Upcoming Events...

December
1  Shooting Sports Registration (12 openings)
6  Dog 4-H Day at Arena
6  Western Horse Meeting - 6:00
14  Carcass Meeting - 6:00
16  Lyle Holmgren’s Retirement Celebration
25  Merry Christmas!

(Extension Office closed on 26 - 28 and January 2)

January
1  Fee Change Begins
3  Dog 4-H Day at Arena
16  Office closed for Martin Luther King Day
27-28  Winter Teen Retreat (9th-12th graders)

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Attention - Attention - Attention

Utah State University and Utah 4-H are implementing changes to the 4-H program that will benefit you in Box Elder County. These changes include: 4-H Member and Volunteer Supplemental Insurance, 4-H Volunteer Background Checks, 4-H Online Support and Customer Service, Online Payment using 4-H Online.

These changes are being made for ease of access, convenience, and member/volunteer protection across the entire state. The state will be applying a mandatory $10.00 enrollment fee at the state level, which will affect annual enrollment fees. At Box Elder County 4-H, we want to keep the cost at a minimum for members and families, so we will be decreasing our fee. A $2.50 county fee will help to provide funding for county events, achievements and recognitions, program development, and 4-H resources.

Any 4-Her enrolled and paid within 4-H Online on or before December 31st, 2016 will be charged the previous amount of $5.00. (Payments can now be made online or you can use a credit or debit card by calling 435-695-2543 or come to the office with card, cash, or check.) Beginning January 1, 2017 the new state enrollment fee will be in place, making enrollment for Box Elder County 4-H $12.50. (Same payment options are available.) If you have any questions regarding the new state enrollment fee, please contact the Utah 4-H State Office at 435-797-4444. See page 5 for enrollment helps.
Tarlton & Suzanne McBride Family
4-H Family of the Year

Suzanne and Tarlton McBride have been involved in 4-H since they were young. Suzanne started out at age nine in a 4-H club that did cooking and sewing. Tarlton participated in Gymkhana Days sponsored by the local 4-H clubs in Colorado. At age 12 Suzanne became involved in the 4-H horse program and was instrumental in the development of the 4-H English riding program and horse shows in Cache County and participated in the first State 4-H English Horse Show at Zephyr Ranch in 1991. After graduating from 4-H Suzanne continued to instruct with the North Park Saddle and Spur Club and help with the English Horse shows until moving to Box Elder County in 1996. There she became a 4-H horse leader for three Beaver Dam youth who were looking for a leader. Their family became more involved in 4-H when their oldest daughter Heather turned nine in 2003.

Their projects have included market lambs, sewing construction, food preparation, rabbits, photography, horse, and gardening. Heather, Bridget, and Rachael have participated in both the Teen Council and Junior Teen Council, County Fashion Revue and Talent Contests, State 4-H Contests, Junior Youth Conference, i4-H and Teen Leadership Training. They have also been involved in service as they have helped set up panels for the market lambs at the fair and assisted in receiving, judging and displaying home arts exhibits. Last year Rachael served as a Box Elder County Northern Region Ambassador and helped plan and participate in the Northern Utah Teen Retreat.

Suzanne says that the impact of 4-H on their family has been wonderful. They’ve met new friends, learned new things, and learned how to give back to the community. The girls have gained confidence in themselves as they have been asked to work outside their comfort zones and acquire new skills.

One of their favorite activities has been their food club annual family picnic. The youth plan the picnic to showcase the skills they have learned and the foods they have learned to make. Then they get together to prepare the meal and serve it to their families.

The McBride’s have used 4-H to its fullest and have made a positive impact on their community. We are proud to recognize them as the 2016 Box Elder 4-H Family of the Year.

Lyle’s Retirement Plans

Who knew that raising vegetables would become one of my life’s ambitions. After almost 27 years, Kathy and I decided that we would like to work together to further develop our small vegetable farm and roadside market in Tremonton into a retirement project.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role with Utah State University and the responsibility (privilege) they gave me to work with each of you as an extension agent. I have developed so many warm friends and associates through the years. I can’t imagine a better, more generous and sincere group of people to serve than the people of Box Elder County. Thank you!

Together, we built the Box Elder County Junior Livestock Show into the largest (and greatest) junior livestock program in the whole state. Since 1990, the sale has generated more than $13 million for the youth of our county! More than $1.1 million this year alone. There have been many thousands of 4-H and FFA youth from our county who participated in the program – I have watched many of you grow up showing animals at the fair, start families of your own and then watched your children participate in the program. Those who have supported this program financially and with their time are to be commended.

I plan to continue working through the end of the year. After that, I have a 25% responsibility with the university to assist in the transition of extension’s responsibility with the junior livestock program to that “new” extension person. I will continue to be involved in our community and a couple of other assignments the university has given me. So in the meanwhile – Kathy and I hope to see you at our produce market.
Member of the Year

Wendy Smith has had the opportunity to ground break two yearling mustangs in 100 days and compete in the Youth Mustang Challenge. The purpose of this event is to increase the adoption of Mustangs to good homes. The goal is to promote adoption through showcasing Mustangs as a tool to build life training skills for 4-H youth.

Wendy worked with the yearling mustangs to halter break and train them. After the challenge, the yearlings were available for adoption through an auction system. Wendy won the Challenge last year and competed very well at this year’s show. The comment was made this year by the BLM representative that Wendy is an outstanding horse woman and will be the next wanted horse trainer.

That’s not the only thing Wendy does! Wendy represents the ideal 4-H member, committing herself fully to her projects, but also supporting and teaching younger horse 4-Hers the trade. Wendy has a gift for getting along with others. She is warm, friendly, and well-suited to be a new 4-H leader.

Volunteer of the Year

With the interest and excitement of robotics, programming, coding, scratch, and all things technical, Box Elder County 4-H was limited in skills and knowledge in this area. Knowing this, Mr. Ronald Fisher volunteered to teach the robotics summer camps. He dedicated two straight weeks to put on these camps. Eighty-plus hours working hands-on with 4-Hers and youth leaders, Mr. Fisher taught us all how to build a Lego EV3 robot, program Spheros, and create scratch apps; but most importantly, Mr. Fisher inspired 227 4-Hers to explore new things and use their imaginations to push the limits.

This award recognizes volunteers who have worked with 4-H this year and had a great impact on the lives of youth and the strength of the 4-H program in their area. Mr. Fisher is an outgoing individual who encourages many youth to step into the realm of technology and exemplifies what a 4-H volunteer is all about.

Thank You and Congratulations Mr. Fisher!
Leader of the Year

Kristy's 4-H experience began as a youth in sewing clubs, horse clubs, and market lamb clubs. She competed in demonstration contests, public speaking and judging contests and as a teen became a County Ambassador and teen leader. She had the opportunity to travel to Denver and Chicago competing and representing 4-H. These growing and valuable experiences showed her the many opportunities available in the 4-H program and after graduating from high school she became a 4-H leader to youth in her neighborhood with a market lamb club.

After graduating from USU with a Master’s Degree in Animal Science, Kristy moved to Ohio where she assisted in the 4-H program working with clubs and doing agriculture demonstrations. Upon returning to Utah with her family, Kristy again became a 4-H leader in a new area: rabbits. There was a desire for a 4-H club to teach about rabbits and assist the youth in raising quality animals. Kristy was asked to begin a club so the Box Elder County Community Rabbit Club was born.

In the past 15 years this club has existed, the number of registered youth has grown to over 50 per year. The club is open to the whole county and has become a club where entire families are involved. As parents bring the kids to 4-H, they often stay and learn about the rabbits also. What a great family project! Cloverbuds are welcome and encouraged to participate. By learning the basics of care, handling, and showing rabbits, youth can take the skills they learn here and transfer to other larger animals as they get older and their interests broaden. Kristy says there is just as much to learn from a rabbit as there is a horse or a cow. But they are inexpensive to purchase and care for, and they can be housed in small areas.

The rabbit show at the Box Elder County Fair has grown to be one of the largest youth rabbit shows in the state with the quality of animals noticeably improving. Many of the 4-H'ers take the skills they learn and become breeders and show at the ARBA level. Kristy has not only worked with Box Elder County, but has for the past 4 years taken teen 4-H'ers and assisted Davis County 4-H with their Baby Animal Days educating the public about rabbits and 4-H. The teen 4-H'ers love to showcase what they have learned and teach others.
Clover Key Award - Thompson Family

The KEY to 4-H growth lies in new, committed, and creative leaders. This award recognizes new leaders with service for 1 to 5 years who have provided outstanding service to 4-H. A county award recipient is nominated for the State Clover Key Award. Kasey and Jennifer Thompson have stepped up in our community as great leaders as they assist with the market lamb projects and working ranch horse area. They have been an excellent resource and motivators throughout this year.

Kasey and Jenn’s daughter, Shawnee, has also been a KEY to the growth of 4-H. Shawnee has helped with portfolios, record books, organized working ranch horse clinics and most importantly is an amazing role model. Since a young age, Shawnee has been a target of bullying. Now, she is taking a stand and spreading her message, Enough is Enough GET TOUGH! Thompson Family, we love your examples and your commitment to the 4-H program. You truly are the KEY to our program!

Enroll for 4-H Now
(Read about new fees on Page 1)

The new 4-H year began on October 1st, so you can re-enroll for 2016-17 by going to the 4-H online webpage:
https://ut.4honline.com

You can now pay for 4-H online. When you get to the payment screen, be sure to click on the orange box if you want to use your credit card right then.

Add New Credit Card

You can still pay by calling 435-695-2543 and use a credit card or you can mail or bring the money to:
USU Extension Office
01 South Main Room #30
Brigham City, UT 84302

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. After fees are paid the status in the computer will be changed to “active.” Members are to be enrolled and active before animals are tagged. Tagging begins in March.

The enrollment fee for youth, including Clover-buds is $5.00 through December 31. January 1, 2017 the fee changes to $12.50. There is no charge for leaders; however, they must enroll each year which also qualifies them for supplemental insurance.
**Doorknob Award - Lanette Sorensen**

The Doorknob Award is a unique way of saying thanks for opening the “door of opportunity” for youth. Lanette Sorenson surely has opened the door to a new 4-H program in Box Elder County. This year, she started the first ever 4-H Dog Club in the county and it took off like fire! They youth involved have loved this new project area and all have done really well under Lanette’s expertise and leadership.

Club meetings, field trips, and curriculum writing are a few things that Lanette has done so far. She organized the First Annual 4-H Dog Show covering obedience and agility at Wheat and Beet Days with another show coming up this winter. We are excited for this new addition to the 4-H program and look forward to many more dog shows in the county!

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**Friend of 4-H Award - Tyrell Stephens**

Tyrell has been a huge asset to Box Elder County 4-H for the past few years, being a participant, then serving in our office as an intern, now to working with Jan Rhodes at the Box Elder County Fairgrounds.

Tyrell works tirelessly to make everything go smoothly at all of our events. This year particularly, Tyrell was a major force in constructing the sale arena for the Junior Livestock Show. He is our go-to man for most everything, and we cannot thank him enough.

Tyrell, thanks for being a Friend of 4-H!!

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**4-H Livestock Checks**

All checks are ready for pickup at the 4-H Office.

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](http://www.extension.usu.edu/cyberlivestock). The USU Extension Office will be closed December 26 - 28 and January 2.

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.
Friend of 4-H - Keith Keller

Keith works as the head of IT for Box Elder County and is always there to support us in need. Throughout the years, Keith has upgraded our equipment and answered our calls for help. But we are extremely grateful for what Keith and his crew do for us during the county fair. They work to make sure our computer systems are up and running for indoor exhibit check ins, arrange for the Junior Livestock Sale to be broadcast live throughout the fairgrounds, and SO MUCH MORE! We appreciate Keith and his crew, Nate and Aaron for being great friends of 4-H.

Livestock Dates for 2017

Steer Weigh-in & Tagging
March 22, Out West
Grouse Creek, 10:30 a.m.
Park Valley, 12:00 noon
Howell, 3:00 p.m.
March 25, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Auction Barn

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

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

Goat Identification
June 8, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds

Hog Tagging
June 9, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
East parking lot-Fairgrounds
June 17, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
East parking lot-Fairgrounds

Lamb Weigh-in & Tagging
June 7, Out West (lambs & goats)
Park Valley, 11:00 a.m.-noon
Snowville, 1:30 p.m.
Howell, 3:30 p.m.
June 9, 4:00 - 6:30
Auction Barn
June 17, 9:30 - noon
Auction Barn

Box Elder County Fair
August 21 - 26

Utah Turkey Show, tentative dates,
November 9 - 11
These dates are tentative and subject to change.

Portfolio Winners
Achievement Night 2016

Fourth year members who attended Achievement Night and received their pin and Certificate of Achievement

A great representation of Box Elder County’s First Year 4-Hers at Achievement Night!
Achievement Night

Judges’ Choice Awards

3rd Grade
Quentin Millsap
Brooklyn Rhodes

4th Grade
Shaylee Rose
Hadley Manscill

5th Grade
Enyssa Clark
Tanner Doucette

6th Grade
Victoria Cottrell
Lydia McCalmant

7th Grade
Brooklynnne Wilkinson

8th Grade
Dallen Borg
Brandi Olsen

9th Grade
Lydia Cottrell

10th Grade
Hunter Doucette

11th Grade
Matthew Smith

12th Grade
Cary Cottrell

County Medal Winners

Hunter Doucette
Liam Hammons
Amanda Keller
Landon P. Sorensen

Lyle Holmgren, retiring Extension Agent, received a standing ovation from an appreciative audience as he exited the stage for the final time at Achievement Night.

Carcass Meeting

The Carcass Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 in the Auction Barn. All those who placed will be notified by mail.
Some of Box Elder County’s Best!

Northern Region Ambassadors, Teen Council and Junior Teen Council prepare to service pizza at Achievement Night

Working Ranch Horse Gathering participants represented seven different counties and competed in a written test, heading, heeling, sorting, and ranch reigning. What a great way to spend a Saturday!
Shooting Sports registration is open today, December 1. To register, you will have to be an active enrolled/paid member in the 4Honline system. Shooting Sports will be held at Cache Valley Public Shooting Range at 2851 West 200 North in Logan. *All of these dates are tentative.*

**Juniors (Grades 3, 4, & 5; older inexperienced shooters welcome)**
The cost is $15 – Archery, $15 – Rifle, or $25 for both and class is limited to first 5 youth who have registered through 4Honline.

The class meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:45 AM on following dates:
- January 21 Archery
- February 4 Archery
- February 18 Archery
- March 4 Air Rifle
- March 18 Air Rifle
- April 1 Air Rifle Final Meeting

**Intermediates/Seniors (Grades 6-12)**
The cost is $30 per person and class is limited to first 5 youth who have registered through 4Honline. *All participants must have completed the Hunter Education course.* There is a limit of 8 youth participating in this activity.

The class meets on Saturdays from 8 to 10 AM on following dates:
- January 28 Archery (A) and .22 Rifle (R)
- February 11 A & R February 25 A & R
- March 11 A, R, & Shotgun (S)
- March 28 A, R, S, & *Muzzleloader (M)
- April 8 A, R, S, & *M (Final Meeting) April 8 Cache County Shoot
Teen Winter Retreat
January 27-28
Aspen Grove, Provo UT
9th-12th graders
Join us and learn
“How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk”
Curriculum by Dr. John Van Epp

Register through 4-H Online
Deadline: January 1st