

Sanders County Dispatch

4-H News

February 2020



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Sanders County 4-H 2020 Fruit Sales

February 9-19

Fruit Sales are the largest fundraiser each year for Sanders County 4-H. It has been very successful thanks to all the work of the 4-H members and families and the supporters of the 4-H program.

By now members should have received information by email and an order form from your club organizational leader for the sales of oranges & Grapefruit.

If you haven't received an order form yet contact your organizational leader.

Members who sell 8 cases or more of fruit will receive a t-shirt for their work and members selling 20 cases or more will receive a gift card from Ripples Ice Cream Parlor of Plains in addition to the t-shirt. It is VERY important members give the money received from the sales to the club leader ASAP! This will allow the club to earn the maximum percentage allowed from the club sales. Your club will receive 5% of the fruit you sell if earnings are submitted to the Extension Office no later than

March 18. Earnings submitted March 19-April 1 will earn your club 3% of what your club sold. All sale earnings submitted after April 1st will go to the Sanders County 4-H council. Remember, you must turn all the money from your sales in to your club leader so your club leader may submit your total club earning to the Extension Office.

Submit a T-Shirt Design

Members who are interested in submitting a design to put on the t-shirts are encouraged to do so.

Submit your design to the Extension office by February 24 and see if your design is chosen.

This is open to any Sanders County 4-H member. If you have any ideas we encourage you to give it a try.

We look forward to seeing 4-H creativity!



Rec Lab 2020

Location: Hobson, MT

Program Dates: April 24-26, 2020

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 laid back weekend to create lasting memories. See event workshop descriptions and registration information on the Montana 4-H Website. www.montana4h.org/programs/events/rec_lab/index.html

Important Rec Lab Date

Interested Sanders County 4-H members must submit a \$50 fee and a completed medical release form to Sanders County Extension Office. Early Bird registration March 25th, \$75; Regular registration April 18th \$100. (Sanders County 4-H Council contributes the balance).

Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2019.

Lodging

Participants will be housed at a school facility and should bring: sleeping bag, air mattress or sleeping pad, towel and other personal items. Youth must be accompanied by a registered adult chaperone. A chaperone and travel arrangements for Sanders County 4-H participants will be arranged.

Blackfoot is giving back

Blackfoot's Vision is to support communities in ways that enrich the lives of their customers, owners & employees. Holding true to that vision, they invest in programs and initiative within communities by *Giving Back* to their customers, owners and employees where it means the most to them, their communities.

In the spirit of *Giving Back*, over the past 19 years, Blackfoot has been awarding local 4-H clubs grants to help with community projects. The mission of Blackfoot's 4-H Club grant is to help support the many 4-H Clubs located within its rural service territories. 4-H clubs are encouraged each year to consider a community project that focuses on healthy living, citizenship, leadership, and community. This grant provides opportunities for youth and adults to strengthen their skills and maximize their positive impacts on the communities in which they live. Past 4-H grants have been used for fairground livestock facilities upgrades, community hall landscaping, and various painting jobs, etc.

The on-line Community Support Application is quick and easy. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to visit their website at www.blackfoot.com/community.





What's 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 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 found on the Sanders County 4-H website at this link

sanders.msuextension.org/RequestforRuleException.pdf

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

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.

Montana Livestock Per Capita Reporting

All Montana Livestock owners must report the number of each type of livestock they own on February 1 each year. According to Montana state law (15-24-921, MCA), livestock owners need to report "cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, honey bees, goats, horses, mules, asses, llamas, alpacas, domestic bison, ostriches, rheas, emus, and domestic ungulates." Once reporting is complete, livestock owners pay a per capita fee which funds Department of Livestock programs for monitoring animal health, tracking livestock movement and important, preventing livestock theft, and managing predators. You can report online at:

<https://app.mt.gov/livestockreporting>

or by filling out the form at

<https://app.mt.gov/myrevenue/Endpoint/Form/51>

4-H members are considered livestock owners, so do need to report. In the event that a 4-Her loses livestock to wildlife predation, they will only receive reimbursement from the Montana Livestock Loss Board if they previously paid their livestock per capita fees.

CHECK OUT THE

MSU Extension Sanders County Website!

We have been working on updating our website. It is still under construction but we are working on adding alot of helpful information!

sanders.msuextension.org



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://montana4h.org/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

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

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.

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 Cafe.

- 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.

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 demonstration 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/

Sewing/Quilting Foods & Nutrition Project Members

This is a reminder that Sanders County 4-H offers a sewing machine and microwave to an outstanding junior or senior member who apply during the Sanders County Fair.

Qualifications Include:

Sewing Machine

- Enrolled in a Sewing/Quilting project
- Enter a minimum of 4 exhibits in a Sewing project
- Enter a minimum of 2 exhibits in a Quilting project
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted
- Provide an updated record book for judges at the fair to review for growth in the project at fair

Microwave

- Enrolled in a Food/Nutrition project
- Enter a minimum of 6 exhibits in a Food/Nutrition project at fair
- Complete an interview for exhibits submitted
- Provide an updated record book for judges at the fair to review for growth in the project at fair

If you are interested in either of these awards you can begin preparing yourself to quality. Members need to let Extension staff know if you wish to be considered for this award when you check in your Home Ec exhibits at the fair. Contact the Extension office with any questions!



12th Annual U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock

THREE FREE REGISTERED TARGHEE SHEEP TO BE AWARDED TO DESERVING YOUTH

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) will again, for the 12th straight year, be offering a free registered Targhee Starter flock to a deserving youth at the 2020 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 16-18, 2020 in Redfield, South Dakota. In previous years members of the USTSA have awarded 18 starter flocks, totaling 60 head of sheep and have also donated almost \$13,000 towards buyers credits for the award winners to purchase additional sheep at USTSA national sales. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2020 national sale.

Applications are due April 1st and are now available to download at www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Mardy Rutledge at the USTSA office - ustargheesheep@gmail.com or 702-292-5715

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B E A M U L T I - C O U N T Y 4 - H C A M P C O U N S E L O R

June 22-27, 2020 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, 2019 in order to be eligible for Counselor positions.

Please contact the Extension Office for an application.

Application deadline is February 21, 2020

Sanders County 4-H Council
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020
CLARK FORK PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Pledges were recited.

Minutes of December's Meeting: approved as written.

Agenda Review: No changes.

Treasurer's Report: None. There have been a number of fraud cases in the area recently. Recognizing that council officers are volunteers and time can become limited, the council must be diligent about staying on top of the budgeting and expenditure details. A Treasurer's report will be provided at the April meeting.

Correspondence: None

Old Business

Livestock Committee Report: The committee has a balance of \$6,929. Logistics of the round robins are being finalized, Fair improvements are being discussed, and judges are being sought. The Horse committee has updated their policies and procedures. Swine quality assurance training is on February 10.

Ambassador's report: No meetings have been held yet this year. A regular meeting schedule is being constructed.

Record book committee: The state record book app was recently launched and will allow for real-time record-keeping. Info will be sent to members soon.

New Business

Fair Projects: Plans for shelving at the pavilion and restroom repairs are forthcoming. Juli will talk to the Fair Manager about a new lock for the storage room door. The Fair Board will be asked if converting the bathrooms under the grandstands to vendor showers is in the works for this year; a grant may help support that effort.

Budget Proposal 2019-2020: A proposed budget was not available. There is some confusion regarding which Managed Agency Account funds are available for use and which are intended endowments (and just the earnings are intended for use). Juli will ask a representative from the 4H Foundation to review these details at the April Council meeting for clarification.

Fundraising: Fruit sales are scheduled for Feb 9-19. Kim will build the order submittal app and distribute to leaders. T-shirt designs for top sellers are due Feb 24. Council approved the selection of Sanders county 4-H as beneficiary of the Avista Golf Scramble on August 15. Juli and Ashley will be primary contacts and council members will be committee members. The dinner, auction, and donation card ideas were tabled until further notice. Growing Clover Crowdfunding is a new program that Juli came across, information was distributed. Grants will be applied for as needed; Juli is maintaining a list of sources.

Council Officers: In light of potentially changing officers, Joanne mentioned there are ways to vote people in that can serve as secondary signers on checks or act as Co-Treasurer to satisfy the need to have signers on the bank account in close proximity to each other. This may allow for inclusion of members on the Council and to act as Officers even if they are located near each other to ease financial transactions. These options will be discussed more when officer positions change.

Scholarships: Four graduating seniors qualify for scholarships. A report of available funds will be provided at the April meeting.

Communication Days: Whitepine Happy Workers will host lunch in Thompson Falls on March 7. Hot Springs Wranglers will host lunch in Hot Springs on March 8.

Hometown Welcome Program: The Clark Fork Valley Press asked the Council to consider advertising in their flier that is mailed to new residents in Mineral and Sanders counties. It does not seem to be a good fit for Sanders County 4-H.

Announcements: Registrations for Communication Days are due by February 5. The county 4H website is undergoing a major upgrade and is much easier to use. Members are encouraged to check it out for forms or information they may need. Club payments for manuals are due to the Extension Office.

Members present: Juli Thurston, Carrie Guenzler (on phone), Joanne Burk, Kim Bergstrom, Karen Dwyer, Ben Croft, Ashley Devol-Haun, Vicky Croft.

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes

January 27, 2020

Juli Thurston - Agent; Alan Hafner - Chair; Jim Newman; Pat Wilson - Vice Chair; Ryan Burk - Swine Superintendent; Shelli Frazier; Richard Jackson - Beef Superintendent; Carmen Jackson - Treasurer; Raelyn Cox - Sheep/Goat Superintendent; Presley Cox.

- Meeting Called to order at 6:35 pm
- Minutes from December Meeting: Approved
- Treasurer's Report: Balance \$6,929
- Agenda Review: No additions/corrections

Old Business:

- **Round Robin Committee Report:** Sherri, Raelyn, Ryan, Pat and Juli are on the committee. Their recommendation is to do the Round Robin with the grand champion showman's animal and use community volunteer judges. A decision on this will be made in February.
- **4-H/FFA Awards for 2020:** Juli brought some examples with both the 4-H & FFA logos. Design will be finalized when awards are ordered.
- **2020 Market Livestock Processing Update:** All Market Livestock processing is scheduled at Superior Meats this year. Juli is working on getting carcass judges and scheduling contest date/time.
- **Fair Improvements:** Ideas: Level show arena - Juli called Ben Traver to get an estimate but hasn't heard back. Ryan will follow up. 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. We will need to paint the metal on the bleachers. Horse arena tie rail has been discussed. It was suggested maybe Hot Springs FFA could complete the work? Sand & gravel needs to be moved in to the horse stalls.

New Business:

No new business to conduct

Species Reports

- **Beef:** 23 4-H/FFA members tagged in steers at weigh day. We will have a great number of breeding heifers/cattle as well. It was discussed to hold the Western Montana Stockmen's heifer show on Thursday during fair. Richard will get back to the committee if approved.
- **Horse:** Juli gave a review of the last horse committee meeting based on minutes provided. They are doing great work!
- **Poultry:** No report
- **Rabbit:** No report
- **Sheep/Goat/Llama:** Discussed moving sheep/goat show. Currently there is only one member showing boat goats and horses so moving the show may not be needed.
- **Swine:** A project meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at 6:00 pm in Thompson Falls. This workshop will meet LQA requirements.
- **Dog:** No Report

Announcements: Give out project enrollments lists. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 @ 6:30pm. Plains Farmhouse Café.

Dates to Remember

February

- 1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
- 4 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls
- 5 Last day to register for Communication Days presentation on-line
- 6 Last day to register for Communication Days presentation through club leader
- 9-19 Fruit Sales
- 24 Livestock meeting, 6:30 pm - Plains Farmhouse Cafe
- 24 T-Shirt design entries due

March

- 7-8 Communication days and Stir-ups
- 15 Communication Finals day, Plains School
- 18 Club Fruit sale money due to 4-H Council for 5% return to club
- 25 State 4-H Rec Lab early registration due
- 28-4/2 National 4-H Conference - Washinton D.C.

April

- 1 State Scholarship applications due in State 4-H Office
- 1 Club Fruit sale money due to 4-H Council for 3% return to club
- 7 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Plains Farmhouse Cafe
- 8 State 4-H Rec Lab final registration due
- TBA Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade
- 1-27 True Leaders in Service
- 24-26 State 4-H Rec Lab, Hobson, MT

May

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

June

- 2 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Clark Fork Professional Building, Thompson Falls
- 7 Sheep/swine tagging (sheep and goats 10-11am, swine 10am - 2pm) County Fairgrounds
- 7-13 Citizenship Washington Focus - Washington D.C.
- 15 Montana State 4-H Congress registration deadline
- 15 Ambassador state office applications and Selection Team applications due to State Office
- 23-26 Multi-County 4-H Camp

July

- 1 Project Add/Drop deadline
- 6-8 Pre-Congress - Bozeman
- 8-11 Montana State 4-H Congress - Bozeman
- 27-31 Leadership Washington Focus - Washington D.C.

August

- 4 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. - Location TBD, Plains
- 15 AVISTA Charity Golf Scramble
- 29 Fair Readiness Day

September

- 2-6 Sanders County Fair
- 18 Member record books due to Club Organizational Leader
- 18 Outstanding Member County award nominations due to
- 28 Livestock meeting - 6:30pm - location TBD, Plains