2018...HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Thank you all for making 2017 memorable and successful for all of us & the Big Horn County 4-H Program. We hope that the New Year brings you much happiness. Remember we are here to answer your 4-H questions and concerns.

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PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS

If your club has a great idea to improve our community but are shy of funds, consider applying for a People Partner Grant. Money is available from the Montana 4-H Foundation. Applications can be found at www.montana4h.org and are due in Bozeman by February 1, 2018.

2017-2018 4-H ENROLLMENT

If you are still recruiting new members into your 4-H clubs remind them to get their paper work to the Extension office by February 1, 2018 to participate in the 2018 4-H fair! Also, we have some members with their paper work turned in; but no money and vice versa. This is needed for your enrollment to be considered complete. Current membership in the BHC Program is 122 members & 52 leaders. Current membership fees are: $10.00 family fee; $6.00 leader & $3.00 member dues.

Project Manuals & Materials

We are always willing to help you with ordering the required manuals for your 4-H project year. If you have already ordered your materials, but have yet to receive them, they may still need to be paid for. If you still need materials they can be ordered at any time. We are happy to help! 4-H is an educational program and the required manuals are all research based to offer 4-H'ers a lot of learning. When ordering and paying for your materials; make checks out to BHC Extension.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING WORKSHOP

4-H is such a great youth development program with uniqueness that speaks for itself, but sometimes it needs promoting and we are going to help you achieve this. The 4-H Council is having a 4-H Livestock Marketing workshop on January 25 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. It is highly suggested that all leaders and members plan on attending.

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS!!

Hey Cloverbuds!! We’ll meet on Friday, January 19 at the Extension Office at 2:00-3:00. Let’s start a new year with fitness fun & personal development. We’d love any cloverbud (age 6-8) to come & join the fun!
LEADER OPPORTUNITIES
WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM
Make new 4-H friends at the 2018 WRLF in sunny San Diego, CA. This event will take place at the Crowne Plaza San Diego-Mission Valley on March 1-4, 2018. For more on this event, go to: ucanr.edu/sites/WRLF_2018. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience California hospitality.

JANUARY SUPERINTENDENTS & 4-H LEADER’S COUNCIL
The Superintendents will meet on January 11 at 6:00 pm to be followed by the Council meeting at 7:00 in the Community Rm of the Extension Office. New officers will take their seats, 4-H constitution will be read, public speaking events will be discussed. Please help us make decisions to strengthen the 4-H program and ‘Make the Best Better’. Everyone is welcome.

INSURANCE & OTHER STUFF
We have been asked what the benefits are in signing up as a 4-H leader in Big Horn County. As a volunteer leader, you’ll help youth to discover their passions, practice self-reflection and set goals. But more than that… you help mentor youth in the development of their head, heart, health & hands! Leaders are asked to fill out the required paperwork that allows the Montana 4-H Program to conduct a simple background check ($30). This allows you to work in many situations with our 4-H members. This would include: acting as a project leader, a chaperone, transporting youth and assisting at or guiding a 4-H event. Your membership dues also cover you with an insurance policy from American Income Life. Leaders meet every other month at the extension office for “Leaders Council” and all dues paid leaders have a vote on matters of business. Volunteers are the heartbeat of 4-H and we rely on them to keep our program strong. Your input into the lives of our 4-H youth is invaluable and we thank you for “Making the Best Better.”

IT’S A TEEN THING!
JUNIOR LEADERS
Junior Leaders will meet again on February 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Any 4-H member 13 years or older are welcome to join. Come develop leadership ideas & become more active in your community. They had a FUN-d raising time on December 1 at the Hardin Christmas Stroll! Call Molly at 665-9770 with questions.

2018 STATE REC LAB: “The Magic of 4-H”
The 2018 Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be held in Thompson Falls on March 23-25. This event provides youth an opportunity to meet other youth across the state, develop skills & participate in recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events & other unexpected moments. Rec Lab is for youth 13 & older as of Oct. 1, 2107. Participants will stay at Flathead High School. Registration fee is $100 by March 8. Event details are available on line and registration is handled through the Ext. Office.

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS
A quick note to start you thinking about Montana 4-H Congress. This annual event takes place on the MSU Bozeman campus July 11-14, 2017...(pre-congress is from July 8-10). It is a great time of workshops, competition & fun!

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 2:00 pm.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?
Interested in making money? Publicizing 4-H?
The River Valley Farmer’s Market 2018, in downtown Hardin, needs vendors, veggie & FLOWER growers, non-profits, baked goods, car washes, activities for young children, petting zoos, demos & more! The weekly markets run from Mid-August to Mid-September. Consider this with your clubs as you plan your 4-H year.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
The MSU/Big Horn County Extension Office will be closed on:
January 1 ~ New Years Day
January 15~ ML King, Jr. Day
Have Safe and Happy Holidays!
JUST 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 about 20 minutes & is required for all riders - once between ages 9-13 and again at age 14 & up.

Horse Meeting
There’ll be a youth horse workshop on Monday January 22, at 6:30 at the Extension Office. This is for all leaders and members who want to have impact and input in the 4-H Program.

NATIONAL WESTERN ROUNDUP
Join the excitement in Denver, Colorado on January 4-7, 2018 and be part of the National Western Roundup/Stock Show. Western National Roundup, a tradition for 98 years, was originally designed to recognize state and national winners. As the 4-H program has changed to meet the needs of youth today so has Western National Roundup. This year’s event, like the ones that preceded it, will not only recognize excellence but also provide an outstanding, educational opportunity for 4-H youth.

LADIES AGRICULTURE NIGHT
Something for our 4-H Moms! Join us for an evening of agriculture education & fun!! There’ll be a Ladies Agriculture Night on January 10 at the Fairgrounds starting at 5:30 pm. The evening will include: door prizes, a great meal, guest speakers and more. Please call 665-9770 to register by January 5, 2018 so we can give our final count to the caterer. There is no fee for this great evening!

January Birthdays
January 6.................Hope Denney
January 8..................Luke Ragland
January 12..............Ashton Hecker
January 15..............Courtney Uffelman
January 20...............McKenzie Morrison
January 21..............Tristan Nordquist
January 25..............Shane Trusty & Leighton Green

WHERE’S THE BEEF???
BEEF TAGGING & WEIGH-INS
Yellowstone Co Fair – January 20 at PAYS
Big Horn County Fair–March 3 at Public Scales

MATE Show & Home/Health Expo
February 15-17, 2018
The Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE) is a large agri-trade show, held annually in Billings. This show is held in conjunction with the Home & Health Expo. The MATE exhibits include large machinery and seed & fertilizer reps. Cattlemen & farmers alike will find the displays of equipment and exhibits very worth while. The Home & Health Expo offers a nice compliment to any farm and ranch operation. These shows take care of your basic household needs and your health. Exhibits everything from windows, decking, furnaces to hearing screenings, skincare and blood draws. Hours: Thurs/Fri: 10am-6pm, Sat: 10am-5pm

PUBLIC SPEAKING...FOR ALL!!!
2018 PERFORMING ARTS DAY
The first ‘public speaking event’ will be the January 28 PERFORMING ARTS Contest. A Registration form for this event was found in the December 4-H newsletter...but you can register by calling the Extension Office at 665-9770 by January 8, 2018. 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 also include:
PerformingArts-January28, 2018 2:00 pm
Demo Day – March 18, 2018
Fashion Review-April 14, 2018
Cook Off/Food Fare-Monday–April 27, 2018
Livestock Judging – June 2, 2018
Horse Judging – June 7, 2018
Big Horn County Fair-July 30-Aug 5, 2018
Keep this in mind & watch for details as we schedule these dates/events. This is a great tool to “Make the Best Better” & let our members shine.

4-H SUPPORTERS
Each month we recognize community members who faithfully support our program. We continue to recognize our 2017 Market Sale buyers. Please thank them with your appreciation & support their businesses. The total revenue generated from our market sale was $191,276.00!
Jim & Kathy Genatone Bud’s Catering
Gary & Janet Stevenson First Interstate Bank
Ray & Reese IGA Little Horn State Bank
4-H SKILLS FOR LIFE

Please join FCS/4-H Agent, Holly Jay, for some sewing fun! 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.

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 register by January 2.

Quilting - Feb. 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.
Experienced sewers ONLY.

STATE WIDE ARCHERY SHOOTS
We are passing on some Archery Shoot dates & locations. Keep watching for details. They might be fun for our archers & leaders!
Feb. 10 - Big Timber
Feb. 17 - Ravalli County
Feb 24 -Fort Benton

CITIZENSHIP; MONTANA & BEYOND!
Don’t miss any opportunity that 4-H can offer you! Citizenship starts in the home but continues to grow. Please check out the following 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 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 program.

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

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 19 members who, by the “new member” or “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 17 at Billings MATE Show at 3:00
Mar. 5 at 6:30 at the BHC Extension Office
April 26 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

CLUB NEWS

Community Hustlers 4-H Club
We met on December 8, 2017 Extension Office. Pledges were led by Caleb. There were 21 people there, minutes and reports were given. We reviewed old business & discussed caroling on December 15. We discussed our Valentines for Veterans and buying hats for our members. We talked about buying hats for our club to wear at 4-H fair. Meeting was adjourned. Myah and Hannah gave a demo on record keeping. We had snacks and did a brain teaser. Respectfully, Hannah Mark, Secretary

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

Holly Jay
MSU/BHC Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Science & 4-H Agent
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