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To the family of:
Market Steer weight increase

Market steers will be weighed in on **February 28, 2009** at Producer's Livestock in Vale, beginning at 9 a.m.  

**NEW THIS YEAR... Steers may now weigh up to 900 lbs at the spring weigh-in.** Please be sure and make note of this change when selecting market steers for the 2009 Malheur County Fair. The fair weight limits will stay the same; steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs shrunk weight at fair weigh-in.

**Other weigh-in news...**

**Dairy Heifers**  
Dairy Heifers will be weighed and vaccinated immediately after the steers on Saturday, **February 28, 2009** at Producer's Livestock in Vale.  
*Jordan Valley steers will be weighed March 1, 2009 at Berrett's.*

**Market Hogs/Goats**  
Market Hogs and Market Goats will be weighed on **April 25th in Vale at Producer's Livestock, beginning at 8 a.m.** with the goats. We will start weighing hogs at about 9 a.m.; we will also weigh hogs at Adrian at approximately 1 p.m. Goats cannot weigh more than 50 lbs at the spring weigh-in, and must weigh at least 65 lbs shrunk weight at the fair weigh-in in July. Hogs can weigh up to 100 lbs at the spring weigh-in.

**Market Lambs**  
Market Lambs will be weighed on **Friday, May 15th** at the fairgrounds **ONLY**, time to be announced.
Leader’s Corner

February 25 - March 1, 2009 - Roundup your leaders and head to Colorado for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum. Discover the trail which leads to fun and learning to take back to the herd at home. Get a rope around personal skills you can use with 4-H’ers and gather up stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clean the stable of old ideas and corral lots of new ones! Join 400 volunteers from the 13 western states, Canada and the U.S. territories in the South Pacific at this great event. Don’t miss the most energizing and educational forum for 4-H volunteers this side of the Rockies! Don’t get left out of this roundup of hands-on experiences, sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges. Grab your ropes, the ROUNDDUP IS ON! For more information, visit the Colorado 4-H website at http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09/

Happy Holidays

Junior Sale Committee updates

Besides the change mentioned earlier regarding the upper weight limit on steers (900 lbs at spring weigh-in), the Jr. Sale Committee also voted to return to using actual carcass data collected at the processing facilities, instead of ultrasounding on the steers. Hogs and lambs will still be ultrasounded for carcass data.

The Sale Committee has several openings for Ex-Officio members. These members enter into discussions, offer ideas, and of course help out where needed, but are not voting members. We especially would like to see members on the committee representing the Harper and Jordan Valley areas, and someone with small animal interests. Call Anna-Marie at the Extension Office if you are interested.

Club asset reports due

Each 4-H Club must file a report with the Office detailing their club’s assets for the non-profit status and tax identification of the 4-H program in this county, so that both the Department of Justice and it’s dollars available in the 4-H program for Malheur County. Clubs will be sent a form to return to this office no later than January. We appreciate you returning the form as soon as possible.

Enrollment packets available

The following clubs have not picked up their packets at the Extension Office:

Chili Peppers
Clover Kids
Foothill 4-H Highlanders
Willowcreek Creekers
Malheur Pioneers
McFetridge Club
Nyssa Beef
Oregon Trail
Oregon Trail Rough Riders
Sparta
Willowcreek
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Please stop by and pick up your packets by the March 1 deadline.

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If you have season information that can be shared with others, please send to the Extension Office by the March vendemother
Malheur County Beef Heifer Replacement Program Under Way

At the Malheur County Cattlemen’s meeting on October 23rd, four heifers were awarded to local students. Cody Berrett of Jordan Valley received a heifer donated by Delbert and Alice Scott of Ironside. Sisters, Quincy and Maddy Pendergrass from Adrian, received heifers from Cook Herefords (Cliff & Gayle Cook) of Vale and Silas and Tracy Skinner of Jordan Valley, respectively. The fourth student, Jessica Morton, also of Adrian received a heifer from Mackenzie Ranches (Wannie & Beth Mackenzie) in Baker City. An enormous thank you goes out to those who donated heifers and to Genex Cooperative, Inc. who has offered to donate two straws of semen for each heifer. Hopefully, the students will have great success with their new projects!

The Adrian Livestock Club is still collecting pop cans and will continue through December 19. All proceeds will be given to the Garner family. Contact Elisa Pendergrass for more information, 541-339-4521.

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If your 4-H club is looking for a service project, consider writing out cards for wounded servicemen at home and mailing them to the American Red Cross. The deadline is near, cards must be postmarked by Monday, December 8, 2008.

Red Cross “Holiday Mail for Heroes” Program

The American Red Cross is pleased to announce the “Holiday Mail for Heroes” program in 2008 as it did in 2007! Last year, over 600,000 cards to our wounded servicemen overseas. This year we want to expand who is recognized to include not only our wounded warriors, but all service members as veterans. Our goal is to reach 1,000,000 people we service and wish them well over the holiday season.

➢ Start Date of the Program: Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2008
➢ Mailing Address:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
P.O. Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

➢ Guidelines below should be followed to ensure that cards are not offensive in any way to the recipient:
   ➢ Please ensure all cards are signed
   ➢ Please send cards as opposed to long letters
   ➢ Please do not include e-mail or home addresses to foster pen pal relationships
   ➢ Please do not insert photos, money, religious glitter, “snow” or like items in cards as these will not be processed
   ➢ Phone cards or gift cards will not be accepted. 
   cards or gift cards/certificates should go to “Help Community Connection” and click on “Helping Cards/Certificates for Our Troops” in order to find out how to send care packages
   ➢ No ‘Care Packages’ will be accepted at this address.
   packages should go to www.AmericaSupportGroups.com to find out how to send care packages
   ➢ Participants are requested not to send more than 100 cards from any one group.
   ➢ Note: All cards received may be used in programs, broadcast, print or online mediums
   ➢ End Date of the Program: All cards must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 10, 2008. Mail returned to sender.

Malheur Mavericks JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

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Malheur County Fairgrounds

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