

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

4-H NEWS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



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- 1 Steven Morris
- 2 Andrew Frank
- 7 Luke Dana
- 9 Mackenzie Tulloch
- 12 Alexis Russell
- 12 Hunter Berman
- 13 Hattie Neesvig
- 13 Sylvia Fairbank
- 14 Easton Deal
- 24 Bethany Burk
- 26 Joshua Ekberg
- 28 Mason Bartlett

January

- 1 Kara Christensen
- 8 Colton Sauter
- 11 Amos Howell
- 12 Oliver Scharfe
- 16 Ida Berger
- 17 Noah Scharfe
- 20 Deon McDonald
- 22 Maria Tulloch
- 23 Cooper Spurr
- 26 Keegan McDonald
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- 28 Matthew Thurston
- 30 Andrew Wrobleski

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Dates to Remember

Winter Fun Sledding Party

The annual sledding party is planned for January 7th @ 1:30 pm with an alternate date of January 22nd @ 2:00 pm depending on how much snow we have.

Keep an eye out for upcoming news about the County-wide 4-H Sledding Party at the Naegeli Ranch in Trout Creek!!



Updated Website!

We have been continuing to update our website and a lot of very helpful information has been added!

Check it out at

montana.edu/extension/sanders/4h.html

Market Beef Tagging

Market beef tagging will take place on the following days:

January 7th, 10:00 am - 11am, Havens Arena, T. Creek

January 8th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Hot Springs Sale Yard

Beef project members must have their market beef tagged at one of the above locations. Contact the Extension Office with any concerns or questions at 827-6934.

Watch your email for forms

Amazon Smile Fundraiser Reminder

Sanders County 4-H has an account through Amazon Smile!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to our organization.

Choose Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc in Thompson Falls as the recipient (**make sure to click on the one that is titled "Sanders County 4-H Council"**). The funds will then come to our counties 4-H program.

Please help spread the word!



MULTI-COUNTY CAMP

Reminder!!

If you participate in Communication Days you will receive a \$45 scholarship to go towards the cost of Multi-County Camp!



Special Notes

4-H Council Meetings

The 4-H Council meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every other month February-December. They begin at 6:00 pm. The location of the meetings alternate between the Minnie's Café in Thompson Falls & the 4-H Pavilion in Plains. As always, all leaders and senior members (ages 14 & older) are encouraged to attend.

Livestock Committee Meetings

The Livestock Committee meets frequently throughout the year. Meeting times will be listed on the dates to remember. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Pavilion in Plains. As always, all livestock leaders and senior members (ages 14 & older) are encouraged to attend.



There will be a swine project meeting Monday, February 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Clark Fork Professional Building (Extension Office) in Thompson Falls.

Resources listed on the agenda & more are posted here montana.edu/extension/sanders/swineresources.html.

Everyone is welcome! Please make sure to **RSVP** so we know how many supplies to bring. The meeting will also cover all you need to know to meet livestock quality assurance (LQA) requirements (required for first year members and first year senior 4-H'ers age 14).

Are you looking to purchase a pig for your swine project?

You can find a list of breeders here:

montana.edu/extension/sanders/Swine%20Breeders%202022.pdf

State Award Applications

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishment of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a project area. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service.

Application Deadline to apply for a state award is (postmarked) May 1.

Please forward complete applications to:

Montana 4-H Center

Attn: State Award Application

212 Taylor Hall, PO Box 173580,

Bozeman, MT 59717 or

bschomer@montana.edu

State Award recipients are recognized during the Banquet at Montana 4-H Congress in July and are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November.

Applications and more information are at the following link:

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

People Partner Grant

Applications are due Feb 1st

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. Grants up to \$500 are available. If you have questions about People Partner Grants look online at: montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/grants/grants.html or contact the Montana 4-H Foundation office at 406-994-5911 or contact the Extension Office at 406-827-6934.

2022

Programs

Officer Training/Parliamentary Procedure Competition

Each club officer will be receiving training materials via email soon, so watch for it! Many members have expressed an interest in competing at 4-H congress this summer in Parliamentary Procedure. Juli Thurston will be scheduling contest prep sessions starting in Feb. If you are a Senior 4-H member & are interested in this opportunity, let her know. Junior members may also participate as a learning experience and prep for when they are of age to compete.

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Members 12+, 4-H Age

January 8

The Power of Positivity

February 5

Tools for Facilitation

March 5

The Butterfly Effect



For more information please visit:

montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html

REMINDER TO MEMBERS IN THE SEWING AND FOOD/NUTRITION PROJECTS

Sanders County 4-H is offering a sewing machine and microwave to an outstanding junior or senior member who apply during the Sanders County Fair.

Qualifications include:

Sewing Machine

- Enrolled in a Sewing/Quilting project.
- Enter a minimum of 4 exhibits in a Sewing project at fair or...
- Enter a minimum of 2 exhibits in a Quilting project at fair.
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted.
- Provide an updated record book for judges at the fair to review for growth in the project.

Microwave

- Enrolled in a Food/Nutrition project.
- Enter a minimum of 6 exhibits in a Food/Nutrition project at fair.
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted.
- Provide an updated record book for judges at the fair to review for growth in the project.

Please let the Extension Staff know when you check in your Home Ec exhibits at the fair that you would wish to be considered for this award. Contact the Extension Office if you have further questions!



SANDERS COUNTY 4-H

BLOOD DRIVE

Sanders County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting their second blood drive during National Blood Donor Month Wednesday, Friday January 27th at the 4-H Pavilion in Plains. Come out and support their efforts! Sign-up details are on the announcement below.

All ages 16 or older are welcome! Youth 16-17 years old must have parent consent. If you plan to donate please make sure to schedule an appointment. Additional details can be found here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/info-for-student-donors.html>



Sanders County 4-H Blood Drive

Friday, January 27th
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fairgrounds- Pavillion
30 River Rd.
Plains, MT 59859

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: SANDERSCOUNTY4H
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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REC LAB 2023

Youth and adults can learn how to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills.

More information can be found here:

montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/rec_lab/index.html

Watch your email for more information!



Communication Days

It is that time of year to start thinking about what you want to do for Communication Days

Several options are available for you to choose from to participate in and use your communication skills! Those include Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, Video, Commercial, Career Communication, or Promotional Package. Go to the following link for contest guidelines and information regarding the above options

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4drNK5wD8HZeF9QbUFOaXNzNTg/view>. Stir-Ups or Favorite Food Show are two more options you may choose from. (See below for brief guidelines on the Stir-Ups contest and Favorite Food Show). Six of the above options will be contest opportunities at State-H Congress for members 13 and older who score high at the county level. Those six are Demonstrations, Prepared Speech, Illustrated talk, Video, Career Communication and Stir-Ups.

Which one will YOU do?

Though we haven't yet celebrated the New Year, 4-H Communication Days are just around the corner! It is time to begin thinking about it, because **early preparation is very wise!** Early prep may allow you more practice time, possibly in front of your 4-H club and/or family. This is a great opportunity for experienced members to present for the new members, thus allowing the new members to get a better idea of how to do a presentation.

Demonstration DVD & Other Resources Available

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 in previous years. It can be helpful to watch examples as you begin to put your topic together. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to check out this DVD to view at home or a club meeting. Also, if you go to the following link you can view several other demonstrations done in the past by 4-H members across the state including more Sanders County 4-H members.

montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/4h_communication/index.html

Stir-Up Contest

Participants will compete individually or in teams of two. Contestants prepare a dish utilizing five of the nine listed ingredients. Additionally, contestants may use pantry ingredients and spices. They must use at least one mystery ingredient and can use up to three. The dish should be visually appealing, nutritious and show creativity. Contestants should use effective work habits and sanitary food preparation practices. Following the preparation of the meal the contestant will present an oral presentation to judges. The oral presentation should address; selection of dish; preparation process; nutritional value of dish; potential alteration and overall learning. For a complete contest description, contact the Extension Office.

Favorite Food Show

Participants in the Favorite Food Show will gain experience in planning, preparing, serving and presenting a nutritious food as part of a meal or snack. A display including correct table setting, recipe and menu posters, a centerpiece and decorations will accompany the participants chosen Favorite Food. Any 4-H member, including Cloverbuds can participate. Members may enter as an individual or a two-person team. Categories include appetizer, bread, salad, main dish, sandwich, fruit or vegetable side dish. All food categories will compete against one another. For a complete list of contest description, contact the Extension Office. This is not a State 4-H Congress contest option.

Pick the Day you will do your Communication Presentation. Choose from two dates!

Day 1 is scheduled for **Saturday, March 4** in Thompson Falls beginning at 10:00 am.

Day 2 is scheduled for **Sunday, March 5** in Hot Springs beginning at 1:00 pm.

If you find it impossible to participate on either of the dates offered contact the Extension Office. If a judge is available to view your presentation on an alternate date arrangements will be made to accommodate you so you may complete your presentation prior to finals day. Top presenters from these two events will qualify to participate on **Finals Communication Day, Sunday, March 12 in Plains**. During these events anyone is welcome and encouraged to watch the presentations being given by members. A full scholarship to 4-H camp will be awarded to the top four presenters in the Junior Division if they are 12 years old or younger, juniors who are 13 years old and place in the top four will be awarded a trip to State 4-H Congress in Bozeman in July. Top presenters in the Senior Division will also be awarded a trip to State 4-H Congress in Bozeman to compete in the state communication event.

Members must sign-up online for their presentation by February 10 at this link: <https://forms.gle/BpGxf4zCQJwuziXF9>

A schedule with the time you will do your presentation will be emailed to you and your club leader a week before the event. Contact your leader for your time if you do not email. If you have questions regarding these events we encourage you to talk to your club leaders or call the Extension Office.

Members who participate in Communication Days will receive \$45 scholarship to go towards the cost of Multi-County Camp!!

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes

Committee Minutes for November 28, 2022

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Carr – Agent/Horse CO- Superintendent; Whitney Spurr – Poultry Superintendent; Alan Hafner – Vice Chairman; Shannon Chojnacky – Horse Co-Superintendent.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Minutes from October 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
- 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. We are still looking into other bids/grants. Fairboard 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? Can left panel inside the barn be taken out?
- New pig boards and water nipples are needed. Carissa is looking into a donation to pay for them.

Livestock Policy Changes – Wendy moved to approve. Carissa seconded. Motion passed. Juli will email out to all livestock families and have some on had for families to sign at weigh-in.

Fair Awards – Superintends will present award ideas and costs at the next meeting.

Parade of Champions – ask fair board about using champion photos/video to put up on rodeo screen and a slide announcing the sale. Cost? Do in exchange for a sign on the bleachers?

New Business:

2023 Judges – Juli will see if Abby Leachman is available. If not, she will ask Marc King if he is available to judge after January 1st. Mindi will ask Tyrel Burkland to be our horse judge.

Horse Superintendent up for election – Carmen moved to have Wendy Carr and Shannon Chojnacky be co-superintendents for horse. Carissa seconded. Motion passed.

Species Reports

Beef: Tag days will be January 7th in Trout Creek at Havens, and January 8th in Hot Springs at the Sale Yard. Both will be from 10-11am. Sanders County Feed is holding a nutrition/beef project workshop and pizza party November 29th.

Horse: Play day December 27th. Requested horse vet at check-in walk to the trailer or ask Mindi to do horse vet checks. Wendy hoping to get interest for a horse skill-a-thon team.

Poultry: Whitney is organizing a project meeting. Enrollment is up!

Rabbit: No report

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

Swine: Project meeting and LQA February 6th.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: January 23, 2023 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

Sanders County 4-H Council, December 6, 2022 – 6:00pm
Fairgrounds Pavilion, Plains

Pledges were recited.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

No additions to the **Agenda**

Treasurer's Report included a bank balance of \$8500. Instructions for using Amazon Smile for donations to Sanders County 4-H are found on the 4-H website under "Fundraisers".

Correspondence included a Thank You from Sandy Prongua

Achievement Day was well attended (about 120), and a success. Barn superintendents may present herdmanship awards next year. Ambassadors will provide specific instructions for award recipients

Livestock Committee updated the livestock policy.

- o White shirts collared and button down (FFA shirts considered as a uniform)
- o Beef members must attend at least one workshop per year
- o \$1500 top price for beef
- o Fee raised to \$5
- o A and B animal policy reworded

Mikiah (State **Ambassador** President) has been a 4-H rep for MT Farmers' Union, attended state convention, gave a speech, is facilitating a ZOOM leadership training, and is on the planning committee for Legislative Breakfast. On county level, Ambassadors held a successful dance worship, are planning a commercial type of presentation to attract Ambassadors from more communities as well as a Congress advertisement for awareness, and are planning a Christmas dance December 23 and a blood drive January 27.

Club year plans are turned in, most officer lists are turned in.

Year-end financial reports are turned in, but some member/leader dues are still out.

Sledding party – Lacey Scharfe is in charge. Naegeli Ranch is available Jan 7 or Jan 22 based on snow level.

Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 was presented. Juli explained changes.

Jen moved to accept the proposed budget, Aimee seconded, motion carried.

Fair Projects will continue with warmer weather. Jason Hanna metal sign will be done by TF High School shop class.

Awards discussion – Livestock Committee is considering changes for Grand and Reserve Champion awards. Home Ec Building awards are popular, but some members have many bowls and cups. Leaders will discuss with members at club level and bring ideas to February meeting.

Meat Raffle – Searching for beef donors. May consider just one beef half instead of two. Tickets available first week in March.

Debit Card/financial & 4-H policy review – Copies of MT 4-H policies were distributed. Debit cards are allowed, but with specific instructions for use. Policy reminder is to use "4-H" (rather than 4h or 4H) and properly use the 4-H Clover.

Communications Days lunch hosts: Mavericks (Thompson Falls) and Wranglers (Hot Springs)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Those Present: President Joanne Burke, Vice-President Aimee Foyil, Jen Christensen – Hot Springs Wranglers, Mikiah Cook – State Ambassador President, Linda Cook – South Side Sparks, Secretary Karen Dwyer, County Extension Agent Juli Thurston.

*Dates to Remember***December**

23 Christmas Dance, Fairgrounds Pavilion, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

January

7 Market Beef Tagging, 10:00 – 11:00am, Havens Arena, Trout Creek

7 County-wide Sledding Party, 1:30pm, Naegeli Ranch, Trout Creek

8 Market Beef Tagging, 10:00 – 11:00am, Hot Springs Sale Yard

8 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (The Power of Positivity)

15-17 Citizenship Seminar, Helena

16-17 Legislative Breakfast, Helena

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

27 Sanders County 4-H Blood Drive, Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

February

1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office

5 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Tools for Facilitation)

6 Swine Project Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Extension Office, Thompson Falls

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

14 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office

17-18 Montana Volunteer Institute, Billings

TBA State 4-H Rec Lab registration due

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

March

4-5 Communication days and Stir-ups

5 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (The Butterfly Effect)

12 Communication Finals day, Plains

17-19 State 4-H Rec Lab, Culbertson

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

April

4 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – 4-H Pavilion, Plains

TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service

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

May

1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office

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

June

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

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

20-23 Multi-County 4-H Camp

15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

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

July

1 Project Add/Drop deadline

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

August

1 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – 4-H Pavilion, Plains

2 Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due

2 Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due

2 FairEntry Registration Deadline

26 Fair Readiness Day

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

30-9/3 Sanders County Fair

September

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 – 4-H Pavilion, Plains