

CASSIA COUNTY

# 4-H Scoop

Newsletter

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Maybe Christmas, he thought,  
doesn't come from a store. Maybe  
Christmas...perhaps...means a  
little bit more!



- Dr. Seuss

We want to wish all of our 4-H Volunteers & Families  
a very Merry Christmas  
&  
a Happy New Year!



To Whom it may concern,

For the past 17 years our daughters have had the privilege of taking market beef projects to the Cassia County Fair. Along the way, we have had the special opportunity to be around some of the finest people in our county and area. In writing this letter, we would like to thank the Cassia County Commissioners, Cassia County Fair Board, 4-H Office, County Agents, Beef Superintendents, 4-H and FFA leaders, Fat Stock Sale Committee, auctioneers, ring men and all of their support staff. We are grateful for their devotion, dedication, and sacrifice of their time and talents to make our county fair what it is today. The biggest heartfelt thank you to the various businesses and individuals that have supported our family by buying our daughter's steers at the fat stock sale each year. Friendships have been formed, lessons have been learned, and memories have been made. Thank you for making Cassia County a great place to live and raise a family.

Thanks again,  
The Matt and Tasha Payton Family

## 2022 DSA Winner

Congratulations to Dan Gammon!

Dan has been a 4-H Volunteer for 17 years. While he did not grow up doing 4-H or FFA, he saw the importance of the 2 youth organizations while working with farm families through his work. Dan, with his wife Krista, run the New View 4-H Club. Dan has been a fair board member and is currently on the Burley High School FFA Alumni Committee. He always likes to have a good time, and while taking his responsibilities seriously, he doesn't take himself too serious. His greatest accomplishments are his children and now his grandchildren.

## Volunteer Enrollment

Volunteers can start enrolling now and need to be enrolled by **February 1, 2024**.

Some of you will need to complete background checks this year. Once you have enrolled on Zsuite and paid your fees, a link will be sent from TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com. We will notify you that a link has been sent. Volunteer Council is covering the cost of each background check this year.

In order for clubs to be open and youth made active, a volunteer must be enrolled and made active. (All Club Organizational Volunteers must turn in a club project list before clubs will be opened.)

## Financial Forms

Financial forms (one per club) are due into the office **ASAP!**

### Clubs Still Missing Forms

Almo Hustlers  
Awesome Possums  
Bovine Beauticians  
Oakley Valley 4-H  
Wild Bunch

Clubs will not be made active until a form has been turned in. Forms can be found on the 4-H website or in the office.

## **2023/2024**

### Volunteer Council Presidency

President - Dan Gammon  
Vice President - Ryan Taylor  
Secretary - Kimberlee Harris  
Treasurer - Sarah Somsen

Thank you Amy Blauer for your service as treasurer the past 3 years.

## 4-H Volunteers Years of Service

### 5 Years

Elizabeth Cooper  
Kimberlee Harris  
Brent Jones  
Austin Udy

### 10 Years

Ben Andersen  
Lee Gibby  
MacKenzey Priest  
Sarah Seymour  
Brandy Taylor  
Ryan Taylor

### 15 Years

Natalie Grush  
Shane Waters

### 20 Years

Heather Waters  
Maria Brown

### 25 Years

Linda Holt  
Dee Lewis

### 30 Years

Rosie Davids

### 35 Years

Amy Blauer

## Know Your Government

8th, 9th & 10th Graders

**SAVE THE DATE**

February 17-19, 2024

Boise, Idaho

Registration opens Dec.5th.

Mission: Provide 4-H members an opportunity to become knowledgeable about the decision-making process in their communities and state. This strengthens the connection between youth and our political system.

### 2024 Fair Dates

August 10-17



**Beneath These Western Skies!**

### 2024 Fair Theme



Final 4-H Fair Participation Enrollment date for 2024 will be Friday, May 10th.