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SANDERS COUNTY 4-H DISPATCH

4-H News

Happy Birthday!



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October:

2 Beneniah Turner
3 Emalyn Roofener
4 Anaelle Avilla
5 Claire Wrobleski
12 Sage Doble
13 Jeremiah Frank
14 Calvin Ingle
19 Avalyn Totzauer
20 Kellyn Carr
20 Ayla Rehbein
24 Leah Bartlett
24 Maichelle Champneys
25 Katherine Wrobleski
30 Lainey Erwin

November:

2 Kayla Warnes
7 Gavin Hafner
7 Cody Hafner
7 Mikiah Cook
15 Beau Crabb
16 Robert Wade
16 Gabriella Taylor
18 Maya Myers
28 John McNamara
29 Brooke Jackson

WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR: 2023-2024

Happy New 4-H Year!

We are excited to begin the new 4-H Year and look forward to working with and seeing you in the coming months. As the New Year begins so does the re-enrollment process. Your Organizational Leader has all of the materials that you will need to re-enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year if you haven't already received them. An email has also been sent out to all 4-H families that included enrollment information. Although it may seem like a lot of information and it may seem daunting to go through it all, by taking the time to review all of the materials provided by your leader and the email you will be better prepared for the 4-H year. Remember that if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your Organizational Leader or the Extension Office. We are all here to help you have a rewarding, successful 4-H year!

Remindedr:

November 15 is the absolute latest to re-enroll.

No re-enrollments will be accepted after this date





Re-enroll Online through ZSuite!

Re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is now open. Please make sure to re-enroll through ZSuite using the same log-in information as last year.

4h.zsuite.org

Click on the link below for re-enrollment instructions montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/4henrollment/index.html. Ask your Organizational Leader for the green Enrollment Guidelines sheet for more complete detailed enrollment information if you haven't already received it.

Enrollment fees may be paid online during your enrollment through ZSuite or through your Organizational Leader and are due by **November 15.**



IMPORTANT Project Manual Info

NEW THIS YEAR!

Families will be ordering their project manuals online from the MSU Extension Distribution Center using the following link:

store.msuextension.org/Departments/4-H-Materials.aspx

Once you have the project books figured out (either by looking in ZSuite during enrollment or by looking in the project selection guide) you can use the search bar to enter the code. This should make it easier to find your materials. ie: **Bite Into Beef - BU8143** / Just enter the letters & numbers after the project manual title. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions!

All members are expected to journal all they do in their 4-H projects and 4-H club work. Those journals must be included in their record book. Journals may be printed from the 4-H website at:

montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/index.html

or the Extension Office will provide members with the necessary journals (4-H Year and Project journal forms). Contact your Organizational Leader or the Extension Office if you are unable to print your own journals. Don't hesitate to contact your club leader or the Extension Office with any questions you may have.

Reiminder to 4-H Members

IF YOU WON AN AWARD AT THE FAIR OR IF YOU RECEIVE ONE AT ACHIEVEMENT DAY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO THE DONOR WITH A THANK YOU NOTE! IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO TO THANK PLEASE CONTACT KAREN DWYER AT TFL4067@BLACKFOOT.NET OR CALL HER AT 827-4067

DONT MISS ACHIEVEMENT DAY!

All Families are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 pm

At the Pavilion in Plains.

(located at the Sanders County Fairgrounds)

Join the Sanders County 4-H Community to recognize and honor the 2022-2023 4-H Award recipients.

This year we will be having a pot luck. Please bring a potluck dish or item to share.

Year end awards will be presented!

NOTE: Along with livestock awards and various other awards, awards for exhibits that were entered in the Home Ec Building at the fair will be presented at this event. If you entered an exhibit(s) in the Home Ec Building we strongly encourage you to attend Achievement Day.

You may be presented an award!

Thank you to the Heron - Noxon Explorers and Thompson Falls Mountaineers for Hosting Achievement Day this year!

People Partner Grants

Does your club have ideas for improvements in your community? Would you like to make improvements at the fairgrounds? Here is an opportunity for you to apply for the funds to make it happen. The Montana 4-H Foundation awards People Partner Grants to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Now is the time to get started on paperwork.

Information is available online at
mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html

Applications are due February 1st
Each application is eligible for up to \$500

Sewing/Quilting and Foods & Nutrition Project Members

Sanders County 4-H offers a sewing machine and microwave to an outstanding junior or senior member who applies during the Sanders County Fair. If you are interested in either of these awards you can begin now preparing yourself to qualify. Members must be enrolled in the respective project and meet the following qualifications to be eligible to win.

Qualifications include:

Sewing Machine

- Enrolled in Sewing/Quilting project
- Enter a minimum of 4 exhibits in a Sewing project or 2 exhibits in a Quilting project at the fair
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted at the fair
- Provide an updated record book for judges to review for growth in the project at the fair

Microwave

- Enrolled in a Food/Nutrition project at the fair
- Enter a minimum of 6 exhibits in a Food/Nutrition project at the fair
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted at the fair
- Provide an updated record book for judges to review for growth in the project at the fair

Member will let the Extension staff know if they wish to be considered for this award when member checks in exhibits in the Home Ec building at the fair. Contact the Extension office with any questions!

2024 Summer Outbound Programs for 4-H Youth

This year there are 7 International Outbound summer programs available for the new 2024 program year for MT teenagers!

The countries that are available in 2024 for current 4-H members, ages 14-19 (and not in college) are:

- **Japan 8-week:** June 12-Aug. 9, 2024
- **Argentina:** June 20-July 15, 2024
- **Costa Rica:** June 20-July 19, 2024
- **Norway:** June 20-July 20, 2024
- **Japan 4-week:** July 10-Aug 9, 2024
- **South Korea:** July 16-Aug 15, 2024
- **Taiwan:** July 16-Aug 15, 2024

For more information and application materials visit:
states4hexchange.org

Application Deadline: December 1, 2023

For program eligibility & fees contact Christine at
c.sommersaustin@montana.edu / 406-994-3504

2024 Online Application Link:
<https://smr.to/p92010>

DATES

To Remember
2023-2024

October

- 3 Record books to be considered for awards due in Extension Office
- 3 Legard Citizenship Award Nominations due in Extension Office
- 3 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., Rimrock Lodge, Thompson Falls
- 30 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains, Location TBD
- 20-22 Fall Ambassador Training, Billings (deadline to register October 5th)

November

- 5 Achievement Day, 2:00 p.m. - 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- 15 Deadline for 2023-2024 enrollments of re-enrolling members
- 20 Deadline for organizational leaders to submit reconciliation form & enrollment fees not paid online to Extension Office
- 20 Club Treasurer's correspondences due to Extension Office for year-end audit along with Year-end Financial Summary report & 1% fee
- 27 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains, Location TBD

December

- 5 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook's Home, Plains
- 5 Club year program plan & club officer list due in Extension Office

January

- 6-7 Market Beef Tagging

February

- 1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
- 6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Rimrock Lodge, Thompson Falls
- TBA State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
- TBA State 4-H Rec Lab registration due

March

- 2-3 Meat Raffle (members will receive tickets at Communication Days)
- 2-3 Communication days and Stir-ups
- 10 Communication Finals day - Plains
- TBA State 4-H Rec Lab

April

- 2 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook's Home, Plains
- TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service

May

- 1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office

June

- 2 Sheep/Swine Tagging, Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
- 4 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Rimrock Lodge, Thompson Falls
- 18-21 Multi-County 4-H Camp
- 15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

July

- 1 Project Add/Drop deadline
- 7-9 Pre-Congress – Bozeman
- 9-12 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman

August

- 6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook's Home, Plains

*Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting
October 3, 2023*

Call to Order at 6:01pm

August Minutes approved as presented.

National Congress delegate was added to **Agenda**.

Treasurer's Report included budget proposal for 2023-2024. Budget committee including Carmen, Terry, Juli and Karen will meet October 30.

Correspondence included a thank you card from Bethany Burk for her scholarship.

Fair Wrap-up – Dining hall statistics from 2006 to 2023 were reviewed. Income this year was roughly \$7000 and expenses roughly \$9000. Members and families filled dining hall shifts without prodding! Council discussed allowing complimentary meal tickets to be shared among family members and agreed to continue policy as is (no sharing.) Green mats will continue to be ordered for the dining hall.

Ambassadors scraped and painted numbers on Fair arena bleachers. Fair Board has asked Ambassadors to decorate for Christmas. Ambassadors will help with Ag Days, have a dance coming up, and will attend Leadership training (nine members).

Awards – Total Screen Design in Polson is adding embroidery to the hoodies, duffle bags, and deck chairs chosen by winners of livestock awards at Fair. Suggestions for awards choices next year include adding trophies and specifying the size of the belt buckle. Sponsors were announced at Livestock Sale and will be advertised in other manners, will not be announced at Achievement Day in interests of time.

Fair projects (home ec building and restrooms) are still in progress.

Meat Raffle club sales report was discussed. Total sold: \$10,727. Three gift cards will be presented to top sellers Josh Ekberg, Trace Browning and Colt Browning. All members are expected to participate in Meat Raffle ticket sales. If ticket booklets are lost, member is responsible for paying for the booklet (\$100). Juli will add raffle sponsors to the list of people and organization needing thank you's.

Achievement Day hosts are Thompson Falls Mountaineers and Heron-Noxon Explorers (Nov 5). Five roasts left over from Fair kitchen will be sold to Agritourism workshop held two days prior.

Enrollment deadline is November 15th for re-enrollments. Project publications will be ordered on-line this year. Project leaders are needed for the coming year in a variety of projects.

*Jen made a motion to require **scholarship** recipients to participate in Communication Days, sell raffle tickets, and complete record book and end the year in good standing before scholarship funds are released to their higher education institution. Motion carried.*

Council officer positions were offered to leaders present, and current slate of officers was approved for 2023-2024 by acclimation. Terry will work with Carmen for the next two years to prepare as a treasurer.

*Carmen made a motion for council to donate \$200 towards Anna Hafner's **trip to National Congress** in November. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Those present: President Joanne Burk, VP Jennifer Avilla, Treasurer Carmen Jackson, Secretary Karen Dwyer; Linda Cook – Southside Sparks, Taylor Etienne – Heron-Noxon Explorers, Jen Christensen and Terry Stephens – Hot Springs Mavericks, Juli Thurston – MSU Extension Agent.

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes for August 21, 2023

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Alan Hafner – Vice Chair; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Richard Jackson – Beef Superintendent; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox – Sheep/Goat Assistant; Doug Horner – Rabbit Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Bruce Beckstead; Jen Christensen; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Carr – Horse Superintendent; Mindi Wilson – Horse Leader; Brian Crain – Fair Board Representative; Just Wright – FFA Advisor; Johnny Thurston – Swine Assistant Superintendent.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
Minutes from July Meeting: Approved
Treasurer’s Report: No Report

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) Also need 3’x3’ panels. Carmen suggested contacting Bangen Fencing. We will need to use all beef pens this year. Determine alternate pen location.
- Backcountry Horseman with 4-H Members installed tie rails. Maybe still paint them?
- Hot Springs FFA has agreed to add feet to the show arena and outdoor horse/beef panels so they don’t sink. The show arena panels are completed and re-installed.
- 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. Possibly request grant funds for this project.
- 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. Bleachers were sanded and sealed.
- 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 fall project.
- A gate will be installed on the NW end of the 4-H horse arena.
- Sand was put in beef stalls.
- Tara replaced water nipples and a board in the swine barn.

Fair Awards – Still needing award donations if you know of someone interested.

Barn Duty Update – reviewed schedule

Location of Sawdust – put at end of horse barn where open stalls are.

Raffle Ticket Update – have received \$3,540 so far.

Sale Order – Suggested Swine, Steer, Lamb, Turkey, then Rabbit. Grands and Reserves first. Rotate all. Tara moved, Shawn seconded; motion passed

New Business:

No new business

Species Reports

Beef: Jim Holland will inspect cattle for the fair. Call Uffda MT to pump tank Friday night.

Horse: Canceled clinic this week but season going well. Will use separate interview judges this year.

Poultry: No report

Rabbit: Nothing new to report.

Sheep/Goat: Shearing day/Showmanship Practice Monday before fair.

Swine: Waiting to hear back on the ramp. Been doing site visits to weigh pigs.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: September 25th, 2023 at 6:30pm, 4-H Livestock Show Arena.

September 2023

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Online Series

Members 12+, 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023/2024. 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!

All workshop time are on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to those who register.

Workshop dates will be: November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11 and March 10.

For more information please visit:

montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html



Top

MEAT RAFFLE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 3 MEAT RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS:

Gift Card Donations from:
Town Pump
Big Bull Sports
Sanders County Feed

Colt Browning - 90
Trace Browning - 90
Josh Ekberg - 70

*Thanks to everyone
for making the meat
raffle a successful
fundraiser!*

