

APRIL 2025

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH
4-H NEWS

Communication Results:

Top Junior Demonstrators:

1st Place - Katherine Wrobleski
Moriah Champneys, Ailie Avilla,
Anaelle Avilla

Top Senior Demonstrators:

1st Place - Cody Hafner
2nd Place - Isaiah Schork
3rd Place - Andrew Wrobleski
4th Place - Melodie Cook

Senior Video Competition:

First Place as a Team - Brielle
Clarke & Zoe Kifer
Second Place - Daniel Warnes

Top Senior Stir-Ups:

First Place - Alida Feiro

Top Junior Stir-Ups:

First Place - Makaylyn Reinhardt



Left to Right Back Row: Molly Webb, Zoe Kifer, Brielle Clarke, Melodie Cook, Daniel Warnes, Joshua White, Cody Hafner, Andrew Wrobleski, Isaiah Schork, Sheldon Frank

Left to Right Front Row: Pepper McClimans, John McNamara, Moriah Champneys, Elsie Myers, Michaela Champneys, Anaelle Avilla, Ailie Avilla, Katherine Wrobleski



Left to Right: Daniel Warnes, Brielle Carke, Zoe Kifer



Left to Right: Moriah Champneys, Ailie Avilla, Anaelle Avilla, Katherine Wrobleski



Left to Right: Cody Hafner, Isaiah Schork, Andrew Wrobleski, Melodie Cook

Happy Birthday

April

2 Eliana Clark
5 Ana Nottnagel
6 Sagin Doyle
8 Hailey Roofener
8 Titus Myers
10 Brianna Horner
10 Kassidy Dana
11 Jordan White
12 Emmalee Hafner
14 Molly Webb
18 Arya Kifer
20 Audrey Ludeman
22 Bella Nottnagel
27 Broderick Edwards
30 Cora Anderson

May

4 Dakota Suess
5 Connor Erwin
7 Emmalynn Tickner
10 Isabella Buchanan
14 Finley Williams
17 Hannah Warnes
17 Stormii Shaw
20 Isabella Pardee
22 Isaiah Silva
24 Zoey Havens
24 Aneliese Sapp
24 James Boyer

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Watch For Multi-County 4-H Camp Information

Multi-County 4-H Camp will take place **June 17-20** at Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake near Bigfork. Youth ages 8-12 (on October 1, 2024) 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 19th.**

Leaders can access the nomination form on our website here:

<https://sanders.msuxextension.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, 2024) interested in joining the 2025 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 8-11** in Bozeman, practice sessions will be set up 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



Back Row Pictured left to right: Jayden Cook, Alida Feiro, Cody Hafner, Mackenzie Tulloch, Andrew Wroblewski, Hannah Warnes, Madison Chojnacky,
Front Row Pictured left to right: Sage Doble, Melodie Cook, Mikiah Cook, Claire Wroblewski, Kara Christensen, Daniel Warnes

National Volunteer Week

April 20-26, 2025

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

July 1st is the deadline to add or drop projects. If you have been working on a project but have not added it in your enrollment through ZSuite don't forget to add it by the deadline. If you will be dropping a project you are signed up for please make sure to delete it from your ZSuite enrollment.

Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade

The 2025 Fashion Revue and Patchwork Parade will be held at the Plains Bible Chapel on June 10th at 4:00 pm. Registration and contest details will be emailed out soon!

Cloverbuds can enter too!!



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 the Montana 4-H Foundation. If you have any questions you can contact JaNaie Finn at 4hfdn@montana.edu

2025 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 1st
10:00 am - 1:00pm**

Required forms and additional information will be sent.
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. 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 is included in this Newsletter. 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
2025 MEAT RAFFLE
SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF SANDERS COUNTY 4-H



TWO 1/2 HOGS DONATED BY
FIRST SECURITY BANK

1/8 BISON DONATED BY
HARLOW BISON RANCH

1/4 BEEF DONATED BY
SANDERS COUNTY
4-H COUNCIL

1 WHOLE DORPER LAMB
DONATED BY JWM DORPERS

Beef Processing Donated by
Western MT Stockman's
Association

Swine Processing Donated
by Superior Meats

Raffle will take place
Sunday, August 31st, 2025

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



MONTANA 4-H IS LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

Montana 4-H is seeking host families for students for the 2024-2025 academic year and the summer of 2025.

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 the Extension Office.



NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP JULY 13-18

**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/

Have an adventure! July 13-18, 2025



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

\$300
for 6 days!

38th 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

1 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook's Home, Plains

May

1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office

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

19 Jake Legard Camp Scholarship Applications due

June

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

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

17-20 Multi-County 4-H Camp

15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

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

July

1 Project Add/Drop deadline

2 Online FairEntry Registration Begins

6-8 Pre-Congress – Bozeman

8-11 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman

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

Aug

5 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook's Home, Plains

6 FairEntry Registration Deadline

6 Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due

6 Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due

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

23 Fair Readiness Day

27-31 Sanders County Fair

Sept

8 Carcass Evaluation, Superior Meats

12 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader

12 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader

22 Record book results due to Extension Office from Organizational Leader

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

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

**Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting
April 1, 2025, The Circle in Plains**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Circle in Plains.

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasury balance is low, as usual for this time of year. A \$4000 grant was received for fair improvement projects. Rec Lab reimbursements will be about \$900 less cost of fuel travel expenses.

Reports

- Rec Lab attendees each had an amazing time. Ambassador meeting is coming up, dance is planned for May 9th.
- Livestock committee plans to paint the swine, sheep, and horse barns, plus adding dirt in the steer barn and leveling out the arena. Looking into electric updates.
- StirUps Senior winners were Jayden Cook and Alida Feiro, and Junior Samantha Hofstetter. Top Junior demonstrators were Katherine Wroblewski (first), Moriah Champneys, Ailie Avilla, Anaelle Avilla. Top Seniors: Cody Hafner (first), Isaiah Schork, Andrew Wroblewski, Melodie Cook. Senior Video: Brielle Clarke & Zoey Kifer (first, team), Daniel Warnes (second).
- County 4-H Scholarship Interviews are the second week in April; four graduates will interview.
- Meat Raffle tickets were given to club leaders. Each member is asked to sell 10 tickets; stubs and payments are due any time until Fair Readiness Day, the prize cutoff day. More tickets will be sold at the fair. Tickets offer a chance for ½ hog (two available), 1/8 bison, ¼ beef, or one Dorper lamb.

Old Business

- Home Ec building projects are currently on hold.

New Business

- Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade date is planned for June 10th, possibly at Plains Bible Chapel.
- Multi-County Camp counselors from Sanders County include Melodie and Jayden Cook, Brianna Horner, Andrew and Katherine Wroblewski, Sage Doble, and Gavin Hafner. Council pays 30% (\$45) of camper registrations for members who have participated in Communication Days/StirUps.
- Jake Legard Scholarship applications are due from club leaders by May 19.
- Expense for 4-H Congress and other trips was discussed. We want to support members but avoid depleting our available cash. Council may begin budgeting a set amount for each event and encouraging members to fundraise the remaining costs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer

Present: Vice President Jen Avilla, Brooke Eldridge – TF Mountaineers, Terry Stephens – Hot Springs Wranglers; Treasurer Carmen Jackson, Extension Agent Juli Thurston, Secretary Karen Dwyer, and by phone: Taylor Etienne – Heron Explorers, Linda Cook – South Side Sparks.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 27, 2025

Juli Thurston – Agent; Alan Hafner – Vice Chair; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Terry Stephens – HSW Club Leader/Beef Project Leader; Colton Stephens – Beef Project Leader; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Carr – Agent/Horse Co-Superintendent; Brian Crain – Fairboard Member; Bruce Beckstead – Parent; John McNamara – youth sheep member; Whitney Spurr – Poultry Superintendent; Steve Spurr – Poultry Assistant Superintendent.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Minutes from October Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$7,620.05

Old Business:

Fair Improvements:

- Ryan and Bethany are working on the Jason Hanna sign.
- Raelyn & Carissa will look at the gates/lattice that need repaired in the sheep barn.
- Doug/Whitney hope to do some updates in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. (Plywood walls, roof, new poultry pen supplies)
- New tin on swine barn. The County is in contract with Dallas Bender to do the work this spring. They will cover the bided expenses. We did receive a \$4000 grant from AgWest for the swine roof as well if additional expenses over bid. Juli will see if they will allow the funds to be transferred if not needed for the swine roof.
- The fair board has aluminum bleachers above the grand stands we could use at the show arena when they purchase new ones. 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.
- Outlet by announcer/clerk area in livestock arena.
- Upgrade electrical in camping area. Juli will check with Smith Electric to clarify his bid and ask Kevin Hill for a bid as well.
- Fill in stalls needed in steer barn. Alan will coordinate project.
- Upgrade swine barn plumbing. Ask Johnny and Alan to take a look.
- More sand/level livestock show arena. Alan will coordinate project.
- Paint swine/sheep barn.
- Mats/sand under tie rail. Wendy will work with Kristy to complete.
- Put in lower tie rail in beef tie out area. Alan will check with HSFFA.
- New hot water heater in showers? Cabinet Mountain Propane is donating a new one.
- Set date to clean storage room in beef barn.

Awards – 2025 Committee: Tara, Whitney, and Terry (ask Carmen). What awards should we offer this year? Items/colors? Send survey to members.

2025 Livestock Judge – Chance Green, OK

National Hippology Team Report – Great experience! Thank you for your support!

Buyer payment process/policy – possibly charge a late fee? Have buyers send check directly to the member? Charge buyer convenience fee if use credit card. Discuss more at the next meeting.

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New Business:

First Security Bank savings/investments (Brian Crain) – Consider short term CD's with bank or 4-H Managed Agency account. Discuss more at the next meeting.

Additional expense for horse wash rack railing – Cost \$1500. Trout Creek Mavericks will donate \$1,000. Hot Springs Wranglers and South Side Sparks will see if they can donate as well.

Sheep Tag Day Exception to the Rule Request (John McNamara) – Alan moved, Terry seconded; request approved.

Breeding Project Rule – Discussed requirement for breeding projects to be bred. Tara moved to make the rule breeding projects should be bred if of age, Shawn seconded; motion passed.

Species Reports

Beef: Tagged 14 steers for 2025 fair

Horse: Had project meeting last week. 24 members this year. Project schedule has been set. Horse camp will be in June. Same horse judge as last year.

Poultry: 17 members this year. Juli is looking for a new judge.

Rabbit: No report

Sheep/Goat: 13 sheep members (11 market); 13 goat members (8 market). Livestock quality assurance/project meetings scheduled.

Swine: Livestock quality assurance/project meeting coming up February 10th.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 24th, 2025 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

4-H/FFA FAIR SCHEDULE 2025

WEDNESDAY, August 27

- 1:00 p.m. Begin checking in animals (lg & sm) Market Animal Weigh-in conducted upon arrival. This will be the sale weight.
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Interviews
- 7:00 p.m. Deadline for all animal deliveries (large & small)
- 7:00 p.m. Potluck Barbeque

THURSDAY, August 28

- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show & Horse Show
- 10:00 a.m. Beef Interviews & Dairy Interviews
- 1:00 p.m. Swine Interviews
- 4:00 p.m. Cat Show & Interviews
- 1:00-4:30 p.m. Interview judging for all 4-H/FFA exhibits entering in the Home-Ec building**
- 4:30 p.m. Goat/Sheep Interviews

FRIDAY, August 29

Market animal pictures will be taken after each respective show.

- 9:00 a.m. Swine Show
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Silent auction begins in Home-Ec Building
- 10:00 a.m. Rabbit Show & Interviews
- 1:00 p.m. Goat/Sheep Show
- 4:00 p.m. Poultry Show & Interviews



SATURDAY, August 30

Market animal pictures will be taken after each respective show

- 10:00 a.m. Beef Show (Market Beef, Beef Breeding, Dairy Cattle)
- 3:00 p.m. Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship – (Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy Goat, Dog & Cat)
- 4:00 p.m. Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship – (Horse, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat)
- 5:00 p.m. Livestock Superintendents' Meeting
- 8:00–11:00 p.m. 4-H Dance, Pavilion

SUNDAY, August 31

- 9:00 a.m. Awards Presentation - Show Arena
- 10:00 a.m. Market Stock Sale
- 2:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Play Day
- 2:00 p.m. 4-H Silent Auction ends
- 6:00 p.m. Begin removing exhibits from buildings (Do not remove exhibits prior to this time.)

MONDAY, September 1

- 8:00 a.m. Delivery of market stock
- 10:00 a.m. Deadline for pens & barns to be cleaned

Animal Interviews

All members with animal's report to the appropriate barn for your animal interview(s) at the time listed above. Members may draw numbers for the interview order. This helps prevent members from having to wait in long lines and free them to take care of other much needed business (like interviews in the Home-Ec building, participation in another animal show, etc.).

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.
*For the Sunday 3:00-5:00 pm shift we ask that only members who are 12 years
old or older and parents sign up.**