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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
16 Brynn Sherrill
20 Ayla Rehbein
24 Jacob Howell
24 Leah Bartlett
24 Maichelle Champneys
25 Katherine Wrobleski
30 Lainey Erwin

November:

1 Bexley Clarke
2 Kayla Warnes
4 Lily Fitchett
7 Gavin Hafner
7 Cody Hafner
7 Piper Hoffman
11 Kaydence Pavlik
12 Edyn Davis
13 Tristyn Campbell
16 Robert Wade
16 Gabriella Taylor
20 Soren Feiro
28 John McNamara
29 Brooke Jackson

WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR: 2024-2025

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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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/club_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

REMINDER!

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 in their record books. 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 10, 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 2023-2024 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.

Awards announced at fair can be picked up at Achievement Day.

You may be presented an award!

Thank you to Whitepine Happy Workers 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

Welding/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 updated record book project forms from the current and previous 4-H years 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 updated record book project forms from the current and previous 4-H years for judges to review for growth in the project at the fair

\$100 to go towards welding gear of your choice

- Enrolled in a Welding project at the fair
- Enter a minimum of 2 exhibits in a Welding project
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted at the fair
- Provide updated record book project forms from the current and previous 4-H years for judges to review for growth in the project at 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!

2025 Summer Outbound Programs for 4-H Youth

This year there are 6 International Outbound summer programs available for the new 2025 program year for MT teenagers!

The countries that are available in 2025 for current 4-H members, ages 14-19 (and not in college) are:

- **Costa Rica:** July 19 - July 18, 2025 **(15-18 yrs old)**
- **Japan (4 Week):** July 9 - August 8, 2025 **(12-18 yrs old)**
- **Japan (8 Week):** June 11 - August 8, 2025 **(15 - 18 yrs old)**
- **South Korea:** July 16 - August 15, 2025 **(12-17 yrs old)**
- **Taiwan:** July 16 - August 15, 2025 **(12 - 18 yrs old)**
- **Argentina:** June 19 - July 13 **(15 - 18 yrs old)**

For more information and application materials visit :

states4hexchange.org/summer-outbound/

For program eligibility & fees contact Dave Brink at:
david.brink@montana.edu / 406-822-3545

2025 Online Application Link:
<https://smr.to/p98780>

DATES

To Remember
2024-2025

October

- 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

November

- 1-3 Fall Ambassador Training
- 10 Achievement Day, 4-H Pavilion
- 15 Deadline for 2024-2025 enrollments of re-enrolling members
- 18 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
- 25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains, 4-H Pavilion

December

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

January

- 4-5 Market Beef Tagging

February

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

March

- 1 Meat Raffle sales start
- 1-2 Communication days and Stir-ups
- 7 Sanders County Scholarship Applications Due
- 9 Communication Finals day TBA
- TBA State 4-H Rec Lab

April

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

May

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

June

- 1 Sheep/Goat/Swine Tagging, Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
- 3 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie's Cafe, Thompson Falls
- 17-20 Multi-County 4-H Camp
- 15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

July

- 1 Project Add/Drop deadline 6-8
- 6-8 Pre-Congress – Bozeman
- 8-11 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman

August

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

Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting
October 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of August Meeting were approved as presented.

No **Treasurer's Report** available. Budget Committee will meet and prepare the 2024-2025 proposal.

No correspondence received

Fair Wrap-up (Dining Hall) Juli presented a spreadsheet of dining hall expenses and income. We are about \$2000 short, nothing out of the ordinary, cook's salary was raised last year, three new roasters were purchased. Local food purchases may be less expensive. Food was ordered based on last two year use, but more people came this year, 20-100 for every meal. Food quality was good. Senior Citizen discount went over well – add military discount?

Meat raffle brought in over \$2500 at fair (thank you, Terry!), overall total was \$15,090. After costs and 5% to clubs, council profit is \$10,688. Top five sellers will receive gift cards (donated to 4-H): Josh Ekberg, John McNamara, Lainey Erwin, Brianna Horner, Mason Holman. Looking for donation of ½ beef verified prior to February, for next year's meat raffle. Suggested a club raffle officer to help with tracking, reminders, and mentoring.

Ambassadors hosted their best Fair dance ever. Air conditioning in pavilion was a nice addition. Will meet October 11, four new members so far, looking for members from different clubs.

Award banners for donations of \$250 and up were great and visible. Donor names were also on posters around the fair, on the website and an ad will be put in the paper. Expenses so far have been \$5905, fair and member awards have not been ordered yet. Expenses include fair and achievement day awards, graduate stoles, ribbons, rosettes. Jen found scissors to be engraved for Fashion Revue winners from Fabric Pixie. Briefcases were suggested for communication days winners. Next year we may offer a jacket or other item with multiple awards listed. In addition to a general awards donation, Clark Fork Farms donated \$500 specifically “to help kids that are financially challenged.”

Fair projects – Johnny Thurston completed framing of home ec building windows and will seal. Bid for flooring for the building is \$8000 for 4-H side, \$16000 for both sides. Other flooring ideas? Project pictures hanging from ceiling need glue. Hot water heater in the showers is impacted with bugs and a new unit is needed.

4-H week is October 7-12, Juli will post on Facebook daily, article will be sent to local newspapers, Mountaineers plan to decorate windows at four businesses with names of all county clubs. Comment from Ed Moreth (local newspaper journalist): Not a fan of kids, but loves every 4-H kid he has ever met! Fliers will be sent to schools explaining 4-H and how to join.

Achievement Day Potluck on November 10 will be hosted by Whitepine Club, 2:00pm at Fairgrounds Pavilion. Clubs will announce club awards but not present them until club meetings. Speaker will be Mikiah Cook.

Current slate of **officers** was approved by acclamation to serve the 2024-2025 4-H year: President Joanne Burke, Vice President Jen Avilla, Treasurer Carmen Jackson (training Terry Stephens), Secretary Karen Dwyer.

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

Enrollments are due November 15. Lengthy discussion was held regarding criteria for a member in good standing. Wording for Expectations was updated to be more consistent.

Juli explained club packets. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm!
Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Present: Joanne Burke - President, Terry Stephens – Hot Springs Wranglers, Jen Avilla – Vice-President, Brooke Eldridge,- Thompson Falls Mountaineers, Linda Cook – South Side Sparks, Juli Thurston – County Extension Agent, Karen Dwyer - Secretary (phone).

**Sanders County 4-H Livestock
Committee Minutes for August 19, 2024**

Juli Thurston – Agent; Alan Hafner – Vice Chair; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Terry Stephens – HSW Club Leader/Beef Project Leader; Colton Stephens; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Richard Jackson – Beef Superintendent; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Jeremy and Sarah Stover – Rabbit Assistant Superintendents; Doug Horner – Rabbit Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm Minutes from July Meeting: Approved Treasurer’s Report:
Balance \$5,715.26

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)
- 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 has requested 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?

Awards – Reviewed list of sponsors. Need to decide colors for awards.

New Business:

Request for Rule Exceptions (Sydnee Wilson, Cooper & Kendall Spurr) – Shawn and Doug moved to approve, Tara and Richard seconded; motions passed

Species Reports

Beef: Steers doing well. Bring tags to fair to replace a few lost ones. Next year try purchasing a different brand.

Horse: No report

Poultry: No report

Rabbit: Ready for fair.

Sheep/Goat: Very excited for a full barn.

Swine: Been out and about weighing pigs. Project are doing well.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: September 23rd, 2024 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

September 2024

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - ONLINE SERIES

MEMBERS 12+, 4-H AGE

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshops on Sunday afternoons in 2024/2025. 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 times are on Sunday afternoons starting at 3:00 pm. Once you register for the workshop series a zoom link will be sent to you.

Sundays at 3:00 pm

November 17, 2024 - December 15, 2024 - January 12, 2025 - February 9, 2025 - March 16, 2025

**Workshop topics will be coming in October*

Use the following link to register (website should be updated soon):

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html



Top

MEAT RAFFLE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 5 MEAT RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS:

The top 5 Meat Raffle ticket sellers will each receive a gift card

Josh Ekberg - 80
John McNamara - 66
Lanicy Erwin - 40
Brianna Horner - 37
Mason Holman - 36

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

