

DECEMBER 2020

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

4-H NEWS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



December

1 Noah Hill
2 Ben Aldridge
9 Mackenzie Tulloch
12 Hunter Berman
13 Hattie Neesvig
14 Coyle Nagy
14 Easton Deal
24 Bethany Burk
26 Joshua Ekberg

January

1 Kara Christensen
8 Trinity Riffle
12 Cole Train
12 Oliver Scharfe
17 Noah Scharfe
18 Aubrey Tulloch
22 Marina Tulloch
28 Matthew Thurston
30 Andrew Wroblewski

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Winter Fun Sledding Party

The annual sledding party is planned for either January 10th or January 17 - depending on how much snow we have.

Keep an eye out for upcoming news about the County-wide 4-H Sledding Party at the Naegeli Ranch in Trout Creek!!



Updated Website!

We have been working hard on updating our website.
Check it out at

<https://sanders.msuextension.org/4h.html>

Market Beef Tagging

January 2, 10-11:00 am - Havens Arena in TC
January 3, 10-11:00 am - Hot Springs Sale Yard

Beef project members must have their market beef tagged at one of the above locations.

Contact the Extension Office with any concerns or questions at 827-6934.

See the Sanders County 4-H Scoop sent on 12/8/20 for additional information.



Amazon Smile

Sanders County 4-H has set up an account through Amazon Smile!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to our organization.

Choose Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc in Thompson Falls as the recipient. The funds will then come to our counties 4-H program.

Please help spread the word!



Special Notes

4-H Council Meetings

The 4-H Council meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every other month February-December. They begin at 6:30 pm. The location of the meetings alternate between the Clark Fork Professional Building in Thompson Falls & the Farmhouse Café in Plains. As always, all leaders and senior members (ages 14 & older) are encouraged to attend.

Livestock Committee Meetings

The Livestock Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month except December. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at a the Farmhouse Café in Plains. As always, all livestock leaders and senior members (ages 14 & older) are encouraged to attend.

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H



FRUIT SALES

Fruit sales will take place February 7-17.

Begin thinking of families you know who enjoy oranges and grapefruit. Order forms will be available the first part of February from your club leader.

Members who sell 8 Cases or more of fruit will be rewarded with a t-shirt. Members selling 20 cases or more earn a gift card from Ripples of Plains in addition to the t-shirt.

The money earned from this fundraiser is used to help members go to camps, take 4-H trips, and various other 4-H events benefiting all members and leaders. Also, a percentage goes back to each club.

Watch for information in the coming months about the fruit sales.

State Award Applications

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishment 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.

Application Deadline to apply for a state award is (postmarked) May 1. Please forward complete applications to Brett Schomer: 210 Taylor Hall, PO Box 173580, Bozeman, MT 59717 or bschomer@montana.edu

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.

Applications and more information are at the following link:
<http://montana4h.org/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

Applications are due Feb 1st

Do you have an idea that could improve your community or help someone out? If so, consider applying for a People Partner Grant to help with the expense. Grants up to \$500 are available. If you have questions about People Partner Grants look online at www.montana4h.org or contact the Montana 4-H Foundation office at 406-994-5911 or contact the Extension Office at 406-827-6934.

2021

Programs

Jacksonville, FL 4-H Exchange

Sanders County 4-H members in the 6th grade or older have been invited to travel to Jacksonville, FL in July 2021 for an exchange experience. Members from FL traveled to MT during the summer of 2019 and had a great time! If you are interested let us know. We will be scheduling a planning/fundraising meeting in January.

Officer Training/Parliamentary

Procedure Competition

Each club officer will be receiving training materials via email soon, so watch for it! Many members this year have expressed an interest in competing at 4-H congress this summer in Parliamentary Procedure. Juli Thurston will be scheduling contest prep sessions starting in Feb. If you are a Senior 4-H member & are interested in this opportunity, let her know. Junior members may also participate as a learning experience and prep for when they are of age to compete.

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops Reminder

Members 12+, 4-H Age

All workshops are Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30

December 13	Knowing yourself & Setting Goals
January 17	Citizenship
February 21	Planning & Recruitment
March 14	Facilitation
April 11	Service & Recognition
May 16	Promotion
June 13	Reflection

For more information please visit:

http://montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/academy.html

Communication Days

It is that time of year to start thinking about what you want to do for Communication Day

Several options are available for you to choose from to participate in and use your communication skills! Those include Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, Video, Commercial, Career Communication, or Promotional Package. Go to the following link for contest guidelines and information regarding the above options

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4drNK5wD8HZeF9QbUF0aXNzNTg/view>. Stir-Ups or Favorite Food Show are two more options you may choose from. (See below for brief guidelines on the Stir-Ups contest and Favorite Food Show). Six of the above options will be contest opportunities at State-H Congress for members 13 and older who score high at the county level. Those six are Demonstrations, Prepared Speech, Illustrated talk, Video, Career Communication and Stir-Ups.

Which one will YOU do?

Though we haven't yet celebrated the New Year, 4-H Communication Days are just around the corner! It is time to begin thinking about it, because **early preparation is very wise!** Early prep may allow you more practice time, possibly in front of your 4-H club and/or family. This is a great opportunity for experienced members to present for the new members, thus allowing the new members to get a better idea of how to do a presentation.

Demonstration DVD & Other Resources Available

For some, doing demonstrations can be an intimidating and confusing process. If you fit in this category, consider checking out a DVD showing six Sanders County finalists in previous years. It can be helpful to watch examples as you begin to put your topic together. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to check out this DVD to view at home or a club meeting. Also, if you go to the following link you can view several other demonstrations done in the past by 4-H members across the state including more Sanders County 4-H members.

http://www.montana4h.org/projects/4h_communication/index.html

Stir-Up Contest

Participants will complete individually or in teams of two. Contestants prepare a dish utilizing five of the nine listed ingredients. Additionally, contestants may use pantry ingredients and spices. They must use at least one mystery ingredient and can use up to three. The dish should be visually appealing, nutritious and show creativity. Contestants should use effective work habits and sanitary food preparation practices. Following the preparation of the meal the contestant will present an oral presentation to judges. The oral presentation should address; selection of dish; preparation process; nutritional value of dish; potential alteration and overall learning. For a complete contest description, contact the Extension Office.

Favorite Food Show

Participants in the Favorite Food Show will gain experience in planning, preparing, serving and presenting a nutritious food as part of a meal or snack. A display including correct table setting, recipe and menu posters, a centerpiece and decorations will accompany the participants chosen Favorite Food. Any 4-H member, including Cloverbuds can participate. Members may enter as an individual or a two-person team. Categories include appetizer, bread, salad, main dish, sandwich, fruit or vegetable side dish. All food categories will compete against one another. For a complete list of contest description, contact the Extension Office. This is not a State 4-H Congress contest option.

This year Communication Day will be held at the club level.

Your Club Leader will be in touch with you to schedule a time for your presentation. It is still very important for you to register for communication days.

Members please sign-up online for your presentation February 1st - February 15th at the following link

<https://sanderscountyextension.wufoo.com/forms/communication-days/>

Top presenters from Communication Days will qualify to participate on Finals Communication Day,

Sunday April 11th at the Clark Fork Professional Building in Thompson Falls.

A full scholarship to 4-H camp will be awarded to the top four presenters in the Junior Division if they are 12 years old or younger. Juniors who are 13 years old and place in the top four will be awarded a trip to State 4-H Congress in Bozeman in July. Top presenters in the Senior Division will also be awarded a trip to State 4-H Congress in Bozeman to compete in the state communication event. If you have any questions regarding these events we encourage you to talk to your club leader or call the Extension Office.

Citizenship Seminar

BE LOOKING FOR AN EMAIL ON CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR AND LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Citizenship Seminar will be virtual this year so it will look a little different but will still be a great experience!

Citizenship Seminar

The Montana Citizenship Seminar is designed to educate and inspire 4-H youth as they learn and experience the rights & responsibilities of citizenship. Delegates participate in a mock trial, create and debate bills, meet with elected officials, and participate in a service learning project.

Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana Legislators about the work and success of 4-H in the state. It brings together youth and adult constituents from across Montana to share stories of achievement drawn from their 4-H experiences.

More information coming soon!

States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal Program



States' 4-H is launching online registration for its second Pen Pal Program on November 16!

Program Details:

1. The program will run from Jan 18- April 18, 2021
2. Participants must be between the ages of 9-18 and from an active States' 4-H state.
3. There is no cost for participation.
4. Participants sign up by completing an online registration form, which includes a Terms of Use Agreement.
5. States' 4-H will match participants with an international peer from one of the participating countries. States' 4-H will make its best effort to match based on country preference, age, gender and interests.
6. Participants are asked to communicate at least TWO times per month with their international pen pal.
7. A positive and enthusiastic attitude are crucial for this program as it will be up to the US participant to initiate contact with their pen pal.

For more information please contact the Extension Office 827-6934

Sanders County 4-H Council

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

CLARK FORK PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as drafted.

The Treasurer presented a 2020-21 4-H Year budget, which was approved. Jennifer Christensen and Aimee Foyil will be added as signers on the bank account and Carrie Guenzler will be removed. All others signers currently on the account will remain. Motion made by Karen, seconded by Kim, passed unanimously.

No correspondence.

Reports

Achievement Day: It generally it went well at the club level. There are a few awards still pending.

Livestock Committee: Juli is working on getting the show arena leveled as well as a new livestock judge. Beef tagging is the first weekend in January. The livestock policy and health guidelines are updated and posted on Z-Suite.

Ambassador Report: They've had a couple of good meetings and are working on training, community service projects, and events for Fair.

Enrollment Report/Z-Suite: Club leaders can run reports or call the office for help. Announcements and shared files can be uploaded.

New Family Orientation: Let Juli know if you want packets or an orientation meeting.

Club Officer Training: Juli will provide links for online training and can do in-person training if requested.

Club year plans, officer lists, civil rights letter, club dues, financial reports: Juli reminded leaders to turn these items in.

Winter Break Fun Party: The Whitepine Happy Workers will host a sledding party for Sanders County 4H at the Naegli Ranch either January 10 or 17, depending on snow. More information to come.

County Website: The 4-H portion of the Sanders County Extension website has been updated. Check it out!

Old Business

Fair Projects: With the pavilion ceiling done, Kim will coordinate getting the shelving in. Mike Taylor will assess the restroom and showers soon, and the Fair Manager will let 4-H know if they need help painting the pavilion walls.

Budget Proposal: Approved as noted above under Treasurer report.

Fruit Sales: Will be selling fruit. Dates to be determined and communicated soon.

New Business

Communication Days: Registration for Communication Days will still go through the county, but scheduling, judge selection, and event planning will be done at the club level. Registrations are due by February 15, results are due to the county by April 1, and Finals will be held on April 11 and organized by the county.

Adjourn 8:06 pm

Attendees: Joanne Burk, Aimee Foyil, Juli Thurston, Kim Bergstrom, Jen Christensen, Carmen Jackson, Lenny Page, Karen Dwyer.

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes

Juli Thurston – Agent; Alan Hafner – President; Pat Wilson – Vice Chair; Carmen Jackson – Treasurer; Ryan Burk – Swine Superintendent.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Minutes from September Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: \$5,800 balance

Agenda Review: No additions/corrections

Old Business:

Fair Improvements: Ideas: Level show arena – waiting to hear back from Ben Traver. Ryan is working on the Jason Hanna sign and will look at the goat pen gates that need to be repaired. Doug hopes to do some updates in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. Painting the metal on the bleachers will be scheduled next summer. Horse arena tie rail. Hot Springs FFA said they could do the tie rail. Michele has contacted them with details. Sand & gravel will need to be moved into the horse stalls before 2021 fair. Suggested to add feet to the outdoor horse/beef panels so they don't sink.

New Business:

2020-2021 Policy & Health Schedule Approval: Carmen moved, Pat seconded to increase sale withholdings to \$25/lamb, \$25/goat, \$35/swine, and \$45/steer. Motion passed.

Superintendent Elections (Horse and Rabbit): Carmen moved to keep Michele and Doug. Ryan seconded. Motion passed.

2021 Judges: Juli will see if Hannah DelCurto is available for livestock and same judges as last year for rabbit/poultry. Michele will work on getting a horse judge.

LQA Training: Keep process same as last couple of years.

Dates for Beef Tagging: January 2nd in Trout Creek at Havens Arena 10 am; January 3rd in Hot Springs at Sale Yard 10am.

Species Reports:

Beef: Local rep will give online webinar workshop in December to discuss DNA results and winners.

Horse: No report

Poultry: No report

Rabbit: No report

Sheep/Goat/Llama: No report

Swine: Nothing new to report.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Plains Farmhouse Cafe.

Dates to Remember

December

13 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

January

2 Market Beef Tagging, 10-11am - Haven's Arena in Trout Creek

3 Market Beef Tagging, 10-11am - Hot Springs Sale Yard

17 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Cafe

February

1-15 Register for Communication Days

1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office

2 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls

TBA State 4-H Rec Lab registration due

21 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

7-17 Fruit sales

March

TBD Communication days (schedule with your club leader)

14 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

TBA State 4-H Rec Lab

22 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

April

1 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office

6 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains Farmhouse Café, Plains

11 Communication Finals Day - Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls

11 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

TBA Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade

TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service

26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

May

1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office

16 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

June

6 Sheep/Swine Tagging, Sanders County Fairgrounds in Plains

1 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Clark Form Professional Building, Thompson Falls

13 State 4-H Leadership Academy, 2:30pm - Online

TBA Multi-County 4-H Camp

TBA Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

28 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

July

1 Project Add/Drop deadline

TBA Pre-Congress - Bozeman

TBA Montana State 4-H Congress - Bozeman

TBA 4-H Exchange Trip to Jacksonville, Florida

26 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

August

2 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains Farmhouse Café

23 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café

28 Fair Readiness Day

Sept

1-5 Sanders County Fair

17 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader

17 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader

27 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Plains Farmhouse Café