



Sanders County Dispatch 4-H News



December 2010



Celebrate Montana 4-H 100th Year



4-H Photos Needed!

Montana 4-H is preparing to celebrate the 100th year of 4-H in 2012. The planning committee requests leaders, past leaders, and alumni to submit photos, which will be put in a slide show video.



Fashion Revue 1937
at Congress



Hot Springs 4-H club
The Snappy Stitchers

Please scan and e-mail submissions to jep@midrivers.com. Include with the email any additional information about the photo. If you have photos you would like to submit, but do not have access to email or a scanner send to or drop off at the Extension Office.

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Reflections of 2010



With the holidays upon us, we begin to reflect on the past year, our activities and those who have made a difference in our lives. 4-H alone provides a great deal to reflect on. Throughout the year leaders, parents and members have without a doubt made a positive difference in the lives of each other and their communities through daily actions.

The commitment that each of you make to the Sanders County 4-H Program and each other is truly the strength of our program. We look forward to working with you all in the coming year!

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!

Meghan, John, Shirley & Margaret



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Special Notes

Next Council Meeting Rescheduled

Due to training conflicts in the agent's schedules, the Council has agreed to reschedule the next meeting for Tuesday, January 25. It will again be at 6:30 pm in the State Building in Thompson Falls. As always, all leaders and senior members are encouraged to attend.

Livestock Committee Meetings

The Livestock Committee has set the fourth Monday of each month as their regular meeting day. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm in the FSA building in Plains. As always, all livestock leaders and senior members are encouraged to attend.



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Market Beef Tagging

January 1st

10:00 am—Prongua Scales, Hot Springs

1:30 pm —Jensen's Ranch

3:30 pm—Bill Meadows' Ranch



Beef project members who have not turned in the Live-stock Housing form are asked to please bring it with you to this tagging.

T-shirt Designs

Are you artistic? Have you looked at the Sanders County 4-H incentive t-shirts in the past and thought, "I could do that!" Now is your chance! All Sanders County 4-Hers are invited to submit a design that refers to 4-H. The winning designer will receive a prize and get to see his/her design on t-shirts around the county. Get creative and submit your entry (or entries) to the Extension Office by the council meeting on January 25th. We are looking forward to seeing the entries.



2010 t-shirt design

Important Information for all Members Record Book Format

Organizing your record book can be a challenging and intimidating process. To make it easier, follow these recommended guidelines.

- 1.) Yellow Copy of your Enrollment Form
- 2.) My 4-H Year journal
- 3.) Non-animal Project/Financial journal & Animal journal
- 4.) Optional: Scrapbook pages with pictures &/or any other additions.

The records for the current 4-H year should be on top of or in front of the past 4-H years records.

This makes it easier for your leaders when checking your record books for completeness at the end of the 4-H year.



Quality Assurance Training

In order to be eligible for Steer of Merit, Symbol of Excellence (swine), and Certified Lamb, members must have attended a Quality Assurance training once as a junior and once as a senior. To be eligible this year, all new market animal members must attend a training. Quality Assurance trainings will be held on demonstration days. If you are unsure about your need to attend a training contact the Extension Office.

Sanders County 4-H Fundraiser

Fruit and bulb sales will take place in **February**. Begin thinking of families you know who enjoy oranges, grapefruit, or flowers. Order forms will be available in February.



Members who sell eight cases of fruit or more will be rewarded a t-shirt designed by a Sanders County 4-Her.



The money earned from this fundraiser is used to help members go to camps, take trips, and various other 4-H events benefiting all members and leaders. Also, a percentage goes back to each club.

Members

Which one will YOU do,

Stir-Ups, Demonstrations or a Speech?

It is time to begin thinking about it, because early preparation for any of the events is very wise. Early prep may allow you more practice time, possibly in front of your 4-H club & /or family. This is a great opportunity for experienced members to demonstrate for the new members, thus allowing the new members to get a better idea how to do their demonstration.

You are offered two dates to chose from to participate in Stir-Ups, a demonstration or speech. **If it is impossible for you to participate on one of the dates offered, please contact the 4-H council (Extension Office) and your organizational leader to explain why.** (See calendar inserted for dates.)

Demonstration DVD Available

Though we haven't yet celebrated the New Year, 4-H demonstrations are just around the corner! For some, doing demonstrations can be an intimidating and confusing process. If you fit in this category, consider checking out a DVD showing six Sanders County finalists from 2008. It can be helpful to watch examples as you begin to put your topic together. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to check this DVD out to view at home or a club meeting.

Montana 4-H Rec. Lab

Shelby, MT, April 1-3

Attend Rec Lab and meet new friends, learn fun games and activities and have fun! Put the dates on your calendar and watch for registration materials in early 2011. Members 13 and older by October 1, 2010 are eligible to attend

Purpose – Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, county and community leader.

2011 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

The 2011 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for February 27-March 1, 2011 in Helena. This CIA (citizenship-in-action) event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. 4-H members must be 14 years of age by October 1, 2010 who previously have not attended any Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar. It is recommended that participants are older youth who have had education and experience in various components of citizenship. Each county will be allotted two delegates if registered by the February 1 deadline. After February 1, registration will be open to alternates on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to attend, submit a letter of interest to the Extension Office by Jan. 15. Any leaders interested in chaperoning should contact the Extension Office.



Legislative Breakfast

January 17-18, 2011
Helena, MT

Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and successes of 4-H and MSU Extension. It is held during the years when the legislature is in session and brings youth and adults together from across the state. Sign up deadline: Send a letter of interest explaining why you would like to attend by January 1st to the Extension Office.

2011 Ag Day Essay Contest

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on 7th- to 12th-grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. The theme - "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer" - presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today's growers are providing a safe, stable food supply and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

Theme - "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer."

- The 2011 Ag Day Essay Contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay. Both are national competitions.
- Written Essay Length - Essays must contain no more than 450 words
- Video Essay Length- The maximum length of the video is TWO (2) minutes.
- Eligibility - Students in grades 9-12 in the 2010-2011 school year. Contestants must be U.S. citizens. Contestants must meet all requirements to compete.
- National Video Essay Winner-\$1,000.
- National Written Essay Winner-\$1,000 and trip to Washington, D.C., to be recognized at the Celebration of Ag Dinner held at the Whitten Patio March 15, 2011.
- Deadline - Entries must be received by: **February 4, 2011.**

Dispatch Delivery

Would you like to receive the Dispatch by email? Benefits to an email subscription include quicker delivery and savings for the Extension postal budget. Contact the Extension Office to subscribe to email delivery.



Record Book Training

New members (and some experienced!) are often mystified by the record book process. Take the mystery out of record books by attending a record book training at the Extension Office in Thompson Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 7pm. The training will last approximately one hour.



People Partner Grant

Do you have an idea that could improve your community or help someone out? If so, consider applying for a People Partner Grant to help with the expense. Applications are due Feb 1st. Grants up to \$500 available. If you have questions about People Partner Grants look online at www.montana4h.org or contact the Foundation office at 406.994.5911 or contact the Extension office at 406.827.6934.

International Programs

Outbound: All Outbound applications (chaperone and delegate) are due January 1, 2011. Current 4-H members interested in a summer exchange may apply for Australia (June 15-July14), Costa Rica (June 18-July 16) and Japan (June 19-August 4 or July 6- August 4). Applications are on the 4-H website at www.montana4h.org

New leadership Opportunity—month long trip to Mongolia through the US Department of State and the University of Wyoming June 2011.

Criteria: Must be at least 15 and no older than 17. Must have at least one semester of high school left after the exchange is over. Must submit an application by January 15, 2011. Applications are posted at www.wyoming4h.org or by sending a request to Crawford@uwyo.edu

Inbound: Montana will host Japanese youth and adult chaperones this summer from July 21-August 18. Host families are needed. Application deadline is April 1, 2011.

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR 2011

4-H DATES TO REMEMBER

December -

- 20 Early Registration (\$90) for Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum Due. After this date the registration fee is \$110

January

- 1 Letters of Interest for Legislative Breakfast are due in the Extension Office
- 1 Citizenship Washington Focus application deadline
- 1 Steer tagging – Hot Springs – 10:00 am / Trout Creek – 1:30 pm
- 4 Rec Lab Workshop Proposals due
- 14-16 Alberta Leaders Conference
- 15 Letters of Interest for Citizenship Seminar are due in the Extension Office
- 18 Legislative Breakfast – Helena
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting - 6:30pm, FSA Building, Plains
- 25 Council meeting 6:30, State Building, Thompson Falls
- 28-30 MT Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum - Helena

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

- 1 People Partner Grant apps due in State 4-H Office
- 1 Citizenship Seminar registrations due <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:3> for more information
- 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 @ State Building

- 1-3 Rec Lab, Shelby, MT
- 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 @ 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 @ State Building.

- 27 Fair Readiness Day
- 31 Sanders County Fair



**Sanders County 4-H
Council Meeting, December 7, 2010**

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice President Beth Riffle, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Carrie Guenzler – Hot Springs Wranglers, Sally Havens and Raelyn Cox - Trout Creek Mavericks; Kathy and Patrick Legard - South Side Sparks; Malcolm McDonald – Little Bitterroot; Ambassador William Fausett; and County Extension Agents Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop.

Pledges were recited to the American and 4-H flags. October meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$5800+, which will be further reduced once livestock and council outstanding payments/exchanges are complete. Council needs \$10,000-12,000 to support 4-H program activities for the year. Annual donation to 4-H Foundation since 2000 was reviewed. Some background check payments to council are due.

Correspondence included a letter from Montana 4-H Foundation stating benefits from supporting Foundation.

Achievement Day went well. Location (Thompson Falls Elementary School gym) worked well. Former Extension Agent Eileen Wilson was remembered and recognized for her induction into the 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame.

Livestock Committee met December 6th, with a good turnout. Livestock rules were reviewed item by item, some tabled for the next meeting. Livestock market ID will include a cloverleaf tattoo in the future. Livestock meetings will be held the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the FSA building in Plains.

Thirteen 4-H members from Montana attended National 4-H Congress in Atlanta in November, including Nicole Ribeiro and leader Sarah Naegeli from Sanders County. Workshops were good, sightseeing was interesting, and twelve minutes to change flights in the Salt Lake City airport is sufficient only for seasoned runners.

Ambassadors attended Fall training at Fairmont Hot Springs. Will is impressed with the current Ambassador officer team. County Ambassador team presented an icebreaker at Achievement Day and helped with the silent auction. The team is working on forming a county-wide junior leaders club and planning to attend Legislative Breakfast. Contact the Extension Office or any Ambassador if youth are interested in serving as an Ambassador in the future.

Kathy Legard shared a letter written to Mike Hashisaki, Fair Manager, in response to his letter charging a cleaning fee for conditions in the kitchen following the fair. Kathy explained that conditions were due to a miscommunication and 4-H families worked very hard to keep the kitchen and dining hall clean. Fair Board agreed at their November meeting to have a board member view conditions in the Pavilion prior to and after the fair.

Club plans and officers lists were due in the Extension Office December 1st; only one club has complied. South Side Sparks club is looking for an organizational leader.

Meeting date survey results included 6 responses. The majority agreed to continue holding 4-H Council meetings on the second Tuesday of the month (bi-monthly).

Record book training for interested leaders, members and parents is January 18th at 7:00pm, State Office Building.

Rec Lab is scheduled for April 1-3, 2011, in Shelby. Workshop proposals are being accepted; contact the Extension Office or those who attended to-night's meeting for information.

Leaders at Large is an informal group name for leaders who are committed to the 4-H program but are not active in a particular club. The group has been created to ease the re-enrollment and contact process.

Best in Show Pet treats fundraiser was introduced. Bags of treats would sell for \$4, with 50% profit for 4-H. Karen moved that council order a case of each product to be made available for 4-H events on a trial basis; William seconded. Motion carried. Bags may include a note with 4-H program education on one side, and re-order information on the other.

A "Sanders County 4-H" vinyl banner will be purchased, green with white writing, for use during appropriate events.

Council agreed to continue with the same supplier for fruit sales. Members selling 8 cases of fruit will earn a t-shirt.

Fair book review - Sally moved to eliminate the county rule from the fair book requiring members to attend 50% of club meetings in order to enter exhibits in the fair; Carrie seconded. Motion carried. Some clubs have this stipulation; absences are excused. A member "must be in good standing", which will be further defined by the next council meeting. Please submit additional fair book changes to the Extension Office by the January 25th council meeting.

Legislative Breakfast is January 18th. Susan Woods is county coordinator. Submit a letter of interest to the Extension Office by January 1st if you are interested in attending.

Citizenship Seminar is for members 14 or older by Oct. 1st of this year, who are interested in government. The seminar is February 27-March 1 in Helena. Letters of interest are due to the Extension Office by January 15th.

National 4-H Conference is in Washington D.C. April 2-7, 2011, a "premier youth development opportunity."

Japanese Inbound Promotional DVD was shown and is available for clubs to show. Youth exchanges with Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan are available.

Awards group will meet with Margaret and Agents in January. Sally, Carrie, Will and Kathy L will be involved; contact the Extension Office if you are interested in helping review current awards.

Next Council meeting will be one week early, on Tuesday, January 25th.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary





SANDERS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS
Monday, December 6, 2010
FSA Bldg, Plains
6:30 pm

Present: Malcolm McDonald-chairman, Carrie Guenzler-vice chairman, Terry Prongua-Beef supt., Matt Havens-swine supt., Rachel Hulce-rabbit/poultry supt., Jessica Cox, Raelyn Cox, Jenny Garrison, Virginia Chenoweth, Casey Chenoweth, Crystal Chenoweth, Roni Mitch, Darreck McDonald, Patrick Legard, Kathy Legard, Meghan Phillippi-Co-Agent, John Halpop-Co. Agent

Minutes of previous meeting (Oct. 26, 2010) approved as presented (Motion R. Mitch, second C. Guenzler)

Old Business:

Animal ID: John H. gave an overview of state extension office survey. Majority of counties use panel tag/tattoo id systems. Hill Co. uses the MT Beef Quality Assurance RFID tags, in conjunction with the MSU Ag Experiment station. Jenny G. said Cascade Co. essentially uses a photo ID and the honor system. Dr. Jane Boles (MSU Meat Scientist) indicated the microchip technology used in pet/horse industry is not approved for use in meat animals, due to the potential for migration. Motion (C. Guenzler) to adopt the use of 4-H clover digit tattoo in addition to the current system of panel tag/tattoo. *Motion passed*

Livestock Policy Review (for 2011). Discussion begun at October meeting: Please see attachment.

Meeting Schedule: Meghan shared results of the doodle calendar survey. Following some discussion, it was decided to schedule meetings the fourth Monday of the month.

Livestock & Horse Leaders Forum. January 28-30, Helena. Meghan P. gave an overview regarding the value of the forum. Following discussion it was decided to dedicate \$360 leader support funds towards registration.

New Business:

Award Planning: Copies of awards were handed out. Will check with Margaret Stroy regarding areas of need and revisit in January.

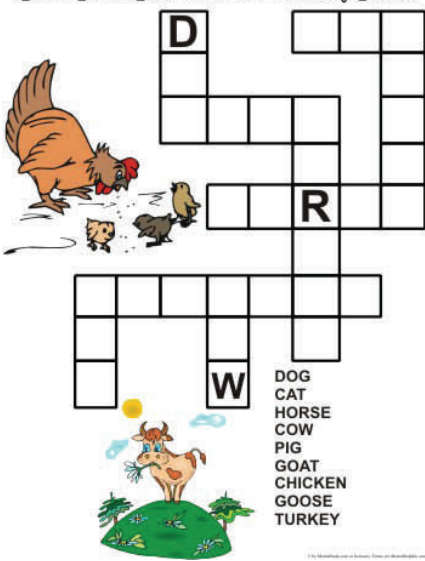
Previously developed Project Leader/Superintendent Job Description was handed out & will be reviewed in January.

Proposed 2010 Fair Judges

Beef/Swine/Sheep/Goat/Llama; 1) Travis Standley, 2) Marc King, 3) Darren Crawford
Poultry, Gordon Cummins –Polson
Rabbit; Margaret Scovel, Kalispell
Horse: will check with Nancy Beech
Dog: will check with Beth Riffle

Next Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2010 6:30 pm, FSA Bldg, Plains





BIRTHDAY CORNER

December

- 1 Keira Gill
- 3 Jessica Read
- 8 Addison Mueller
- 10 Charlie Cannon
- 14 Veronica Hanks
- 14 Cole Nagy
- 17 Nikki Burwig
- 24 Bethany Burk
- 26 Tom McDonald
- 26 Shannon Saint
- 26 Mahala Sweet
- 30 Darreck McDonald

January

- 1 Coby Guenzler
- 3 Raymond Knerr
- 4 Shayna Burgess
- 06 William Fausett
- 14 Lydia French
- 17 Tyler Garrison
- 22 Tanna Cole
- 23 Abram French



**Sorry if we missed your Birthday - dates are taken from your enrollments. Please let the Extension Office know of any corrections.*



Winter Teen Camp



Are you excited about summer camps? Summer is a long way off, but how about a winter camp? This promises to be a lot of fun with snowshoeing, winter night sky explorations, photography & more. The registration form is available by request from the Extension office.

February 18-20, 2011

Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort, Sula, MT

For youth 4-H age 13-19 Cost \$40

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2011

Best In Show Pet Treats Fundraiser

The 4-H Council has decided to offer Best in Show Pet Treats as an ongoing fundraiser. Unlike other fundraisers, there will not be a beginning and end. The Council suggests that clubs sell when an opportunity to set up a booth is available. Possibilities include dog shows, horse shows, Home-steader Days, Plains Day, Huckleberry Festival, Farmers Market and Christmas Bazaars. If you have an opportunity to sell the treats, contact the Extension Office. We will have treats and sales materials on hand. You may also purchase treats from the Extension Office if you'd like to try them out on your own animals. They sell for \$4/ 5oz package and come in various flavors for cats, dogs & horses. You can learn more about the treats at www.pettreats4horg.com.

National 4-H Conference

Plans are underway for National 4-H Conference to be held April 2 - April 7, 2011 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington DC.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action.

Who May Attend:

Montana will send a delegation of up to 4 participants.

Youth Delegate: Must be 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2011 and not a High School senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend

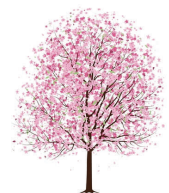
Adult Chaperone Delegate: Must be an enrolled certified 4-H volunteer (24 years or older) or extension faculty

Application Process:

Complete an application and return to the 4-H Center by January 15, 2011. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and delegates will be selected.

Delegate Expenses:

Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependant on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1400 total cost per participant.





SANDERS COUNTY 4-H



December

Happy Holidays



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