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DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP

Demonstrations have always been an important part of 4-H. Presenting a demonstration gives you a chance to share what you have learned. In a demonstration you should both show and tell how to do something related to your 4-H project or something you’re interested in. A workshop will be presented on March 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office that will help you as you prepare your presentations. Call 665-9770 with questions.

2017-2018 4-H ENROLLMENT

If you are still recruiting new members for your 4-H Clubs...remind them to get their paperwork to our office by FEBRUARY 1, 2018 to participate in the BHC Youth & Open Fair as a 4-H member. Our current membership is 125 youth members & 52 leaders. Fees: $10.00 Family dues; $6.00 Leader dues & $3.00 Member dues.

If you see that this gets done right away...so you can be covered under our insurance policy at 4-H events. Our new year is off to a great start!

"If the Super Bowl is really the ultimate game, why do they play it again next year?"

Duane Thomas Dallas Cowboys
Running Back 1970-1971
Happy Super Bowl Sunday!! February 4, 2018

PROJECT MANUALS & MATERIALS

Project journals & 4-H manuals are a required part of 4-H learning. We hope that our members can see the value of these tools and are hard at work completing them. If you still need to order materials, we are here to help you. 4-H is an educational program and required manuals are all research based to offer 4-H’ers lots of information. If you’re unsure of what you may need, please call the office at 665-9770. When ordering project materials, through the office; make checks out to BHC Extension Office.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

THE MSU/BHC Extension Office

will be closed on February 19, 2018

in observance of President’s Day.
4-H SUPPORTERS

We thank community members who faithfully support our program. This month we continue to recognize our buyers from our 2017 Market Sale. Yellowstone County Implement Animal Care Center Green Ranch Bobcat of Big Sky Wacker Insurance Agency In total, 4-H supporters paid $191,276.00 in premium sales to support our youth at fair. As always, we ask you to thank them with your business, support and appreciation.

FEVERUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 4........Toby Mark & Dallas Bailey
February 7........Shaina Grinstein
February 9...........Celia Rigler
February 15..................Addison Allen
February 16....................Luke Graham

Girls-n-Science 2018

Girls-n-Science will be at the MSU-Billings campus on Sat, April 1 from 12:30-4:00 pm. This is a FREE one-day extravaganza that provides hands-on, minds-on interactive activities to introduce girls in 4th – 8th grades to careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) to encourage and excite them to pursue education in those area, and to facilitate relationships between the girls and professional women in scientific disciplines. To learn more call 406-896-5890.

GOAT BOOT CAMP

Head to Ulm, MT (near Great Falls) on May 12 for a 4-H Goat Boot Camp! There will be expert clinicians on hand to help you with all your goat questions from fitting, showing and everything in between. A $5 registration is due by May 9, 2018. Call Michelle at 781-4918 or Heather at 788-8761 if you have questions.

LEADER INFORMATION
WESTERN REGIONAL LEADER’S FORUM

There’s still time to join other leaders from the 13 most Western states in San Diego, CA on March 1-4 at the Crowne Plaza San Diego-Mission Valley. The Montana 4-H Foundation has funds available to help subsidize your expenses.

4-H SUPERINTENDENT AND LEADER’S COUNCIL MEETINGS

Superintendents meeting will be at 5:30 on March 1, 2018 at the Extension Office. The 4-H Leader’s Council will be March 9 at 7:00 also at the MSU Extension Office. Come! Help make decisions to strengthen the 4-H program.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

If you ever thought about hosting an exchange student; we might have your opportunity. The Montana 4-H Center is looking for summer host families for students from Japan, Costa Rica & Finland. They’re also starting to place students for the 2017-2018 academic year. Call the office at 665-9770 or Bozeman at 994-3502 for more info.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGE

Big Horn County has been communicating with a 4-H leader from Kansas about hosting a group of their 4-H’ers THIS summer and sending a group of BHC 4-H’ers to Kansas in the summer of 2019. We’ll have more info about this soon. If you’re interested; please call our Office at 665-9770.

MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION

The Montana 4-H Foundation was founded in 1969 as a non-profit corporation supporting the continued work of 4-H in Montana. Each year they provide financial assistance in direct support of ALL of Montana’s 4-H’ers & leaders. In April they will conduct their annual Phone-A-Thon fund campaign drive. If you’d like to contribute to the foundation, but don’t receive a call, you can still do so by simply going to the Montana 4-H website at www.montana4h.org and donate online.

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 & My World.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to you for all for the ways you find to help others. We hope your random acts of kindness bring YOU as much happiness as the recipients.

✓ St.Jude’s Ranch for Children:
Recycle holiday greeting cards for St.Jude’s Ranch for Children in Nevada. Bring in the ‘fronts’ of your old greeting cards and we will see that they get to the right place. They make new cards from old ones and sell them in their “Learn to Earn Program”.

✓ Valentine’s for Vets:
With Valentine’s Day just around the Corner...we are providing a few addresses for you to send greetings to.

Fort Harrison Veteran’s Hospital
c/o Volunteer Services
P.O. Box 167
Ft. Harrison, MT 59636
(877) 468-8387

Miles City Veteran’s Nursing Home
c/o Activities Department
210 South Winchester
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 874-5600

We know that you gain so much through helping others. We do remind you all that your acts of community service should be written down in your 4-H record books.

AMBASSADOR PANCAKE SUPPER

Bring your appetite and your 4-H support to the BHC Fairgrounds on February 17 from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm for a delicious pancake supper sponsored by the BHC Ambassadors. They have a theme of “Let’s Serve Those Who Served” and all Veterans will eat free. Adults eat for $7.00 and youth 10 and under eat for $4.00.

GIDDY UP

There’ll be a 4-H horse workshop/meeting on March 14 for members at the BHC Fairgrounds at 6:00 pm. Members are encouraged to bring their horse manuals, questions and enthusiasm. If you have questions please contact Pam Dahle.

HORSE JUDGING

The 2018 Horse Judging contest will be Thursday June 7th at 1:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Registration starts at 12:00 pm. Junior and Senior divisions will judge four halter classes and four performance classes. Juniors will give two sets of reasons and Seniors will give three sets of reasons. There’ll be practices in May; once a week at the Hardin Middle School. Days and times will be posted at a later date. Look on the 4-H Facebook page for information and videos to watch. For more information contact LaDonna Yerian on Facebook, email ladonyerian@gmail.com or 406-640-1903.

ARCHERY SHOOTS

If you are enrolled in the discipline of archery in 4-H shooting sports you will want to practice your target shooting on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm at the Hardin High School Commons Area. You can enter through the front door (on the football field side). If you have questions please contact Duane Wood at 623-0098.
TEEN TALK
Junior Leaders

Jr. Leaders will meet at the Extension Office at 6:30 pm on February 6. They'll have fun discussing upcoming events and enjoying 4-H learning. Call Molly at 665-9770 with any questions.

2018 4-H Rec Lab: “The Magic of 4-H”
District 1 is looking forward to hosting the 2018 Montana Rec Lab in Thompson Falls on March 23-25. They encourage you to join them to discover “The Magic of 4-H”. Registration forms are available at the BHC Extension Office and due by February 23, 2018 along with $100. Call the BHC Extension Office at 665-9770 with questions.

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS
Save the Date for Pre-Congress (July 8-10) & Montana 4-H Congress (July 11-14) in Bozeman, MT. Congress is a great time of workshops, competition, team building and fun! This is for our members who are 13 and older by October 1, 2017.

HEY...Cloverbuds!! We’ll meet on Friday, February 16 at the BHC Extension Office Community Room at 2:00-3:00. We’ll continue our “Amazing Adventures!” We’d love any Cloverbud (ages 5-8) to come and join the fun. For more information call 665-9770.

Big Horn County Youth & Open Fair
Before you know it...Fair will be upon us again!! Mark your calendar with these important dates.
June 22................Fair Entry deadline
July 30 –August 5........Big Horn County Fair
August 3..........Round Robin & Movie on the lawn
August 4.....Market Sale, Buyers Dinner & dance
August 5..........................Clean up & check out

SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP
There’ll be a small animal workshop (intro to the cavy, rabbit, poultry & pocket pets projects) on Saturday, February 17 at 1:00-3:00 pm in the 4-H Building at Billings MetraPark. Do not bring animals. Bring your project books and record sheets so if you have questions, they can help answer and guide you through. These workshops can count as an activity for your project. If you have questions; please call Lacey at 628-1075.

Quality Assurance Trainings in Hardin & Billings:
February 17 at 3:00 at the METRA- MATE Billings
March 5 at 6:30 in BHC Extension Office
April 26 at 6:30 in Yellowstone Co. Location TBA
May 12 at 9:00 at PAYS – Billings
June 5 at 6:30- at BHC Extension Office

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 22 members listed below who, by the “junior/senior” age requirements, need QA training. A parent or guardian must also attend.
Maria Gomez  Levi Noyes  Kaycee Schaak
Aiden Graham  Dante Pallone  Mariah Shambles
Rilee Green  Stetson (Bear) Pilkington
Kaylie Gun Shows  Jackson Pitsch  Amber Skarlpuka
Savannah Kauffman  Luke Ragland  Mesa Svedberg
Dale Knobloch  Kyndra Reichert  Kadin Small
Lizzie Morse  Porter Rigler  Bonner Wood
Jessie Noyes  Hannah Yochum

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

WINTER GRAZING
You are invited to register for the Winter Grazing on February 6 & 7, 2018 at the Radisson/Colonial Hotel in Helena. They have an exciting agenda planned with many interesting topics. Registration fee is $80/person. For more info please call the Lewis & Clark Conservation District at 449.5000.

BEEF CATTLE REQUIREMENTS
On February 8 at 1:30 pm BHC Extension Agent, Molly Hammond will be offering a program on beef cattle nutrition, body condition scoring and forage testing. She will joined by MSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Megan VanEmon. For information call 665-9770.
CONTEST DAYS!

It was passed in 2008 by the 4-H Leaders Council to require 4-H members to participate in two (2) county wide PUBLIC SPEAKING events. There are five events left to complete this requirement.

The dates & events are as follows:

**Demo Day - March 18, 2018**

- Fashion Review – April 14, 2018
- Cook-Off/Food Fare – Monday, April 27
- Livestock Judging - June 2, 2108
- Horse Judging - June 7, 2018
- BH County Fair – July 30-August 5, 2018

Mark your calendars for the still upcoming events. Public speaking is a good experience for everyone & can be a spring board for older 4-H’ers to go to Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman in July.

PERFORMING ARTS RESULTS!

Please read on for the results of our AMAZING January 28, 2018 Performing Arts:

**Creative Expression** – Senior Division -Blue Ribbon: Nicole Green

**Vocal Performance:** Ensemble- Senior Division

Blue Ribbons: Bonner Wood and Cora Wood

Individual Senior Division – Trophy/Purple -Cora Wood

Ensemble- Junior Division-Trophies/Purple Ribbons: Victoria Kauffman and Savannah Kauffman

**Instrumental Performance**-Ensemble -Senior Division Trophy/Purple Ribbon – Hannah Mark and Caleb Mark

Individual Senior Division – Purple Ribbon-Lizinyani Gentry

Individual Junior Division Trophy/Purple Ribbon Toby Mark

We thank all our members and leaders who cooperatively worked to make this a great event. Our judge for the day was: Shana Snively and event chairperson, Anissa Kauffman. We thank you for your help in “Making the Best Better!”

SHOW ME THE BEEF!

Beef Superintendent, Jennifer Hecker has set March 1 at 1:00 pm as the date and time for the 2018 Beef Weigh-in. This is for all MARKET and first year BREEDING Beef projects. Members must have animal halter broke to cross scale. Questions? Call Jennifer Hecker at 690-0823.

CLUB REPORTS

BIG HORN EIGHTY-NINERS

The meeting was called to order on January 21st at 1:00 pm. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Pledges were recited. We discussed items in the newsletter including: Livestock marketing workshop, Rec Lab, beef weigh-in, quality assurance and more. The county ambassadors requested help with their pancake supper and we had a sign-up. We sang happy birthday to Courtney, Tristan and Leighton. Since we had no demos it was moved to adjourn the meeting. We adjourned at 1:20 pm. Delicious cupcakes and juice were provided by Jessica and Jill Kehler. Thank you! Respectfully submitted –

LITTLE HORN BEEF RUSTLERS

The meeting of the Little Horn Beef Rustlers was called to order at the Graham residence at 4:32 pm. The pledges were led by Cole and I. We had no old business. New business: we talked about some fundraisers such as a labor auction, a pancake supper, fruit sales and bake sales. We gave out awards and premium monies. We held elections and our new 2018 officers are: President – Aiden; VP – Porter; Secretary – Jill; Reporter – Cash; Treasurer – Luke and Historian- Celia. We enjoyed some muffins after our meeting. ~ Cash Shick

Molly Hammond
MSU/BHC Extension Agent, Chair, Agriculture & 4-H Agent

Holly Jay
MSU/BHC Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Science & 4-H Agent
The January meeting of the Bighorn County 4-H Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on January 11, 2018 by President Tammie Haug, pledges were recited, an attendance sheet was circulated, a quorum was established.

The secretary’s minutes were read by Molly from her notes. Joe moved and Diana seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed.

Reports: Treasurer’s report- there is a correction for the junior leaders, they have an additional $350 from the Christmas stroll. Superintendents meeting report -new superintendents needed for concessions, indoor, and swine. Ty Neal is now on the fair board, he has indicated that he will step down as the swine superintendent due to conflict of interest. Some changes made for the fair schedule, suggested to send thank yous out to our meat processors; scale replacement report Jennifer and Perry are still looking; sale book report should include clarification of how order of sale is determined, the hayride report the had a full trailer and they enjoyed chili afterwards, sewing workshops report are ongoing, Holly has three girls she is working with now.

Announcement-archery practice continues, final enrollment for new members is February 1st, Heritage Acres is looking for help with their March 23, 2018 Fish Fry.

Correspondence-a letter from Bill's Auto stated that due to slow economic conditions they will no longer be able to sponsor the fair ribbons, this is approximately $1500-$2,000 Joe will propose it to the hospital maybe they can take this on.

Old Business Club-audits are being sent out to all clubs to be completed. Resources to reach everyone; mail, Facebook, text, etcetera. Fair superintendent's still needed. Rabbit superintendent will be LeighAnn Pallone, we still need indoor, concessions and swine superintendents. Memorials (benches) for Janice Ekman and Karen Egged, were talked about but have not got any info yet. Tammy will check with Julie Stieber.

New business-reading of the Constitution, Jen moved and Joe seconded a motion to not read together, motion approved (reading will be done individually.) Fair committee section has proposed removal of line B and add verbage to line “A”. Fair themed poster have clubs to come to next superintendent's meeting with ideas for the theme, marketing workshop January 25th will be hosted by Joe at 6:30 at the extension office, Performing Arts will be January 28th at 2, due date for sign-ups is flexible want to promote a little more let members know. Rec. lab is March 23rd through 25th please share the dates so we can take a bus load, 13 year old members & up. Ambassador projects-having a pancake supper and make it a fundraiser too. Nicole Green came to the Council to ask for start-up funds that they want to pay back. Jill moved to gift them $300. Joe seconded the motion to not ask for repayment and motion passed. Beef weigh in-need to get the scale fixed Perry was going to get pricing but haven't heard back from them yet. Weigh in will be at 1:00 pm on March 3rd. Billings Fair has paperwork that needs to be completed can call 256-2828 for more information. Discussion took place about using grant monies from the People Partner Grants (up to $500) and Northwest Farm Credit (up to $5,000) to build covers for the sale scale. Committee will look into this. There are mice in the storage room under the grandstands need to get totes and put things in sealed containers. Jen move to purchase totes and have extension personnel salvage what they can, Jessica second the motion the motion passed.

Other business -fair schedule changes: they are as follows: Monday-no record books are needed to check in Tuesday no record books @ 1; Wednesday no change; Thursday 7:30 a.m. swine Showmanship. 10:30 goat show 11 is goat confirmation 12:30 sheep Showmanship 1:30 breeding sheep confirmation 2:30 Market land confirmation scratch Jr. leader games; Friday scratch swine, 8:30 a.m. dairy show, 9:30 beef Showmanship Saturday add Junior leader games, the rest of the schedule will be the same Sunday no changes

Jen moved to table a vote on fair changes until Pam looked at horse times. Daina second. Motion carried. Motion passed. Next superintendent meeting will be at 5:30 on March 1st Council will still be March 8th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted

Daina Green - Acting secretary
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