

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH



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- 3 Anneka Turner
- 3 Victoria Pavlik
- 4 Kylie Silva
- 12 Bobbie McKenzie
- 12 Clara Larson
- 12 Ryker Anderson
- 13 Sophia LaFriniere
- 13 Ashton Riek
- 14 Quentin Hagerman
- 15 Brielle Clarke

March

- 16 Edward Fairbank
- 21 Katherine Wessely
- 25 Delainy Gerhard
- 26 Paisley Helvey
- 28 Emmitt Thomas
- 29 Daniel Suess
- 4 Ailie Avilla
- 5 Kooper Stowbridge
- 5 Jebediah Browning
- 7 JJ Boyer
- 9 Matthew Reinhardt
- 14 Lauren Hudson
- 14 Sydnee Wilson
- 15 Annalise Fairbank
- 16 Dechlan Neeson
- 17 Grady Dana
- 18 Michaela Champneys
- 21 Bhaltair Edwards
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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 requesting 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, September 1st 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!

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEAT RAFFLE

TWO 1/4 BEEF DONATED
BY STEPHENS RANCH

TWO 1/2 HOGS DONATED
BY FIRST SECURITY BANK

TICKET PRICES: \$10.00 EACH

Raffle will take place Sunday, September 1st, 2024
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

Beef processing donated by Western MT Stockman's Association
Swine processing donated by Superior Meats

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
MEAT RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting
Sanders County 4-H!

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

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

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

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

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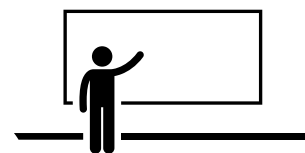
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Example Videos of Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks and Video Competitions

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/



2024 REC LAB

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



APRIL 19-21, 2024 | BOULDER, MONTANA

April 19-21 in Boulder, MT (Jefferson County)

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.

Watch your email for registration information and fee

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

More information can be found here:

montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/rec_lab/index.html



Summer 2024 National Citizenship Washington Focus

National Citizenship Washington Focus is a one week summer program in Washington D.C. where teens experience the capital as their classroom and connects young leaders from across the country to gain skills to be effective change agents. Current 4-H members between the ages of 14-19 can attend.

Go to Washington, D.C. for a week in June to experience our nation's capital, meet your legislators, and meet 4-Hers from around the country. During this week-long trip, delegates have the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian and the National monuments as well as visit with Montana Senators and Representatives. Montana delegates travel as a group with two adult chaperones.

Trip dates: June 15-22, 2024 or June 20-27, 2024

Location: Hyatt Regency - Bethesda, Maryland

Application Deadline: February 23, 2024

Eligibility: Current 4-H members 4-H age 14-19

The cost ranges from \$2,000-\$4,000 depending on flight costs. The CWF registration cost is \$1,495 per youth delegate for double room occupancy, which includes program activities and most meals.

Airfare, ground transportation, and the states' night out meal are additional. Since our Montana Delegation may want to arrive the night before to arrive by check-in time, there may be one more night hotel cost in addition.

Deadline to register is February 23

\$750 deposit required

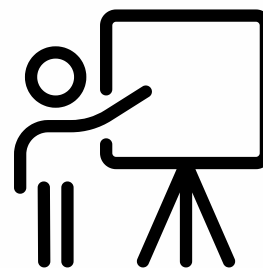
To apply or for more information please visit:

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/cit-wa-focus.html>



DO A DEMO AT THE THOMPSON FALLS LIBRARY!

The Thompson Falls library is looking for 4-H members who would be interested in presenting a demonstration at the Library. If you are interested please contact Crystal Buchanan at 827-3547



Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 6:00 PM - MINNIES CAFE, THOMPSON FALLS

Minutes of December's Meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Review added Community Health Fair under New Business

Treasurer's Report shows a low balance, typical for this time of year. Dining Hall showed a loss of over \$3000, but the majority was for payment on the new freezer.

Correspondence – none currently

Reports

Livestock Committee is working on judges contracts, a new wash rack will be put in and the next meeting is in April. Meeting minutes are included in the Dispatch and on the website.

Ambassadors are working on rescheduling their blood drive for March, are looking forward to Rec Lab April 19 in Boulder, continue to work on visiting each 4-H club, and would like to present a public speaking workshop and a younger member training event.

Scholarship/Foundation Reports were discussed along with a paper report for our managed agency account with the Foundation dating back to March of 2014. This account includes proceeds from fundraising including AVISTA golf tournament proceeds.

Old Business

Fair projects include upgrades to the restrooms and work in the Home Ec building. Flooring would benefit from a covering like epoxy paint and sealer, or something similar. Juli is pursuing ideas and quotes.

New Business

Communication Days signups are due Friday, February 9th. Events are March 2 in Thompson Falls and March 3 in Hot Springs, with finals held March 10th in Plains. Heron club will provide lunch for judges in Thompson Falls, and South Side Sparks will provide refreshments in Hot Springs. Gifts for judges will be created from bowls and cups left over from 4-H awards etched by Heidi Dettwiler.

Sanders County Fair MOU (Memo of Understanding between the Fair Commission and 4-H) was reviewed including changes and modifications.

A Community Health Fair will be held in Plains March 23, and 4-H was offered the opportunity to have an information table. Ambassadors will be contacted.

Awards committee will meet soon to discuss updates to Home Ec project awards and some Livestock awards.

Processing has been secured for meat raffle donations. Tickets will be printed soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Present were President Joanne Burk, Terry Stephens – Hot Springs Wranglers, Dwy Simpson – Thompson Falls Mountaineers, Taylor Etienne – Heron/Noxon Explorers, Juli Thurston – County Extension Agent, Karen Dwyer – Secretary.

Dates to Remember:

2024

Feb.	1	People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
	6	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie’s Cafe, Thompson Falls
	11	State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Tools for Facilitation)
	12	Swine Project Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Extension Office, Thompson Falls
	14	State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
March	2-3	Communication days and Stir-ups
	2	Meat Raffle Sales Start
	8	Sanders County Scholarship Applications Due
	10	State Leadership Academy, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Virtual (Authenticity & Self Awareness)
	10	Communication Finals day, Plains
	22	Sanders County 4-H Blood Drive, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Plains, 4-H Pavilion
	TBA	State 4-H Rec Lab registration due
April	2	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Linda Cook’s Home, Plains
	19-21	State 4-H Rec Lab, Boulder, MT
	TBA	Montana 4-H Week of Service
	29	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion
May	1	State Award applications due in State 4-H Office
	27	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion
June	2	Sheep/Swine/Goat Tagging, 10am – 1pm, Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains
	4	Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Minnie’s Cafe, Thompson Falls
	15	Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline
	18-21	Multi-County Camp
	24	Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – 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, 6:30pm – Plains, 4-H Pavilion
Aug.	6	Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 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, 6:30pm – 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 Organizational 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, 6:30pm – 4-H Pavilion, Plains



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Sanders County 4-H **Blood Drive**

Friday, March 22, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fairgrounds- Pavilion
30 River Rd.

Plains, MT 59859

**Free childcare provided
at the blood drive for
all blood donors!**

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