Martineau Family

4-H Family of the Year

Lynn and Michelle Martineau began their involvement in the 4-H program twenty years ago when their oldest son David turned eight. Michelle had the opportunity her last year of high school to show a lamb at the Box Elder County Fair. After being around sheep her entire life, as her family owned a large sheep ranch, she fell in love with showing lambs.

When the Martineaus found out that they weren’t going to be able to keep and raise lambs on the lot where they lived, they began looking for land with animal rights to build a new home. They knew that raising animals helped raise kids. This experience led to the beginnings of the Bear Foot Lamb Clan. The Martineaus realized there were other children that would like to raise a lamb, but had nowhere to do it. So they built a large barn in their back yard and invited any of the neighborhood kids who wanted to raise a lamb to do it in their barn. Hundreds of kids have had the opportunity to raise a lamb because of their generosity.

A parent of one of the 4-H kids stated, "Thank you for all you have done for our kids, trying to make sheep lovers out of them. I don't know how many lovers of sheep there are out there, but they learned responsibilty and hard work!" And that is why the Martineaus do it, because they love children, and they know that through the 4-H program, they have the opportunity to make a difference in their lives by teaching new skills, leadership, hard work and responsibility. All four of the Martineau children, David, Ryan, Hailey, and Meagan completed ten years in the 4-H program. The Martineaus love the 4-H program and are so grateful to have had the opportunity to have their children involved in it and lead a 4-H club to help “Make the Best Better!”
Member of the Year

Hanna Kosbab is 16 years old and lives in Honeyville. Her parents are Bob and Andrea Kosbab and her sisters are Emma and Lexa. Hanna has been highly involved with 4-H, especially this year.

Competing at the State level, Hanna showcased her skills in the Fashion Review, taking 2nd overall. Hanna also participated with the Box Elder County 4-H Livestock Judging Team in the competitive events of Judging and Livestock Bowl where her team placed 4th overall.

Showing her skills in leadership and dedication to the 4-H program, Hanna was elected this year’s Teen Council President and has already planned some amazing programs. When not involved with a 4-H project, you may see Hanna shooting some hoops on the basketball court or entertaining with her clogging moves.

Hanna says, “4-H has taught me to be more outgoing and I have met some incredibly fun people. 4-H has built my confidence!”

Leader of the Year

Becki has been involved in 4-H for the past 10 years. She and her husband Rod were instrumental in starting the Working Ranch Horse Program in Box Elder County. In the beginning they held weekly 4-H meetings and small gatherings for their 4-H group, which helped to grow the program to what it is today.

She has enjoyed working with her sons and the youth of Box Elder County, watching them grow and develop their horsemanship skills. This year will be the 7th Annual Working Ranch Horse Gathering and Ranch Rodeo held in Box Elder County. She has also been involved as a Swine 4-H leader to her sons and nieces and nephews.

Becki lives in Fielding with her husband Rod and their sons Branson and Carson. Becki would like to thank the 4-H Extension staff and the many parents in the community for their help and support through the years.
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 be closed December 24-26 and January 1.

Failure to complete and submit a record book by January 31, 2016, will make the exhibitor ineligible to sell an animal in the 2016 Junior Livestock sale.

Doorknob Award - Ike & Shanna Thomas

In 1984, at the first State Leadermete, Al Prince presented a “doorknob” from his unique collection to an outstanding 4-H volunteer leader. This represented a unique way of saying thanks for opening the “door of opportunity” for youth.

Ike and Shanna Thomas have exemplified what this means by developing a 4-H program in Grouse Creek. Their club focuses on the Working Ranch Horse Program, teaching the fundamentals of age-old techniques of handling livestock while on horseback as well as the leadership and responsibility that come with being engaged in 4-H. Thank you Ike and Shanna.

Clover Key Award

Bob and Andrea Kosbab have been 4-H leaders for four years. They began their 4-H careers as members of another 4-H club with their daughters Emma and Hanna. As they learned more about 4-H, they were interested in doing more, and providing more opportunities for the members of the club.

Today they are leading a club of eight members in a sheep project. Andrea has served as an advisor for the 4-H Junior Teen Council and is currently serving as a 4-H Director over the foods exhibits at the Box Elder County Fair. Hanna and Emma have participated in county contests and gone on to compete at the state level where they placed fourth overall in Livestock Judging and Hanna placed second in the Fashion Revue.

Their favorite part of being 4-H leaders is seeing kids grow and become more responsible through taking care of a project of their own. Thank you for your contribution to the Box Elder County 4-H program and commitment to the youth you work with.
Online Enrollment Now Available

The new 4-H year began on October 1st, so you can re-enroll for 2015-16 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.

Status will be “pending” in the computer until enrollment fee is paid. Status will then be changed to “active.” Members are to be enrolled and active before animals are tagged. Tagging begins in March.

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, including Cloverbuds is $5.00. There is no charge for leaders.

Volunteers of the Year - Cleve & Sue Steed

Cleve and Sue Steed have been around 4-H and FFA for many years. They have provided leadership to the Box Elder County Fair as well as the Junior Livestock Sale. You have probably seen Sue during the auction working closely with Fred and Laura Selman to prepare and serve almost 1,000 lamb, pork and beef meals to hungry buyers during the Jr. Livestock Auction. This she has done cheerfully – always making buyers and supporters of the Junior Livestock sale feel needed and important.

Cleve, along with others, was instrumental in obtaining funding to build the new livestock barn and home arts buildings at the county fairgrounds. Cleve and Sue like the 4-H program because it is the kind of youth program that involves the entire family.

Camron Wadman
County Fair Steer Carcass Winner

Oaklee Trapp
County Fair Hog Carcass Winner

Matt Pali
County Fair Lamb Carcass Winner

Cleve & Sue Steed
Volunteers of the Year
Friend of 4-H Award - TJ Rhodes

TJ has been involved with 4-H and FFA for many years. One of Lyle Holmgren’s earliest memories with Extension are of a very young, skinny and determined TJ showing his lamb at the county fair. Sometimes there is a little competition between 4-H and FFA. This wasn’t the case with TJ. He was easy to work with and it never felt like the programs were in competition.

TJ’s ideas and enthusiasm have improved the 4-H and FFA programs in our county. He is warm and friendly. His determination as a young 4-H’er has blossomed into an effective FFA advisor and leader. We are fortunate that he and his family decided to come back to Box Elder County.

Friends of 4-H Award - Laura & Fred Selman

Box Elder County 4-H would like to recognize Fred and Laura Selman as 2015 Friends of 4-H. The Selmans have dedicated their lives to agriculture. Several years ago, Fred and Laura were asked to put on the complimentary dinner held each year at the Box Elder County Junior Livestock Auction. This is a monumental job which involves the preparation of lamb, beef and pork for the barbecue that feeds almost 1,000 people. This they have done cheerfully each year with Cleve and Sue Steed and many other volunteers.
Friend of 4-H - Paul Fulgham

Paul serves as Tremonton City’s Public Works Director, overseeing a multi-million dollar streets, water and sewer department. Even with his heavy work schedule, Paul has found time to work with us and allow 4-H to utilize the Public Works building without charge. Paul didn’t just allow Extension and 4-H to use their facility, he was glad to have us there. He was quick to respond to our emails and always made the facility clean and welcoming.

Paul is a great example of someone who lives the 4-H Motto “To Make the Best Better.”

Paul Fulgham
Friend of 4-H

Livestock Dates for 2016

Steer Weigh-in & Tagging
March 24, Out West
Grouse Creek, 10:30 a.m.
Park Valley, 12:00 noon
Howell, 3:00 p.m.
April 16, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Auction Barn

Beef Heifer Identification
April 22, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Bucket Calf Weigh-in & Tagging
April 29, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Goat Identification
June 10, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Hog Tagging
June 4, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
East parking lot-Fairgrounds
June 11, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
East parking lot-Fairgrounds

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

Box Elder County Fair
August 22-27

Utah Turkey Show, tentative dates,
November 10-12
These dates are tentative and may be subject to change.

Leadermete 2016

Dear Future 4-H Leader,

Each year, 4-H youth, leaders, and agents from throughout the state of Utah converge into one geographical area to attend Leadermete. In 2016 that conference will happen in Sevier County.

Design your future with us in Sevier County - April 7-9, 2016

Watch for details in our February Newsletter - but save the date!
Achievement Night 2015

Bridget McBride  
Senior Portfolio Winner

Dallen Borg  
Intermediate Portfolio Winner  
also the winner of Top Sheep  
Portfolio presented by Dallin Family

Corbin Borg  
Junior Portfolio Winner

A heartfelt thank you from the Daniel Smith family to Cleve Steed and Lyle Holmgren and the 4-H community in remembrance of Daniel’s nine year old son, John Smith, who lost his life in an ATV accident last summer. John’s 4-H steer was sold at the Jr. Livestock Auction to a very supportive and tearful crowd.
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Utah 4-H partnered up over the summer to offer an educational opportunity and fundraiser for local 4-H Horse Clubs. Wendy Smith, daughter of Rulon and Robin Smith of Elwood, representing the Smith Family Farm 4-H Club, jumped at the chance to participate in the first 4-H Youth Mustang Challenge.

Along with youth from across the state, Wendy had the opportunity to ground break a yearling mustang in 100 days and compete at a trail challenge during the State Fair. After the trail challenge, the yearlings were available for adoption through an auction system. Wendy was able to either adopt the animal they worked with or the 4-H club received part of the money raised through the auction of that animal.

Wendy’s Mustang Challenge began with a training from a mustang expert in conjunction with the Wild Horse and Burro Festival. Following the training, the participating youth drew for their yearlings. Out of seven other 4-H Clubs, Wendy drew a bay, gelding from the Blawn Wash Herd Management Area. The Blawn Wash Area comprises about 62,787 acres of public and state lands and is located in Iron and Beaver Counties, about 30 miles west of Minersville, Utah.

Wendy named her project yearling “Marvel the Mustang” and worked on him all summer. Wendy says of Marvel, “He is a very sweet horse. He is easy going and a fast learner. The first time I put a saddle on him, he worked like there was nothing on. He is curious and loves to play in the water. Marvel loves kids and kisses!”

At the Trail Challenge, Wendy and Marvel competed in several events including: Lead into the arena, load horse into a horse trailer, unload from the trailer, lead into and through a 45 degree pole setup, cross a wooden bridge briefly stopping at the top, pick up all four feet, and tie up to a solid fence and then walk away from the horse.

Wendy and Marvel were the overall champions for the 4-H Youth Mustang Challenge! She showcased her horsemanship skills by a strong partnership with Marvel. Wendy presented Marvel in a positive way and Box Elder County 4-H is proud of her accomplishments! Wendy sold the Grand Champion “Marvel the Mustang” for the highest bid and is excited to compete in the 4-H Youth Challenge next year.
2016 Horse Council Members

President: Deni Ormond C: 435-919-4240
President Elect: Katie Nielson
Secretary: Cynthia Garn
State Representative: McKenzie Anderson

Box Elder County Western Horse 4-H is doing a Lehi Roller Mills Fundraiser that has started and will run until January 19th. All monies and order forms will be due at the Parents’ Meeting on January 19th. Approximate delivery date will be Feb 11th. If you are interested in purchasing or helping in raising funds, please contact Callie or a member of the Horse Council.

Our first Parents’ Meeting will be December 15th, 6 pm in the Museum Building at the Fairgrounds. There are a lot of suggested changes that need to be discussed so please plan on attending.

4-H enrollment is now open. Please enroll your child at www.4Honline.com. You must be enrolled to ride in our winter clinics! Enrollment fee of $5 must be paid before your enrollment is complete. You can call the 4-H Office at 435-695-2543 and pay by credit card, mail a check to USU Extension, 01 South Main, Brigham City 84302 or come to the office between the hours of 8 am - 5 pm.

Junior Horse Council will meet one hour before the Horse Council meetings. The first meeting will be December 17th at 5:00. This year we will be electing officers and having assignments. For more information, contact Callie at 435-695-2546 or callie.ward@usu.edu.
Zollinger Beef Award

McKenzie Sorensen is the 2015 Zollinger Beef Award winner. She is the daughter of Drew & Nicole Sorensen of Howell. McKenzie has been a 4-H member for five years. Statistics for her steer are as follows:

- Rate of Gain: 2.79 lbs/day
- Live Score: Star Class
- Marbling: Modest
- Ribeye: 14.9
- USDA Grade: Choice
- Backfat: 0.32
- Carcass: Choice

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