

APRIL 2023

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH 4-H NEWS

Communication Results

Top Junior Demonstrators:

1st Place - Anaelle Avilla

Top Senior Demonstrators:

1st Place - Claire Wrobleski

2nd Place - Anna Hafner

3rd Place - Andrew Wrobleski

4th Place - Melodie Cook

Top Senior Career Communications:

Mikiah Cook



Happy Birthday

April

- 2 Eliana Clark
- 3 Makenna Burchak-Kennienburger
- 8 Hailey Roofener
- 8 Titus Myers
- 10 Brianna Horner
- 10 Kassidy Dana
- 10 Jaycee Carr
- 11 Jordan White
- 12 Emmalee Hafner
- 18 Theodor Nygaard
- 39 Isaac Bauscher
- 30 Noah Campbell

May

- 4 Dakota Suess
- 5 Connor Erwin
- 10 Isabella Buchanan
- 15 Luke Sanders
- 17 Hannah Warnes
- 20 Isabella Pardee
- 25 Weston Haun

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Watch For Multi-County 4-H Camp Information

Multi-County 4-H Camp will take place **June 20-23** at Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake near Bigfork. Youth ages 8-12 (on October 1, 2022) are invited to participate as campers. The Sanders County 4-H Council pays \$45 toward the cost of camp for members who participated in a communication presentation. Registration forms will be emailed to 4-H families.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL!

Jake Legard Camp Scholarship Nomination Form

Multi-County Camp registrations may be assisted by a Jake Legard Memorial Camp Scholarship. Full camp scholarships are awarded in Jake's memory.

These Scholarships are made possible by a scholarship fund established by Jake's family.

Volunteer leaders may nominate member(s) to receive one of these scholarships. Those nominations will be due in the Extension Office by **Monday, May 22nd.**

Leaders can access the nomination form on our website here:

<https://sanders.msueextension.org/multicountycamp.html>

STATE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Here is the link to the Volunteer Award section on the Montana 4-H website. You will find a description of the awards, nomination survey link & a list of past winners on the page.

montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/adult-awards.html

Nominations are due May 15th

Montana 4-H Congress

We are currently accepting Letters of Interest from members (age 13+ as of Oct. 1, 2022) interested in joining the 2023 Gavel Games Team, Livestock Judging Team, Horse Judging Team, or Horse Skill-A-Thon contests. The teams will compete with teams from around the state at Montana 4-H Congress **July 11-14** in Bozeman, Juli will set up practice sessions if you are interested. Interested members must complete a letter of interest and submit it to the Extension Office by **May 15**. Members who have already qualified to go to Congress must complete a Letter of Interest also. This will allow the Extension Office to know you plan to attend. The Sanders County 4-H Council financially supports all but \$50 of this event for all members chosen who participated in a communication presentation.

You can access the letter of interest form here:

montana.edu/extension/sanders/montana4hcongress.html



2022 Montana Congress

Pictured (Back row left - right) Juli Thurston, Andrew Wroblewski, Martin Wroblewski, Mackenzie Tulloch, Vanessa Horner, Sydnee Wilson, Aubrey Tulloch, Linda Cook (Front row left - right) Melodie Cook, Mikiah Cook, Claire Wroblewski, Anna Hafner

National Volunteer Week

April 16-22, 2023

The 4-H programs work due to the efforts of volunteers. Whether you are a volunteer leader, a communication judge, fair judge, a parent, or are involved in another way YOU make 4-H happen!

**THANK YOU
to all our volunteers!**



**Thank you for your support of the Sanders County 4-H program throughout the past year.
You make 4-H possible!**

REMINDER FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Montana 4-H is requiring all volunteers to complete an online volunteer orientation. The orientation covers topics from Positive Youth Development, Risk Management, Policy and Procedure, Impacts of 4-H and Basic information about the 4-H Program. We have set a County deadline of **August 1st** to have all orientations completed - however - the sooner the better!

Montana Silversmiths

Counties & Clubs have the ability to order buckles, jewelry, and awards from Montana Silversmith's with a discount. To order please visit:

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/mt-silversmiths.html>

Your purchase also helps support Montana 4-H Foundation.

If you have any questions you can contact JaNaie Finn at 4hfdn@montana.edu

2023 Swine, Sheep & Goat Tagging Information

Tagging for market sheep, market swine, and market goat will take place at the Sanders County Fairgrounds in Plains.

**Tagging will be: Sunday, June 4th
10:00 am - 1:00pm**

Juli Thurston will be sending required forms and additional information. Watch your email!

If you have questions please call the Sanders County Extension Office at 827-6934

4-H Vehicle License Plates

Have you noticed vehicles driving around with a 4-H specialty license plate on them? There are some, but if you haven't seen any this is an awareness notice to let you know, 4-H Specialty License Plates exist and they are available for anyone in Montana, the 4-H plate requires an administration and production fee to the county and a \$20 yearly fee. The \$20 yearly fee goes entirely to the 4-H program. Ten dollars goes to our local county 4-H Council, \$5 goes to the state 4-H leaders council, and \$5 goes tot the state 4-H Foundation. The 4-H plate has been available in Montana since 2002 but many people do not know they exist. Those of you who are interested in supporting the 4-H program and would like to have the 4-H license plate on your vehicle, remember to purchase one the next time you relicense your vehicle.



Fair Dining Hall Work Schedule

All 4-H families are asked to sign up for a shift to work in the 4-H Dining Hall (pavilion) during the fair. *Please return the sign-up sheet included in this dispatch to the Extension Office or sign up online at this link by **May 31***
<https://forms.gle/bS6h27ZVFXBZdr3a8>

The 4-H fair schedule will be sent out in May. Please remember to check sports schedules, church schedules, etc. that your family members may be involved in prior to filling in your top three choices of shifts to work.

Revenue from the dining hall goes to the Sanders County 4-H Council which provides funds to members and leaders for various 4-H educational events.

MEAT RAFFLE

Our meat raffle fundraiser has begun!
Soon members will be receiving their raffle tickets.
As a reminder we are asking that all members
(except Cloverbuds)
sell at least one book of tickets.

Top ticket sellers will receive a gift card!

Sanders County 4-H
MEAT RAFFLE
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL 4-H PROGRAMS

Raffle will take place
Sunday, September 3rd, 2023

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE
PRESENT TO WIN

TICKET PRICES: \$10.00 EACH

For tickets please call or email
MSU Extension Sanders County
406-827-6934 / sandersmontana.edu
or
Contact any Sanders County 4-H member

TWO 1/4 BEEF DONATED
BY 3H SIMMENTAL RANCH

TWO 1/2 HOGS DONATED BY
FIRST SECURITY BANK

Beef Processing
Donated by
Western Montana
Stockman's
Association

NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP JULY 16-21

**MUST BE AGE 14-18 OR HAVE COMPLETED
8TH GRADE TO ATTEND**

Spend one week in the rustic setting of Lubrecht
Experimental Forest east of Missoula and learn about
Montana's Natural Resources. The accommodations are
comfortable, the food is great, and the instruction and
friendships are the best!

Questions? Please call (406) 243-2773 or send an email to
christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu

Application and \$150 deposit is due July 7th (deadline).
The balance is due by start of camp.

Core Program: \$300

**Local Conservations Districts are offering scholarships
to attend. Let us know if you are interested!**

Program costs are all inclusive. Please inquire about
educational and travel scholarships.

For more information visit:
montana.edu/extension/forestry/mnryc/

MONTANA 4-H IS LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

Montana 4-H is seeking host families for
students for the 2022-2023 academic year and
the summer of 2023.

This would be a great opportunity to expose
your kids to another culture.

For more information check out the website at:
<https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact
Juli Thurston at (903) 440-2250

"Certainly, TRAVEL is more than the seeing of sights,
it is a CHANGE that goes on,
DEEP and PERMANENT
in the IDEAS of LIVING."
-Many States, Found

**HOST an INTERNATIONAL Delegate this summer
or academic year & SHARE YOUR WORLD!**

Contact: csommersaustin@montana.edu or 406.994.3504 for more information!
Apply to Host: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> or Scan...

Have an adventure! July 16-21, 2023



Wildlife ▪ Forests
Soils ▪ Rangeland
Geology ▪ Streams
Land Use Game

**\$300
for 6 days!**

37th Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp

Spend a week in rustic cabins at Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula,
learn about our natural resources & their management, and make lasting friendships.
Experience activity packed days with hands-on instruction, rafting, swimming & more!
Camp starts time 4:00pm and ends time 3:00pm.

Must be age 14-18 or have completed 8th grade to attend.

Dates to Remember

April

24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, Location TBD

May

1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office

15 Letters of Interest forms for Congress due in Extension Office

22 Jake Legard Memorial Camp Scholarship applications due for Multi-County Camp

22 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

31 Fair Dining Hall shift sign up due in Extension Office

TBD Multi-County camp registrations due

June

4 Sheep/Swine Tagging, 10am - 1pm – Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains

TBD TBD Fashion Review/Patchwork Parade, 4:00pm

6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie's Cafe, Thompson Falls

15 Montana State 4-H Congress and Pre-Congress registration deadline

20-23 Multi-County 4-H Camp

26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

July

1 Project Add/Drop deadline

1 Barn Patrol sign-up begins

5 Online FairEntry Registration Begins

9-11 Pre-Congress – Bozeman

11-14 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman

24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Aug

1 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Plains Farmhouse Cafe, Plains

2 Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due

2 Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due

2 FairEntry Registration Deadline

9 Last day to sign up for Barn Patrol

TBA Little Chief Interviews

26 Fair Readiness Day

28 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

30-9/3 Sanders County Fair

Sept

10 Carcass Evaluation, Superior Meats

15 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader

15 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader

25 Record book results due to Extension Office from Organizational Leader

25 List of Outstanding Member County awards due to the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders

25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Oct

3 Record books to be considered for awards due in Extension Office

3 Legard Citizenship Award Nominations due in Extension Office

3 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls

23 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

TBA Fall Ambassador Training

Nov

5 Achievement Day, 4-H Pavilion

15 Deadline for 2021-2022 enrollments of re-enrolling members

20 Deadline for organizational leaders to submit all hard copy enrollment paperwork & enrollment fees to Extension Office

20 Club Treasurer's correspondences due to Extension Office for year-end audit along with Year-end Financial Summary report & 1% fee

27 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Dec

5 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Plains Farmhouse Café

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 23, 2023

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Alan Hafner – Vice Chairman; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Richard Jackson – Beef Superintendent; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Carr – Agent/Horse CO- Superintendent; Justin Wright – FFA Instructor.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Minutes from November Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Report given – Balance \$8,427.11

Old Business:

Fair Improvements:

- Ryan is working on the Jason Hanna sign and will look at the goat pen gates that need to be repaired.
- Doug/Whitney hope to do some updates in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. (Plywood walls, roof) Also need 3'x3' panels. Carmen suggested contacting Bangen Fencing. We may need to use all beef pens this year.
- Wendy will follow-up on horse arena tie rail. Hot Springs FFA said they could do the tie rail.
- Hot Springs FFA has agreed to add feet to the show arena and outdoor horse/beef panels so they don't sink. They have picked up the show arena panels and are working on them.
- New tin on swine barn. Taylor Construction bid \$11,000 to replace roofing and rotten boards underneath. John Thurston bid \$10,250. Mahlon Lee bid approx. \$18,000 not to include any board replacement. Alan will try to get a bid from Dallas Bender. Fair board might want to use old tin on the Pavilion walls.
- The fair board has aluminum bleachers above the grand stands we could use at the show arena. They would like to use the ones we have as well. The new ones would need railing installed. Juli is getting a price on the railing. Maybe look into sponsor banners for the bleachers.
- Consider sand added to the show arena again in 2023. Alan will coordinate putting sand down while panels are out.
- Horse wash rack – 2023 – Pat is getting bids and will work with horse leaders on design.
- Permanent light at beef photo booth? Move or get a photo backdrop? Possibly take pictures while in the ring (Wendy). Juli will look into getting bids from other photographers too.
- New pig boards are being donated by Montana Farmers Union. Tara will order water nipples.

Fair Awards – Established a working committee to include Carmen, Mindi, and Tara.

Parade of Champions – Decided not to move forward with this project.

2023 Judges – Livestock and Horse – Mark King confirmed he can judge livestock this year. Wendy will confirm with horse judge Tyrel Burland.

New Business:

No new business

Species Reports

Beef: Weigh-in days went well. WMSGGA said great show last fair! A beef showmanship and grooming clinic will be held July 14th.

Horse: Cancelled scheduled playday – too icy. Ask vet to check horses at the trailer if possible or maybe have a vet check station by the bathrooms?

Poultry: No report

Rabbit: No report

Sheep/Goat: Sheep/goat production workshop in the works for May.

Swine: Project meeting and LQA February 6th.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: April 24, 2023 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR SHIFTS TO WORK IN THE DINING HALL AT THE FAIR

Return to: Sanders County Extension Office, 2504 Tradewinds Way Suite 1B, Thompson Falls, MT 59873
by May 31st OR this form may be submitted online at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/bS6h27ZVFXBZdr3a8>

4-H Family of _____

(Please, remember to consider your fair judging schedules, sports, school & church schedules, etc. when choosing shifts).
Remember, the sooner you sign up, the more likely you are to receive your preferred shift. Just in case your first choice is not available, be sure to fill in your **second & third choices**.

Member Name: _____
Day/Shift Time _____
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

Member Name: _____
Day/Shift Time _____
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

Member Name: _____
Day/Shift Time _____
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

Member Name: _____
Day/Shift Time _____
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

Parent participation is extremely important in the success of this fundraiser!

Thanks for your willingness to share your time & efforts with the youth of Sanders County

Parent Name: _____
Day/Shift Time _____
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

Parent Name: _____
Day/Shift Time _____
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

SHIFTS

Wednesday
1:00-4:00 pm

Thursday
6:00 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday
6:00 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday
6:00 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Sunday
6:00 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

***We ask that only older members work on the first and last shift each day.**