

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH
4-H NEWS

Communication Results.

Top Junior Demonstrators:

1st Place - Moriah Champneys
Ailie Avilla, Katherine Wrobleski, Colt Browning

Top Junior Prepared Speech:

John McNamara

Top Junior Favorite Foods:

Samantha Hofstetter

Top Junior Stir-Ups:

Jayden Cook

Top Senior Demonstrators:

1st Place - Melodie Cook
2nd Place - Claire Wrobleski
3rd Place - Mikiah Cook
4th Place - Cody Hafner

Top Senior Prepared Speech:

Kara Christensen



Pictured Left to Right: Mikiah Cook, Cody Hafner, Claire Wrobleski, Kara Christensen & Jayden Cook



Pictured Left to Right: Colt Browning, Katherine Wrobleski, Ailie Avilla, John McNamara, Samantha Hofstetter & Michaela Champneys

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Happy Birthday

April

- 2 Eliana Clark
- 5 Ana Nottnagel
- 8 Titus Myers
- 8 Hailey Roofener
- 10 Brianna Horner
- 10 Kassidy Dana
- 11 Jordan White
- 12 Emmalee Hafner
- 18 Theodor Nygaard
- 22 Bella Nottnagel
- 27 Broderick Edwards

May

- 4 Dakota Suess
- 5 Connor Erwin
- 10 Isabella Buchanan
- 14 Finley Williams
- 17 Hannah Warnes
- 17 Shelby Harmon
- 20 Isabella Pardee
- 22 Isaiah Silva
- 24 Zoey Havens
- 24 James Boyer
- 24 Aneliese Sapp
- 25 Weston Haun



Watch For Multi-County 4-H Camp Information

Multi-County 4-H Camp will take place **June 18-21** at Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake near Bigfork. Youth ages 8-12 (on October 1, 2023) 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 20th.**

Leaders can access the nomination form on our website here:

<https://sanders.msuextension.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, 2023) interested in joining the 2024 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 9-12** 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:

montana.edu/extension/sanders/montana4hcongress.html



Pictured left to right: Linda Cook, Melodie Cook, Cody Hafner, Mikiah Cook, Mackenzie Tulloch, Anna Hafner, Andrew Wrobleski, Juli Thurston, Claire Wrobleski

National Volunteer Week April 21-27, 2024

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 2024 Fashion Revue and Patchwork Parade will be held at the Plains Bible Chapel on June 11th at 6:00 pm. Registration and contest details will be emailed out soon!



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

2024 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 2nd
10:00 am - 1:00pm**

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. 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 in May. 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
2024 MEAT RAFFLE
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL 4-H PROGRAMS

Raffle will take place
Sunday, September 1st, 2024

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

TWO 1/4 BEEF DONATED
BY STEPHENS RANCH

TWO 1/2 HOGS DONATED BY
FIRST SECURITY BANK

Beef Processing Donated by
Western MT Stockman's
Association

Swine Processing Donated
by Superior Meats



NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP JULY 14-19

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/

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 2024.

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



"Certainly, TRAVEL is more than the seeing of sights, it is a CHANGE that goes on, DEEP and PERMANENT, in the IDEAS of LIVING."
-Moby Dicks Board

HOST a JAPANESE delegate
this summer & **SHARE YOUR WORLD**

Have an adventure! July 14-19, 2024



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

\$300
for 6 days!

37th 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	19-21	State 4-H Rec Lab, Boulder MT
	25	4-H Scholarship Interviews
	29	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains, 4-H Pavilion
May	1	State Award applications due in State 4-H Office
	20	Deadline for Jake Legard Camp Scholarship Applications
	27	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains, 4-H Pavilion
June	2	Sheep/Swine/Goat Tagging, 10am - 1pm, Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
	11	Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade, 6:00 p.m. - Plains Bible Chapel
	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, 6:30 p.m. - 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, 6:30 p.m. - Plains, 4-H Pavilion
August	6	Council meeting, 6:00 pm. - Linda Cook's Home, Plains
	7	FairEntry Registration Deadline
	7	Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due
	7	Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due
	19	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 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 Org. 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, 6:30 p.m. - 4-H Pavilion, Plains
Oct	1	Record books to be considered for awards due in Extension Office
	1	Legard Citizenship Award Nominations due in Extension Office
	1	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., Minnie's Cafe, Thompson Falls
	28	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains, 4-H Pavilion
	TBA	Fall Ambassador Training Achievement Day, 4-H Pavilion, Plains
Nov	3	
	15	Deadline for 2024-2025 enrollments of re-enrolling members
	15	Deadline for Organizational Leaders to submit any enrollment fees to Extension Office
	18	Club Treasurer's correspondences due to Extension Office for year-end audit along with Year-end Financial Summary report & 1% fee
	18	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains, 4-H Pavilion
25	Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - Linda Cook's Home, Plains	
Dec	2	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. - Linda Cook's Home, Plains

**Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting
April 2, 2024, Cook Residence in Plains**

February Minutes were accepted as presented.
Treasury fund balance includes over \$2000 for Multi-County Camp.

Ambassador report (Jayden Cook).

- Masquerade Dance in December was a success for 4-H members and community folks.
- Blood drive was cancelled, will be rescheduled.

Rec Lab

- April 19-21 in Boulder. Six members and Leader Linda Cook are registered.
- Members pay one half of registration total (\$100).
- *Karen moved that Council pay the second half of member registrations, as well as one half of the cost of a rental car. Linda seconded, motion carried.*

Communication Days

- Enthusiasm from members. Two members participated in StirUps, one in Favorite Foods.
- *Carmen moved that Jayden Cook receive a Congress scholarship, Karen seconded . Motion carried.* Jayden (StirUps winner) is eligible for Congress, overage for MultiCounty Camp.
- Top senior demonstrators were Melody Cook, Mikiah Cook, Claire Wroblewski, and Cody Hafner. Top senior prepared speech was by Kara Christensen.

Scholarship interviews will be April 25.

Managed Agency Account with the 4-H Foundation report was reviewed.

Meat Raffle has begun.

- Superior Meats has agreed to pay for swine processing, Western Montana Stockmen will pay for beef processing.
- Encourage members to sell their tickets!

Fair Projects

- Restrooms are completed, work in the Home Ec building will be done prior to fair.
- Fair Board plans to redo stalls in the animal barns next year.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fair Commission

- Reviewed with one suggestion for revised wording.
- 4-H families will receive one free parking pass for the South field only.

Dining hall

- Suggestions include finding a new catchy name, advertising with a 10% coupon on-line, or in a flier, and accepting prepay with a QR code.
- A point of service (POS) system for cashiers is being researched.

Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade

- Thursday June 11th, 6:00pm, at Plains Bible Chapel.

Multi-County camp date will be announced soon.

- Council pays \$45 of registration cost for each member participating in Communication Days,
- Full scholarships for the top four.
- Jake Legard Scholarship recommendations are due two weeks prior to camp registrations.

County Cloverbud Day Camp is planned for two weekdays in June, with learning stations, facilitated by older 4-H members.

Disc golf (Folf) area is planned near the Rimrock Lodge in Thompson Falls.

- Sanders County Community Development (SCCD) has requested a letter of support.
- *Carmen moved that Council submit a letter of support, Jen seconded, motion carried.*

Home Ec (Static) awards may be updated from cups and bowls. New ideas are welcome!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Those present were Vice President Jen Avilla, Treasurer Carmen Jackson, Linda Cook – South Side Sparks, Jayden Cook – Ambassador, Juli Thurston – County Extension Agent, Karen Dwyer Secretary.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 29, 2024

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Alan Hafner – Vice Chair; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Kristy Sheehan – Fair Manager; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Whitney Spurr – Poultry Superintendent.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Minutes from October Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$7,437.51 (does not include livestock sales fee yet)

Old Business:

Fair Improvements:

- Ryan and Bethany are working on the Jason Hanna sign.
- Raelyn & Carissa will look at the gates and 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)
- Seal horse tie rails.
- New tin on swine barn. Taylor Construction bid \$11,000 to replace roofing and rotten boards underneath, rotten post and facing board. 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 – 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. Juli will get a bid from John Thurston.
- 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.

Rotate Sale Order Again? – Juli surveyed TRL, Westland Seed, and Julie Burns – they like it rotated. Valley Banks likes how we've done it in the past. Waiting for a few more call backs still.

New Business:

Awards – Awards committee will meet to finalize plan for the 2024 Fair.

Species Reports

Beef: Weigh-in went well, 20 steer members tagged in. A beef clinic will be held in June.

Horse: Meeting coming up on the 19th. We have lots of new horse leaders.

Poultry: Will work on project improvement plan and supplies needed. Possibly have a Fir & Feather Silent Auction during fair. Work on getting guidelines from Missoula and/or Bonner Counties.

Rabbit: Work on project improvement plan and supplies needed.

Sheep/Goat: Meeting in March for Quality Assurance/Project meeting. Then plan to meet monthly.

Swine: Quality Assurance/Project meeting scheduled for February 12th.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: April 29th, 2024 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

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.**