

# SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH 4-H NEWS

## Communication Results.

### Top Junior Demonstrators:

**1st Place** - Melodie Cook

Anaelle Avilla, John McNamara, Katherine Wrobleski

### Top Senior Demonstrators:

**1st Place** - Mikiah Cook

**2nd Place** - Claire Wrobleski

**3rd Place** - Aubrey Tulloch



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## Happy Birthday

### April

- 3 Makenna Burchak
- 5 Ana Nottagel
- 8 Titus Myers
- 10 Brianna Horner
- 10 Kassidy Dana
- 12 Emmalee Hafner
- 18 Theodor Nygaard
- 21 Taylor Aitchison
- 22 Bella Nottagel
- 23 Christian Murdock
- 23 Hunter Greer
- 27 Walker Morefield
- 28 Cody Hansen

### May

- 10 Isabella Buchanan
- 17 Hannah Warnes
- 17 Cannon Helvey
- 20 Isabella Pardee
- 22 Gracie Bauer
- 25 Weston Haun

HELLO  
Spring



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STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Watch For Multi-County 4-H Camp Information

Multi-County 4-H Camp will take place **June 21-24** at Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake near Bigfork. Youth ages 8-12 (on October 1, 2021) are invited to participate as campers. The Sanders County 4-H Council pays \$40 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!**

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## 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 16th.**

Leaders can access the nomination form on our website here:

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

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## 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.

<http://montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html>

***Nominations are due June 1st***

## Montana 4-H Congress

We are currently accepting Letters of Interest from members (age 13+ as of Oct. 1, 2021) interested in joining the 2022 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 13-16** 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:**

<https://sanders.msueextension.org/montana4hcongress.html>



Pictured: Sydnee Wilson, Mikiah Cook & Katherine Wrobleski  
2021 Montana 4-H Congress



## National Volunteer Week April 17-23, 2022

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!*

### 4-H TEEN FUN DAY

4-H Teen Day at Darrell E. Fenner Loon Lake Camp.

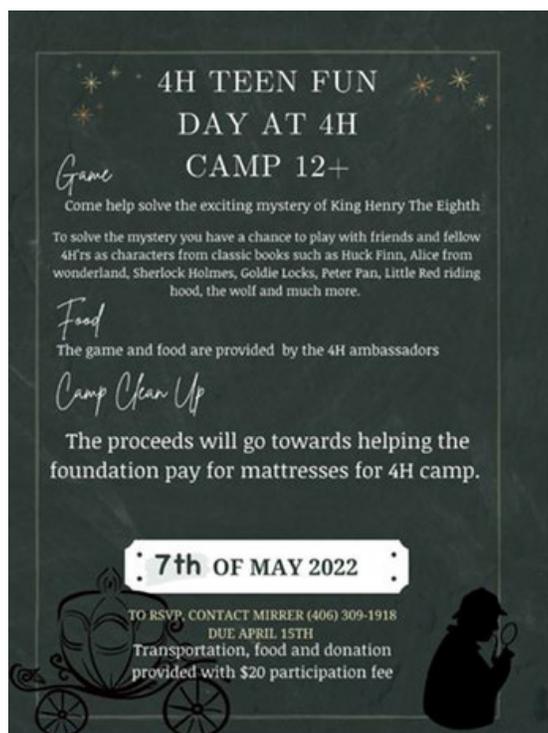
**May 7th - Hosted by the Flathead 4-H Ambassadors.**

Come hang out with 4-H teens from Flathead & surrounding counties. The day will consist of cleaning up the Darrell E Fenner Loon Lake Camp, fundraise for new mattresses, and play games. Including a fun Mystery game were you will follow clues to solve the case! There will be a camp fire and lawn games as well. **Food, Fun, 4-H!**

The cost is \$20.00 and RSVP's are due April 15th. Ages 12+.

RSVP at the link below:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9A723A0F9C25-4hteen](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9A723A0F9C25-4hteen)



### 2022 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 5th**  
**Sheep/Goat, 10am - 11am**  
**Swine, 10am - 1pm**

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 to 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 soon. 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! By now most members should have their 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!**

**The following businesses have sponsored gift cards:**

Outfitter Gear List, Mangy Moose Mercantile, Sanders County Feed, Big Bull Sports, CHS Mountain West Co-op & Ripples Ice Cream



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

Raffle will take place  
*Sunday, September 4th, 2022*

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](http://sandersmontana.edu) or Contact any Sanders County 4-H member

Beef Processing Donated by Western Montana Stockman's Association

1/2 BEEF DONATED BY SPRINGVALE RANCH

1/2 BEEF DONATED BY WHISPERING PINE FARMS JASON & MARCY McDONALD

TWO 1/2 HOGS DONATED BY FIRST SECURITY BANK

## 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 2022.

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



## NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP FOR AGES 13-18

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](mailto:christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu)

Application and \$150 deposit is due July 1st (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:

<https://forestry.msuextension.org/mnryc/>



Have an Adventure! **July 10-15, 2022**

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

**\$300 for 6 days!**

**36<sup>th</sup> 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

## May

- 1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office
- 15 Letters of Interest forms for Congress due in Extension Office
- 16 Jake Legard Memorial Camp Scholarship applications due for Multi-County Camp
- 23 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café
- 31 Fair Dining Hall shift sign up due in Extension Office

## June

- 5 Market Sheep & Market Goat, 10am - 11:00am Swine Tagging, 10am - 1:00 pm – Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
- 5 Fashion Review/Patchwork Parade, 4:00pm – Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls
- 7 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie's Cafe
- 15 Montana State 4-H Congress and Pre-Congress registration deadline
- 21-24 Multi-County 4-H Camp
- 27 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café

## July

### 1 **Project Add/Drop deadline**

- 1 Barn Patrol sign-up begins
- 6 Online FairEntry Registration Begins
- 11-13 Pre-Congress – Bozeman
- 13-16 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman
- 15 Donation deadline for AVISTA Golf Tournament
- 25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café

## August

- 2 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
- 3 **FairEntry Registration Deadline**
- 10 Last day to sign up for Barn Patrol
- TBA Little Chief Interviews
- 22 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café
- 27 Fair Readiness Day
- 31-9/4 Sanders County Fair

## Sept

- 11 Carcass Evaluation, Superior Meats
- 16 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader
- 16 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader
- 26 Record book results due to Extension Office from Organizational Leader
- 26 List of Outstanding Member County awards due to the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders
- 26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm - Plains Farmhouse Cafe

## Oct

- 4 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., Minnies Cafe
- 4 Record books to be considered for awards due in Extension Office
- 4 Legard Citizenship Award Nominations due in Extension Office
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains Farmhouse Café
- TBA Fall Ambassador Training

## Nov

- 6 Achievement Day, 4-H Pavilion
- 15 **Deadline for 2021-2022 enrollments of re-enrolling members**
- 21 Deadline for organizational leaders to submit enrollment fees & club reconciliation form to Extension Office
- 21 Club Treasurer's correspondences due to Extension Office for year-end audit along with Year-end Financial Summary report & 1% fee
- 28 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains Farmhouse Café

## Dec

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

*Sanders County*  
4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 2022, - Farmhouse Cafe, Plains

Sanders County 4-H Council – April 4, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 at the Farmhouse Café in Plains.

Pledges were recited.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report included funds transferred from the Managed Agency Account to cover normal program expenses with no/low income from citrus sales and dining hall, and costs for upgrades to the restrooms on fairgrounds (sharing costs with the Fair Commission.) MA Account balance is about \$10,000.

Correspondence included a donation of \$142.50 from Clearwater Montana Properties.

**Reports**

Communication Days: Three seniors are recommended for Congress, plus one junior winner, age 13.

Two additional senior members were unable to attend finals competition, but requested a chance to compete. Jen C made a motion to allow the members to compete and attend Congress if qualified;

Jennifer A seconded. Motion carried.

Scholarship interviews: tomorrow for five graduating senior members.

**Old Business**

Fair Projects: Juli and John revisited the 4-H Home Ec interior and have new ideas.

Input from an interior decorator and any 4-H members in the Home Environment project is welcome! Fair Manager/Commission has done painting at the pavilion, ordered two new stoves, a new floor will be put in, and a sliding door cooler is in the works

Meat Raffle: Checks should be written to Sanders County 4-H Council

Money goes to organizational leader to be turned in monthly at minimum

Clubs may receive a flat fee for sales rather than a percentage (discussion tabled)

Livestock Committee will receive 25% of profit

Gift cards for \$50 will go to the top 5-6 sellers

AVISTA Charity Golf Scramble:

Jen C moved that AVISTA money stay in council, none to clubs. Aimee seconded; motion carried.

Members each will receive 2 letters to hand deliver to potential sponsors/silent auction donors.

Dining Hall: Current plan includes same meals and shifts, no lunch Thursday or Friday

Do we ask for food donations? Prices must go up, perhaps \$2 per meal

Suggest surveying families: Use of dining hall if prices go up? Miss it if it is gone?

Juli will research the issue.

**New Business**

Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade: June 5, 4:00pm, Extension Office

Multi-County Camp: Counselors Martin, Mikiah and Jaedyn attend at no cost

Members who have done communication days have \$40 of registration fee paid by council.

Jake Legard scholarships to Multi-County Camp are based on nominations by club leaders.

The forms are found on Sanders County 4-H website, events, multicounty camp.

**Announcements**

Clubs are reminded to pay for publication orders now in order for council to pay our bill.

Club treasurers, remember to pay any new leader/member dues to the council promptly.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm. Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Those present: President Joanne Burk, Jennifer Avilla (SS Sparks), Jen Christensen (HS Wranglers), Aimee Foyil (WP Happy Workers), Carmen Jackson (Treasurer), Taylor Etienne (Heron/Noxon Eagles), Juli Thurston (Extension Agent), Karen Dwyer (Secretary.)

## **LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

April 4, 2022

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Alan Hafner – Vice Chairman; Ryan Burk – Swine Superintendent; Tara Browning – Swine Assistant Superintendent; Whitney Spurr – Poultry Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Minutes from January Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$4,782.28

Agenda Review: No changes

### **Old Business:**

#### *Fair Improvements:*

Ideas: Ryan is working on the Jason Hanna sign and will look at the goat pen gates that need to be repaired. Doug hopes to do some updates in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn.

Painting the metal on the bleachers will be scheduled for 2022.

Horse arena tie rail. Hot Springs FFA said they could do the tie rail. Michele has contacted them with details. A work day will be scheduled to put sand and mats in the horse stalls.

Hot Springs FFA has agreed to add feet to the outdoor horse/beef panels so they don't sink.

Water availability needs to be improved in the Horse Barn.

Consider sand added to the show arena again in 2023.

### **New Business:**

*Approve 2022 Fair Schedule* – Discussed some suggested changes. Juli will visit with superintendents not in attendance to finalize.

*Establish Novice Beef Showmanship Class?* – All agree a first-year class would be beneficial, but how would it affect the outcome of the Super Steer Award? Tabled to discuss further at next meeting.

### **Species Reports**

Beef: Pat is working on setting up a beef workshop with Jon Bouma. Discussed how WMSGGA Heifer Show would work, may need to consider pumping water tank 3 times during fair.

Horse: No report other than discussing stall work to be completed.

Poultry: Whitney will be working on setting up a couple of summer sessions with members.

Rabbit: No report

Sheep/Goat: Will plan to have a workshop after animals are tagged for those that want to stay. Juli will schedule a quality assurance training with them the first part of June.

Swine: Discussed updating the health schedule. Tara will visit with Dr. McIntyre on her thoughts. Juli will schedule a swine project meeting the first part of June.

### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting: Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30pm, Plains Farmhouse café.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Day/Shift Time \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.**