

SANDERS COUNTY DISPATCH

4-H News



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Sanders County 4-H Meat Raffle Fundraiser

We have decided to do a meat raffle fundraiser this year instead of our annual fruit sale fundraiser!

Please help support the Sanders County 4-H Council 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 the first part of March. The raffle drawing will be Sunday, September 4th 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, 4-H council will be awarding the top 5 sellers a gift certificate to a local business!

Below is an example of the ticket!

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Learning Lab Kits

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

<https://sanders.msueextension.org/sanderscounty4Hforms.html>

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

Dance Lesson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
FAIRGROUNDS PAVILION IN PLAINS

Our 4-H Ambassadors will be teaching waltz, cowboy swing and line dances!



Check Out The

MSU Extension Website!

A lot of helpful information has been added to our Sanders County 4-H page. The following information can be found on our website:

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

<https://sanders.msueextension.org/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 the Clark Fork Professional Building in Thompson Falls and Plains Farmhouse Café.

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.

<http://www.montana4h.org/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
210 Taylor Hall, PO Box 173580
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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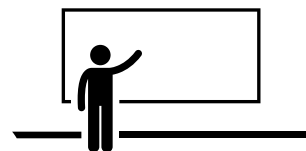
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Example Videos of Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks and Video Competitions

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!

http://montana4h.org/projects/4h_communication/



REC LAB 2022

Rec Lab will be hosted by District 3 in Hobson on March 18-20, 2022

Youth Participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2021 and adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age

March 18-20 in Hobson

\$50.00 if registered by February 28th!

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.

SIGN UP THROUGH ZSUITE

**Registration due by February 28th with a \$50.00 event fee
Registrations after February 28th will have a \$125.00 event fee**

More information can be found here: http://montana4h.org/programs/events/rec_lab/index.html

Watch your email for more information!

Communications Day

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 4-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?

It is time to begin thinking about which one you will do 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.

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

Stir-Up Contest

Participants will compete individually or in teams of two. Contestants prepare a dish utilizing five of the nine listed ingredients 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, protentional 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 each other. For a complete list of contest description, contact the Extension Office. This is not a State 4-H Congress contest option.

Pick the Day you will do your Communication Presentation. Choose from two dates!

Day 1 is scheduled for **Saturday, March 5** in Thompson Falls beginning at 10:00 am.

Day 2 is scheduled for **Sunday, March 6** in Hot Springs beginning at 1:00 pm.

If you find it impossible to participate on either of the dates offered contact the Extension Office. If a judge is available to view your presentation on an alternate date arrangements will be made to accommodate you so you may complete your presentation prior to finals day. Top presenters from these two events will qualify to participate on **Finals Communication Day, Sunday, March 13 in Plains**. During these events anyone is welcome and encouraged to watch the presentations being given by members. 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.

Members must sign-up online for their presentation by February 11 at this link: <https://forms.gle/BpGxf4zCQJwuziXF9>

A schedule with the time you will do your presentation will be emailed to you and your club leader a week before the event. Contact your leader for your time if you do not email. If you have questions regarding these events we encourage you to talk to your club leader(s) or call teh Extension Office.



BE A MULTI-COUNTY 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR

June 21-26, 2022 at the Darrel E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake

Eleven pairs of Counselors will be selected for this year's camp. First year counselors will be paired with experienced Counselors whenever possible. There will be no fee for Counselors to attend camp.

Members must be 13 years of age as of October 1, 2021 in order to be eligible for Counselor positions.

Contact the Extension Office or visit our website for an application

<https://sanders.msuextension.org/multicountycamp.html>

Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Members 12+, 4-H Age

Join a 4-H Leadership Academy Workshop!

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.

Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer teams, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:45.

February 13 - Ages and Stages for Mentors

March 13 - Successful Service Learning

April 10 - Lead with a Purpose

For more information visit

http://montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html

Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 4, 2022 6:30 PM PLAINS FARMHOUSE CAFE

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Minutes of October Meeting were approved as read.

Agenda was revised to include project questions.

Treasurer's Report access is on-line for council members. Member/leader dues cannot be paid on-line currently because dues are difficult for organizational leaders to track, and they do not have checks and balances. Juli will speak with other counties using ZSuite for registration and dues.

No Correspondence was received

Reports

Achievement Day – youth speaker was great, as well as the dance afterwards. Let's have two lines for food next year.

Livestock Committee– Policy was updated to state that members showing an animal need to enter a non-animal project in the fair as well.

Ambassadors – Mikiah attended National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, made friends with other state delegates, attended workshops on Group Competition, "Speed Meeting", Facing the Unknown, and Community Service. A YouTube video is posted on our county Facebook Page. Mikiah encourages all members to go to Nationals!

Ambassadors are hosting a blood drive January 5.

Clubs' year plans & club officer lists are submitted. Civil rights letter will be sent this week.

Yearend financial reports/club dues are due, along with the 1% from each club bank account.

Auditor is lined up for council finances.

Sledding Party is Sunday, January 9th, at 2:00pm at the Naegeli Ranch.

Old Business

Fair projects - Home Ec building project may be completed by fair this year. Upgrading of restroom heaters and drains is in process. Juli will meet with Fair Manager

Melissa Cady about ordering the kitchen stove/cooler/dishwasher asap. Cooler donation may be possible

Budget Proposal 2021-2022 was presented. For lack of time, budget will be reviewed at home and comments sent to Juli and/or Carmen.

Fundraising – Jen C made a motion for council to hold a meat raffle in place of the fruit sales, probably replacing the livestock raffle as well. Carmen seconded. Motion carried. Two beef halves will be donated; a pig may be donated by buy back at the livestock sale. Members will be expected to sell a minimum amount of tickets with the top 5 sellers receiving

gift cards. Sales will begin about March 1 and continue through the fair, \$10 each.

Avista Golf Tournament is happening this year; first meeting Friday, February 4th in Noxon.

Member expectations will be updated to reflect the meat raffle rather than citrus sales.

Fair Dining Hall Planning Committee – Juli is looking for volunteers to meet with our Dining Hall cook. Please contact her asap.

New Business

Communication Days

Lunch hosts in Thompson Falls this year are the Thompson Falls Mountaineers.

Lunch hosts in Hot Springs are South Side Sparks.

Awards Review –Council consensus is to continue with the cups for some awards.

Scholarship information will be sent to graduating seniors.

Questions answered: Several states have recycling projects. Montana members can propose new projects to the state, or do recycling as self-determined or independent study

Members cannot enter both a large and a small animal in the livestock sale because Sanders County does not have a large enough buyer base.

A Fun Run is proposed for early Saturday morning of the fair. Council says go for it!

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Present: Carmen Jackson, Treasurer; Jen Christensen, Hot Springs Wranglers; Jennifer Avilla, Linda Cook South Side Sparks; Mikiah Cook, Ambassador; Juli Thurston, Extension Agent; Karen Dwyer, Secretary.

Dates to Remember:

2022

Feb

13 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (Ages and Stages for Mentors)

28 Deadline for Rec Lab

TBA State 4-H Rec Lab registration due

Mar

5-6 Communication days and Stir-ups

11 County Scholarship Applications Due

13 Communication Finals day

13 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (Successful Service Learning)

18-20 State 4-H Rec Lab, Hobson

Apr

1 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office

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

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

10 State Leadership Academy, 2:30-3:45pm – Virtual (Lead with a Purpose)

TBA Montana 4-H Week of Service

May

1 State Award applications due in State 4-H Office

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

June

5 Sheep/Swine Tagging, 10am - 1pm – Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains

7 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Clark Form Professional Building, Thompson Falls

15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline

21-24 Multi-County 4-H Camp

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

July

1 Project Add/Drop deadline

6 Online FairEntry Registration Begins

11-13 Pre-Congress – Bozeman

13-16 Montana State 4-H Congress – Bozeman

25 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café

Aug

1 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Plains Farmhouse Cafe, Plains

2 Leader of the Year and Honorary Member Nominations Due

2 Junior Achievement and Little Chief Award Applications Due

3 FairEntry Registration Deadline

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

27 Fair Readiness Day

31-9/4 Sanders County Fair

Sept

11 Carcass Evaluation, Superior Meats

12 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm – Plains Farmhouse Café

16 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader

16 Outstanding Member county award nominations due to Club Organizational Leader

26 Record book results due to Extension Office from Organizational Leader

26 List of Outstanding Member County awards due to the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders