

4-H Dipper 2021 Report
Preliminary

TO: All County Meeting, 24 August 2021

FROM: Scott Richter, Committee Chair

After a year off thanks to events outside our control, the Dipper was successful in 2021. A BIG thank you to all who pulled shifts and make it a reality. We have preliminary numbers in:

Income	\$14,139.75
Expenses	11,243.37
Net (Preliminary)	2,896.38

Rain Friday and Saturday did not help our cause, but as a general rule, we have at least one rain day -during Fair. Despite a limited menu, we sold the same approx. number of taco boats and sundaes as a 'normal' year. Online sign up worked fairly well, as it pointed out what shifts would be short much earlier than in the past. We did, because of staffing, have to do drink sales only Saturday morning and did not serve breakfast.

Observations:

Limited Menu – worked well with less staff. However, patrons may have tired of the same selection day after day. Will look at keeping it simple but adding some variety. Ex Muffins on Wednesday and Friday, Burritos on Thursday and Saturday.

Food Assembly – we had several suggestions about speeding up taco boat assembly. Ironically, this was in the 'original' plan for the year but due to supply constraints we were unable to execute it for 2021.

Volunteers – being short staffed is not uncommon, but was very telling this year – to only sell drinks is extremely short staffed. We continue to be open to ideas on increasing volunteer numbers.

On-line signups - In talking with the volunteers, there still seems to be confusion on staffing expectations for the Dipper during the fair. We will try to communicate the need for volunteers better as everyone benefits from the fundraising done by the food stand and it takes all of us to make it successful