



THE COMMUNITY PAGE

BONNEVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Strengthening Youth

4-H Supporters Build the Next Generation

The 4-H program has long been associated with developing life skills in the next generation of farmers and ranchers. This has been especially true in our area, where agriculture is still “King of the Economy.” As Bonneville County has grown, we now see 4-H serving kids from all walks of life, who are intent on benefiting from the program’s focus on building responsibility, work ethic, and business acumen.

Young people become confident mature adults ready for success in today’s challenging world through 4-H. Boys and girls across Bonneville County come together to learn by experimentation, innovation, and independent thinking.

“Having a great work ethic is one of the most important things that we at Melaleuca look for in hiring new employees,” says Melaleuca President and CEO, Frank VanderSloot. “I don’t know of a better way to teach work ethic than in raising farm animals. For parents who are interested in raising great kids, I also don’t know of a better way to raise great kids than to give them the responsibility to care for, train, and show a 4-H animal project.”

Parents of 4-H youth are especially grateful to the many businesses that support the 4-H market sale. As more supporters participate each year in the market sale, proceeds continue to grow. These proceeds go directly to the youth who raised the animals, in most instances to build college education funds. However, it should not be forgotten that it is community support of these businesses that allows them to support our youth through 4-H.

4-H participant Whitney Lusk links buyer participation with creating excellence on the part of 4-H youth. She says, “By supporting the market sale, buyers encourage kids to do well in their projects. It helps us to continue on in 4-H and to develop the ability to further our education.”

“Without the support of local businessmen at our market sale, maintaining the 4-H program in its present form would not be possible. Long-time supporters like CAL Ranch, Les Schwab, Key Bank, Bank of Commerce, Riverbend Ranch, Melaleuca, Dr. Barbara Nelson, and newcomers like Ball Enterprises and Trail Blazers, as well as so many others, are the backbone of 4-H,” explains 4-H dad, Scott Seeley. “If they stayed home, it just wouldn’t happen.”

4-H mom and club leader, Jan Doman says from a leader’s perspective the job would be very difficult without committed buyers. “Kids work hard all summer long. That builds work ethic that will last them throughout their lives. Buyers reward that hard work when they participate in the market sale,” she emphasized. Doman, a former program participant that paid for her education with proceeds from market animal sales, went on to say, “As parents, we watch every bid and every buyer because we try hard to support everyone, business or private individual, who supports us.”

That sentiment is echoed by Stan Boyle. After 26 years as a 4-H leader and helping seven of his own children through the program, Stan says, “Businessmen I know have told me that their support of 4-H doesn’t cost them, it earns them more. Because they support us, we support them.”

Many people are responsible for the growth of the 4-H program in Bonneville County. Educators, club leaders, parents, and business leaders, combined with hard work, form a unique recipe for building great kids.



4-H stands for: “Head, Heart, Hands and Health.”

4-H Motto: “To Make The Best Better.”

4-H Pledge: “I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community and my country.”

AUCTION PROCEEDS

2006	\$84,225
2005	\$76,625
2004	\$75,000
2003	\$61,685
2002	\$54,400

2006 MARKET SALE SUPPORTERS

4-H Supporter	Total Purchase Price	# of Animals Purchased
Bank of Commerce	\$16,000	4
Ball Enterprises	\$14,600	6
Melaleuca	\$12,300	14
Broadway Ford	\$8,650	5
Trail Blazers	\$6,375	6
Riverbend Ranch	\$6,250	3
Barbara Nelson, M.D.	\$3,300	3
Les Schwab, ‘C’ Street	\$2,575	5
Cal Ranch	\$2,150	4
Johnson Livestock	\$1,950	3
Pioneer Equipment	\$1,750	2
Premier Insurance	\$1,650	3
Thiel Brothers	\$1,550	1
Paul Merrill	\$1,350	1
Melissa Ball	\$1,300	1
Key Bank	\$1,300	2
Farm Bureau Insurance	\$1,150	2
Mickelsen Pack	\$1,100	1
Coco Cervantes	\$950	2
Jan Oltmann’s	\$950	2
McCowin Orthopedics	\$925	2
Eagle Rock Dental Care	\$900	1
B. A. Wackerli	\$850	2
Idaho Supreme Potatoes	\$850	1
Les Schwab, 17th Street	\$700	2
Jack Thomas	\$700	1
Grover’s All-Wheel	\$600	1
Daniel Hinckley, M.D.	\$575	1
Valley Wide Cooperative	\$500	1
Southfork Anesthesia	\$475	1
Bonneville County Implement	\$450	1
Pacific Steel	\$450	1
Jack Thomas Grain	\$450	1
The Way Family	\$450	1
First Street Welding	\$425	1
Photo Graphix	\$425	1
Bill Dixon	\$400	1
Farm Credit Services	\$400	1
Kvamme Farms	\$400	1

2006 MARKET SALE RESULTS

STEERS

Grand Champion	Price
Whitney Lusk	\$4,200
Reserve Champion	
Trevor Schuster	\$2,000
Erica Ovard	\$1,450
Marlee Doman	\$2,200
Jordan Snow	\$1,350
BJ Elkington	\$2,050
Chase Johnson	\$2,100
Amber Stacey	\$1,350
Steve Barnard	\$1,200
Blake Ford	\$1,200
Katelyn Ovard	\$1,300
Kevin Byers	\$1,400
Wyatt Dixon	\$1,600
Brian Dixon	\$2,900
Thomas Elkington	\$3,500
Caden Fuhriman	\$2,800
Lacie Elkington	\$5,300
Brock Stacey	\$1,450
Lance Dade	\$1,550

SWINE

Grand Champion	Price
Frankie Lopez	\$1,100
Reserve Champion	
Brian Dixon	\$1,650
Gavin Reed	\$650
Elizabeth Hassing	\$600
Brock Stacey	\$600
Karen Stewart	\$900
Kaylee Fennern	\$600
Nolan Myer	\$600
Clint Beehler	\$550
Erica Ovard	\$400
Graham Soderquist	\$500
Katie Cook	\$550
Cordell Barnard	\$750
Scott McClellan	\$500
Wyatt Dixon	\$800
Brock Bowen	\$400
Breanne Reed	\$550
Brett Seely	\$1,750
Trevor Dixon	\$800
Whitney Lusk	\$1,250
Jessica Provencher	\$550
Jessica Gardner	\$450
Amber Stacey	\$450
Tyrell Barnard	\$650
Travis Soderquist	\$700

Kyle McGary	\$850	Brenna Hassing	\$425
Scott Barnard	\$600	Joel Dustin	\$575
Audrey McClellan	\$450	Tessa Schuster	\$450
Luke Wescoat	\$950	Jessica Provencher	\$400
Jake Santos	\$400	Kalene Lusk	\$950
Kalene Lusk	\$900	Scott McClellan	\$375
Lance Dade	\$550	Devon Wilding	\$700
Paige Hyndman	\$500	Gavin Reed	\$475
Meghan Wescoat	\$600	Chris Hinckley	\$775
Katelyn Ovard	\$650	Ben McBride	\$525
Wyatt Hunter	\$450		
Hannah Shainholtz	\$650		
Blake Ford	\$500		
Melisa Stacey	\$550		
Jacom Stacey	\$550		
Terrent Gardner	\$450		
Dakota Hunter	\$400		
Reina Shainholtz	\$450		

GOATS

Grand Champion	Price
Luke Wescoat	\$675
Reserve Champion	
Reina Shainholtz	\$350
Melissa Cook	\$350
Jessica Gardner	\$300
Hannah Shainholtz	\$400
Meghan Wescoat	\$400
Terrent Gardner	\$325
Emily McBride	\$300
Brock Bowen	\$300
Tessa Schuster	\$350
Ben McBride	\$350
Kevin Byers	\$325
Emily Kvamme	\$400

LAMBS

Grand Champion	Price
Brett Seely	\$1,300
Reserve Champion	
Emily McBride	\$600
Audrey McClellan	\$450
Brianne Reed	\$400
Tyler Keyes	\$325
Cody Thomas	\$600
Trevor Schuster	\$425



Whitney Lusk—Grand Champion Steer
Purchased by Riverbend Ranch for \$4,200.00



Frankie Lopez—Grand Champion Swine
Purchased by Mickelsen Pack for \$1,100



Brett Seeley—Grand Champion Lamb
Purchased by Melissa Ball for \$1,300



Luke Wescoat—Grand Champion Goat
Purchased by Melaleuca for \$675



Trevor Schuster—Reserve Champion Steer
Purchased by Melaleuca for \$2,000



Brian Dixon—Reserve Champion Swine
Purchased by Broadway Ford for \$1,650



Emily McBride—Reserve Champion Lamb
Purchased by Riverbend Ranch for \$600



Reina Shainholtz—Reserve Champion Goat
Purchased by Johnson Livestock for \$350