

# SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

## February

- 1 Gabriel Rueda
- 3 Anneka Turner
- 4 Kylie Silva
- 6 Zoe Kifer
- 12 Chase Sauter
- 12 Bobbie McKenzie
- 13 Sophia LaFriniere-Thornhill
- 14 Quentin Hagerman
- 15 Brielle Clarke
- 16 Edward Fairbank
- 21 Katherine Wessely
- 26 Paisley Helvey
- 29 Daniel Suess

## March

- 4 Ailie Avilla
- 5 Jebediah Browning
- 6 Emma Nottmagel
- 6 Isaiah Schork
- 7 JJ Boyer
- 9 Cooper Salmi
- 15 Tatum Willis
- 15 Annalise Fairbank
- 16 Dechlan Neeson
- 17 Grady Dana
- 18 Michaela Champneys
- 21 Bhaltair Edwards
- 23 Leah Woodman
- 26 Samuel Clarke
- 27 Elsie Myers
- 30 Ivan Dana



## Sanders County 4-H Meat Raffle Fundraiser

**Thanks to everyone's efforts last years meat raffle fundraiser was a huge success! We are hoping to have another successful raffle this year.**

Please help support the Sanders County 4-H Council's efforts in fundraising by selling Meat Raffle tickets. We are expecting each member (not to include Cloverbuds) sell 10 tickets.

Tickets will be given to club Organizational Leaders during Communication Days. The raffle drawing will be Sunday, August 31st during the Sanders County Fair. Please make sure to turn in your tickets and money as soon as you get them sold.

*If members wish to sell more than the requested 10 tickets, the 4-H council will be awarding the top 5 sellers a gift certificate to a local business!*

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## Learning Lab Kits

There are Beef, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Plant ID Learning Lab kits are available for checkout from the Extension Office.

Additionally, 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:

[montana.edu/extension/sanders/sanderscounty4Hforms.html](http://montana.edu/extension/sanders/sanderscounty4Hforms.html)

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

**MULTI  
COUNTY  
CAMP  
DISCOUNT**

### **Reminder!**

If you participate in Communication Days you will receive a \$45 scholarship to go towards the cost of Multi-County Camp!

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

Check Out The

*MSU Extension Website!*

You can find a lot of very helpful information on our website including:

- New Family Orientation
- Record Book Information
- Club Resources
- Project Resources
- Volunteer Information
- Grants & Scholarships
- Teen Leadership
- Awards
- Events
- Newsletters & Minutes
- Forms
- School Enrichment Resources
- and much more!

[montana.edu/extension/sanders/4h.html](http://montana.edu/extension/sanders/4h.html)

*Sanders County*

## **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 Minnie's in Thompson Falls and Linda Cooks home in Plains.

**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.

[montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html](http://montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/state-awards.html)

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

**Please forward complete applications to:**

*Montana 4-H Center  
Attn: State Award Application  
212 Taylor Hall  
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

**IS ON INSTAGRAM**

Follow us!

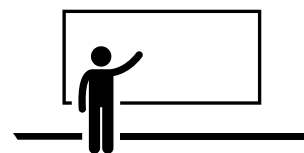


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### Example Videos of Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks and Video Competitions

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!

[montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/4h\\_communication/](http://montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/4h_communication/)



## 2025 REC LAB

Youth Participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2023 and adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age



### March 28-30, 2025 White Sulphur Springs, MT

This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. By rotating around the state and hosted by a 4-H district each year, This event also provides youth and volunteers an opportunity to travel and experience locations that may be very different from their home county. The camp like atmosphere and hands on activity allows for a fun and laidback weekend to create lasting memories.

**Registration for Rec Lab will open Monday, Feb. 10 in ZSuite.  
\$100 Registration Fee February 10 to March 12**

*\*Registration fee includes lodging, snacks, meals, t-shirts, workshops and exciting speakers.*

**More information can be found here:**

[montana.edu/extension/4h/programs\\_and\\_events/events/rec\\_lab/index.html](http://montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/rec_lab/index.html)





**Left to Right:** Jaylynn Buxbaum, Lina Sturman, Madison Chojnacky, Mackenzie Tulloch, Wendy Carr & Shannon Chojnacky

## MT STATE CHAMPION HIPPOLOGY TEAM

**FROM SANDERS AND LAKE COUNTY COMPETED AT NATIONALS IN DENVER JANUARY 8TH-11TH.**

***Our girls took....***

**10th Place** - Overall Team

**4th Place** - Team Horse Judging Division

**9th Place** - Team Stations Division

**9th Place** - Team Problems Division

**3rd Place** - Individual Horse Judging Division

*\*Madison Chojnacky*

***Hippology is the study of all things horses.***

The competition took two days with five different phases. The first day included a written exam and slides and the second day was horse judging, stations, and team problems. The members received up to 200 points for the different phases and examination, including a 100-point written exam. The slides were on anything and everything horse related including equine veterinary science, genetics, and new equine law, breeds, color, tack identification, etc. The stations included saddle types, hooves, bridles, bits, grooming, farrier tools, knots, parts of a horse, horse defects, and others. The horse judging phase involved judging two halter classes and two performance classes. In the Team Problem part, the 4-H'ers had to give presentations on four problems. Each team member had to contribute to the oral presentations.



**Left to Right:** Madison Chojnacky, Lina Sturman & Mackenzie Tulloch

The group took in part of the Denver Stock show after the competition was over. They got to see some top performing horse competitions, including a Performance Horse Showdown involving three different disciplines (reining, working cowhorse, and roping), Freestyle Reining Competition, Colorado vs the World Rodeo Finals, and experienced downtown Denver.



**Left to Right:** Mackenzie Tulloch, Madison Chojnacky, Lina Sturman & Jaylynn Buxbaum

***The team would like to thank everyone who helped them get to Nationals!***

# *Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes*

FEBRUARY 4, 2025 6:00 PM – MINNIES CAFE, THOMPSON FALLS

## **4-H Council meeting, Minnie's, Feb. 4, 2025**

President Joanne called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes of December's meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report will be sent out later.

Correspondence – thank yous from Matea and Rilye Keefe, and Ailie Avilla.

### **Reports**

- Livestock Committee Report was postponed.
- Ambassadors attended Citizenship Seminar and it was a “wild success.” A total of 11 attended. Community service projects are coming soon.
- Scholarship/Foundation Reports given - Four seniors are eligible for the county scholarship, deadline for applications is March 7. State scholarship applications are due February 14. Remind members in college that they are still eligible for some scholarships; they don't need to be a current member.
- Awards Committee includes Tara Browning, Whitney Tanner-Spurr, Terry Stephens, Karen Dwyer, possibly Carmen Jackson, and Jen Avilla. Juli plans to send a survey to members for input on awards.
- Sledding Party at the Naegeli Ranch drew four families that had a great time.

### **Old Business**

- Fair projects (home ec building – seal wood/floor/lighting/coke machine/banners glued down/curtains) Will work on in the spring.
- 4-H Dining Hall – Jen C made a motion to change the name to “Clover Café” with tons of signage saying it is open to the public. Karen seconded, motion carried. Juli will check with the fair board about distributing fliers.
- Meat Raffle - Beef sponsor needed – a bank? 4-H Council? Purchase from Superior meats and pay with ticket receipts? \$500 gift card towards beef at Superior meats? Possibility a bison/beef mix. Juli will work on options, tickets will be available the first part of March or April.

### **New Business**

- Communication Days/Stir Ups – qualifications/funding for State 4-H Congress: five members have signed up for StirUps. Jen C made a motion to send the four top demonstrations/illustrated talks to Congress (full scholarship), as well as one each from other communication categories, and one top StirUps member, IF judges agree the presentation is high enough quality; other competitors may go to Congress if they pay their own way. Karen seconded, motion carried. A check box will be added to judging sheets indicating whether the presentation is Congress worthy or not.
- Credit Card use at market sale will be an option and the option will be included in buyer letters as well as posting at the sale where all can see.
- Citizenship Seminar funding – more attendees this year and expenses exceeded budget; same for Fall training. Karen made a motion to withdraw 5000 from the managed agency account to cover the deficit. Jen C seconded, motion carried. In the future, budget a flat amount, divide by number of delegates, and request a fee accordingly. Chaperone expenses should be paid since they are the transportation.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer

Those present: President Joanne Burk, Brooke Eldridge – Mountaineers, Extension Agent Juli Thurston, Secretary Karen Dwyer; and by phone, Treasurer Carmen Jackson, Jen Christensen – Wranglers.

**Dates to Remember:**  
**2025**

<b>Feb</b>	1	People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
	4	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie’s Cafe, Thompson Falls
	10	Swine Project Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Extension Office, Thompson Falls
	14	State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
<b>March</b>	1	Meat Raffle sales start
	1-2	Communication days and Stir-ups
	12	State 4-H Rec Lab registration due
	9	Sanders County Scholarship Applications Due
	24	Communication Finals day, Plains
	28-30	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion State 4-H Rec Lab, White Sulphur Springs
<b>April</b>	1	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook’s Home, Plains
<b>May</b>	1	State Award applications due in State 4-H Office
	26	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion
<b>June</b>	1	Sheep/Goat/Swine Tagging, 10am – 1pm, 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
	23	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion
<b>July</b>	1	Project Add/Drop deadline
	2	Online FairEntry Registration Begins
	6-8	Pre-Congress – Bozeman
	8-11	Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman
	28	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion
<b>Aug</b>	5	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook’s Home, Plains
	6	FairEntry Registration Deadline
	6	Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due
	6	Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due
	18	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – 4-H Pavilion, Plains
	23	Fair Readiness Day
	27-31	Sanders County Fair
<b>Sept</b>	8	Carcass Evaluation, Superior Meats
	12	Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader
	12	Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader
	22	Record book results due to Extension Office from Organizational Leader
	22	List of Outstanding Member County awards due to the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders
<b>Oct</b>	22	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – 4-H Pavilion, Plains