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FINAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CLASSES

There are several members who still need to attend the required Quality Assurance Training. There are two classes being offered. **One is in Billings at PAYS on June 2 from 9:00-10:30 am. The second is on June 11 at the Custer High School at 7:00 pm.** QA is a term used in animal agriculture which refers to the production of wholesome and safe food. Members must attend with a parent/guardian. The training includes videos, hand outs and hands-on work. There is also group discussion on good animal husbandry. If you’re in an animal project; but do not complete this training; you will not be allowed to compete at fair.



**DROP/ADDS**

June 1 is the deadline for dropping & adding projects. If you know that you will not be able to finish a project that you’re currently enrolled, in please make your club leader aware of it. If you want to add a project, now would be the time. Make sure this has been taken care of by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If you’re adding a project and need manuals, make sure to order them, through our office, as soon as possible.



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.



**DEMONSTRATE YOUR 4-H KNOWLEDGE WITH FASHION!!!**

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> 4-H Council Meeting it was announced that we would have a county wide Demonstrations Day along with a Fashion Revue/Quilt Show on May 25 at 2:30 pm. These contests will take place in the BHC Courthouse Community and Conference Rooms. We hope members will consider these opportunities of learning, competition & fun!

**BIG HORN COUNTY NEWS & COMMUNITY ROOM BULLETIN BOARD**

We thank the Big Horn County News staff for their support of 4-H. We're happy clubs take the opportunity to put articles in the paper and other daily publications. They are happy to work with us! If you missed your assigned month submit something anyway! Please be courteous to them & honor their publication deadlines.

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**INITIALS IN NEWSLETTER**

Congratulations to Cheyenne Hawthorne for finding her initials in the April Newsletter! Every month we randomly select one members or leaders birth date/initials and put them in the regular text of the newsletter like this (abc01/01/2007). If you find your initials & call the Extension Office...you'll collect \$5.00 from the 4-H Council. We'll continue this every month. So...readers....beware! There are big bucks to be earned!

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

June 2.....Sean Trusty  
June 7.....Spencer Leligdowicz  
June 11.....Dean Delp  
June 13.....Tyler Manolis  
June 16.....Savannah Green & Rachel Strom  
June 17..Bailey Torralba, Tanner Delp & Milo Paz  
June 19.....Larissa Kruger  
June 20.....Tanner Haug  
June 22.....Laramie Haug  
June 23.....Daniel LaFontaine  
June 27.....Kim Wacker

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!**

**♪ I LOVE A PARADE ♪**

Your club should start planning for Little Big Horn Days! To enter a float in the Saturday , June 23 parade in Hardin; contact Debbie at 665-1867 by June 20. The theme for the parade is "Hardin: The Past 100 Years". There is also a kids parade on Friday, June 22!! Have fun everyone!!

**FEATHERED FRIEND FOCUS**

**CHEEP...CHEEP...CHEEP!**

Most of our poultry kids, by now, have your chicks. If you have any questions about that please let Carrie know. In poultry workshop they have been working on bird parts, feather & wing ID & breed history. It is time to begin thinking about which birds you plan to bring to fair. Use the knowledge you've gained to pick the best qualified birds. The next poultry meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at the BHC Fairgrounds under the show barn at 6:00 pm. Please bring your bird and prepare to practice showing. If you have any questions please call Carrie McCleary at 665-3673.

**GLASGOW FEATHER FEST**

There'll be a celebration of prairie birds on June 8-10 in Glasgow! Valley County Extension has partnered with several agencies to offer some very fun bird watching tours in the Glasgow area. We have information available in our office or call 228-6241.

"Children are a great comfort  
in your old age~ they help you  
reach it faster, too!"

Happy Father's Day!  
Sunday, June 17, 2007

**COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION**

A few 4-H Leaders and Hardin business people are trying to get some help from 4-H members &/or clubs in an effort to try to spiff up the community! One club has already taken the "Triangle" by Schoen's Auto Part, & is decorating it seasonally with plans of keeping it up year round! In some instances it may only be a commitment of picking up trash...but your club may want to plant flowers or trees!! If this is something you would like to do let us know & we'll see that all interested parties be in contact with each other!



**YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet; (2) the Montana 4-H Council & (3) the Montana 4-H Foundation. A single application can be used for any of these positions & is available at the Extension Office. This is a great opportunity for youth in Big Horn County to be heard at a state level with 4-H.



## JULY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL & SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING

4-H Superintendents Meeting & Leaders Council will be on July 12 at 6:00 & 7:00 pm respectively at the Fairgrounds. Please help us make decisions to strengthen the 4-H program & 'Make the Best Better!' Council meetings are open to all!

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### FABULOUS FUN & FOOD

Thank you members & judges who helped make our May 11<sup>th</sup> 4-H Cook-Off!! Four clubs were represented & a great time was had by all! We're happy to announce our winners.

Senior Division - Becky Dale - First Place

Intermediate Division - Summer Zier - First Place

Danielle Anderson - Blue

Dannielle Farmer - Blue

Julia Farmer- Blue

Christian Torralba - Blue

Junior Division - Katie McCleary - First Place

Edible Art - Joey Dale/Brock Miklovich - Winners

(Blues) Danielle Anderson, Deanna Stieber, Bailey Torralba, Katie McCleary & Austin McCleary

\_\_\_\_ Thanks to both Subway & Dairy Queen for providing prizes for all our participants. We appreciate your support!

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### LEADER TO LEADER CORNER

We are continuing our "Leader to Leader" feature in our newsletter. We hear great ideas in our office that come from you...our 4-H Leaders & we like to pass them along!

Several of our leaders use our local media very well to publicize not only their club events; but the 4-H Program. There are two daily publications in Hardin, as well as a very high quality weekly newspaper. We also encourage you to use radio and television as well.

If you have an idea that you'd let us share, please call us & share! We'd love to pass it on to other leaders!

## WHAT'S HOPPENING!! RABBIT WORKSHOPS

We hope you hop in for a couple rabbit workshops on June 9 at 8:00 am and June 13 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Members are asked to

bring tools and supplies for cage

building at both meetings and the

bunnies to the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

for worming. If you have further

questions...please contact Julie Stieber at 665-1382.

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### HEY YOU PARENTS!

This is challenge to all parents to participate at our fair. If you brought items [other than your kids] to fair last year. Thanks so much for joining in the FUN! If not, hop on the bandwagon & bring something this year! It was great to see the variety of your talents last year and we hope to see them again this year- this includes you too Dad! You can bring crops, leatherwork, needlepoint, baked items, sewn items, embroidery, knitting, weaving, ceramics, painting, sketching, scrapbooks, photos, etc. If you can't think of anything call the office they will have some ideas for you! Just haul it all on in along with the kids, your animals, indoor projects, and attitude ready to have a fabulous fair!

**Motivation is what gets  
you started. Habit is what  
keeps you going!**

### MOOOOVIN' ALONG!

#### BEEF MEMBERS WORKSHOP

Beef Superintendent, Jennifer Stimpson is scheduling a meat processing plant tour in June. This will give our beef members a chance to experience their project from beginning to end! If you are interested in this tour please contact Jennifer Stimpson at 639-2424.

#### MONTANA JUNIOR BEEF EXPO

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Montana Junior Beef Expo is set for June 14-16 at the Fergus County Fairgrounds. Any junior members of a beef breed association as well as any member of 4-H or FFA are welcome to participate. Activities included: livestock judging, open showmanship show, jackpot show sales and more! There is a family BBQ on Thursday, June 14 and much planned for the whole family. For more information call Mike or Mardi at 538-2164.

## **LOTS&’ HORSIN’ AROUND!**

### **WALD RANCH HORSE CAMP**

Coming soon! Nate, TJ & Jackson Wald are making preparations for their Annual 4-H Horse Camp on June 2-3. We are including a registration form on page 10 of this newsletter! They have a fun camp planned & are able to keep the cost very reasonable.

### **MSU YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP CLASS**

The 2007 Youth Horsemanship Class will be offered in Bozeman in June 25-29. The camp offers its participants experience on topics including first aid, roping, showing, grooming, rodeo, trail riding /obstacle courses, and much more! The camp is limited to 50 students & registration deadline is May 31. The cost of the camp is

\$290 which includes instruction,

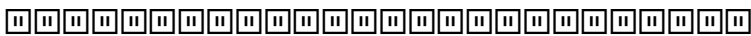
dorms, meals and horse boarding.

### **LOCAL HORSE SHOWS**

We received info on a Classic 5 Horse Show Series held at the Metra SuperBarn. They’ll be on the following dates: June 2, June 16, June 23 & July 14. These are Open Shows & ponies to drafts are welcome. There’ll be 84 Classes – Western, English, Driving, Reining for all ages. For more call: Duane at (373-0070) or Kat (254-2520 ).

### **HORSE ID SHEET**

Horse Project Members! We need your horse ID sheet by June 1<sup>st</sup> in the Extension Office. If you are using the same horse as last year we need a new form...but not new pictures if you are using a new horse or colt we will need the three photo view set of pictures.



## **4-H INCENTIVE PRIZES**

We have fliers in our office from a company that makes very cute 4-H Beanie baby-type stuffed animal. They range from \$5-\$10 in price. They also carry ball caps, flip-flops, book bags and more! Organizational leaders can pick up the fliers and make them available to their club members & Parents. Samples are in our office!

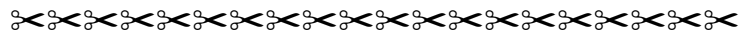
**FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE-**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**JUNE 25, 2007 AT 5:00**

## **FAIR SKILL-A-THON**

Skill-a-thons are a fun tool used to teach and test members on their knowledge of their 4-H Projects. There are adults who are putting together a skill-a-thon for our members at fair! The Skill-a-thon is scheduled to take place on Tuesday of fair week & should be a lot of fun! Teams can be formed the day of the event!! Skill-a-thons are also avenues that 4-H members can use to attend Montana 4-H Congress! Hope to see you there!!



### **SEW WHAT’S NEW!**

#### **Quilting Class**

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 15 at 1:00-3:00 pm for a fun time of beginning quilting. Kelly Zier will be going over some quilting basics and a simple block. She asks participants to bring sewing machines (may be dropped off Thursday eve.) and any quilting supplies they may already have. If you are interested in attending call 665-9770 for a list of supplies.

#### **95¢ Butterick & McCall’s Patterns**

We have a packet of info from the McCall Pattern Co. in our office. They have great Butterick & McCall patterns for only 95¢! If you’ve priced patterns lately, you know what a great deal this is! The patterns vary from home crafts to the latest in clothing trends & styles! Stop by our office and place your order!

#### **Quilt Show**

Big Horn Quilters & the Under Cover Gals will soon be having their annual quilt show at the Library. The quilt show will be June 8- July 20. Anyone wishing to display quilted items need to have them to the library by June 8 or call 665-1808. Quilts are a way for our older members to participate & compete at Montana 4-H Congress.

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## **TEENS IN ACTION!!**

Our Teens-In-Action group met on May 6 to start planning for their June Leadership camp in Red Lodge on June 5-7, 2007. They have a great camp planned including crafts, team building, campfires and more!! This camp is not limited to the members who have already attended TIA meetings! They are very interested in your participation, as well! They encourage you to contact Matt at 665-9773 & see what they are all about...they’d love to have you join them!

## BIG HORN COUNTY TWEENERS!!

Our Tweener group will be meeting again on June 4 in the community room at 7:00 pm to start firming up our plans for the August intrastate exchange! If you are 9-12 years-old and would love to ride a stage coach, explore a cave, swim in a canyon or attend a pow-wow with friends... then we have some great opportunities for you!!! We have begun to work with the Gallatin County Extension Office on this exchange. We will be 'sending' our Tweens to Bozeman on August 10-12 & will be hosting the Bozeman Tweens on August 17-19. We are thankful to Neden's Trucking (4-H Parents-Shawn & JoAnn ☺) for their generous donation of a bus & fuel to transport our youth on this adventure!



### SIT! STAY! COME!

It's Spring! Time to get out your training collars & leashes and TRAIN THOSE DOGS ! Obedience Classes began April 10 & continue on Tuesday evenings throughout the spring & summer. Remember. First year dogs (& their trainers) will start at 6:30 pm. Second year and higher dogs (& their trainers) will start at 7:15 pm at the Fairgrounds. Plan to arrive a little early to allow your dog to check out a new environment. Please bring: training collar, leash, treats, water, cleanup bags. You must attend a minimum of 4 obedience classes to participate in Fair or in agility classes. Questions? Call Esther at 665-3979.



### BRAND AN ANIMAL FOR 4-H

The Montana 4-H Foundation "Brand An Animal for 4-H" program helps 4-H Youth throughout the state. By branding an animal for 4-H, you enable more kids to experience 4-H. Once branded, the animal becomes property of Montana 4-H. When sold, the state brand inspector, sees that the proceeds are sent to the Montana 4-H Foundation.



### NURSING HOME VISITATION

We have had a request from our local nursing homes for 4-H members to come to visit residents at the local nursing homes. You can bring in kids with animals, kids with demonstrations, kids with 4-H projects....or just kids with smiles!! Nursing home residents have a great wealth of life experiences to share and both groups, young & old, can learn so much from each other! If you are interested call Joe in Hardin at 665-2802 or Bobby in Crow Agency at 638-9111.

## KNEE DEEP IN...SHEEP

### Sheep Weigh-In

Sheep weigh-in will be on Saturday, June 2 at the BHC Fairgrounds at 8:00 am. All market lambs and goats that will be weighed MUST be scrapie tagged. Lamb docks will be measured with a 1/2" dowel to measure a minimum of 1 1/2". Curious about Scrapie?? Read on...

### Online Scrapie Guide

If you have questions about scrapie tagging you may want to go to the following online site: [www.sheepindustrynews.com/scrapie\\_guide](http://www.sheepindustrynews.com/scrapie_guide). This is a state recommended site that may answer your questions.

### Columbia Sheep Breeders-Starter Flock Program

The Columbia Sheep Breeders Association has a program for kids ages 11-18 to begin in the sheep industry with a starter flock of Columbia Sheep. The recipient would receive four registered Columbia ewes & maintain the flock for three years. At that time, the animals & it's progeny would become sole property of the owner. For more information, program requirements & an application call the Big Horn County Extension Office at 665-9770.

### Suffolk Sheep Breeders Ewe Grant Program

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association was founded in 1981. The purpose of the association is to foster, promote and develop the Suffolk breed and the sheep industry in general. The MSSBA is awarding one \$200 grant to be used for the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or yearling lamb. This grant is for male or female between the ages of 9 and 16 and a resident of the state of Montana. For more information call the Extension Office at 665-9770.

### Big Horn County New Sheep Superintendent

The Big Horn 4-H Program is very appreciative of Mr. Tyler Manolis stepping up to the plate and taking the glamorous position of sheep superintendent!! We could not operate with out the work of our incredible volunteers! Tyler will be conducting the June 2 weigh-in and is reminding members of the tail docking rule (refer to your fairbook—page # 23!) Also remember, your sheep must be scrapie tagged at this time. If you have further questions about this contact the Extension Office at 665-9770.

## BIG HORN COUNTY YOUTH & 4-H FAIR

Before you know it...fair will be upon us!!

Please mark your calendars with these important dates!!

- Fair books & entry forms out.....March 8
- Fair entry deadline.....June 25
- Fair Set-up.....July 30
- Indoor Check-in & Project Judging.....July 31
- Livestock Check - in & Skill-A-Thon.....August 1
- Round-Robin.....August 3
- Market Sale, Buyers Dinner & Style Show.....August 4
- Clean-up & Check out!!.....August 5

Deadlines are FIRM!!...No Grace Period on deadline!!

## YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

The eighth annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Montana 4-H will be held on June 8-10 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre at the Jim & Fran Buell cabin site. The camp fee is \$40.00 & there is a \$20.00 scholarship available to the first 60 youth who apply. For more information contact Jim or Fran at 376-3178.



## MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

Montana State 4-H Congress is designed to provide educational & state level competitive events to Montana 4-H'ers age 14 & older as of October 1, 2006. State Congress is held at MSU-Bozeman. Congress will be July 10-13 and they have chosen "2007 Montana 4-H Congress: Your Passport to Adventure" as their theme. If you turned 14 by October 1, 2006 and are interested in attending congress....you and your parents will need to beat the June 8<sup>th</sup> Congress Orientation at 3:00 pm in the community room. There are many areas that members can compete in to earn a national trip to Atlanta or Denver. They include: Stir-ups, Horse Judging, Demonstrations, Livestock, Skill-A-Thon, Gavel Games, Fashion Revue & Quilting, public speaking & more! Along with this there is plenty of opportunity for recreation with some of the finest 4-H youth from across the state!



## OFFICE CLOSURE!!

**The MSU/BHC Extension Office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day!**

## MONTANA RANGE DAYS

Teens, pre-teens & parents who want to learn more about Montana's vast rangelands should plan to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Range Days. The event will be packed with fun, hands-on workshops for all ages. Participants will learn the best land management practices, how soils influence plants & water, how to identify plants and what makes them different & how to follow changes in types of range. After a day of learning, members can compete in many areas of range-related competitions. There is plenty to do for all ages, including range management tours. Range Days will be held June 18-20 in Conrad. Participants will travel to various range sites each day. Families can camp at the Conrad School or stay at a local motel. Fees are: \$30/individual or \$80 per family prior to June 1. Registration includes & meals. Questions? Call Kody Farkell 278-7611.



## FAIR BOOKS, PROJECT MANUALS & MORE!

Every 4-H Family should have their 2007 Big Horn County Fair Book. Also included were your fair entry forms. Please note that there is NO GRACE PERIOD for fair enrollment. Also, you may still need to order your project manuals. Most projects require members to do manual work for their project. If you are unsure...please contact the Extension Office. Remember; your records are checked at fair for completion to date! If you need project record pages; take care of that now, too! If we have left you scratching your head.....and none of this makes sense!!...please call us at 665-9770 and let us help you!!!

*Whatever you do, put romance and enthusiasm into the life of our children!*

*~Margaret Ramsey MacDonald*

## 4-H SUPPORTERS

We thank those community members who faithfully support 4-H. We continue to recognize our buyers from our Market Sale. As always, we ask that you thank them with your appreciation & support them with your business. Don't forget...it is not too early to start talking to your 'buyers' for the 2007 sale!

- First Interstate Bank
- Little Horn State Bank
- Dorn Farms
- Colleen Schaak
- Sugar Factory Vet



# 4-H Leaders Council

May 10, 2007

The May Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Pres. Jill Dale.

Minutes were read with one correction made. The left over garage sale stuff went to the Heart of Hope House, not the Jail House Gallery. The treasurer's report and correspondence were read and announcements given. Royal Noyes has resigned as fairgrounds grounds keeper so they are looking for a new one. Royal will be missed and if you see him thank him for the good work he did while he was there. Reports were given on the Superintendents meeting, Teens in Action, Fund Raising events, P.J.Party, Penny Carnival, Horse QA and Goat Day. Old Business: Showmanship buckles have been ordered. Letters will be sent to families that are only allowed to pre-pay concession stand bills at Fair. If they were late paying their bill they cannot charge - only pre pay. Tyler Manolis is our new sheep superintendent. Thank you Tyler - it's good to have you back. Market Goats will weigh in the same day/time as sheep. If the goats need scrappie tags contact the office, they have info on this. The LAST QA is set for June 11th in Custer. If you need to take it, be there or attend one in Yellowstone County. If you have not taken it before fair you CANNOT show. Billie Jo made a motion and Tammy 2nd for the council to pick up some of the registration fees for congress delegates. Up to \$500.00 total. Motion passed. The beef issue(s) have been tabled till the July Council Meeting. New Business: make sure our judge can do fleece, meat & dairy goats. Fair this year has a theme - Nature - so clubs design your decorations after the theme. The office is looking for host families for intrastate exchange Teens in Action kids, ages 9 -12, they come the 3rd week of August. Contact the office for more info. State Congress participants orientation is June 12th. A motion was made by Tammy and seconded by Scott to have additional showmanship age divisions for the 2008 fair. It will be 8-10, 11-13, 14-19 or something to that effect. Motion passed. May 25th will be fashion revue, demo day and speech competitions in the community room at 2:30 p.m. Any kid interested in going on a trip in June to see how and where steaks and roasts and such are cut up need to get travel certificates filled out and into the office. Leonard moved & Julie seconded that 3 graduates will receive the scholarship this year. Motion passed. They are Jessica Mitchell, Brandon Uffleman & Sam Buffington. Matt would like appropriate 4-H pictures from clubs to put on the new office website. Horse camp forms are in the office to be filled out. A motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stimpson

