

The Community Page

Support Your Local 4-H Youth!

Today through August 7, 2009, at the Bonneville County Fairgrounds

In recent years, we've watched our retirement funds dip, our stock market aspirations vanish and our hopes for a better tomorrow dwindle. But there's one investment that is still, and always will be, safe: Our children. The leaders, the entrepreneurs, the voters and the citizens of tomorrow are in our living rooms, and we have an opportunity to teach them what matters most. Any program that inspires children to develop work ethic, save for an education and learn life skills should be worth every penny we can spare.

One such program is 4-H. America's largest out-of-school, one-of-a-kind, development program for boys and girls, 4-H drives youth to dedicate their heads, hands, hearts and health to better living, greater service, and clearer thinking for the sake of the community and the nation. 4-H is a worldwide youth development program involving 6.5 million members from cities, suburbs and rural areas that uses real-life situations to help youth develop practical life skills such as communication, citizenship, decision-making, leadership, interpersonal relations and community and global awareness. Youth who participate in 4-H gain confidence, compassion and connections with caring adults that are necessary for them to make contributions to their communities throughout their lives.

And 4-H is accomplishing its goals. 4-H youth are more likely than others to report success in school or involvement as leaders in their school and the community, to be viewed as role models by other youth, and to help others in their community. The 45 million 4-H alumni point with pride to their experience in developing life skills—telling how much they gained from making oral presentations; record keeping; developing leadership, management and communication skills; practicing the responsibility of citizenship; and meeting lifelong friends.

The youth in Bonneville County's 4-H have the opportunity to learn practical skills through hundreds of projects like cooking, wildlife, livestock, horse, nutrition, sewing, ceramics, electricity, computers, science, and others. Work on these projects takes place at home, in a day camp, in the yard or around the kitchen table, with guidance from a parent, an older brother or sister, or a neighbor. Over 100 4-H leaders share their time and talents with nearly 1,100 youth to help Bonneville County 4-H'ers to "learn by doing." The 4-H program is open to all who wish to participate without regard to race, creed, gender, marital status, handicaps or disadvantages, economic or ethnic backgrounds.

Whether you choose to lend your time to work with 4-H youth or to support the program with your wallet, it's vital that you find a way to show our youth how important this program's values are to you and to this community. This week, Bonneville County 4-H'ers will be showcasing their livestock and projects, the results of the past year's hard work, at the Bonneville County Fairgrounds. Find a way—whether by dollars or by actions—to teach the leaders of the future how important it is that they learn, grow and work together for a better tomorrow.

2009 BONNEVILLE COUNTY FAIR

	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5	THURSDAY AUGUST 6
7:00	FAMILY DAY	
8:00	Sheep Show Fitting & Showing, followed by Breeding, then Market	
9:00	Exhibit Building Open	Exhibit Building Open Round Robin Contest Show Ring
10:00		
11:00	Livestock Judging Clinic	Livestock Judging Contest Show Ring
12:00		
1:00	Live Animal Demonstration Contest begin in the Show Ring	
2:00		
3:00		
4:00	Water Fight on the Lawn following Demo Contest	
5:00		
6:00	Tailgate Party & Raffle	Buyers BBQ
7:00		Market Animal/Cake Sale in Pavilion
8:00	Parking Lot Dance! And Movie 8-11 p.m.	
9:00	Exhibit Building & Barns Closed	All Livestock Released except Sale Animals Exhibit Building & Barns Closed

Please support those who have contributed to 4-H in previous years!

1st Street Welding
Ace Powder Coating
B.A. Wackerli
Ball Enterprises
Bank Of Commerce
Barbara J. Nelson, M.D.
Beard St Clair
Bill Dixon
Bonneville Cnty Farm Bureau
Bonneville County Implement
Broadway Ford
C-A-L Ranch Stores
Cornell Rudd
D. Davidson
Daniel Hinckley, M.D. P.A.
Dixon Family Farm
Don Dixon
Doug Wheeler
Eagle Rock Dental Care
Falls Fertilizer, Inc.
Farm Bureau Insurance
Farm Credit Services
Frank VanderSloot
Frei Farms
Geo Beads
Grover's All Wheel
I & S Farms
Idaho Supreme Potatoes
Jack Thomas
Jack Thomas Grain
Jan Oltmanns
Johnson's Livestock
Key Bank
Kvamme Farms
Les Schwab Tires—17th Street
Les Schwab Tires—C Street
Los Panchos
Lusk Land & Livestock
MacKae LiveStock
McCowin Orthopedics
Melaleuca Inc.
Melissa Ball
Mickelsen Packing
Mirror Image
Pacific Steel & Recycling
Paul Merrill
Photo Graphix
Pioneer Equipment
Premier Insurance
Reed's Dairy
Refugio Cervantes
Riverbend Ranch
Rocky Mountain Machinery Co.
Seven B Ranch
Smith Chevrolet
The Speech & Language Clinic at Mt. View Hospital
Thiel Brothers
Trail Blazers
U.S. Bank
Valley Wide Coop
Way Family
Wilbur & Ellis Co.



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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.