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## Clallam County 4-H Newsletter



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### Welcome Dan McCarty, Livestock Specialist

4-H runs deep in his family. His father was an Extension Agent in Oregon, and his mother was his club's 4-H leader. Both of his parents also participated in 4-H and FFA.

Dan grew up on a livestock and irrigated alfalfa farm near Pendleton, OR, where he raised polled Hereford cattle, Suffolk sheep, Quarter Horses and border collie dogs. He bought and sold market hogs. He also participated in junior and high school rodeo, competing in calf roping and team roping.

Dan was in 4-H for 8 years. His projects included: beef cattle, sheep, hogs, dogs, and leadership. He competed on the state winning livestock judging team. He served on the Delegates Council for 4-H Summer Week. He was a State 4-H Ambassador. But his biggest accomplishment was going to Chicago for 4-H Congress in meat animal science.

Dan was also involved with FFA all 4 years of high school, participating in public speaking, leadership, parliamentary procedure, agri-business and beef cattle. He served as chapter and district officers. He won proficiency awards with his cattle as well as agribusiness. He received his State FFA Degree and was nominated as Star Agribusinessman of Oregon by the State FFA Officers. He also went to Belgium for 6 months on the FFA exchange program called Work Experience Abroad, where he worked on a cattle and wheat farm.

After high school, Dan attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, OR before transferring to the University of Idaho, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Sciences, focusing on Animal Science, Plant Science, Soil Science and Agricultural Education. While in college he competed in livestock judging for BMCC and Washington State University, as well as college rodeo at BMCC and University of Idaho.

After college, Dan worked as a 4-H Program Assistant in Latah County, Idaho and Lane County, Oregon. Most recently, he worked as the 4-H Program Coordinator for Island County. He also worked for a Conservation District in Oregon, Idaho and Washington State Departments of Agriculture, and Klickitat and Skagit Counties helping landowners install and implement Best Management Practices to protect natural resources.

Dan served as a Resource Leader for Klickitat County 4-H for livestock judging and has been on the Oregon State University's Livestock Judges List since 1994, where he has judged beef cattle, sheep, hogs, meat goats and dairy cattle in Oregon and Washington.



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PNWJLA Virtual Parent Meeting

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## East Clallam Livestock Club & West End Clallam Livestock Club

Now that we have introduced you to Dan, let's tell you a little more about what he will be doing. About 50% of his job is working with the regional small farms team to do direct outreach with food animal producers. The other 50% of his time will be working with 4-H.

We have created two new clubs for the county and Dan will be the general club leader and primary educator of both of them. We are looking for certified volunteers to help Dan out in these clubs. Well, we are calling them clubs, but there won't be general club meetings in addition to project meetings. Record books and presentations will still be required.

The East Clallam Livestock Club will begin meeting the first week of April. All of the meetings will be held at the Fairgrounds kitchen from 6-8pm.

The schedule is:

Beef—1st Tuesday of the month

Dairy—1st Thursday of the month

Sheep—2nd Thursday of the month

Goat—3rd Tuesday of the month

Swine—3rd Thursday of the month

Poultry—4th Tuesday of the month

Livestock Judging—4th Thursday of the month

Dan is starting a livestock judging team to go to the state livestock judging contest in June.

The West End Clallam Livestock club will have meetings in Forks. We are still working out the logistics of where, when, and what. So if you live on the west end and would like to be in a club of any of the above project areas, please reach out to Dan at [daniel.mccarty@wsu.edu](mailto:daniel.mccarty@wsu.edu) and let him know what your project interest is.

Enrollments for both clubs are open in [4-H online](#).

## Other Clubs Currently Active

The county club list has been updated to the best of my knowledge at this time. It is available on the Join 4-H page of the Clallam County website. <https://extension.wsu.edu/clallam/4h/join-2/>

## 4-H Barn Updates

There are changes afoot in the 4-H Barn at the fair this year. Laurie Davies has stepped up to be the new 4-H Barn superintendent, and in true Laurie style the barn is making some changes to encourage increased participation. Look for higher premium points, reduced barn duty requirements, and more. Laurie will be sending out more information in the near future.



Taken last summer in the 4-H garden plots at the 5th St Community Garden.

## 4-H Council Corner

### Open Positions: V.P & Secretary

You are invited to participate in your Clallam County 4-H Council. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Clallam County Commissioners' meeting room. If you would like to join by zoom, please email [Melanie](#) for the link.

April's meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

Teen members are encouraged to attend and have a voice in their county program.

## Other Announcements

### Scholarship Opportunities:

Clallam County 4-H Scholarship Applications are due on April 1st. Please see the [Awards and Scholarships](#) page of the website. The 2020 scholarship application is still up to date.

The Sandy Bailey Memorial Scholarship! This is open to any graduating 4-H, FFA, Fair Royalty, or Junior Rodeo to participate. Contact Jaymie Van Gordon for details 360-461-9681 by April 15th.

### New Volunteer Orientation:

There are some opportunities to take the new volunteer orientation coming up in April. This is one of the required pieces to become a certified volunteer. It will be in two, two hour zoom sessions. Session 1 available on either April 19th or April 21 from 7-9pm. Session two will be available on either April 26th or April 28th from 7-9pm. Both sessions are required.

### Pacific Northwest Junior Livestock Auction Corner

The PNWJLA is still the 4-H sponsored junior livestock auction for Clallam County, and will be the auction at the fair in August.

Enrollments are still open and information is available on their website [pnwjla.com](http://pnwjla.com)



### 4-H MISSION:

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

### 4-H VISION:

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

### 4-H PLEDGE:

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger Service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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