-performing arts. The next meeting will be held on November 7 at 6:00 p.m. Submitted by, Celia Rigler

Molly Hammond
MSU/BHC Agriculture/4-H Extension Agent

Holly Jay
MSU/BHC FCS/4-H Extension Agent
TBA Dog Workshop
TBA Horse Show
March 2018
January 2018
February 2018
July 2018
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December 2017
2017-2018 BIG HORN COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR
4-H PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST –
January 28, 2018

There are significant benefits to getting involved in music, dance and drama. The performing arts can open doors socially and allow you to make friends more easily, after all a key to drama and music is communication. There are additional benefits to getting involved with dance and drama. A main benefit to performing arts is a boost to your confidence. Performing in front of a large, or even a small crowd can be very daunting but during rehearsals you will grow in confidence as your skills improve and this newfound confidence will transfer to every aspect of your life.

At the September 4-H Leaders Council meeting a NEW public speaking venue was added to allow our members another opportunity to fulfill their public speaking component of their 4-H year. On January 28, 4-H members may perform as individuals and as a group member. 4-H members may only compete once per class. Each performance may include an accompanist that is a 4-H member or an adult leader or parent. Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes. Juniors 8-12, Seniors 13 and up. Cloverbuds are welcome to perform in a non-competitive atmosphere. We hope many will come forward and enjoy this new event!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Due by January 8, 2018 to the BHC Extension Office

Name ________________________________ Club ________________________________

Birthday ___________ Phone number ___________ Equipment needed ___________

(check one) ___ Cloverbud (5-7) ___ Junior (8-12) ___ Senior (13 and up)

Classes - Please mark the line of the class you will be performing:

Solo

___ Vocal ___ Instrumental ___ Other (dance, pantomime, monologue…)

Duet* Please list other member you are partnering with for your duet)

___ Vocal ___ Instrumental ___ Other (dance, pantomime, monologue…)

Group* please list members in your group

___ Vocal ___ Instrumental ___ Other (dance, pantomime, monologue…)

*Your ‘duet/or group’ will be entered into the age group of it’s oldest member.
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- 3 November: New Year's Eve Closed

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- 21 January: Alberta's Leader Forum 1/19-21

**Note:** The table includes various events and activities throughout December and January.