



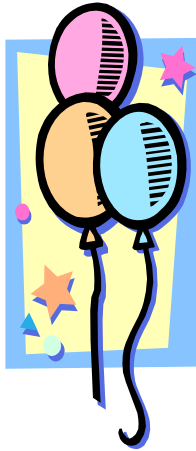
Sanders County Dispatch 4-H News

October 2010

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

- 3 Ethan Snell
- 3 Madeline Snell
- 5 Abi Mitch
- 6 Alexandra Green
- 7 Nicolas Farmer
- 7 Jade LaDeaux
- 11 Tally Torgerson
- 14 Kyle Cox
- 14 Nicole Ribeiro
- 15 Jackson Woods
- 16 Marsada Sweet
- 17 Emma Beech
- 21 Cole Gruwell
- 22 Riley Wood
- 23 Morgan Legard
- 24 J.J. Bankhead
- 24 Cody Warnock
- 25 Charlene Johnson
- 28 Adrienne Corning
- 28 Sarah Peters
- 29 Theresa Fausett



NOVEMBER

- 3 Stormy Knerr
- 4 Jessica Legard
- 4 Sam Rehbein
- 6 Tibb Carr
- 10 Dusty Dettwiler
- 13 Wyatt Winebrenner
- 26 Alyssa Foster
- 30 Tucker Foster
- 30 Gabriella Pallister



** Sorry if we missed your birthday. Dates are taken from enrollments. Please let the office know of any corrections.*



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Change for the Challenge

The Montana 4-H Foundation has received a challenge to raise up to \$100,000 that will be matched dollar for dollar by the Taylor Foundations. Change for the Challenge encourages 4-H members, families and clubs to save change to donate until December of 2011. The Sanders County 4-H Council has issued a challenge to clubs to participate. The Sanders County club that raises the most money (based on percentage per member) for Change for the Challenge by June 30th, 2011 will receive a special award. More info about the award will be available in the next Dispatch. So get out there and start collecting change!



4-H Achievement Day

Sunday, November 7th. 3:00 pm
Thompson Falls Elementary
School Cafeteria

**Join the Sanders County 4-H
Community for a potluck, 2009-2010
4-H Awards, and a Silent Auction to
benefit 4-H Council.**

Please bring a dish to share
for the potluck and an item for
the silent auction.

We look forward to
seeing you there!

***Thank You to the Heron-
Noxon Explorers 4-H Club
Achievement Day hosts***

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EXTENSION

Fair Kitchen/Dining Hall Notes



A big **THANK YOU** to all leaders, members and parents who cheerfully worked in the 4-H kitchen at the Fair !!

Thank you to all other volunteers who were not a part of 4-H who worked! We appreciate you!!

Kathy Legard, Scott & Sharon Legard thanks for a great job managing the Dining Hall!

Winners of the drawing for working extra hours in the 4-H kitchen are:

**Travis Legard,
Jessica Legard,
Alex Thomas, &
Morgan Legard**

They each win \$20.00.

Thank you to everyone who put in extra time!!

Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum

January 28-30 · Helena MT

Mark your calendars for Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum on January 28-30 in Helena! This is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event you will network with other leaders from around the state, gain new ideas and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. The Forum features Friday night demonstrations of Yoga on Horseback and Dog Agility and Herding. There is a great lineup of workshops including organic agriculture, wool, meat goats, hoof care and function, youth agriculture loans, livestock judging, horse skill-a-thon and much more! Watch for registration materials in November. For more information contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at 406-447-8346.



Check out the New Projects!

Looking for something new this year in 4-H? Check out the 4-H Clover to learn more about the newest 4-H projects available in Montana:

Theater arts · Communication ·
International Citizenship · Meat Goat · and more!

THANK YOU from the Cook Staff!

Kathy, Scott & Sharon Legard wish to express their appreciation to the many 4-H families who worked in the kitchen throughout the fair.

Thanks for a great year!



* Club Treasury Audit (2010)

Club Leaders: Club treasurer records were due to Kathy McEldery, Council Treasurer on September 30. If you have not already turned yours in, please do so ASAP!! Books may also be turned into the Extension Office. This audit is required by the State 4-H program.



IMPORTANT!!

Attention Members Enrolling in Livestock Projects



All members enrolling in the Livestock projects must complete the **4-H Livestock Housing Request** form. This form will indicate whether you plan to house your animal at your own residence or some other place. This form must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office **PRIOR** to possession of the animal. If you plan to house the animal somewhere other than at your own residence the livestock committee must review the form including information indicating how you are able to routinely care for the animal, where the animal will be housed, the pen conditions, and the distance it will be away from your home. The Livestock committee will then determine if the housing arrangement will allow the member to meet the 4-H recommendations for that project. These forms will be available from your organizational leader, animal project leader, or the Extension Office or under forms on the 4-H website.



4-H Dates to Remember

October - Heron-Noxon Explorers Club – Responsible for display in Glass Case @ State Building

- 15-16 Shooting sports Training - Conrad, MT
- 15 Alberta Leaders Conference Application deadline
- 21-23 Ambassador Fall Training - Fairmont Hot Springs
- 28 Enrollment Forms & Fees due in Extension Office for 2010-2011 (submit to club prior to this date)

November

- 7 Achievement Day – T. F Elementary Cafeteria – 3pm
- 25 National 4-H Congress – Atlanta, Georgia

December - Trout Creek Mavericks Club – Responsible for display in Glass Case @ State Building

- 1 Deadline for Club enrollments, Club year program plan, & Club officer list into Extension Office
- 1 Deadline for sign up for Citizenship Seminar
- 7 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – State Building – T. F.

January

- 1 Citizenship Washington Focus application deadline
- 14-16 Alberta Leaders Conference
- ? Legislative Breakfast – Helena
- 28-30 MT Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum - Helena

February - Thompson Falls Mountaineers Club – Responsible for display in Glass Case @ State Building

- 1 People Partner Grant apps due in State 4-H Office
- 6-18 Fruit Sales & Bulb sales
- 27-3/1 Citizenship Seminar - Helena

March

- 6 & 12 Stir-ups
- 6 & 12 Demonstration days
- 20 Demonstration Finals day

April - ? _____ ? Club – Responsible for display in Glass Case @ State Building

- 2-7 National 4-H Conference – National 4-H Center, Cherry Chase, MD (<http://4hconf.4-h.org>)

May

- 1 Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade

June - Whitepine Happy Workers Club – Responsible for display in Glass Case @ State Building

- 11-18 Citizenship Washington Focus - Washington DC (www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org)

July

- 10-12 Pre Congress – Bozeman
- 12-15 4-H Congress - Bozeman

August - ? _____ ? Club – Responsible for display in Glass Case @ State Building.

- 27 Fair Readiness Day
- 31 Sanders County Fair

September

- 1-4 Sanders County Fair

Leaders, please contact the Extension Office to let know when your club would like to do your display in the glass case.

People Partner Grants

Does your club have ideas for improvements in your community? Would you like to make improvements at the fairgrounds? Here is an opportunity for you to apply for the funds to make it happen. The Montana 4-H



Foundation awards People Partner Grants to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. NOW is the time to get started on the paper work. Information is available at the Extension Office or online at

<http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31>

Applications are due February 1st.

2011 Montana 4-H Calendars



As the leaves fall, we know that the new year is not very far around the corner. What would the new year be without a Greytak calendar? These calendars are now available for purchase.

They have monthly prints by Montana artist, Don Greytak. Clubs and counties may purchase calendars for \$7.50 each plus shipping. Proceeds of the calendar sales help support 4-H programs in Montana through the Montana 4-H Foundation. If 4-H'ers are interested they may sell the calendars for \$10.00 keeping the \$2.50 for profit for your club. You may get order forms from the Extension Office or order directly from the Montana 4-H Foundation by calling the office (406)994-5911, or fax in an order (406)994-5417. Call the Extension Office if you need order forms or have any questions.

Reminder to 4-H Members

If you won an award at the Fair, please remember to show your appreciation to the donor with a **thank you** note!



Sanders County 4-H Council October 5, 2010

Present: President Sarah Naegeli, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks, Teresa Nelson and Beth Riffle – TF Mountaineers, and Meghan Phillippi, County Extension Agent.

Pledges were recited.

Minutes were approved as sent in the Dispatch.

Treasurer's report included bulb sale results, livestock raffle results, and a cash report. No livestock resales were done this year. Treasury looks okay at this point.

Correspondence was received from Sandy Newman, Michele McGuigan, Mindy Wilson, Beca Gunderson, John Gunderson, Charlene Johnson, Ethan Snell, Abi Mitch, Operation: Military Kids, and International Exchange Programs. 4-H License plate postcards were handed out to use as thank you notes.

Annual financial **club reports** are past due. Please submit reports to Kathy McEldery or the Extension Office ASAP. For the **fair** dining hall, Kathy Legard is working hard to purchase an appropriate amount of food without many leftovers. Karen moved council pay \$250 for an additional kitchen cleanup charge from Fair. Theresa seconded; motion carried. Winners from the drawing for serving extra shifts in the kitchen were Travis Legard, Jessica Legard, Morgan Legard, and Alex Thomas.

Livestock committee may revisit the dog show schedule (maybe an hour later). Shows went well, as did the livestock sale.

Ambassador Fall Training is October 21-23. Susan Woods will chaperon three Ambassadors.

Cloverbud enrollment fee was approved by the Executive Committee to be \$5. Cloverbuds are allowed to vote in club meetings. Written ballots are needed for club elections.

Relay for Life team from 4-H raised about \$400 and had a good time.

State Leadership Forum was September 24-25 in Deer Lodge. New projects were introduced (theater arts, communication, international citizenship, meat goat, and more), plus new books and materials for many existing projects. Hall of Fame posthumous recipient for 2010 is Eileen Wilson, whose husband and family attended the banquet. Eileen will be honored in addition at Achievement Day.

Council meeting times are tough in the summer because so many activities are on Tuesdays. Would another evening work better? Doodle survey is suggested for meeting night and possibility of using new technology to boost attendance.

Enrollment forms are ready for clubs to pick up, with media consent form on the backs. Clover has last year's cover, but is revised inside with new project information and corrections from last year. Enrollments should include e-mail addresses only if they are a reliable way to contact families in a timely manner. Leaders enrolled in 2009 do not need another background check, but will need to repeat the process if they do not enroll for 2010 but do enroll in 2011. Please submit individual enrollments and dues to club leaders rather than the Extension Office. *Beth moved to require reimbursement for bank fees for checks returned due to insufficient funds. Sally seconded; motion carried.*

Achievement Day will be hosted by Heron-Noxon Explorers, November 7th at Thompson Falls Elementary School at 3:00pm. Silent auction donations are welcome, project and club sharing displays are encouraged.

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Proposed **officers for 2010-2011** include Sarah Naegeli - President; Beth Riffle, Vice-President; Kathy McEldery - Treasurer; and Karen Dwyer - Secretary. *Sally moved that the proposed slate of officers be elected. Teresa seconded. Decision was unanimous.*

Display case schedule was updated, including having Ambassadors being responsible for a display. Schedule for 2010-2011 4-H year was set. Stir-Ups will be offered in two locations. Council agreed two weeks is sufficient for citrus/bulb sales.

Greytak calendars are available for clubs and individuals would like to purchase and/or sell.

Sarah moved to adjourn; Beth seconded. Motion was withdrawn in order to discuss a **grievance policy** encouraged in Montana State Policies and Guidelines. For Sanders County, in the event of a grievance being submitted, a committee of 3-5 people, bound by confidentiality, would be appointed by Council Executive Committee to review the grievance and take action if necessary. *Beth moved to adopt the grievance policy as written in Montana State Policies and Guidelines with changes suggested, effective immediately. Teresa seconded; motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders **Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 6:30 pm FSA Bldg, Plains**

Present: Jim Newman-Chairman, Matt Havens, Sandy Newman, Michele McGuigan, Malcolm McDonald, Carrie Guenzler, Terry Prongua, Roni Mitch, Traci Salmi, Tammy Beerntsen, Deana Torgerson, Stacy & Destry Torgerson, Robert Paro, John Halpop. **Guests:** Dusty Torgerson, Kathy Torgerson, Ruth Ann Carlson, Dana Diehl, Richard Jackson, Carmen Jackson

Minutes of Previous Meeting: approved as presented

Fair Critique and Species Reports:

Livestock Check-In: Went very well, there was no big rush. For 2011 recommend including a information sheets of members in each species. Also develop a member checklist in including “what’s a complete record”, as there were a number of records not up-to-date.

Parking/Camping: Kevin Watson had camping very well organized, barn patrol shifts were covered. Some folks misread the patrol schedule correctly.

Horse: Michele reported the show went very well. Judge Laura Bakker, Missoula does a good job for the members.

Beef: Terry was pleased with judge Tom Ayers. There was foot traffic from the poultry barn during the show.

Sheep/Goat: Sandy reported Jim Moore is well qualified and did a nice job working with the youth. The goat had an obstacle course thanks to Dick Williams. We may want to add “meat goats” in the future.

Swine: Matt reported the older members did a great job and in many instances took responsibility for the barn. Bob mentioned the youth were so good at stewardship they recognized their efforts with ribbons. Potential 2011 improvement project is to cover the dirt by adding concrete to the pen floors.

Raffle: members sold lots of tickets during the weekend. Having the raffle pig go through the arena at the end of the auction stimulated sales.

Dog: The show itself went well. Discussion if the schedule (Wednesday morning) needs to be revisited for 2011.

Cat: Once again Cindy Benson did a very good job of evaluating youth exhibiting in the cat project

Poultry/Rabbit: Tammy mentioned we need to clarify that open class is under ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Assoc.) rules, but not 4-H. She said the rabbit judge did a good & very thorough job.

Market Sale: characterized as a good sale, especially considering the overall economy. Auctioneer Kevin Hill again facilitated a good sale. It was mentioned that we need to ensure buyers clearly understand how the support price system works.

Carcass Evaluation: Thanks to Carrie Guenzler, Darrack McDonald and Wyatt Winebrenner for their assistance collecting data, and Mike Frey, Clark Fork Custom Meats for hosting

Animal identification-A strong discussion took place on tagging/tattooing.

Fair Board Update: Are looking at improving handicap parking access. This might involve changing angle to parallel parking on the road adjacent to the barns, for safety reasons. Request to improve lighting in the goat area of the sheep barn. Due to a sanitation problem in the showers, looking at locking the showers Sunday afternoon.

Nominating Committee: Carrie Guenzler, Deana Torgerson, Bob Paro, Stacy Torgerson, Malcom McDonald.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26. 6:30 pm FSA building, Plains