

DECEMBER 2023

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

4-H NEWS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



December

2 Andrew Frank
7 Luke Dana
9 Mackenzie Tulloch
11 Dallas Mann
12 Hunter Berman
12 Alexis Russel
13 Sylvia Fairbank
14 Easton Deal
16 Elora Moore
17 Rhett Silva
18 Adeline Havens
20 Paisley Stowbridge

21 Giada Viviano
21 Samantha Hofstetter
26 Joshua Ekberg
27 Riley Keefe



January

1 Kara Christensen
1 Annora Myers
4 Dakota Mann
4 Jodee Smith
7 Solveig Nygaard
8 Colton Sauter
12 Oliver Scharfe
16 Ida Berger
16 Alida Feiro
17 Noah Scharfe
20 Wyatt Rehbein
22 Marina Tulloch
23 Cooper Spurr
28 Matthew Thurston
30 Andrew Wroblewski

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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 28nd @ 1:30 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!!



Extension 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 6th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Havens Arena, T. Creek

January 7th, 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

INTRODUCING CLOVER BY 4-H

CLOVER is an online learning platform that empowers people to find their spark!

It creates impactful learning experiences in partnership with 100+ top-tier universities, featuring 190+ online interactivities for ages 5-18, interactive content, gamification and augmented reality. For more information go to:

4-h.org/clover/about/



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 & Linda Cook's home. 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 12th 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

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Members 12+, 4-H Age

November 12
December 10
January 14
February 11
March 10

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: mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html or contact the Montana 4-H Foundation office at 406-994-5911 or contact the Extension Office at 406-827-6934.

2024
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.

Greytak Calendars



Place your order for the 2024 Don Greytak Calendars!

Calendars are \$15 each

Online orders can be placed at:
mt4hfoundation.org

All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00



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!



Christmas Masquerade Ball

Friday December 22nd
Fairgrounds Pavilion 7-10:30 pm

Community Welcome, put on by our 4-H Ambassadors

Finger Foods and donations are Welcome

Masks will be provided if needed

Swing, Waltz, Polka, and Line dances



SANDERS COUNTY 4-H BLOOD DRIVE

Sanders County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting their second blood drive during National Blood Donor Month Friday January 19th 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>



Free childcare provided at the blood drive for all blood donors!

Sanders County 4-H Blood Drive

Friday, January 19, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fairgrounds- Pavilion
30 River Rd.
Plains, MT 59859

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: SANDERSCOUNTY4H

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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REC LAB 2024

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!

APRIL 19-21, 2024

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL

BOULDER, MT

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://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/documents/projects/4h_communications/Montana%204-H%20Clover%20Communications.pdf. 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.

(Click on the Demonstration & Illustrated Talk icon).

[montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/4h_communication/index.html](https://www.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 2** in Thompson Falls beginning at 10:00 am.

Day 2 is scheduled for **Sunday, March 3** 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 10 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 9 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.

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**Sanders County 4-H Livestock
Committee Minutes for October 30, 2023**

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Alan Hafner – Vice Chair; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Richard Jackson – Beef Superintendent; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Jeremy Stover – Rabbit Barn Assistant; Terry Stephens – Hot Springs Wranglers Club Leader.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm
Minutes from August Meeting: Approved
Treasurer’s Report: Balance \$5,478

Old Business:

Fair Improvements:

- Ryan and Bethany are working on the Jason Hanna sign.
- Raelyn & Carissa will look at the gates 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)
- Seal horse tie rails.
- 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. Dallas Bender bid \$7500 plus \$10/8’ length boards needed. Fair board might want to use old tin on the Pavilion walls. Juli will request grant funds for this project from AgWest.
- 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. Do we want more bleachers around the show arena? Maybe look into sponsor banners for the bleachers.
- Horse wash rack – 2023 – Pat is getting bids/details lined out and will work with horse leaders on design. Permitting paperwork is finished. This will be a spring project with Pardee Excavation.
- Work with fairboard on horse barn wood panel repairs and painting.
- New post for show ring gate.
- Poultry and Beef Barn electrical upgrades. At least one more outlet in poultry barn and one at the show ring clerk area. Juli will call for bids.
- Repair horse crows nest railing.

Livestock Policy Changes? – Yes, remove show requirement for genomic heifers. Move meat goat to large animal round robin and dairy goat to small animal round robin. State interview requirement for second non-market project.

Rotate Sale Order Again? – Juli will survey top buyers

Allow more than one animal/lot for breeding – No, determined obstacles out numbered advantages.

New Business:

Superintendents up for Re-Election (Horse and Rabbit) – Alan moved to re-elect Wendy, Shannon and Doug. Carmen seconded. Motion passed.

Species Reports

Beef: Beef workshop coming up November 14th. Weigh-in/Tagging will be January 6-7th.
Horse: No report
Poultry: No report
Rabbit: No report
Sheep/Goat: No report
Swine: No report

Announcements:

Next Meeting: January 22nd, 2024 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

Sanders County 4-H Council, December 5, 2023 – 6:00pm
Linda Cook's Home, Plains

Minutes of October's Meeting were accepted as presented in Dispatch.

Treasurer's Report included budget review. Updates were made to estimated kitchen and awards income and expenses. *Carmen made a motion to accept the revised budget, Jen second, motion passed.* Kitchen expenses for 2023 exceeded income by \$3,514. *Karen made a motion to request \$3000 from council's Managed Agency account with the 4-H Foundation, Jen seconded, motion passed.* Budget will be discussed further next year to address shortfall.

Correspondence was received from Ailie Avilla, thanks for the microwave award.

Reports:

Achievement Day included at least 180 people, may need a larger space in the future. Comments about member expectations for the day were mixed. Livestock awards were available for pickup but not announced. Awards committee will discuss further.

Livestock Committee minutes are in Dispatch. Jason Hanna sign work has been postponed until January or February.

Ambassador team has many new members. Mikiah reported that Ambassadors hope to visit other clubs before Communication Days, have scheduled a blood drive in January, plan a public speaking workshop, and plan a younger member leadership training for ages 11-13. Melodie attended leadership training in Billings with five other Sanders County members and learned about activities with Cloverbuds and ways to help shy members.

Anna Hafner had an amazing time at **National Congress** in Atlanta. Linda Cook attended as a last minute chaperone and had fun watching kids do the state pin exchange, seeing outstanding speakers, doing community service. Other activities included a culture night, ballroom dancing, a night out at the museum, international night, and Santa Claus.

Clubs' year plans, club officer lists, civil rights letter, plus yearend financial reports and club dues have been turned in for almost all clubs.

Office has had calls for help with ordering **project manuals**. Procedure is simple and office is willing to help.

Sledding Party is set for January 7, 1:30pm, at the Naegeli Ranch IF we have snow. If no snow, second date is January 28, 1:30pm, same location. Thompson Falls Mountaineers will coordinate.

Old Business:

Fair projects – Home Ec building windows will be framed and wood sealed in the spring. Juli is pursuing ideas to improve the floor.

Awards lists with cost, and donor lists were distributed. Committee will meet to discuss choices, distribution, and record book prize categories.

New Business:

Communication Days – Carmen made a motion to use cups and bowls from HeidiHobbie for judges' gifts; Karen seconded, motion passed. Heron Noxon Explorers will host next year.

State **Scholarship** application deadline is February 14. County scholarship applications are due March 8. Jen moved to add a 'completed record book' and 'participation in meat raffle' as requirements before scholarship funds will be released; Karen seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Those present were President Joanne Burk, Taylor Etienne – Heron/Noxon Explorers, Linda Cook – South Side Sparks, Jen Christensen – Hot Springs Wranglers, Carmen Jackson – Treasurer, Mikiah Cook and Melodie Cook – Ambassadors, Juli Thurston – County Extension Agent, and Karen Dwyer – Secretary.

Dates to Remember

Dec

- 5 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook’s Home, Plains
- 5 Club year program plan & club officer list due in Extension Office
- 10 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Effective Brainstorming)
- 22 4-H Mascaraed Dance, 7:00pm - 4-H Pavilion, Plains

Jan

- 6 Market Beef Tagging, 10:00 – 11:00am, Havens Arena, Trout Creek
- 7 County-wide Sledding Party, 1:30pm, Naegeli Ranch, Trout Creek
- 7 Market Beef Tagging, 10:00 – 11:00am, Hot Springs Sale Yard
- 14 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Fake it Till You Make It!)
- 19 Sanders County 4-H Blood Drive, 11:00am – 4:00pm, 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Feb

- 1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
- 6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie’s Cafe, Thompson Falls
- 11 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Tools for Facilitation)
- 12 Swine Project Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Extension Office, Thompson Falls
- TBA State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
- TBA State 4-H Rec Lab registration due
- 26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Mar

- 2-3 Communication days and Stir-ups
- 2 Meat Raffle Sales Start
- 10 State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Authenticity & Self Awareness)
- 10 Communication Finals day, Plains
- 25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Apr

- 2 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook’s Home, Plains
- 19-21 State 4-H Rec Lab, Boulder, MT
- TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service
- 22 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

May

- 1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office
- 27 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

June

- 2 Sheep/Swine/Goat Tagging, 10am – 1pm, Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
- 4 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie’s Cafe, Thompson Falls
- 18-21 Multi-County 4-H Camp
- 15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

July

- 1 Project Add/Drop deadline
- 3 Online FairEntry Registration Begins
- 7-9 Pre-Congress – Bozeman
- 9-12 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman
- 22 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

Aug

- 7 FairEntry Registration Deadline
- 7 Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due
- 7 Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due
- 6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook’s Home, Plains
- 19 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- 24 Fair Readiness Day
- 28-9/1 Sanders County Fair

Sept

- 8 Carcass Evaluation, Superior Meats
- 13 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader
- 13 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader
- 23 Record book results due to Extension Office from Organizational Leader
- 23 List of Outstanding Member County awards due to the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders
- 23 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – 4-H Pavilion, Plains