

The Community Page

Another Successful 4-H Season!

\$98,000 in Auction Proceeds for 2008!



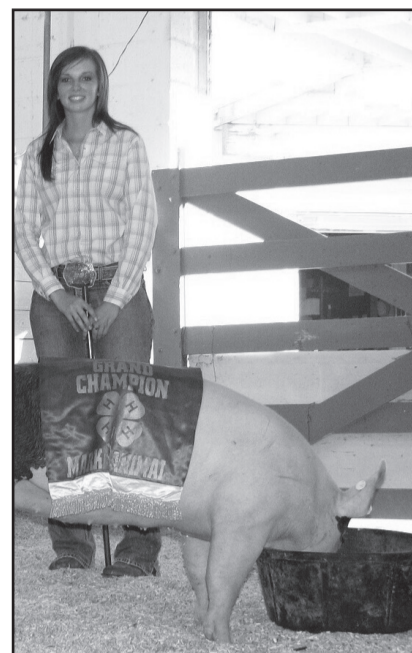
**2008 Winner:
MARKET BEEF**
Scott Barnard
Purchased by
Premier Insurance



**2008 Winner:
MARKET SHEEP**
Jimi Bieker
Purchased by
Melaleuca



**2008 Winner:
MARKET GOAT**
Meghan Wescoat
Purchased by
**Bonneville County
Farm Bureau**



**2008 Winner:
MARKET SWINE**
Meghan Wescoat
Purchased by
**Bonneville County
Farm Bureau**

“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.”

While many young people fill their time with video games, television or just goofing off, the mission-driven impetus of 4-H is helping youth establish positive patterns that will last throughout their lives.

An educational program for youth (boys and girls from ages 9 to 19), 4-H teaches skills in agriculture, home economics, civic responsibility, and community leadership. Since its beginnings in 1905, 4-H has enabled youth to “learn by doing”—a unique philosophy in today’s information-based society.

“4-H builds character in young people and teaches them the rewards of responsibility and hard work,” says Melaleuca CEO and Riverbend Ranch owner Frank L. VanderSloot. “Except for the Boy Scouts of America, it’s hard to imagine a youth program that has had a more valuable impact on the youth of our community than the 4-H program.”

It’s no surprise to find that, with its amazing power to influence youth, 4-H has more than 5.5 million members in the United States.



**Andi Skinner,
Bonneville County
4-H Coordinator**

“It is a privilege to work with a Youth Development Program that assists young people in developing the skills necessary to lead our society into the future,” says Andi Skinner, Bonneville County 4-H Coordinator. “It is an added bonus to work with the quality of volunteers that Bonneville County’s 4-H program attracts.”

Bonneville County 4-H enjoyed a very successful year in several areas of competition from the market sale to the horse program to the area of home economics.

“The 2008 Bonneville County Fair was a great indication of the cooperation that can exist amongst youth,” says John Soderquist of the Bonneville County Livestock Committee. “It is very encouraging to see them helping each other get ready for the show.”

The fair often represents the culmination of the year’s activities for 4-H members. For attendees of the market sale it’s an opportunity to tell these youth that their dedication counts.

“The Reed family supports 4-H and has for many years. It is one of the best programs available to youth these days,” says Alan Reed of Reed’s Dairy. “While teaching responsibility and building character, the 4-H program instills discipline, strong work ethic and integrity. I am proud to say that Reed’s Dairy supports the Bonneville 4-H!”

With continued urban sprawl, 4-H continues to develop new projects for its members to study beyond

Please support the businesses that supported our youth in the 2008 4-H market sale!

- 1st Street Welding \$800
- Ace Powder Coating \$2,100
- B.A. Wackerli \$550
- Bank of Commerce \$1,600
- Barbara Nelson \$4,700
- Beard St Clair \$500
- Bonneville Cnty Farm Bureau \$1,650
- Bonneville County Implement \$2,600
- Broadway Ford \$4,200
- CAL Ranch Stores \$1,950
- Cornell Rudd \$2,100
- D. Davidson \$500
- Dixon Family Farm \$450
- Dixon Farm \$700
- Don Dixon \$2,000
- Doug Wheeler \$450
- Eagle Rock Dental Care \$550
- Falls Fertilizer, Inc. \$2,150
- Farm Credit Services \$400
- First Street Welding \$800
- Frank VanderSloot \$750
- Frei Farms \$400
- Geo Beads \$400
- I & S Farms \$850
- Jack Thomas Grain \$2,450
- Johnson Livestock \$1,800
- Key Bank \$3,300
- Les Schwab 17th \$4,050
- Les Schwab C St \$1,900
- Los Panchos \$600
- Lusk Land & Livestock \$1,050
- MacKae LiveStock \$350
- McCowin Orthopedics \$1,000
- Melaleuca \$12,450
- Mickelsen Packing \$1,600
- Mirror Image \$1,050
- Pacific Steel & Recycling \$1,200
- Photographix \$1,350
- Pioneer Equipment \$1,100
- Premier Insurance \$2,800
- Reed’s Dairy \$2,700
- Riverbend Ranch \$3,500
- Rocky Mountain Machinery Co. \$7,600
- Seven B Ranch \$1,650
- Smith Chevrolet \$350
- The Speech & Language Clinic & Mtn View Hosp \$3,650
- Thiel Brothers \$600
- U.S. Bank \$350
- Valley Wide Coop \$4,400
- Wilbur & Ellis Co. \$2,000



**2008 Bonneville County 4-H
Horse Judging Team**

agriculture and animal husbandry, including photography, conservation, cooking, public speaking, history, art, and other pursuits.

“The Bonneville County 4-H Horse program saw tremendous growth this season,” Kimber-

ly Kvamme, Bonneville County 4-H Horse Committee Chair. “This is due to the addition of several new programs such as the Working Ranch Horse Heritage Project and a new class at our horse show. We also saw a great deal of growth in our already established program areas

Often, 4-H members put their farm animal sales directly into a college education fund, national 4-H events or other worthy pursuits.

“The fair went very well and we offered the community a great display of projects,” says Cynthia Wescoat, President of the Bonneville County 4-H Advisory Council. “We had a large number of youth from our area attend State and National events.”

4-H kids learn valuable life skills and attributes like goal setting, cooperation, decision making and leadership, but they aren’t the only ones who benefit from this incredible program. Businesses that support 4-H youth enjoy the publicity, community support and new customers they garner as a result of their purchases.

As more supporters show up at the market sale each year, sales proceeds continue to grow! These proceeds go directly to the youth who raised the animals—a great reward for a job well done!

2009 4-H Market Sale

Next year’s auction will be held on August 6th, 2009. The buyer’s barbecue will start at 6 and the sale at 7 p.m.

We encourage your attendance and participation, and offer a challenge to the community that we best the 2008 proceeds!

4-H youth pay for and raise the animals at their own expense. Fewer buyers and participants at the market sale means these outstanding 4-H youth will pay more out of pocket expenses.

So, support the businesses that step up to the plate in support of 4-H and support our youth!

How you can become a 4-H leader

4-H offers learning opportunities in cooking, finance, gardening, technology, sewing, agriculture, welding, data processing, mechanics, electronics, home economics, citizenship, art, health, nutrition, forestry, and child development. If you have skills that lend themselves to youth leadership you can apply to be a 4-H leader by calling your local county 4-H office. In Bonneville County contact Andi Skinner at 529-1390. The application process involves a written application, interviews with county officials, and an extensive background check.



**4-H stands for: “Head, Heart,
Hands and Health”**
4-H Motto: “To Make The Best Better”