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# SANDERS COUNTY 4-H DISPATCH

4-H News

Happy Birthday!



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### October:

2 Aaron Booth  
2 Vanessa Horner  
2 Marley Neesvig  
3 Emalyn Roofener  
4 Anaelle Avilla  
5 Toby Susic  
5 Claire Wrobleski  
20 Ayla Rehbein  
24 Leah Bartlett  
25 Katherine Wrobleski  
26 Isabella Hansen  
30 Lainey Erwin

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2 Kayla Warnes  
4 Lily Fitchett  
7 Mikiah Cook  
7 Cody Hafner  
7 Gavin Hafner  
15 Beau Crabb  
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16 Robert Wade  
22 Jack Taylor  
28 John McNamara  
29 Brooke Jackson

## WELCOME TO THE NEW 4-H YEAR: 2022-2023

### *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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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](http://4h.zsuite.org)

Click on the link below for re-enrollment instructions

<http://www.montana4h.org/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 through your Organizational Leader and are due by **November 15.**

## Project Manuals

It is important members use the project materials listed in the Clover for each project area they participate in. While selecting projects to enroll in through ZSuite, the program provides a drop down list of manuals to select for each project.

### **Be sure to click on which project materials the member needs.**

If you are not sure what is needed refer to the "[Clover, Montana 4-H Project Selection Guide](#)" or call the Extension Office. Every 4-H family should receive a Clover from your Organizational Leader. Families are responsible for the price of their child's project materials. The Extension Staff will generate an order of project materials from what the 4-H families indicated they need through ZSuite. Families will then be invoiced for the project materials and will be expected to pay for them when materials are received.

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

[http://montana4h.org/projects/support/record\\_books/index.html](http://montana4h.org/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 [TFL406@BLACKFOOT.NET](mailto:TFL406@BLACKFOOT.NET) OR CALL HER AT 827-4067

## DONT MISS ACHIEVEMENT DAY!

All Families are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday, November 6, 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 2021-2022 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 additional 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!**

***Speaker Mikiah Cook, State 4-H Ambassador from Sanders County will be presenting.***

***Thank you to the Trout Creek Mavericks 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

<http://www.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!

## 2023 Summer Outbound Programs for 4-H Youth

**The application deadline is being confirmed. If you are interested please let us know!**

The countries that are available in 2023 for current 4-H members, ages 14-19 (and not in college) are:

- Japan
- Costa Rica
- Korea
- Norway
- Taiwan
- Romania
- Argentina
- Finland
- IPYA/IFYE  
(IPYA - 18-26 years old / IFYE - 19-30 years old)

**For more information and  
application materials visit:**

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/>

# DATES

*To Remember*

*2022-2023*

## November

- 6 Achievement Day, 2:00pm - 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- 15** **Deadline for 2022-2023 enrollments of re-enrolling members**
- 21 Deadline for organizational leaders to submit reconciliation form & enrollment fees not paid online to Extension Office
- 21 Club Treasurer's correspondences due to Extension Office for year-end audit along with Year-end Financial Summary report and 1% fee
- 28 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 4-H Pavilion

## December

- 6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- 6 Club year program plan & club officer list due in Extension Office

## January

- 7-8 Market Beef Tagging

## February

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

## March

- 4 Meat Raffle Starts
- 4-5 Communication days and Stir-ups
- 12 Communication Finals day
- TBA State 4-H Rec Lab

## April

- 1 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
- 4 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 4-H Pavilion, Plains
- TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service

## May

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

## June

- 4 Sheep/Swine Tagging
- 6 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. - Minnie's Cafe, Thompson Falls
- 20-23 Multi-County 4-H Camp
- 15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

## July

- 1 Project Add/Drop deadline
- 9-11 Pre-Congress - Bozeman
- 11-14 Montana State 4-H Congress - Bozeman

## August

- 1 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 4-H Pavilion, Plains



**Sanders County 4-H Council - October 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**State Office Building, Thompson Falls**

**Pledges were recited.**

**Minutes** of August Meeting were accepted as presented.

**Agenda Review** added Browning Family, Greytak Calendars

**Treasurer's Report** - Sanders County handled funds for multicounty camp.

Budget Proposal 2022-2023 – *Jen C moved to prepare budget for December meeting adoption, Aimee seconded. Motion carried.* Budget committee – Carmen, Juli, Karen, and Joanne.

**Correspondence** was from Ben Croft and Aubrey Tulloch, scholarship thank you notes.

**Fair Wrap-up** (Dining Hall)

- Deficit of \$450 in dining hall profit (prior to payment for complimentary meal tickets.)
- Saturday lunch numbers decreased, will discuss prior to spring.
- Cook requests a raise. Livestock committee will discuss, council will address at December meeting, possibly offer bonus decided annually.
- Pricing for meals is adequate. Encourage people to ask for larger servings if they wish.
- Cook suggests closing 30 minutes earlier on rodeo nights.

**Ambassadors** held dance at fair, attendance up from last year, well received.

- Dances are picking up traction, helped with forest days and AG days events. Will emcee Achievement Day. Will attend fall leadership training third week of October, and help with open house on October 16.
- Would like to speak at club meetings to recruit more ambassadors (sixth grade and up.) Current Ambassadors are Mikiah and Melodie Cook, Anna Hafner, McKinzie Tulloch, Andrew and Claire Wroblewski.

**Fair Projects:** Home Ec Building is beautiful!

- Thanks to all assisting the remodel, especially Johnny Thurston and Bruce Beckstead
- Needs wood sealing, painting on cooler, wooden clovers for decoration, window frames.
- Restroom heater worked well, difficult to adjust temperature in current location. Sinks in girls' restroom need work, possibly need new countertop. Mirror on the shower side would be nice, maybe take down each year. Beer garden patrons do use the restrooms. Knobs and latches will be installed on girls' side. New drain in stall was helpful, and hot water on-demand was great. Need new shower curtains every year. Lock on storage room in pavilion is great, new stoves are a hit, working on a grant for a cooler.

**Meat Raffle Fundraiser** total raised, \$14,632.

- Top sales: John McNamara, Noah Scharfe, Trace & Colt Browning, Ayla Rehbein, Brianna Horner.
- Thank you to donors Springvale Ranch, Whispering Pine Farms, First Security Bank, Western MT Stockmen.
- Sold tickets for 6 months, \$1400 at fair. Will repeat this timeline next year.
- Barn superintendents are too busy to sell at fair.
- Suggested drawing will be held at the livestock sale with a nice sign to promote tickets.
- Don't track specific member sales this time at sale.
- Encourage all clubs to turn in money at fair readiness day or August club meetings.

**Funds to send to Montana 4-H Foundation from AVISTA golf scramble** (total raised - \$23,000 plus.)

- *Karen moved to send \$20000 to Sanders County managed agency account at MT 4-H Foundation, seconded by Carmen. Motion carried.* Office will create a thank you collage/plaque with countywide 4-H pictures for a thank you to AVISTA

**Achievement Day** hosts, Trout Creek Mavericks. Potluck Sunday November 6th, 2:00pm.

**Re-enrollments** deadline date, November 15th.

- Leader packets were distributed and reviewed. Families are encouraged to wait until receiving information before enrolling at the end of their club meeting. ZSuite review was presented.

**New Family Orientation** information is online, printed folders may be requested.

- Juli will present a new family orientation training at club meetings if requested.
- Encourage families to read emails!

**Website presentation** by Juli: tour the website and see all that is available!

**Officer nominations:** *Jen C moved to retain the current officer slate, Jen A seconded. Motion carried.*

**4-H Year Calendar** was reviewed.

- Communication days are scheduled for March 4-5, 2023. Finals on Sunday, March 12.

**Awards discussion** will continue in December. Cups instead of trophies? Sweatshirts? Caps or hats? Director chairs? Tack? Species specific awards? Buckles? Hold a fundraiser?

**Browning Family:** *Carmen made a motion to send \$500 in memory of Doug. Linda seconded, motion carried.*

**Greytak calendars** are sold at the Extension Office if no club uses calendars as a fundraiser.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:03pm.                      Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Present: President Joanne Burk, Vice President Aimee Foyil, Treasurer Carmen Jackson, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Jen Avilla & Linda Cook – Southside Sparks, Taylor Etienne – Heron-Noxon Explorers, Lacey Scharfe – TF Mountaineers, Ashley Devol – MSU Extension Administrative Assistant, Juli Thurston – Extension Agent.

## **Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes for August 23, 2022**

Juli Thurston – Agent; Pat Wilson – Chairman; Alan Hafner – Vice Chairman; Tara Browning – Swine Superintendent; Richard Jackson – Beef Superintendent; Shawn Christensen – Beef Assistant Superintendent; Raelyn Cox – Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Carissa McNamara – Sheep/Goat Assistant Superintendent; Tammy McAllister – FFA Representative; Wendy Carr – Agent/Horse Leader

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Minutes from August Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Report given – Balance \$4,859.76

### **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/Whitney hope to do some updates in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn.

Wendy will follow-up on horse arena tie rail. Hot Springs FFA said they could do the tie rail.

Hot Springs FFA has agreed to add feet to the show arena and outdoor horse/beef panels so they don't sink.

Horse Barn water upgrades were completed. Rabbit/Poultry Barn drain pit and new poultry pens were completed.

New tin on swine barn. Juli got a bid for \$11,000 to replace roofing and rotten boards underneath. We will also look into other bids/grants.

Paint, sand and stain bleachers in 2023. Or purchase new bleachers? Juli will look into pricing.

Consider sand added to the show arena again in 2023. Tammy will call Alan when the panels are out.

Horse wash rack – 2023 – Pat/Mindi/Michele getting bids.

Permanent light at beef photo booth? Move or get a photo backdrop? Discuss this after we see how this year's pictures turned out.

New pig boards and water nipples are needed. Alan will look into cost to make them.

*Meat Raffle Report* – 25% of sales to livestock committee \$3,658. Yes, sale tickets at fair next year but sale tickets and draw for winners at the sale.

### **New Business:**

*Sale Report* – Highest sale yet \$202,034. Still collecting about half of the sale funds from buyers.

*Pay Council for Superintendent meals?* \$825 for all meal plans or \$458.25 for actual meals eaten. Tabled until conclude if the kitchen made a profit.

*Archie McDonald Nominations* – a winner was determined

*Ask FFA to help with cost of ribbons/thank you ad/tank pumped/vet fees/etc.* – An estimation of expenses was requested by Tammy. Juli will get that to her and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

*Livestock Policy Changes?* – wording for shirts, possibly cap sale weight for steers at 1500 lbs., increase sale withholding by \$5/species

*Fair review/suggested changes* –

Move sheep interviews to 5:30pm before swine wash racks get busy

Discussed other award possibilities vs trophies

If free rodeo tickets get moved to Thursday vs Friday, still request swine members get theirs on Friday

Ad an adult showmanship class? If so, when?

Possible parade of champions at the rodeo?

4-H Hospitality Tent?

### **Species Reports**

**Beef:** Richard thanked everyone for putting on a good fair. Discussed splitting senior beef showmanship and possibly drawing for order of show.

**Horse:** Horse insurance fee was raised to \$2 instead of \$1. Horse show and ranch horse show went well. Great judge!

**Poultry:** No report

**Rabbit:** No report

**Sheep/Goat:** Great fair

**Swine:** Good fair. Members were not in the barns as much as needed.

### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting: October 24, 2022 at 6:30pm, 4-H Pavilion.

New: One time volunteer leader training will be required.

# LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## *Online Series*

Members 12+, 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022/2023. 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 workshops 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 20, December 11, January 8, February 5 and March 5.

For more information please visit:

[montana4h.org/programs/youth\\_leadership/academy.html](https://montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html)



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## MEAT RAFFLE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 6 MEAT RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS:



John McNamara - 130  
Noah Scharfe - 92  
Trace Browning - 60  
Colt Browning - 60  
Ayla Rehbein - 47  
Brianna Horner - 36

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