4-H Family of the Year

The Hunsakers got involved in 4-H 12 years ago when Cherilee volunteered to lead an afterschool "Kids on the Run" 4-H club at Century Elementary School. After six weeks of learning about health, nutrition, and exercise Chalisse and five friends formed a 4-H club to learn about other things 4-H had to offer. Jensen, Andrea, and Carson all got involved in 4-H as Cloverbuds at the ages of 3 or 4. Greg became a leader in 2010 to become more involved in his children's sheep and agriculture projects. Over the years their family has participated in 37 different projects.

In addition to learning about everything from entomology, nursing/first aid, and cultural education to goats, the Hunsakers have been involved in a number of other activities. They started a recycling program in which they collected 84 pounds of aluminum cans and a lot of trash from the roadsides of the community around Honeyville. They helped restore the "Welcome to Honeyville" sign. They participated in 4-H contests, service projects and the Junior Teen Council, served as portfolio contest judges, and attended 4-H Junior Youth Conference.

Through 4-H Chalisse, Jensen, Andrea and Carson have learned about responsibility in caring for their animals and being responsible citizens. They have developed good character traits like honesty, integrity, and learning how to work. 4-H has also provided the Hunsakers with the opportunity to do things together as a family.

4-H has also provided the opportunity for the Hunsaker children to teach and mentor other youth and for all of them to serve the community. We applaud the Hunsakers for their involvement in 4-H and for the way in which they have utilized the 4-H program to learn and grow and make their community a better place.
**Member of the Year**

Kiarra Miller is a leader. She is willing to voice her opinion. She is actively engaged in 4-H and has taken advantage of 4-H opportunities to serve the community and develop her leadership skills. Kiarra has been a member of 4-H for 8 years and has completed projects in quilting, art, sewing and arts and crafts. She has participated in both the 4-H Junior Teen Council and 4-H Teen Council.

This year she decided to take some chances and got involved in several state level opportunities. She applied to become a 4-H State Ambassador, a top leadership role for Utah 4-Hers. She completed a three month project, gave speeches promoting 4-H, and participated in an interview process with other State Ambassador candidates.

In April Kiarra attended National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. While there, the five 4-H youth from Utah spent a day on Capitol Hill visiting each of Utah's senators and representatives. Kiarra shared her 4-H story with Representative Rob Bishop while visiting his office. I was impressed with her confidence and what she had to say.

At 4-H Mock Legislature, Kiarra was selected to sponsor a bill on distracted driving amendments. Her confidence, leadership and public speaking skills, helped her rise to the challenge.

Then, in the spring, when the opportunity to run for one of the new Utah 4-H Officer positions presented itself, Kiarra stepped up and took on the challenge to run for the office of Utah 4-H President.

We are proud of Kiarra and her desire to try new things, learn new skills, and take the risk of trying something new and unfamiliar.

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**Box Elder County Winners at the Utah Junior Turkey Show**

Reserve Champion Hen: Alison Smith  
1st Place Tom: Frank Pilarczyk  
2nd Place Tom: Adam Alexander  
5th Place Hen: Ryan Pace  
9th Place Tom: Emily Smith  
16th Place Hen: Hanna Prisbey  
18th Place Hen: Tanner McNeeley  
20th Place Hen: Quincee Jo Hill  
21st Place Tom: Hunter Doucette  
26th Place Hen: Tristan Spencer  
27th Place Hen: Zach McNeeley

Record Book Winners:  
Juniors:  
Larry Pilarczyk—1st Place  
Hunter Doucette—2nd Place  
Intermediate:  
Emily Smith—2nd Place
**Doorknob Award**

Emily Bankhead is receiving the 4-H Doorknob Award for opening the door of opportunity for many youth to enjoy the benefits of the 4-H program. She has created many new partnerships in the community and great new events for 4-Hers to attend.

Emily joined 4-H at the age of 9. When she was 11, her pig won reserve champion, and she received star choice several other times. Emily says, “These are some of my fondest childhood memories. I absolutely loved it. The fair week was and still is one of my most favorite weeks of the year. Through 4-H I gained responsibility, love for animals, stronger family relationships, and even budgeting skills.”

Emily went to school at USU and studied recreation. She loved many aspects of this, but didn't know if she would ever find a job that fit it all; then the 4-H position crossed her path. In Emily’s words, “I applied not really knowing what I was getting into, but was pleasantly surprised to find I had found my dream job with 4-H in the spring of 2009. I got to enjoy my love for animals and my love of fair week!”

Emily’s responsibilities included: Summer camps, the Western Horse and Working Ranch Horse programs, county contests, Teen Council, special events, educational workshops, safety trainings, arts and crafts, portfolios, Farm Field Days, State Contests, and assisting with the fair, Talent Show, Achievement Night, Turkey Show, leader training, and service projects. Emily’s favorite part of her job was working with all the amazing youth. She truly loved to see them have fun while learning and growing.

4-H youth are well mannered and eager to learn. She got to work with the best kids, and that always put a smile on her face. In the midst of all of these responsibilities, Emily married her husband, Kade, in 2010 and received her Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from USU in 2011. Emily sums it up best by saying, “4-H was my dream job, but being a mom is my dream life. I will always miss 4-H and the people, but I have been blessed with an adorable little boy and I'm so happy to spend my days with him.”

We are thrilled to give Emily the Doorknob Award for all of her dedication and hard work in making 4-H available in new and creative ways.

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**4-H Livestock Checks**

For those of you who have not completed a 4-H livestock record book so you can pick up your livestock check, there are books available for you to purchase at the USU Extension Office. The book can be purchased for $1.00 or you can find the book online at www.extension.usu.edu/cyberlivestock. The USU Extension Office will not be open on December 24-26 or January 1.

Failure to complete and submit a record book by January 31, 2015, will make the exhibitor ineligible to sell an animal in the 2015 junior livestock sale.
In the spring of 2013 there was a surprise announcement from the Box Elder County Commissioners with the news that the old exhibit building that had housed the indoor 4-H exhibit and the 4-H small animals during the fair was going to be replaced with a new facility. This was exciting and welcome news but also meant some new challenges were ahead. The old indoor building over many years of use had been fitted with walls that would hang many 4-H exhibits easily and without much fuss. This new building was creating the need for a new look and a new way of displaying over 1,500 4-H exhibits. This same issue of space and new configurations was being discussed by the directors in the small animal building. Designing and implementing these new exhibit areas was going to require some extra funds and that is where Proctor & Gamble came to the rescue. Proctor & Gamble has been a supporter of the fair and the fairgrounds since it began operating in our county in March 2011. Proctor & Gamble very promptly and generously donated $5,000 to 4-H to help prepare the new event center for the 4-H exhibits. With the purchase of grid wall, small animal pens and rabbit wire the new building was ready for the fair. Proctor & Gamble is 177 years old and we feel very fortunate to have this philanthropic business come to our county who is willing to support youth programs.

The new 4-H year began on October 1st so you can re-enroll for 2014-15 by going to the 4-H online webpage, https://ut.4honline.com.

Please be careful when you are completing the member and parent release forms. The member’s signature is required on the first two lines and the parent’s signature on the last three lines. You can pay for the 4-H enrollment by calling the office and paying with a card or you can mail or bring the money to:

USU Extension Office
01 South Main Room #30
Brigham City, UT 84302

The enrollment fee for youth is $5.00 and there is no charge for leaders.
Achievement Night
Record Book Awards

Junior Honorable Mention Record Book
Brooklynn Wilkinson
Top Junior Record Book
Larry Pilarczyk
Intermediate Honorable Mention Record Book
Frank Pilarczyk
Top Intermediate Record Book
Dallen Borg
Senior Honorable Mention Record Book
Meagan Martineau
Top Senior Record Book
Bridget McBride

Judges’s Choice 12th Grade Book
Charles Davis
Judge’s Choice 10th Grade Book
Jensen Hunsaker
Judge’s Choice 9th Grade Book
Spencer Davis

Community Service Awards
Junior Division
Katie Hewlett
Intermediate Division
Tyson Hewlett
Senior Division
Bridget McBride

Senior Medal Winners: Cary Cottrell, Charles Davis, Megan Davis, Spencer Davis, Tressa Hale, Ameerah Hancock, Cody Hewlett, Jensen Hunsaker, Megan Martineau, Bridget McBride, Abby Taylor, Sarah Watts

Box Elder County 4-H Horse Youth at the Halloween Party

2014 Horse Council Announced

The new Horse Council is: President - Ruth Beebe, Vice President - Denilyn Ormond and Secretary - Jasmine Baker. Our State Representative for the next two years is McKenzie Anderson.

Please email Ruth if you want to be on the Junior Horse Council for 2015. Also email if you have questions or suggestions. The email addresses are:

Ruth: ruth.beebe26@gmail.com, 435-523-5484 (text is best)
Denilyn: deni.ormond@gmail.com, 435-919-4240
Jasmine: jasminebaker03@gmail.com, 435-237-9573

The new events this year are Western Equitation and Gymkhana Gig. Be sure to read the rule book about them.

January 6 at 6:00 p.m. is a Leader/Parents meeting in the Auction Barn at the fairgrounds to plan the year. We’ll vote on show days, discuss volunteers for shows and brainstorm on how to improve things. Clinics begin January 13 on Tuesday evenings. The county donates the small indoor arena for 4-H use every Tuesday year around from 4 until 7. Clinics will start at 5:15 p.m. Most information will be through email so be sure to send your correct email address to Ruth. If you have not received an email about horse 4-H recently we do not have your current email address. We will also be starting a Facebook page for the Western 4-H Horse info as an added way to communicate. See you on Tuesday evenings!
Our Junior Livestock Program will be the Subject of a Documentary

Continued success of the Box Elder County Junior Livestock Sale stems from the steadfast support it receives from the local community and even beyond our county and state boundaries. This year alone, 4-H and FFA youth earned a record-breaking $1+ million collectively from livestock sold at the Box Elder Junior Livestock Sale.

All of this notoriety has attracted a film crew who would like to produce a documentary about our junior livestock program. They are impressed with how a relatively small community and county can pull together such a remarkable achievement. The documentary will be professionally produced and will be an excellent way for us to “tell our story”.

During the next several months, they would like to follow several 4-H and FFA families and leaders who are involved raising livestock for the county fair. They would like to capture on film the remarkable spirit of cooperation and support that exists in our county.

The amount of community support we enjoy is huge. The buyers' financial support validates in a very real way how much this community believes in the 4-H and FFA programs and the youth who participate.

The sale is Utah’s largest, attracting 844 different buyers from seven states this year. I believe that one reason the sale continues to thrive is an attitude of appreciation that exists among both the buyers and youth sellers. It is incredible to think about the amount of support we continue to receive from this community.

Carter Felshaw selling his market lamb.

Livestock Dates for 2014

**Steer Weigh-in & Tagging**
March 26, Out West:
- Grouse Creek 10:30 a.m.
- Park Valley, 12:00 noon
- Howell, 3:00 p.m.
March 28, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Auction Barn

**Beef Heifer Identification**
April 24, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Fairgrounds

**Bucket Calf Weigh-in & Tagging**
May 1, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Fairgrounds

**Goat Identification**
June 12, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Fairgrounds

**Hog Tagging**
June 6, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m., east parking lot at the fairgrounds
June 13, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m., east parking lot at the fairgrounds

**Lamb Weigh-in & Tagging**
June 6, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Auction Barn
June 11, Out West (lambs & goats):
- Park Valley, 11:00 a.m. - noon
- Snowville, 1:30 p.m.
- Howell, 3:30 p.m.
June 13, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Auction Barn

**Box Elder County Fair**
August 24-29

**Utah Turkey Show**, tentative dates,
November 12-14

**Box Elder 4-H/FFA Turkey Dinner**
Event Center at the fairgrounds
November 21

*These dates are tentative and may be subject to change.*
Leader of the Year

Melanie Crouch has been a 4-H leader for 16 years focusing on livestock projects including horse, beef, swine and bucket calves. Melanie’s children: Kaitlyn, Skyler and McKenzie all grew up very involved in 4-H. Melanie has been the Horse Council President at least 3 different times and has never gone more than 2 years without being a part of the horse council. She has served as State Representative, Secretary, Vice President, President, and Past President. Serving in the Horse Council is a very time demanding volunteer position as you oversee spring clinics (every Tuesday), horse camp, horse shows, Horse Achievement Night, and assist with Region and State Shows….plus any other additional activities the horse council decides the youth may need or enjoy. State Representatives are asked to attend at least 3 different state horse council meetings annually that are held in various places throughout the state. It's hard to find someone willing to serve on the horse council, but Melanie has been willing to do the job over and over again. Melanie is willing to do this because of her selfless love for youth, service, and 4-H. When not serving on the horse council she is still one of the first parents to help when asked. She goes where she is needed whether that is a gate person, ring steward, announcer, etc. She also is a huge help at horse camps and always willing to teach a clinic when asked. Even though this year is the final year of her youngest child in 4-H, she has already agreed to help with the upcoming year's region show to be held in Box Elder County. As a horse leader she is definitely very patient and knows exactly how much she can push somebody. She's very helpful to all the youth not just her own and she knows what it takes to succeed with a horse and desires to teach horsemanship to everyone.

4-H Leadermete 2015

Dear Prospective Recruit,

Each year 4-H youth, leaders and agents from throughout the state of Utah converge into one geographical area to attend Leadermete. In 2015 that convergence will happen in Salt Lake County.

Your mission, if you choose to accept is to join us in Salt Lake County on April 9-11, 2015. To begin your secret agent recruit training it is imperative that you visit utah4h.org and register. Upon entering your information:

- You will be immediately guided to a top secret web page where you will receive your first alias.
- You will begin to receive your spy training, beginning with learning to decypher code.

Be sure to watch your email in the near future for important encrypted messages about the 2015 convergence in Salt Lake County.
McKinzie Smith is the 2014 Zollinger Beef Award winner. She is the daughter of David & Trudy Smith of Snowville. McKinzie has been a 4-H member for eight years. Statistics for her steer are as follows:

- Rate of Gain: 2.7 lbs/day
- USDA Grade - Choice +
- Reserve Champion
- Retail Cuts% - 50.0
- Marbling - Modest
- Yield Grade - 2.9
- Ribeye - 12.8 inches
- Backfat—0.48

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