

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

4-H NEWS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



December

2	Andrew Frank
9	Mackenzie Tulloch
12	Hunter Berman
13	Sylvia Fairbank
13	Hattie Neesvig
14	Easton Deal
20	Sydney Sewell
24	Bethany Burk
24	Maggie Leaver
26	Joshua Ekberg
28	Mason Bartlett
28	Isha Mckell

January

1	Kara Christensen
3	Kyler McDonald
8	Colton Sauter
12	Oliver Scharfe
17	Noah Scharfe
18	Aubrey Tulloch
20	Deon McDonald
22	Marina Tulloch
23	Cooper Spurr
25	Alek Sweeden
27	Easton Helvey
28	Matthew Thurston
30	Andrew Wrobleski

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Winter Fun Sledding Party

The annual sledding party is planned for either January 9th or January 16 @ 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

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

Market Beef Tagging

January 8, 10-11:00 am - Reed Home in Trout Creek
January 9, 10-11:00 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.

See the email sent by Juli Thurston on 12/10/21 for additional information.



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. The funds will then come to our counties 4-H program.

Please help spread the word!



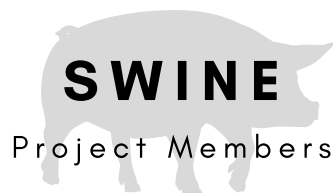
Special Notes

4-H Council Meetings

The 4-H Council meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every other month February-December. They begin at 6:30 pm. The location of the meetings alternate between the Clark Fork Professional Building in Thompson Falls & the Farmhouse Café 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 Farmhouse Café 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 7th 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 <https://sanders.msuextension.org/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:

<https://sanders.msuextension.org/Swine%20Breeders%202021%20new.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 Brett Schomer: 210 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:
<http://montana4h.org/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: <http://www.montana4h.org/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.

2021

Programs

Officer Training/Parliamentary Procedure Competition

Each club officer will be receiving training materials via email soon, so watch for it! Many members this year 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.

Virtual Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

**Members 12+, 4-H Age
Beginning in January 2022**



January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10

How to Make Club Meetings Awesome
Ages and Stages Mentors
Successful Service Learning
Lead with a Purpose

For more information please visit:

www.montana4h.org/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!

GREYTAK CALENDAR *Fundraiser*

Greytak Calendars are available for families to purchase!

Don Greytak's calendars include beautiful pencil sketches that capture real life situations. (see example below!)

Calendars are \$15, the State 4-H Foundation receives \$10 and the 4-H Council receives \$5/calendar.

If you would like to purchase a calendar please call Ashley at the Extension Office 827-6934



SANDERS COUNTY 4-H

BLOOD DRIVE

Sanders County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting their first blood drive during National Blood Donor Month Wednesday, January 5th 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

Wednesday, January 5, 2022
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 2022

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

More information can be found here:

http://montana4h.org/programs/events/rec_lab/index.html

Watch your email for more information!

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 18-20, 2022 / HOBSON 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://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-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.

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. 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 5** in Thompson Falls beginning at 10:00 am.

Day 2 is scheduled for **Sunday, March 6** 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 13 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 11 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.

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes

Sanders County 4-H Livestock
Committee Minutes for November 1, 2021

Juli Thurston – Agent; Alan Hafner – Chairman; Pat Wilson – Vice Chairman; Mindi Wilson; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Ryan Burk – Swine Superintendent; Richard Jackson – Beef Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

Minutes from September Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: No new to report

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. Sand & gravel will need to be moved into the horse stalls. Pat will get quotes for the sand.

Suggested to add feet to the outdoor horse/beef panels so they don't sink. We will visit with Hot Springs FFA to see if this is something they'd be interested in doing in 2022.

Water availability needs to be improved in the Horse Barn.

Consider sand added to the show arena again in 2023

Livestock Policy Suggested Changes were approved. Give hard copy to families at tag days. Members showing a market animal will also be required to exhibit a non-market project at the fair.

Hope for Harlee Fundraiser: Tabled until next meeting

New Business:

Chair, Vice-Chair, Swine and Sheep Superintendents up for re-election: New positions are Pat Wilson – Chair, Alan Hafner – Vice Chair, Ryan Burk Swine Superintendent, and Raelyn Cox Sheep and Goat Superintendent.

2021 Judges – Request same judges as last year. Superintendents recruit round robin judges again.

Superintendent Fair Meal – Approved to pay 4-H Council \$1000 to cover cost of complimentary livestock volunteer meals at fair.

Species Reports

Beef: Tag days January 8-9 at Reed home and Hot Springs Sale Yard. Approved to consider hosting the WMSG heifer show at our fair.

Horse: No report

Poultry: No report

Rabbit: No report

Sheep/Goat: No report

Swine: Nothing new to report

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Monday, January 31, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Plains Farmhouse Café. 2022 meeting dates: March 7, April 25 (if needed), May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 12

Dates to Remember

January

- 5 Blood Drive, 12-5pm – 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- 8 Market Beef Tagging, 10-11am – Reed home, Trout Creek
- 9 Market Beef Tagging, 10-11am – Hot Springs Sale Yard
- 9 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (How to Make Club Meetings Awesome)
- 31 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café

February

- 1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
- 1 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls
- 8 Deadline to sign-up for Communication Days
- 13 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (Ages and Stages for Mentors)
- TBA State 4-H Rec Lab registration due
- ? Fruit sales

March

- 5-6 Communication days and Stir-ups
- 7 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café
- 13 Communication Finals day
- 13 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (Successful Service Learning)
- 18-20 State 4-H Rec Lab, Hobson

April

- 1 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
- 5 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains Farmhouse Café, Plains
- 10 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (Lead with a Purpose)
- TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service

May

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

June

- 5 Sheep/Swine Tagging, 10am - 1pm – Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
- 7 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Clark Form Professional Building, Thompson Falls
- 15 Montana State 4-H 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
- 6 Online FairEntry Registration Begins
- 11-13 Pre-Congress – Bozeman
- 13-16 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman
- 25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café

Aug.

- 1 Council meeting, 6:30 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
- 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
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café
- 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