

Sweet Grass County 4-H

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Dear Members, Leaders, Parents and 4-H Supporters,

Message from Marc...

As we look forward to the spring, I hope that the month of March is relatively open and pleasant, and we get good rains in March, April, May, and June. If we don't see measurable precipitation, it could be a very long summer.

The shooting sports members are gearing up for the run into the State Shoot in Bozeman March 5th and 6th. Good luck to all our shooters, both rifle and archery. I know that all the members are well coached and are really hitting their targets now.

4-H Communication Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th. This event is a spectacular way to improve valuable life skills. I would strongly encourage all members to participate. Additionally, those members that are 13 years old or older and that win a blue ribbon or higher can advance to State 4-H Congress. Further, those that are not in a club, but rather are classified as "At Large" must either participate in this event or complete two community service projects. Also, please be aware of the rules that concern the number of meetings that must be attended by members to be eligible for the Fair.

Swine projects and biosecurity continue to be of the utmost importance. With this in mind we will continue to not have an official weigh day, but rather a possession and tagged by day. We will have tags available for you to pick up at the office. You will have to have the weights of your pigs and the breeder's names turned in by April 22nd. Also, if you are getting your pigs from outside of Montana, make sure that you have the correct paperwork to import those pigs. There are several sales forthcoming so check the newsletter if you are struggling to find project animals.

Market lamb weigh-in will be April 29th from 5 to 6 pm at the Fairgrounds.

Graduating seniors should be looking for and working on scholarship applications. The Montana 4-H Scholarships and the Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers need to be completed by April. Others such as the NILE are due sooner.

Good luck to the Big Timber FFA Chapter as they head to the State FFA Contest in March. Our FFA Advisors are doing a fantastic job of getting their teams prepared and I am sure that all those members who will be representing our community at this event will do an outstanding job.

National Volunteer Week is April 17-23. This week is a great time to recognize all of those who are volunteers for our great 4-H program. It is also a great time for our members to do some great community service projects that will help our community be a better place for all of those who live here.

As always, if you have any thoughts or concerns for the year, please contact the Extension Office. We wish all of you good luck with this upcoming calving and lambing season. Be safe when you are out there and hope for nice weather for all the new-born animals.

Sincerely,



Marc King



Pig Weights & Tagging Info

Swine members must pick up ear tags for their pigs at the Extension Office. (Some local breeders may already have them tagged—it's up to you to make sure your animal has the right tag). You must call the Extension Office with the tag number of your animal, the weight, the date it was weighed, the breed and the breeder name. You must also email or bring in a photo of the animal for identification and it must show the number of the tag in its ear. This information is **due by April 22**. If we do not have the information by 5 pm that day, you will NOT be able to show your pig at the Fair. Let us know if you have any questions.

Lamb/Goat/Pig Weigh-ins/Tagging

Lamb & goat tagging will be held on **Friday, April 29** from 5-6 pm at the Fairgrounds Scale. All market sheep must attend this weigh-in to be able to participate in the Fair.

Fair Re-Sale Recipients

Any club or organization that wants to be considered as a 'Re-Sale Recipient' at the 2022 Sweet Grass County Fair Auction on Friday, July 29 will be required to attend the 4-H Council meeting scheduled for **April 6, 2022**. All recipients must present their requests to the Council for a decision if the requirements are met. The criteria for being a recipient is: Must be 4-H or FFA related, benefit the participants in 4-H or FFA and orally present a proposal at the April 4-H Council meeting.

4-H Council Meeting

The April 4-H Council Meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 6th** at 7 pm at the Extension Office. We appreciate having representation from every club. Hope to see you there! Members are welcome too!

Fair Book Cover Contest

Express your Creativity by participating in the 2022 Sweet Grass County 4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST!!!

The Cover MUST include the following in some form:

[2022 Sweet Grass County Fair, July 25-29, 2022, 4-H, FFA](#)

Entries can be computer generated or drawn by hand. Contest is limited to 4-H or FFA members who are 18 and under. Entries must be mailed or hand delivered to the Sweet Grass County Extension Office at PO Box 640 or 515 Hooper Street.

Entries are due by 5 pm on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Prizes will be awarded, sponsored by Denzel Schmidt and the 4-H Council.

1st: \$20.00 2nd: \$10.00 3rd: \$5.00



2021 Winner
Leah Selensky

Livestock Sales

Long's Livestock Show Pig Sale. March 17 online at SC Online Sales at <https://sconlinesales.com/>. Call 406-380-0878.

Deaton Show Pig Sale. March 20 online at SC Online Sales at <https://sconlinesales.com/>. Questions? Call 406-461-9317.

Jordie's Show Pigs live auction at 321 Cattle Coulee Drive in Roy, MT on March 20, 2022. Questions? Call 406-350-0595.

Braaten Show Pigs Sale. March 24 online at SC Online Sales at <https://sconlinesales.com/>. Questions? Call 406-439-8873.

Park City Show Pigs sale. March 26 online at Montana Cattle ConneXion at <https://www.montanacattleconnexion.com/>. Contact Mike Baker at 406-860-7718 to come look at the pigs.

CJs Show Pigs live auction at Big Horn County Fairgrounds on March 27. Preview at noon, sale at 1:00 pm.

Montana Prime Pick Show Lamb sale. April 2, 2022, online. For more information or to schedule a barn visit contact Trish Hays at 406-671-7493. Exciting new AI Sires! You may also visit the Hays Show Lambs website at <https://haysshowlambs.com/>.

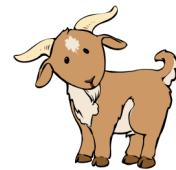
Drange Meat Goats sale. April 16. More information to come. Contact Jodie Drange at 406-855-3767.

Big Sky Show Pigs. Sale by Private Treaty. Call 406-769-2121.

Crissy Hopf. Sale by Private Treaty. Call 406-939-1459.

Grunzie Family Show Pigs. Private Treaty by appointment starting March 15. Chinook, MT. Call 406-262-3827.

Rafter H Show Pigs. Private Treaty by appointment on March 26 and 27. Questions? Nicole at 406-853-3587 or Brett at 406-853-6506.



JUNIOR AG LOANS AVAILABLE THROUGH MT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

"With the average age of farmers and ranchers being nearly 60 years old, supporting the next generation is vital to Montana's livelihood," said MDA Director Mike Foster. "The Junior Ag Loan Program plays a key role in connecting young people who are passionate about pursuing projects in agriculture with the financing they need to get started."

Montana youth ages 21 and under may be eligible for up to \$8,500 in loan financing through the Montana Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Junior Agriculture Loan Program.

The Montana Junior Agriculture Loan Program which was developed to assist rural youth in developing or expanding agribusiness projects. The benefits often far exceed the actual loan value for program participants. Many young men and women have utilized the program as a means for establishing financing experience and advancing their project's monetary value.

Projects can involve crop and livestock production, custom farming, marketing and distribution, processing, and other financially feasible activities. Up to 90 percent of projects can be financed through the program with repayment term up to five years. Additional information and applications are available on the Montana Department of Agricultural website at <https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans>.

Other Happenings...

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 17-23, 2022, is National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week encourages people to be engaged in their community. Volunteers are the heart of 4-H, and the MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program salutes its volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Countywide, 204 volunteers support nearly 500 4-H participants.

What can you do to volunteer somewhere in your community during this week?

2022 YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

Are you taking the wildlife project or just like animals? Visit the Montana Trappers Association or <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytgc/general-info.htm> for information about the 2022 Youth Trapper Camp. It is scheduled for June 10-12, 2022, at the Kiwanis Camp at Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The camp teaches ethical trapping methods, trapping rules and regulation, trap setting and fur handling. Camp is limited; some scholarships are available. Applications are accepted on a first come, first accepted basis by May 15.

SHEEP STARTER FLOCK AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2022

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is again offering a three free registered Targhee Starter Flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the 2022 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 18-20, 2022, in Big Timber, MT. 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 2022 national sale.

Applications, due April 1, 2022, are now available to at US Targhee Sheep Association at <https://www.ustargheesheep.org/> Any person ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2022, and whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor. Questions can be directed to Mardy Dallas-Rutledge at 702-292-5715 or emailed to ustargheesheep@gmail.com.

MONTANA FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montana Farm Bureau has many scholarships that are awarded to Montana youth and Yellowstone County youth. Information and requirements for each scholarship and the application can be found on the Montana Farm Bureau website at <https://bit.ly/3BIPZ1y>. Application deadline is April 1, 2022.



Sweet Grass County 4-H

Demonstration Day

Tuesday, March 24th, 2022

Extension Office ~ 6 pm

If you are interested in participating in this county wide event, please fill out this form and return to:

Sweet Grass County Extension Office
PO Box 640 515 Hooper
Big Timber, MT 59011

You may also register by calling the office at 932-5146.

Registration Deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ 4-H Age: _____

Category: (circle one) Demonstration or Speech/Illustrated Talk

Title: _____

Subject: _____

Communications Day!!!

Communications Day is scheduled for **Thursday, March 24th**, 2022 at 6pm at the Extension Office. Members of all age levels are encouraged to participate. Members who are 13 years old and over can represent Sweet Grass County at 4-H Congress this summer.

COME WIN SOME CASH....

Top Demonstration receives \$75.00 from *4-H Council* and a trophy and \$25.00 sponsored by *SC Electric & Irrigation*.

2nd & 3rd place demonstrations will receive \$50 and \$25 from the Council.

Top Speech/Illustrated Talk receives \$75.00 from *4-H Council* and a trophy and \$25.00 sponsored by *Big Timber Lions Club*.

2nd & 3rd place speeches will receive \$50 and \$25 from the Council.

PLEASE thank the sponsors of these great awards!!!



Demonstrations & Speeches

General Rules & Guidelines

Age Divisions same as 4-H Age Divisions

Demonstration: A presentation that shows how to complete a task; a hands-on step by step presentation which prepares the audience to complete a task. This is a 'how to' presentation. There is a final product.

Illustrated Talk: A communication which conveys information with the use of visual items and illustrations. Seniors should not have note cards.

Speech: A communication technique in which only the spoken word and gestures of the presenter are used. No props or posters are used in 4-H public speaking contests.

Subject: Choose a subject that fits your interests, experience, knowledge and skill. Choose a topic that is appropriate for your age level and interesting to your audience. Your presentation and topic should be informative, persuasive, motivational and entertaining.

Title: A most effective title is short, descriptive and image-provoking. A title should suggest the presentation without telling the whole story.

Tools: Appropriate tools and equipment can be effective uses of visuals. What is shown is just as important as what is said. Equipment should be prepared and ready. Visuals, such as posters, charts and pictures can be used to create a visual. Make sure they are large enough to be seen, un-crowded, neat and clear.

Note Cards/Memorization: If a member is going to use note cards, remember to keep them white, and use them only as a guide if needed. Do not read the speech off the notecards.

Posture: Members should stand up straight and find a comfortable stance that allows them to remain relatively in one spot for the duration of the presentation. It is acceptable to make movements, however, avoid pacing or swaying which will be distracting.

Dress: Members should dress appropriately and be well groomed.

Recommended Time Guidelines:

Speech & Illustrated Talks:

Junior-Junior: 3-5 minutes Junior: 5-7 minutes Senior: 7-10 minutes

Demonstrations (All ages): 5-15 minutes

Greeting: The speaker is expected to greet his or her listeners in some form. These could be something in the form of "Good Afternoon", "Hello, Ladies & Gentlemen", "Fellow 4-H Members, Parents & Guests".

Introduction: You may lead in to your topic with a question, statement of a problem, or use of a creative, stimulating visual. This is where you get you audience's attention.

Body: The body should consist of the subject material and main points. This is where you do or show what you said you would do or show in the introduction. Think about necessary steps, logical order and materials needed.

Summary: The summary is the last chance to put your point across. Keep any statements related to points that were made in the body of your presentation. Do not introduce new material in the summary.

Practice, Practice, Practice!!!

March 2022

*Be Somebody who makes
Everybody feel like a Somebody.*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Happy Birthday Haley Anderson	2 Livestock Judging	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Greeley Kleinsasser & Stetson Seemann
6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Rylie Tinsley Livestock Judging	10	11 Happy Birthday Tresten Rein	12
13 Happy Birthday Jaxon Thomas	14	15	16 NO Livestock Judging	17	18 Communications Day Sign-up due	19
20 Happy Birthday Mollie Ruth	21	22 Happy Birthday Miles Newlan Taw Seemann	23 Livestock Judging	24 Communications Day!!!	25 Happy Birthday Leah Selensky	26
27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday David Paul Hathaway Livestock Judging	31		

\$250.00

SWEET GRASS COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

\$250.00

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name:			
Date of birth:		Phone:	
Current address:			
City:		State:	ZIP Code:
No. of Years in 4-H?			
Signature of applicant			Date

Please complete the following questions and attach to the application form:

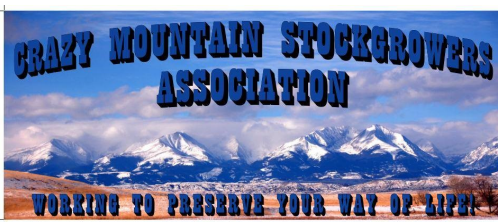
1. What were the most valuable 4-H activities or projects to you and why?
2. What community service activities were you involved in during your 4-H career?
3. What are your educational and career goals?
4. What were your most memorable 4-H memories or experiences?

Application must be returned to the Sweet Grass County Extension Office by August 31st, 2022



4-H Scholarship Requirements:

1. Must be enrolled for at least 6 consecutive years including your senior year in high school.
2. Must be a member of the Sweet Grass County 4-H Program during your senior year of High School.
3. Must turn in a **COMPLETED** record book by September 30th before award will be issued, *if possible please include the last 6 years of your record book when submitting for this application.*
4. An attached letter from the County Extension Office verifying the number of years in the 4-H program.
5. Open to Current High School Seniors Only.
6. Cash award of \$250



Don't forget the Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers Scholarship for up to \$5,000. Call the Extension Office for a full copy.

Fair Board: 2/3/2022

Present: Cindy Selensky, Jennifer Breck, Austin Standley, Nate Ruth, and Coulter Rein.

Guests: Commissioner Moody, Buzz Finn, Joan Hanson, Ronda Johnston, John and Mardi Smith, Raymond from the Chamber of Commerce, Kandi Schuman, and Marc King.

Nate called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Austin moved to accept the minutes as presented. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Buzz handed out his caretaker's report. Cindy asked Buzz about the propane usage. It was discussed and thought to be about normal.

Cindy gave a Treasurer's report. There is 57.4% of the budget remaining for the year. The dump trailer cost \$15, 785.00 and is coming out of the Fair Equipment line item in the budget.

JS Rodeo contract was discussed. The addendum is still not completed, but Commissioner Moody and County Attorney Dringman are working on it. John said that there is no way that they can be completely cleared out by noon on Thursday. Nate said that he felt the livestock being gone by noon and equipment out was the priority. The language in the addendum said that all JS Rodeo equipment, supplies and livestock must be removed by noon on Thursday. John said that he felt that when he read the minutes of the past meeting it was a different story, he thought they were saying that the Fair Board did not want the rodeo. John said that he would be willing to rent more days if that was what they needed to do. John said that last year was not as bad as the first year in terms of getting things cleared out. Nate again said that it was his feeling that the livestock and equipment needed to be out by noon. Mardi said that it is impossible to get all the livestock, supplies and equipment out by noon. Mardi said that because they are only doing six rodeos this year, they are losing forty percent of their income and that many businesses in town are upset because they too are losing forty percent of their income. JS Rodeo will start their rodeos on August 3rd and will run for six consecutive weeks. Commissioner Moody said that JS Rodeo should do or provide a report on the lost income to the community to show the Board. Mardi said that they have been advised to call a public forum to discuss the loss of income to the businesses of Sweet Grass County. John and Mardi said that Fair Week really messed them up last year because people thought they had cancelled the rodeo and it took two weeks after the Fair to get people to come back to the rodeos. Austin Standley asked why there was so much confusion over the dates. Mardi said that they need ten weeks to be a series which allows for better corporate sponsorships. John said that he can have the livestock out by noon. Austin agreed that the livestock out by noon and equipment at least moved to the back by noon was acceptable. John and Mardi said that they need the Monday and Tuesday prior to their first rodeo to get set up next year. Commissioner Moody said that there must be a time set for the garbage to be removed by in the addendum. The Board prioritized the clean up after the rodeos to be livestock out by noon, supplies and equipment removed next and garbage picked up. Mardi asked about the status of the gates that John and she had talked to the Board about this past fall. Nate said that he and the Board were working on them and that he was going to work on the gates by the timed event stripping chute this spring. Mardi said that chain latches for the sorting pens would help speed things up, rather than wrapping them around the posts. Mardi then told the Board that she had recorded the meeting for the Pioneer.

Marc reported that Matt Kleinsasser had volunteered to donate a water bottle fill station for the Pavilion. Austin moved to accept Matt's donation of a water bottle fill station for the Pavilion. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joan Hanson said that she would like to have a new Abby Hanson Memorial Sign put on the small animal barn, as the old one had faded and is beyond repair. Ronda Johnston said that she would encourage the Board to purchase and install the sign. Kandi said that she would donate the cost of the sign. Austin moved to install the sign. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joan asked the Board what the plan was for trees behind the grandstands. She said that as a member of the Tree Board they would be willing to help the Fair Board with trees in this location. Nate said that it was a water issue as there currently is not a good way to make sure the trees get watered.

Joan asked if the siding project for the old exhibit barn was still in the budget and moving forward. Nate said that it was.

Austin moved to leave the slate of officers the same as it was for the past year, President Nate Ruth, Vice President Austin Standley and Treasurer Cindy Selensky. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Nate said that the rodeo side trees, and siding project should be on the agenda for the next meeting on April 7th at 4:00 pm.

Raymond said that he wanted to thank the Board for discussing the 4th of July fireworks proposal. He further reported that the Chamber was having their annual banquet on March 9th at 6:00 pm, and they are looking for nominations for the Ag Person of the Year Award and for Volunteer of the Year. He further reported that they are designing a new web site that will have links to all of the events.

There were three contracts for rental of the Ag Pavilion. Austin moved to accept the contracts. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.