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4-H RECORDS

4-H records...the mere thought of them can make even the bravest of 4-H’ers cringe! But 4-H wouldn’t be the same without ‘em!! They’re an important part of completing your 4-H projects, setting & completing goals, tracking your progress & so much more! To help you get through this process, we encourage you to get your books to your club’s organizational leader by September 1 for review before the final deadline of September 14th. Your organizational leader can help you get your record book to Gold Seal Standard. A guide and example of judging can be found on pages 7-8 of this newsletter. If you have further questions call 665-9770.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The MSU/BHC Extension Office will close on September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.

Have a Safe & Fun Weekend!

TR POWERS AWARD

The T.R. Powers Award for Achievement in Agriculture was established in 1974 by Mrs. Beaudoin Powers in memory of her husband, Mr. T.R. Powers. She designated a $5,000 trust & desired that the interest off that sum would be annually awarded to a BHC 4-H member who exhibited outstanding achievement in agriculture. A member must receive a nomination from a 4-H leader & submit an essay that will be reviewed along with the members 4-H records, by a selection committee from 1st Interstate Bank. We are reminding leaders & youth of this award as something to strive for in your 4-H career. Past winner’s essays are available to review in our office.
SHOOTING SPORTS
LEADER'S TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
There is an upcoming Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings: Glendale, MT, Sept. 29-30, with a deadline of Sept. 20 (not postmarked by). Your county agent must also sign the registration before it may be mailed. They will be offering the Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, Muzzle-loading, and the Western Heritage disciplines if there is adequate interest. Please note that leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program in addition to general 4-H leader application procedures. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs. Visit the county website for registration form, agenda, and the pre-test.

4-H SUPPORTERS
Each month we like to recognize community members who faithfully support our program. This month we recognize a few buyers from our August 5 Market Sale. As always, we ask that you thank them with your appreciation and support them with your business.
Dan & Kelsey Nordquist
TNT Springs – Cookie Koch
Tom Bogunovich
Bob Smith Ford
Jane Dunbar
The grand total of revenue generated for our members, through the sale of their market animals, was $191,276.00! Again, we thank the many businesses & people who help with our program. We appreciate you!

MSU/ BIG HORN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
In an age of high speed information; we rely heavily on email & internet. The Extension Office staff can be quickly reached at the following addresses.
Molly Hammond – molly.hammond@montana.edu
Holly Jay – holly.jay@montana.edu
Kelly Zier – kzier@bighorncountymt.gov
Jill Dale – jdale@bighorncountymt.gov
If we receive a message from you, we’ll respond to the message. If you don’t receive a response from the person to whom you were sending the email, call us to confirm.

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER-
4-H SUPERINTENDENT MEETING
Fair superintendent, Joe Purcell, would like to meet with all his superintendents on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Extension Office at 5:30 pm. Call or text him at 665-7226 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 4-H LEADER'S COUNCIL
4-H Leaders Council will be Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm at the Little Big Horn Center Community Room. Help us strengthen the 4-H program by attending this meeting! Topics to discuss include:
Post Fair Issues
Achievement Day/Award nominations
Annual Calendar review
Council meetings are open to all. Your voice & presence are welcome. Call 665-9770 if you have questions.

LEADERS FORUMS
Leader Forums are a great way for volunteer leaders and 4-H staff to recharge batteries and continue to “Make the Best Better”. They offer sought-after speakers and engaging sessions focusing on the ideas and topics that matter to you now. Experience personal growth as a 4-H leader, networking and exchange ideas with fellow 4-H leaders. Please read on for opportunities to do this at a state level, regional level and international level! You will leave feeling inspired and excited in your important leadership position within 4-H & your community.

MONTANA STATE LEADER'S FORUM
Join District 4 as they expose us to new leadership skills to further develop in our community with their September 29-30 forum “Snapshots of Leadership” in Glendive. Workshop information is available from the Extension Office. Registration fee is $75 by Sept.1.

WAVES OF CHANGE: WRLF 2018
The Western Region Leaders' Forum is a leadership conference for volunteers & staff of the 4-H Western Region. The 13 states in the region are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming plus Alberta, (Canada). The 2018 WRLF will be meeting in San Diego on March 1-4, 2018. Enjoy the Sun & Surf and ride the Waves of Change.

ALBERTA LEADER'S FORUM
4-H Alberta Leaders' Conference Join our 4-H Friends to the North on January 19-21, 2018. Each year Montana Leader's Council sends eight leaders to the Forum so call 665-9770 for application info.
TEEN TALK
JUNIOR LEADER MEETING

The next Junior Leader Meeting will be held on September 5 at 6:00 pm at Heimat Park. Members 13 and up are encouraged to come and enjoy a fun time of recreation and dinner as they prepare for a new year! Please call Molly at 665-9770 if you have questions.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Big Horn County Teen Ambassador Program will meet September 20, 7:00 pm at the BHC Extension Office. Anyone interested in becoming a Teen Ambassador, current Teen Ambassadors and Adult volunteers are all invited to attend. We will be identifying what this program may look like in the future. Project ideas, strengthening membership, encouraging youth input, promoting 4-H, and helping develop a greater awareness of Teen Ambassadors and the 4-H Program in BHC are just a few of the topics we may discuss. Please RSVP to the office your intentions to attend this meeting. Teen Ambassadors must be 14 years 4-H age by October 1 and a 4-H member for 2 years, among other qualifications to be discussed at the meeting. BHC Ambassador Applications are Due October 2 in the county office. Interviews will be conducted October 9 beginning at 6:30 pm at the county office. Ambassadors will be selected and attend a state Ambassador Training October 19-21. I look forward to meeting with anyone interested in this great opportunity to “Make the Best Better”. Holly Jay

LOST AND FOUND

After the dust settled & everything was put away for the next year; we have come up with some lost and found items. If you’re missing a baking dish, show stick, clothing articles...or something else...let us know!! If you ended up with something that wasn’t yours...let us help you see that it gets back to its proper owner.

2017 BLACK HILL RECREATION LAB

Mark your calendar for October 1-6, 2017 for the Black Hills Rec Leaders’ Laboratory at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, SD. It is for anyone 16 years of age or older & focuses on developing recreational leadership skills. The cost is $325. Call Karen at 932-6747 with questions.

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.

LOTSA' HORSIN' AROUND!

2017 NILE Horse Show

The NILE Horse Extravaganza will feature horse sales, clinics and other educational seminars. NILE is a significant stop on the Road to the NFR. Great things are happening at the 2017 NILE in the horse department. Watch for details as the NILE celebrates it’s 50th Anniversary in 2017 on October 14-18 at METRA. For more information call 256-2495.

State Horse Show

All members participating in Horse Projects are invited to attend the State 4-H Horse Show in Lewistown on September 22-24. This is an opportunity to meet members from around Montana and to compete with your horse at the next level. Registration materials & info are available at the Extension Office. In addition there’ll be a State Ranch Horse Show in Great Falls on September 9, 2017. Hope you all take advantage of these shows.

4-H FAIR CONCESSION STAND BILLS

The sale at the concession stand went well. Thanks to all the 4-H members and leaders who jumped in to help. If you have an outstanding balance please drop by the Extension Office to pay it off. This is the main fund raiser of the 4-H council & the monies earned help fund various projects through the council. We appreciate your help!!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
October 1-7, 2017

Big Horn County will be joining nearly 7 million boys & girls nation wide in observing National 4-H Week on October 1-7,2017. This is a great opportunity for local clubs to publicize 4-H as well as to recruit new members. We hope that you are beginning to plan something to promote the benefits of 4-H Program in our community!
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks for finding ways to help those around you! We hope that your random acts of kindness bring you as much happiness as it does the person who receive them!

- **Helping Hands Food Bank:**
  The Food Bank is preparing for the annual Harvest Hoe-down & Fall Décor Auction on October 7. There is a youth division in the Fall Décor auction. If your club is looking for a fun community service with a chance at some prize money...call Linda at 665-2997 for more info.

- **National Grandparents Day—September 10, 2017:**
  Even if you don’t have local grandparents...you may want to remember this day & recognize an elderly person in your community with a plate of cookies, a visit or a card!

- **Patriot’s Day—September 11:**
  This is a great day to remember your patriotism. Fly a flag in honor of those who lost so much to an act of unmerited terrorism in the US.

- **BHC Museum Country Fun Day—Sept. 10:**
  The BHC Museum’s annual Fun Day is September 10, 2017. If you are interested in helping with this fun community event...please call 665-1671. There is plenty of stuff that needs to be done willing hands lighten the load!

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

THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL

We know you are all anxiously awaiting your market animal sale check. It will be issued shortly...as soon as ALL the buyers have paid their bill. When it arrives, make sure everything is correct and be prompt in banking it.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT CENTER

We will again be including a schedule of activities for the Parent Involvement Program. They offer many wonderful and educational services. Please read the following schedule...there is something for everyone!

- **Sept. 25 6-7:30** Crow Primary  Bingo for Books
- **Sept. 28 1-3:30** Parent Center  Sew Time 4 U!

If you have further questions call Fran at 665-9442. They are located on the corner of Miles Avenue and 5th Street West. They offer many great things & often provide child care during their scheduled activities.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day is a day to recognize all the hard work of our 4-H’ers for the previous 4-H Year. This event is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds. Invite your family and friends, enjoy a great potluck meal & support our 4-H’ers in their achievements and learning. At the September 14th Council Meeting we will make Club assignments as well as nominate names for 4-H Alumni, Friend of 4-H, I Dare You, Junior Leader and others.

CLOVERS & ENROLLMENT FORMS

The 2017-2018 Clovers are here! You can pick them & enrollment forms up from our office or your club’s leader. The Montana Clover is the 4-H Project selection guide that is funded by the Montana 4-H Foundation. Returning members MUST sign up by November 15, 2017. This is a firm deadline that was passed through the 4-H Leader’s Council on January 12, 2006. New members must sign up by February 1, 2018 to participate in the 2018 4-H Fair. So...open up your new 4-H Clover and find the adventure that awaits you! If you don’t see what you like...consider a “Self-Determined” project. You need to develop a plan with goals and objectives that has to be parent and county agent approved and your plan needs to be turned into the BHC Extension Office by March 1, 2018.

2017 YOUTH WILDLIFE ART CONTEST

The NRA is now accepting entries for its 2017 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest is open to students in grades 1-12. NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 31, 2017. Cash prizes up to $750 are awarded to the first, second & third place finishers in four different age brackets. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species & non-game animals, such as eagles, are not eligible subjects. Contestants are limited to one entry each & entries may be in any medium. For more info you can go to http://www.nrahq.org/YOUTH/wildlife.asp
THANK YOU NOTES

Again, we remind all of you who had market animals purchased to send a thank you note to the person or business that bought your animal. This is important! The note they receive from you may determine if they buy next year! The same goes for all who received a ribbon, rosette or trophy! ALL ribbons were generously donated by Bill’s Auto. Trophy sponsors are listed in the fair program. Maybe send a note to 4-H leaders thanking them for the time & effort they put into the program, too! If you need addresses please call 665-9770. If you enjoyed fair let the Fair Board, 4-H Council & the Commissioners know, also!

Mike & Beth Ann Stenerson
c/o Bill’s Auto Supplies
1020 North Center Hardin, MT 59034

Big Horn County 4-H Council
AND Big Horn County Fair Board
AND Big Horn County Commissioners
317 North Custer Ave. Hardin, MT 59034

Mark Steffes & Brett Kautz (for Auctioneering our sale)
1001 First Avenue North Billings, MT 59101

Laura Uffelman (for taking/donating photos)
3715 Galloway Street Bozeman, MT 59717

Mike & Karen Lachenmeier (move night snow cones)
Rural Route 1 Box 1223A Hardin, MT 59034

SEW..... WHAT’S NEW??
Make It With Wool
Joan Hansen, of Big Timber, is the District 4 MIWW chair and she would like to encourage any Big Horn County sewers to make and model a wool garment. District 4 is comprised of Big Horn, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley-Musselshell, Petroleum, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties. Age divisions are: Preteens- 12 and under, Juniors- 13-16, Seniors- 17-24 and Adults 25 & over. Wool or specialty wool fabrics must be used and equal at least 60% of the material. Ms. Hansen, would be pleased to answer more specific questions at any time at 406-930-1666.

Rocky Mountain Sewing Festival

The Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival Planning Committee would like to invite you to join them on September 14-15, for an exciting selection of classes we have planned for your sewing pleasure. You can choose from quilting, sewing, fabric dying, knitting, felting, jewelry making, crafts and many others. Everyone should find something of interest to them. We are offering classes of interest to the very beginning sewer, as well as the more advanced. The festival will be at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Billings. Questions can be answered at Yellowstone Extension at 256-2828.

BHC YOUTH CARCASS AWARDS

We are pleased with such a great turn out at the August 19 Carcass contest Awards Ceremony. We thank the Livestock Committee for arranging a great afternoon of food, prizes and fun. If you didn’t make this event we have full ultra sound results available. Here’s the top winners in each species

**Swine:**
- 5th - Dayton Bogunovich
- 4th - Jill Rigler
- 3rd - Nicole Green
- 2nd Joel Van Order
- 1st - Drew “DC” Stewart

**Beef:**
- 5th - Maria Gomez
- 4th - Leighton Green
- 3rd - Caden Green
- 2nd - Layne Duncan
- 1st - Cash Shick

**Sheep:**
- 5th - Austin James
- 4th - Macy Uffelman
- 3rd - Katie Stieber
- 2nd - Emma Myhre
- 1st - Ashley Uffelman

**Goat:**
- 1st - Kara Reichrt
Cloverbuds = A New Year!!
A new year of Cloverbuds will begin on September 8 at 2:00 pm at the Extension Office. Cloverbuds from any county club are welcome and encouraged to attend. We’ll always provide a fun, educational environment where fun and learning will always be at the core of our workshops. Parents are invited to stay. Call 665-9770 with questions.

4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY
On October 4, 2017, millions of young people across the nation will become scientists for the day during the fifth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day. NYSD is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H Science programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation’s 111 land-grant colleges and universities to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment. Take the initiative in your club or community and join with all the other 4-H’ers across the country and include science fun in your life.

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS
The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle & high school for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial, this recognition program awards youth for volunteerism. For almost 20 years, the program has honored over 70,000 youth volunteers at the local, state & national level. Application forms & info are available in our office. They’re due by November 7, 2017. You can also check out www.spirit.prudential.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
September 1........Katie Stieber & Chase Pilkington
September 5........Charlee Yochum
September 6........Calder Pilkington
September 7........Joel Van Order
September 8........Zach Bogunovich & Aiden Graham
September 11........Hannah Yochum
September 13........Carmen Pallone
Sept. 20........Aubrey Nedens & Stephanie Gomez
September 22........Madison Kehler
September 23........Maria Gomez

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!

School has begun and everyone is busy….here is a suggestion of a quick dinner. Enjoy time around the table with your family and stay connected!

**Simple Beef Stroganoff**
1 (8 ounce) package egg noodle
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 pound ground beef
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1/2 cup sour cream
salt and pepper to taste

**Directions:**
Prepare the egg noodles according to package directions and set aside. In a separate large skillet over medium heat, sauté the ground beef over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes, or until browned. Drain the fat and add the soup and garlic powder. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and combine the meat mixture with the egg noodles. Add the sour cream, stirring well, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

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**CLUB NEWS**
No news is good news!!! Encourage your club reporter to submit a report on what their CLUB is doing each month! We’re pretty sure some of them were at the fair!

Molly Hammond
Molly Hammond
MSU/ Big Horn County
Extension Agent

Holly Jay
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Extension Agent
All record books need to be turned in to the BHC Extension Office by September 14. It is recommended that members get them to a club leader or to the Extension Office to check for completeness and Gold Seal Standards by September 1. If a record is not complete, each member has until September 14 to work on his/her record and bring it up to the minimum standards for completeness. The job of the person checking club member’s books is to review each book to determine whether it has met the minimum qualifications for being “COMPLETE”. You book is not being judged for “Quality”. The use of different colored ink and handwriting do not count as deductions. Participating in fair does not mean it is complete. Members do not have to participate in fair; however members MUST have completed two (2) Public Speaking events for a completed year.

Completed Record Book—Members must meet these requirements in order to receive a year seal. Complete journals and project books for at least 2/3 of the projects a member is enrolled in. (Example – 2 of 3 projects must be completed, 3 of 5 projects must be completed, 6 of 9 projects must be completed.) Submitted books should include a completed My 4-H Year record sheet. The record sheet should identify at least three goals for the 4-H year and all other sections of the record must be complete. Following the My 4-H Year record should be a Non-Animal Project/Financial Journal or an Animal Record and Journal for each completed project. Each journal should identify 3 goals and all sections of the record must be complete. One Animal Record and Journal can be used if the same animal is used in more than 1 project. Example – breeding and market swine, 1 horse in the ranch and green project. Include project books from completed projects. The number of activities required to complete a project are varied. Books may include other personalized items (e.g. photos, articles, ribbons, memorabilia). Anyone can be nominated for county awards but in order to compete members must have a gold seal record book. Gold Seals are awarded at the Extension office level.

Gold Seal Record Book –To receive a gold seal members must complete the above requirements in addition to those listed below. - Complete journals and project books for ALL projects in which a member is enrolled in for the current 4-H year. (Example 3 of 3, 5 of 5, 9 of 9) - Participate in at least three additional learning activities during the 4-H year and record them in your journal (e.g. speeches, demonstrations, judging, public presentations, fair interview judging, 4-H promotion, teen leadership, etc.) - Include project books for all projects. The number of activities required to complete a project are varied. PROJECT RECORD SHEETS My 4-H Year- All sections of this record sheet must be completed, including three goals and the member and leader’s signature. A picture of the member should be included. Every section must have something listed. If nothing was done in an area or section of a record sheet, write “none”. Members should complete a project journal for every project listed on this sheet. Non-Animal Project and Financial Journal. A Project/financial journal is needed for each non-animal related project. Project journals need to contain the name of the project, the year these records were kept, and a leader/parent signature. All sections of the journal need to be completed. If nothing was done in an area or section of a record sheet, write “none”. Animal Record and Journal –An Animal Records/Journal is needed for each animal related project including any livestock project, cat, dog, rabbit, poultry, pocket pet, etc. They are for all animal projects, not just market projects. Project journals need to contain the name of the project, the year these records were kept, and a leader/parent signature. All sections of the journal need to be completed. If nothing was done in an area or section of a record sheet, write “none”. One journal can be used if the same animal is used in more than 1 project. Example – breeding and market swine, 1 horse for both ranch and green projects.

DEADLINES September 1- contact organizational leader if you desire help with record book. September 14 – ALL record book to BHC Extension Office for final review and judging. October 8 - Achievement Day - Project Awards Ceremony. October 9 Awards & Record Books available to pick up at the Extension Office - Nov. 15 Enrollment deadline for returning members and leaders.
Criteria for Project Awards

Name ___________________________________ Club ____________________________

My 4-H Year (this area needs to be looked at once...but may be looked at more 😊)

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| Is required manual included with correct # of completed activities |
| Are 3 goals identified |
| Is there a photo |
| Is "learning" journaled by member |
| Leadership related to project |
| Community service activities related to project |
| Demo related to project |
| Financial pages complete & totaled (both animal & non-animal) |

Recommend for award: Y/N Y/N Y/N Y/N Y/N

Comments /Suggestions: _____________________________________________

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Additional Awards Areas (can be found in "My 4-H Year" or "Project Journal"):

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