



# Sanders County Dispatch 4-H News



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## BIRTHDAYS

### December

- 8 Addison Mueller
- 9 Landyn Massey
- 10 Alesha Evans
- 11 Shane Westman
- 11 Benjamin Woods
- 13 Hattie Neesvig
- 14 Veronica Hanks
- 14 Coyle Nagy
- 16 Boston Goode
- 18 Emma Mortenson
- 20 Payton Frields
- 24 Bethany Burk
- 26 Shannon Saint
- 26 Mahala Sweet



### January

- 1 Coby Guenzler
- 4 Shayna Burgess
- 5 Wyatt Miller
- 14 Lydia French
- 17 Tyler Garrison
- 22 Tanna Cole

*\*Sorry if we missed your Birthday - dates are taken from your enrollments. Please let the Extension Office know of any corrections.*



## Reflections of 2012

With the holidays upon us, we begin to reflect on the past year, our activities and those who have made a difference in our lives. 4-H alone provides a great deal to reflect on. Throughout the year leaders, parents and members have without a doubt made a positive difference in the lives of each other and their communities through daily actions.

The commitment that each of you make to the Sanders County 4-H Program and each other is truly the strength of our program. We look forward to working with you all in the coming year!

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!

Meghan, John, & Shirley



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## Market Beef Tagging

**December 28th, 2012**

1-2:00 pm —Havens Arena

**December 29th, 2012**

10-11:00 am —Hot Springs Stock Yards



Beef project members who have not turned in the Livestock Housing form are asked to please bring it with you, completed, to this tagging. The form is available online at <http://www.msuxextension.org/sanders/documents/4-H/Livestock/Livestock%20Housing%20Form.pdf>

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### STATE 4-H REC LAB 2013:

#### “SURVIVOR 4-H!”



Join District 4 for the 2013 Montana 4-H Rec Lab. It will be held in Glasgow, Montana, March 22-24, 2013. This year's event will provide youth an opportunity to meet other youth from across the state,

develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events and at other unexpected moments.

Rec Lab is for youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2012. The registration fee is \$70.00. Lodging, workshop fees, meals and a t-shirt are included in the registration fee.

Event details and the registration will be available online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Go to Events. . . Montana 4-H Rec Lab. Look for registration materials in January.

## Sanders County 4-H Fundraiser



Fruit and bulb sales will take place in **February**.

Begin thinking of families you know who enjoy oranges, grapefruit, or flowers. Order forms will be available in February.

Members who sell eight cases of fruit or more (or bulbs equivalent to eight cases of fruit) will be rewarded with a t-shirt designed by a Sanders County 4-Her.

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



## T-shirt Designs

Are you artistic? Have you looked at the Sanders County 4-H incentive t-shirts in the past and thought, “I could do that!” Now is your chance! All Sanders County 4-Hers are invited to



submit a design that refers to 4-H. The winning designer will receive a prize and get to see his/her design on t-shirts around the county. Get creative and **submit your entry (or entries) to the Extension Office by the council meeting on February 5th**. We are looking forward to seeing the entries.

## Special Notes

### 4-H Council Meetings

The 4-H Council meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December). They will be at 6:30 pm in the State Building in Thompson Falls. As always, **all leaders and senior members** are encouraged to attend.

### Livestock Committee Meetings

The Livestock Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm in the FSA building in Plains. As always, all livestock leaders and senior members are encouraged to attend.



## Quality Assurance Training For Market Livestock Members

In order to be eligible for Steer of Merit, Symbol of Excellence (swine), and Certified Lamb, members must have attended a Quality Assurance training once as a junior and once as a senior. To be eligible this year, all new market animal members must attend a training. If this is your first year as a senior member (age 14 by Oct. 1, 2012) you will also need to attend a training. Quality Assurance trainings will be held on demonstration days. If you are unsure about your need to attend a training contact the Extension Office.

## Important Information for all Members

### Record Book Format

Organizing your record book can be a challenging and intimidating process. To make it easier, follow these recommended guidelines. Insert the forms in the following order:

- 1.) Yellow Copy of your Enrollment Form
- 2.) My 4-H Year journal
- 3.) Non-animal Project/Financial journal & Animal journal
- 4.) Optional: Scrapbook pages with pictures &/or any other additions.



The records for the current 4-H year should be on top of or in front of the past 4-H years records. This makes it easier for your leaders when checking your record books for completeness at the end of the 4-H year.

### Stir-Ups Contest Has Been Revised

In an effort to rejuvenate Stir-Ups and make it more current, a state committee has revised the contest. Participants will compete individually or in teams of two. Contestants will 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 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 (s) will present an oral presentation to judges. Oral presentation: should address selection of dish; preparation process; nutritional value of dish; potential alteration; overall learning. For a complete contest description, contact the Extension Office.



### Demonstration DVD Available

Though we haven't yet celebrated the New Year, 4-H demonstrations are just around the corner! 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 from 2008. (It can be helpful to watch examples as you begin to put your topic together.) Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to check out this DVD to view at home or a club meeting.

### Which one will YOU do, Stir-Ups, Demonstrations or a Speech?

It is time to begin thinking about it, because early preparation for any of the events is very wise. Early prep may allow you more practice time, possibly in front of your 4-H club & /or family. This is a great opportunity for experienced members to demonstrate for the new members, thus allowing the new members to get a better idea how to do their demonstration.

You are offered two dates to choose from to participate in Stir-Ups, a demonstration or speech. **If it is impossible for you to participate on one of the dates offered, please contact the 4-H Council (Extension Office) and your organizational leader to explain why.** (See calendar inserted for dates.)

### Montana Citizenship Seminar

(Senior members only)  
March 2-4, 2013

The Citizenship Seminar is held in Helena, the state capital, in the years when the legislature is in session. It is an event designed to educate, inspire and showcase outstanding 4-H youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Delegates participate in a mock trial, create and debate bills, meet with elected officials, participate in a service learning project and find out first-hand what it means to be a public servant and representative of the people. For more information visit:

<http://www.montana4h.org/#program:3> Submit a letter of interest (form was emailed from Extension Office) to the Extension Office by January 15 if you are interested in participating.

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across America who are learning **leadership, citizenship and life skills.**

Are you looking to purchase a pig for your Swine project? Contact Matt Havens who can give you names of breeders. 827-4061 or [mr.mhavens@gmail.com](mailto:mr.mhavens@gmail.com)



**Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting  
December 4, 2012, 6: 30pm, State  
Office Building**

Pledges were recited to the American and 4-H flags.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Agenda Review: additions of Country Meats fundraiser first in new business, and citizenship seminar last in old business.

Treasurer's Report for profit and loss shows over \$7000 in the black.

Correspondence included a letter from Marilyn Jurenka (Montana Leadership Council) requesting leaders' dues; and from MT 4-H Foundation listing 400 club members (donors of \$400 or more the past year).

Old Business

Whitepine Happy Workers donated the highest amount for the food drive at Achievement Day.

Ambassadors were in charge; attendance was good. Ambassadors are compiling results of the survey asking "What community service could be done county-wide?" Suggestions were made to announce more awards at Achievement Day and less during fair. Cash and herdsmanship awards should be better explained to spark interest in other members.

Livestock Report: some policy changes will be tried out for a year. The selection deadline for market animals has been removed.

Members who tag two animals do not need to indicate which animal they will exhibit prior to fair.

Record books will be checked by organizational leaders prior to fair. Feeder animals will be the responsibility of the member, will not be advertised at fair, and will not be transported with the market animals.

Alana Dettwiler attended National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. Alana sent an e-mail and was appreciative for the chance to attend. Alana's winning demonstration at the county level addressed job interview skills.

Ambassadors made personal goals. Abby will give presentations or workshops at schools, and put up a bulletin board at school showing current Ambassador activities. Emily's goal includes a presentation on Senior 4-H member

opportunities, and ideas to help senior and junior members work towards leadership skills. Ambassadors may form a teen 4-H council. Anna's goal includes working with Emily and doing more public speaking.

Whitepine Happy Workers had a booth at the Holiday Market in T Falls; Logan played bagpipes at both market locations.

Sarah felt the market offered a good opportunity to learn in a supportive environment. Raffle basket was for

Heifer International. Trout Creek Mavericks had a booth at the Trout Creek holiday bazaar. Hot Springs Wranglers will have a booth at a similar event next weekend.

Club Year Plan and List of Club Officers are still due from some clubs. As soon as officer names are received at the Extension Office, e-mails will be sent with information about on-line officer training.

AVISTA Golf Tournament Funds: Kathy M explained the history of the council treasury and the downward trend; she suggested leaving some funds in the treasury as a cushion for low years. Ideas:

Dishwasher for the pavilion

Offset dues (council may pro-rate family dues based on adults AND members in families next year)

Eliminate dues for at-large volunteer leaders

Save money on manuals by swapping/recycling

Build up livestock judging program

Ribbon premiums are based on \$3000 given to 4-H by the fair. A component in the 4-H fair entry software divides that money according to points for ribbon colors, projects, and the number of members enrolled.

Council discussed percentage of profits from AVISTA event to award to clubs. Youth should learn that they can do community service without expecting something in return; yet clubs did work hard to solicit donations and used

fuel to collect donated items. *Elizabeth moved that each club (seven) receive \$200 from AVISTA Golf Tournament profits;*

*Logan seconded. Discussion included a suggestion to drop that amount to \$100 per club. Carmen amended motion to \$100, Carrie seconded. One opposed the amendment to the motion. Call for previous question; motion carried.*

AVISTA funds will be discussed further at February meeting.

Extension office has developed a form to indicate interest in attending Legislative Breakfast and Citizenship Seminar, available on the Sanders County 4-H website. A maximum of eight members will be accepted.

New Business:

Country Meats fundraiser information was presented for interested clubs.

Council agreed to change to new Cloverbud ribbons from Hodges Badge Company, and will consider Cloverbud dogtags for graduation to regular member status.

Information on a program providing online fair entries (Blue Ribbon Fair, Windows Fair Management) was presented. Use of the program would free up office time, but there is a cost. *Sally made a motion to table a decision on purchasing the program;*

*Logan seconded. Motion carried.*

Schedule for the 4-H Year Calendar: Demonstrations – March 9<sup>th</sup> (TF) and 10<sup>th</sup> (HS). Finals - 17<sup>th</sup> (Plains).

Fruit Sales: Feb 10 – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Delivery March 2. Fashion Revue will be scheduled at February meeting.

Record Book training date is January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Plains, presented for organizational leaders; others may also attend.

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Rec-Lab for members 13 years old and up is March 22-24 in Glasgow.

Winter Teen Camp information may be obtained from organizational leaders.

Council agreed to the same incentives as 2012 for fruit sales: 8 cases for a t-shirt, above 20 cases for a gift card. T-shirt designs will be requested from members. Former policy was to turn in fruit money by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Elizabeth moved to award clubs 5% of citrus money turned in by March 17<sup>th</sup>, and 3% of money turned in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Malcolm seconded; motion carried.*

The slate of officers elected for the 2012-2013 year includes President Beth Riffle; Vice President Tammy McAllister; Secretary Sarah Naegeli; and Treasurer Kathy McEldery, with Carmen Jackson as an assistant.

Meeting adjourned.

*Karen Dwyer*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice-President Beth Riffle, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Livestock Superintendent Malcolm McDonald; Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Joyce Bankhead, Naomi Bankhead, and Ron Eaton – Heron-Noxon \_Explorers; Tammy McAllister, Carmen Jackson, Carrie Guenzler, Stacy Torgerson – Hot Springs Wranglers; Darreck McDonald – Little Bitterroot; Nykolee Battles and Logan Naegeli – Whitepine Happy Workers; Abby Croft, Anna Snell, Emily Snell – Thompson Falls Mountaineers; Jolene Dryden—South Side Sparks; Meghan Phillippi – County Extension Agent.



**Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders  
Monday, November 27, 2012  
6:30 pm, FSA Bldg, Plains**



Present: Malcolm McDonald-chairman, Carrie Guenzler-vice chairman, Jenny Garrison, Matt Havens-swine, Destry Torgerson-beef, Marla Burgess-rabbit, Darreck McDonald, Meghan Phillippi-MSU, John Halpop-MSU

Minutes of previous meeting (September 19, 2012) Carrie motion (Destry second) -approved

**Old Business:**

2013 Livestock Policy (tabled from Oct. 22 meeting): Pros & cons of the respective market animal selection deadlines were discussed. Members who tag two market animals will not preselect which animal they plan to exhibit. Rather they would bring the best finished project animal to the fair. *Matt Havens motion to drop selection policy/deadline Motion passed.* Discussion. Feeder animals will not be advertised and sold at the fair. Members are expected to make separate private treaty arrangements for hauling and slaughter of feeder animals that fail to make weight. Ideally, they are fed to a finished weight following the fair.

Livestock Sale Proxy Bidder clarification Meghan provided a Proxy bidder agreement template for discussion. The agreement form clarifies the buyer's intent, bidder identification, dollar amount available for proxy purchase. We will run the proxy bidder template past a few businesses for their input. (Tabled until January 28, 2013 livestock meeting.)

Record Books will not be required at the fair as the 4-H year ends (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) within a month of our fair. However, premium money is withheld on incomplete records as of the end of the 4-H year.

**New Business:**

The Livestock Committee received a letter (11/20/2012) from buyer where some fees and charges following slaughter were unclear & caused some confusion. The exact circumstances weren't readily apparent. The buyer will be contacted by the Extension office to clarify the issue.

**Species Reports**

Horse: no report

Beef: Tagging:

>Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> Havens Arena, Whitepine @ 1 pm

>Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Hot Springs Scales @ 10 am

Sheep/Goat: no report

Dog: no report

Swine: Matt reminded the committee of 2013 swine barn improvement projects, including outer alley lights.

Poultry: no report

Rabbit: no report

Next Meeting: Monday, January 28, 2013. 6:30 pm





## Winter Teen Camp

Are you excited about summer camps? Summer is a long way off, but how about a winter camp? This promises to be a lot of fun with a variety of workshops, pool and gym party, karaoke, dance and more. The registration form is available from your organizational leader or the Extension office.



February 15-17, 2013  
Loon Lake 4-H Camp  
For youth 4-H age 13-19 Cost \$55  
Registration Deadline: Friday, January 25, 2013

## Youth Leadership Opportunity

The University of Wyoming is sponsoring a youth leadership trip to Samoa December 2013. This program replaces (and is similar to) the Mongolia program UofW has offered the last two years.



For more information on this great opportunity, go to <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/travel/samoa/index.html>. You may also contact the Extension Office for more details.

The application deadline is in April 1, 2013 and the focus will be on nutrition and food security. Only 18 youth and two adults will be selected from across the Western region to participate in this FREE program.



## People Partner Grant



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. Applications are due Feb 1st. Grants up to \$500 available. If you have questions about People Partner Grants look online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) or contact the Montana4-H Foundation office at 406.994.5911 or contact the Extension office at 406.827.6934.

## District One 4-H Teen Retreat

April 26-28 at Loon Lake

Ages 12+ on October 1, 2012

The ambassadors of the 4-H District One region do the planning for this event. More information is to come.



## Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-

long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just miles from Washington, DC.

Every summer, thousands of young people participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a summer educational conference held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center just minutes from downtown Washington, DC.

CWF provides 4-H youth with opportunities to explore, develop, and refine their community and civic engagement skills to be outstanding leaders in their communities.

Through hands-on educational workshops, and sightseeing tours in the "living classroom" of Washington, D.C., youth learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they learn during CWF when they return home.

Applications are due January 1, 2013 and will take place June 8-15, 2013. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested.



## 4-H National Conference

April 6-11, 2013.

Application deadline is February 1, 2013.

This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to participate in an in-depth leadership workshop that teaches kids how to implement action plans in their home communities.

Contact the Extension Office for an application form and more details about the event.

You may also go to the state 4-H website for more information. <http://www.montana4h.org>



# SANDERS COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR 2012- 2013

## December

- 1 Club year program plan, & Club officer list due in Extension Office
- 4 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. – State Building – Thompson Falls
- 17 Legislative Breakfast letters of interest due in Extension Office
- 28 Steer tagging – Havens Arena
- 29 Steer tagging – Hot Springs Stock Yards



## January

- 1 Citizenship Washington Focus applications due in State 4-H Office
- 13-15 Alberta Leaders Conference
- 15 Citizenship seminar letters of interest due in Extension Office
- 21-22 Legislative Breakfast
- 25 Registration deadline for Winter Team Camp
- 28 Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm – FSA Building, Plains

## February

- 1 People Partner Grant applications due in State 4-H Office
- 10-23 Fruit Sales & Bulb sales
- 15-17 Winter Team Camp – Loon Lake
- 25 Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains

## March

- 2 Fruit delivery
- 2-4 Citizenship Seminar in Helena
- 9 Stir-ups & Demonstration day 1—Thompson Falls
- 10 Demonstration day 2 —Hot Springs
- 17 Demonstration Finals day—Plains
- 22-24 Rec Lab, Glasgow
- 25 Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains

## April

- 6-11 National 4-H Conference – National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD (<http://4hconf.4-h.org>)
- TBA Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade
- 26-28 District One 4-H Teen Retreat, Loon Lake
- 22 Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains

## May

- ? Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains

## June

- 8-15 Citizenship Washington Focus - Washington DC ([www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org](http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org))
- 24 Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains

## July

- TBA Pre Congress – Bozeman
- TBA 4-H Congress – Bozeman
- 22 Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains

## August

- 24 Fair Readiness Day
- ? Livestock committee meeting – 6:30 pm –FSA Building, Plains
- 29- Sanders County Fair

## September

- 8/29-9/1 Sanders County Fair





# SANDERS COUNTY 4-H

December

Happy  
Holidays!



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