

# SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

## 4-H News



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## Sanders County 4-H 2021 Fruit Sales

- **Fruit Sale Dates: February 7-17**
- **Order Forms due to Club Leader by Wednesday, February 17th**

Fruit Sales are the largest fundraiser each year for Sanders County 4-H. It has been very successful thanks to all the work of the 4-H members and families and the supporters of the 4-H program.

Members who sell 8 cases or more of fruit will receive a t-shirt for their work and members selling 20 cases or more will receive a gift card from Ripples Ice Cream Parlor of Plains in addition to the t-shirt. It is VERY important members give the money received from the sales to the club leader as soon as possible. This will allow the club to earn the maximum percentage allowed from the club sales. Your club will receive 5% of the fruit you sell if earnings are submitted to the Extension Office no later than March 17. Earnings submitted March 18-April 1 will earn your club 3% of what your club sold. All sale earnings submitted after April 1st will go to the Sanders County 4-H council. Remember, you must turn all the money from your sales in to your club leader so they can submit your total club earnings to the Extension Office.

### **Submit a T-Shirt Design**

Members who are interested in submitting a design to put on the t-shirts are encouraged to do so. Submit your design to the Extension Office by **February 22** and see if your design is chosen. This is open to any Sanders County 4-H member. If you have any ideas we encourage you to give it a try. We look forward to seeing 4-H creativity!

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## Learning Lab Kits

**There are Horse, Sheep, Swine and Plant ID Learning Lab kits available for checkout from the Extension Office. Additionally Beef, Poultry and Dairy kits are available from the State 4-H Office. If you would like to check out any of these kits for a project meeting contact the Extension Office.**

### Whats Our Responsibility When Involved in 4-H

Unable to be at the sale with your market animal?

Unable to attend the required number of club meetings? Rules are meant to be fair to everyone, as well as provide structure to the 4-H Program. However, we realize that unusual or special circumstances do arise from time to time that need to be considered. The Sanders County 4-H Council has made available a **Request for the Rule Exemption** form. This form is to be completed by any 4-H member who requests a special consideration regarding any county rule that is in place. The request will be considered by the Sanders County 4-H Executive Committee. Hopefully, thinking through the questions will allow members to look at the large picture and how the request will affect not only themselves but those around them.

The form can be picked up at the Extension Office or can be found on the Sanders County 4-H website at the following link

<https://sanders.msuextension.org/sanderscounty4Hforms.html>

If you have questions about the form, or when to use it contact the Extension Office.



Check Out The

*MSU Extension Website!*

A lot of helpful information has been added to our Sanders County 4-H page. The following information can be found on our website:

- Record Book Information
- Club Resources
- Project Resources
- Volunteer Information
- Grants & Scholarships
- Teen Leadership
- Awards
- Events
- Newsletters & Minutes
- Forms
- School Enrichment Resources

<https://sanders.msuextension.org/4h.html>

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## 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are open to all senior members and leaders.

They are held every other month at 6:30 pm. The location is being alternated between the Clark Fork Professional Building in Thompson Falls and Plains Farmhouse Café.

**February**

**April**

**June**

**August**

**October**

**December**

We encourage all interested to attend in order to keep communication and information lines open to all 4-H clubs and members.

## Montana 4-H STATE AWARDS

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the Outstanding accomplishments 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.

All applicants must be 14-19 years old prior to October 1 of the current 4-H year. Application and more information may be seen at this link.

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

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

**Please forward complete applications to:**

4-H Center for Youth Development  
210 Taylor Hall/MSU  
P.O. Box 173580  
Bozeman, MT 59717

You may also upload your application through the website above.

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.

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H

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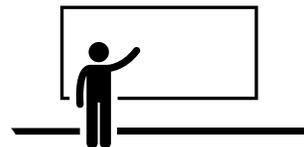
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### Example Videos of Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks and Video Competitions

If you are interested in seeing videos of other 4-H members doing presentations click on the link below and then on the contest. You will see resources for each of the communication categories. The demonstrations and video categories provide videos to watch. This could be very helpful for you to know how to prepare your presentation. Enjoy!

[http://montana4h.org/projects/4h\\_communication/](http://montana4h.org/projects/4h_communication/)



### Sewing/Quilting Foods & Nutrition

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

#### Sewing Machine

- Enrolled in a Sewing/Quilting project
- Enter a minimum of 4 exhibits in a Sewing project
- Enter a minimum of 2 exhibits in a Quilting project
- 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

If you are interested in either of these awards you can begin preparing yourself to quality. Members need to let Extension Staff know if you wish to be considered for this award when you check in your Home Ec exhibits at the fair. Contact the Extension Office with any questions!

## Communications Day

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

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/0B4drNK5wD8HZeF9QbUF0aXNzNTg/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 4-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?**

It is time to begin thinking about which one you will do 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.

[www.montana4h.org/projects/4h\\_communication/index.html](http://www.montana4h.org/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 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, protentional 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 each other. For a complete list of contest description, contact the Extension Office. This is not a State 4-H Congress contest option.

### **This year Communication Day will be held at the club level**

Your Club Leader will be in touch with you to schedule a time for your presentation. It is still very important for you to register for Communication Day.

Members please sign-up online for your presentation **Feb. 1st - Feb. 15th** at the following link:

<https://sanderscountyextension.wufoo.com/forms/communication-days/>

Top presenters from Communication Days will qualify to participate on Finals Communication Day.

### **Sunday, April 11th at the Clark Fork Professional Building in Thompson Falls**

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. If you have any questions regarding these events we encourage you to talk to your club leader or call the Extension Office.



## **BE A MULTI-COUNTY 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR**

**June 21-26, 2021 at the Darrel E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake**

Eleven pairs of Counselors will be selected for this year's camp. First year counselors will be paired with experienced Counselors whenever possible. There will be no fee for Counselors to attend camp.

Members must be 13 years of age as of October 1, 2020 in order to be eligible for Counselor positions.

Contact the Extension Office or visit our website for an application

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

**Application Deadline is February 22, 2021**

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### **Leadership Academy** **Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops** **Members 12+, 4-H Age**

*Join a 4-H Leadership Academy Workshop!*

The Leadership Academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer teams, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

**All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30.**

February 21 - Planning & Recruitment

March 14 - Facilitation

April 11 - Service & Recognition

May 16 - Promotion

June 13 Reflection

For more information visit

[http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership\\_training/academy.html](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/academy.html)

# *Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes*

February 2, 2021, 6:30 pm

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as drafted.

The Treasurer presented an updated budget. Miscellaneous expenses included Communication Days judge's gifts. Kim will follow up with Rocky Mountain Bank regarding signatures on the bank account.

No correspondence.

## **Reports**

Livestock Committee: Judges are being finalized and contracts issued. Beef are all weighed in. Hoping to host a showmanship clinic this summer. Various livestock resources have been added to the website. The Livestock Committee voted to support the Horse project families in their desire to move the horse show to the Saturday before Fair. Keeping it on Thursday of Fair still creates conflicts with interviewing, but all other showmanship conflicts with the horse show have been resolved. Juli will bring it to the Fair Board. Kim had a number of questions pertaining to the proposal and suggested that the horse superintendent attend the Fair Board meeting as well to answer questions.

Ambassador Report: They are working on a community service project of either a blood drive or trail maintenance, and are considering a dance at the Fair.

## **Old Business**

Fair Projects: Kim is closer to nailing down a date to put the shelving together in the pavilion with the 4H cook. Mike Taylor will assess the restroom and showers in the spring when the water is back on. Interior renovations of the 4H portion of the Home Ec building can move forward now that it's been determined by the Fair Board that large scale repairs are not needed to the building structure itself. Plans are to replace the warped wood paneling with barn wood and shelving and add 4H curtains.

## **New Business**

Scholarship application information was sent to 4H seniors; applications are due March 15.

Communication Days: Registration for Communication Days will be done through the county Feb 2-15. Club leaders will complete scheduling, judge selection, and event planning. Results are due to the county by April 1, and Finals will be held on April 11 and organized by the county.

Announcements: The annual fruit sale is scheduled for Feb 7-17. Kim will again distribute a link for members to enter their orders online.

Adjourn 7:40 pm

Attendees: Joanne Burk, Aimee Foyil, Juli Thurston, Kim Bergstrom, Jen Christensen, Carmen Jackson, Karen Dwyer, and Danice Toyias.

**Sanders County 4-H Livestock  
Committee Minutes for January 2, 2020**

Juli Thurston – Agent; Alan Hafner – President; Pat Wilson – Vice Chair; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Ryan Burk – Swine Superintendent; Michele McGuigan – Horse Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox.

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Minutes from October Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: \$5,400 balance

Agenda Review: No additions/corrections

**Old Business:**

Fair Improvements: Ideas: The show arena has been leveled. 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 next summer. Horse arena tie rail. Hot Springs FFA said they could do the tie rail. Michele has contacted them with details. Sand & gravel will need to be moved into the horse stalls before 2021 fair. Suggested to add feet to the outdoor horse/beef panels so they don't sink. Carmen will visit with Hot Springs FFA to see if this is something they'd be interested in doing.

Market Livestock Processing Update: Discussed when to deliver steers after fair to processor. Juli is getting feedback from carcass eval judges on preferred number of days to hand before evaluating.

2021 Judges: Pat is visiting with Jon Bouma in Ravalli County to finalize judging schedule. Michele will see if Laura Bakker is available to judge the horse show.

**New Business:**

Horse Show Date: Michele requested the horse show be moved to the Saturday before the fair. Carmen moved to do so, Pat seconded; motion passed. This decision is dependent on fair board approval.

**Species Reports**

Beef: Weigh-in was completed the first weekend of January. 19 4-H/FFA members tagged at least one steer. 9 members are enrolled in beef breeding and a few from FFA as well. A showmanship/grooming clinic is in the works for this summer. Watch your email to possibly set up some educational sessions.

Horse: Nothing new to report

Poultry: No report

Rabbit: No report

Sheep/Goat/Llama: Nothing new to report

Swine: Dr. Madsen will be doing a virtual education session for members on February 9th. This will county for LQA certification.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Plains Farmhouse Cafe.

## Dates to Remember: 2021

### February

- 2 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls
- 7-17 Fruit Sales
- 15 Registration Deadline for Communications Day
- 21 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

### March

- Club Communication days and Stir-ups
- 14 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online
- 22 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

### April

- 1 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
- 6 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains Farmhouse Café, Plains
- 12 Communication Finals day
- 11 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online
- TBA Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade
- TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service
- 26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

### May

- 1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office
- 16 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

### June

- 6 Sheep/Swine Tagging, Sanders County Fairgrounds in Plains
- 1 Council meeting, 6:30pm - Clark Fork Professional Building
- 13 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online
- 21-26 Multi-County 4-H Camp
- TBA Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline
- 28 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

### July

- 1 Project Add/Drop deadline
- TBA Pre-Congress - Bozeman
- TBA Montana State 4-H Congress - Bozeman
- TBA 4-H Exchange Trip to Jacksonville, Florida
- 26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

### August

- 2 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains Farmhouse Café
- 23 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café
- 28 Fair Readiness Day

### September

- 1-5 Sanders County Fair
- 17 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader
- 17 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader
- 27 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café