



# 4-Happenings



Morrow County Oregon 4-H

September 2009

## State Fair Info/Wrap-up

This was the first year that I was able to attend state fair. I ended up taking Morrow County's exhibits and then worked a couple of days in the 4-H Exhibit Building clerking for judges, setting up displays, cleaning, the normal fair prep routine. I really enjoyed myself and got to meet quite a few people from various parts of the state. Next year I plan to head to State Fair again. If you would like to come down and help, or would like to apply as teen staff, yes they are paid a little bit, please call our office. I would love to have company and show off Morrow County 4-H volunteers! State Fair Exhibit pick-up starting September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office. Some exhibits may be delivered to the schools if they are not picked up at our office.

## Achievement Night

Theme will be determined by our Ambassadors in September, but the date is set: November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in Ione. More information to follow as plans are arranged.

## 2010 Fair Dates

August 4 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Horse Fair: Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Quick & Easy Ground Beef: Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Thank You!

We want to thank all of our many volunteers, leaders, parents, families, and 4-H members for all of the hard work each and every one of you put into making the 2009 Morrow County Fair a success. Even with the change of dates, the transition into the new fair dates were smooth because of your help! And thank you to our many supporters of the 4-H youth program, we hope to see you again in 2010!

## Awards & Recognition Committee

We may still need your help purchasing and coordinating awards for Achievement Night. If you like to shop, please call our office to volunteer!

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To the 4-H Family of:

## Ambassador Meeting

It is scary to say, but fall is upon us and with that comes planning for Achievement Night and an end of the year wrap-up. We will have an Ambassador meeting Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Morrow County Extension Office in Boardman. Make sure all Ambassadors are in attendance. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador for the 2009 - 2010 4-H year, this is a good opportunity for you to learn what our meetings are all about.

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## Leader's Meeting

There is a leader's meeting set for Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the Heppner Extension Office. We will be electing officers, have a post-fair discussion, Claire will be present to answer any questions regarding the new state fee and enrollment deadline, and any other business that needs to be conducted. Please make sure you can attend!

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## October 4 - 10 is National 4-H Week

With National 4-H Week upon us, this is a great time to be promoting the 4-H program, and what better way to promote 4-H than by recruiting 4-H volunteers and members. Our 4-H program is not possible without the help and dedication of our hundreds of volunteers each year. By training new volunteers each year, it only ensures the strength and sustainability of our program. These volunteers reach hundreds of 4-H members each year, teaching these youth new skill sets they will carry with them the rest of their lives. With help from each of you, 4-H can introduce more people to the wonderful world of 4-H. Let's keep this in mind as we begin October 4 - 10!

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## Lost & Found

We always come home with bags full of clothes from camp, fair, and other 4-H activities. If you are missing clothing and don't know where it might be, feel free to call our office and check to make sure we don't already have it.

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## Good Deeds

This year good deeds did not get announced throughout the shows at fair, but we still wanted to give those people the recognition they deserve. Below are the good deeds we collected at the end of fair, but if you have more let us know! Thank you to all who make our 4-H program a well oiled machine!

- ♣ Angie Hughes - Great Leader! Many Thanks
- ♣ John (JJ) Nelson for always helping when asked without question. Thank you
- ♣ Thanks for cleaning up the pig area and sweeping the bleachers and throwing away the garbage. - Brian Mendoza
- ♣ Thank you Kathy Rauch for helping Frank Mader put his hip back in
- ♣ We had so many people help us with our pee-wee and open class calves for Gracie - Kathy Rauch, the Hughes Family, Beth Dickenson, the Mark Rietmann family, and more! Wow - what a great experience for a 5 year old! - Lindsay Orem
- ♣ Thanks Hans you helped me wash some pigs and clean stalls. - Brian Mendoza
- ♣ Tim and Kellie Nelson and Curtis Harper helped me with my project. - Bryan Fowler
- ♣ All the pig show helpers! Jess Osmin, John & Alita Nelson, Terry Harper, Theresa & Joe Vandorn, Jack Yocom, Joe Halvorsen, Clint Carlson - Erin Heideman
- ♣ Maggie Armato picked up trash before the style revue—thanks!
- ♣ Curtis Harper for spending extra time helping with the pig show. HUGE HELP! - Erin Heideman
- ♣ I want to thank my group the "Barnyarders" for taking care of what needs to be done and stepping up. Your leader Alita
- ♣ Patrick Collins for helping put up the speakers in the barn
- ♣ Hello, Just wanted to say that the swine arena bleachers were the cleanest after judging followed closely by the sheep and goat bleachers. Thanks - Eric (the trash guy)
- ♣ AJ, thanks for taking care of our pigs

Re-enrollment Starts Next Month!

Watch your mail for registration information!



Comments? Suggestions?

We would love to hear from you!



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## Georgia 4-H Exchange

It looks like there might be some interest in a 4-H exchange with Georgia. We are still looking for 5 - 7 4-H members in the 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades. It will take place over two years, the first summer, 2010, we would host 4-H members from Georgia and the second summer, 2011, they would host us. They are located near Covington, close to Atlanta and have a great itinerary already in the works. We would need to start fundraising now for plane tickets, spending money, and funds to help host the Georgia 4-H group, a rough estimate would be about \$700 per person. If you are interested, please call Claire soon! We would like to give Georgia our yes!

## Some interesting 4-H Facts

- ❖ 4-H is one of the largest youth development programs in America with more than 6.5 million young people, ages 5 - 19 and 540,000 youth and adult volunteers.
- ❖ 4-H is in over 80 countries world-wide.
- ❖ 4-H is the only youth development program with direct access to technological advances from university research (*because we are delivered through the Extension Service of Land-Grant Universities.*)
- ❖ Studies show that 4-H members do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.
- ❖ 4-H's learning opportunities are intentionally designed around four essential elements necessary for positive youth development by providing youth with: supervised **independence**, a sense of **belonging** with a positive group, a spirit of **generosity** toward others, and a wide variety of opportunities to **master** life challenges.

## Senior Gift Reminder

We still have three senior gifts at the 4-H office for those who did not pick them up at fair. **CLAY MORTER, ELIZABETH NEWPORT & CASSANDRA RHODES**. If your name is listed, please make sure someone picks up your gift by October 1<sup>st</sup>, otherwise we will find another use for it!

## Volunteer e-Learning Course Now Available

Feel like you need to more about 4-H? Want to test your skills? There is an e-learning course that is now available to us through the web. There are four modules that take about 15-20 minutes each and can take place in the comfort of your own home! Click onto Oregon 4-H's website: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/elearning-course> and it will direct you to the course. Claire is going to include this in the new leader trainings, but would like everyone to have the opportunity to explore this course even if you have already been through the trainings. If you have any questions, please call Claire at the 4-H office.

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## 4-H Picture Request

It is not always easy for 4-H staff take pictures during fair or other 4-H events. If you have some pictures of 4-H events, 4-H members with their projects, or anything else you would like to share our office would love to have them. Send them by e-mail to [claire.sponseller@oregonstate.edu](mailto:claire.sponseller@oregonstate.edu) or send us a CD through the mail! We would like to use these at various times throughout the year and the more pictures we have the better! Thank you!

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## Don't forget to write a word of thanks!

We are so blessed in our community to have such wonderful support of the 4-H program, but with that comes the task of writing "Thank You" notes. Some may be for Fair and others may be club or program related. Plan now to write "Thank You" notes to those who have assisted you in your 4-H projects, bought your market animal, or sponsored an award you win during Achievement Night. Please do not put it off, because you may then never write one. Be prompt in writing them and even invest some time in hand delivering them. If the person or business has been very active in their support, maybe you could make a plate of home baked cookies! Be creative in your approach to thank those who support our 4-H youth program!

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## Enrollment Fee and Deadline Change

Beginning with the 2009 - 2010 program year, we have had to adjust our enrollment fee. This is due to the addition of the Oregon 4-H Program state fee, which is being assessed for every county to combat the increased costs with declining level of state funding to all public service programs such as 4-H in Oregon.

Starting October 1, the annual enrollment fee will be a \$15 per member state fee + \$5 per member county fee. There is a family cap on the state fee of \$30 per family, but there will still be a \$5 per member fee for county.

EXAMPLE: John & Jane Doe have four kids: Joe, Jan, Jake, Jess

They will pay \$30 (maximum of \$15 state fee) plus \$20 (4 kids at the \$5 county fee) for a total of \$50.

The state fee is due to the State 4-H Office by January 31, 2010. Therefore, all enrollments will be due by January 31, 2010. Leaders, parents, and members please remember to enroll early this fall to avoid missing these deadlines!! New enrollment forms will come out after October 1.

For more information, the state will be sending out a FAQ sheet, please stay tuned.

We do not want this to prevent anyone's enrollment in 4-H. If you are considering not enrolling youth in 4-H because of the is fee increase, please call Claire at the 4-H office to discuss you options before you walk away from 4-H.

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## Heifer Futurity

We would like to have a Heifer Futurity workshop/auction this fall and we are looking for those interested in participating. If you would like to sell your heifers through the auction, purchase heifers through the auction, or participate in the workshops please call the 4-H office. Some topics for workshops would include how to select breeding and market calves and raising replacement heifers. More information to follow.

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## Record Books

Don't let all that hard work this summer go to waste! Turn in your completed record books on **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** for judging (drop off points are: Boardman - Mid-Columbia Title *is across from the high school* and Heppner - Extension Office). You will then be eligible for record book awards and county medals! If you have final questions on how to compile your record book ask your leader, check the Oregon 4-H and Morrow County 4-H websites, or call Claire at the 4-H office.

Not all of the record books were picked up at fair. At this time, they are not considered complete if you want to turn them in for judging, you will need to add fair results and other final information before fair. If your name is listed we have some or all of your record book to pick up:

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Ashley Anderson	Jessica Losacco	Mary Rietmann
Wade Aylett	Torri Lovgren	Devin Robinson
David Bradley	Don McElligott	Garrett Robinson
Alex Carlson	Kylie McElligott	AJ Rockwell
Julianne Carlson	Mary McElligott	Hans Rockwell
Kolby Currin	Rita McElligott	Bryinna Rust
Taighlor Doherty	Richard Maine	Lilly Sandford
Bryan Fowler	Steven Maine	Stephanie Schuler
Bryce Fowler	Shane Miles	Lani Stone
Trevor Graff	Ian Murray	Devin Stout
Tayllor Gould	Cody Nelson	Jordyn Schaible
Tim Gould	John Nelson	Lacey Thompson
Jace Hendren	Kellie Nelson	Rebecca Waddell
Emily Holland	Tim Nelson	Samantha Waddell
Rebecca Jepsen	Kaid Peck	Rylee Wagoner
Kaelyn Lindsay	Justin Pranger	Alana Wilson

## All-Around and Allied Livestock Awards

We have a competitive group of 4-H members vying for these awards. If your name is on the below list, you will be receiving a letter with more details. However this is your reminder to turn in your record book and sign up for your exit interview! Good luck!

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| ♣ Ashley Wolff     | ♣ Gabrielle Ganvoa | ♣ Brian Mendoza        |
| ♣ Morgan McPherson | ♣ Kolby Currin     | ♣ Ricardo Mendoza      |
| ♣ Taylor Wightman  | ♣ Jlyn Keefer      | ♣ Kristen Frederickson |
| ♣ Sydney Qualls    | ♣ Rylee Kollman    | ♣ Rileigh McClure      |

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## 4-H Exit Interviews - anyone is welcome!

Exit interviews are not just for award applicants! If you would like to be eligible for a county medal or just want to practice, sign up for a 4-H exit interview! 4-H exit interviews are a chance to give 4-H members confidence in an interview process and to measure their success on reaching their project and personal goals. The 4-H members will be evaluated on how well they know 4-H and their project area, how well they committed themselves during their 4-H project year to learning and participation, how well they represented 4-H, and how well they present themselves in an interview. We promise the interviewers are nice and will not bite! If you need more information on how to prepare for an interview, please call the 4-H office.

Dates: Heppner, October 16<sup>th</sup>, starting 1:00 pm at the Extension Office  
Boardman, October 16<sup>th</sup>, starting 8:00 am at Riverside High School

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## Treasurer Wanted

We are in need of a reliable, trustworthy, number savvy volunteer to phase into our Leaders Council Treasurer position. Tami Rietmann has been a superb treasurer in Morrow County 4-H for many years, but she has decided it is time for her to move on. If you are interested, please contact the 4-H office or Tami for more information, please don't wait for a phone call from Claire! If selected, you will need to sign up as a 4-H Leader and go through the background and training process.

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# Eastern Oregon Leader Forum – It's All About Fun While Learning!

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Union County Extension Office, Island City

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Pre-registration is \$10, walk-ins are \$15

Claire will be heading over to teach during this workshop, if you are interested in attending, contact Claire if you would like to carpool.

This should be a fun day to re-energize leaders and give new leaders a good start to the 4-H year! Come prepared to have fun and meet great people! Below are the classes planned, but our office will send out the final information when it arrives mid to late September.

**How to Work With People of Different Temperaments** This is a workshop where people will learn what his or her temperament is and how to assess others' temperament. We will then discuss how to work with people whose temperament is and is not compatible with our own.

**Leader Tune-Up** Learn activities to add fun to club meetings while also teaching content/skills about their projects.

**Livestock Learning When You Don't Have Livestock** Livestock projects are difficult to teach year-round because you don't always have access to livestock. This workshop will teach activities that you can do without animals. Some topics include feeds and nutrition, quality

assurance, and judging. Regardless of your experience with livestock, come learn new ways to spice up the livestock project indoors with hands-on, fun, interactive activities.

**Parliamentary Procedures 101** Do you feel overwhelmed with the task of incorporating Parliamentary Procedures into the 4-H business meetings? By attending Parliamentary Procedures 101, procedures that used to seem difficult will now be a walk in the park. You will also be equipped with many fun games to incorporate into 4-H business meetings to assist 4-H club members to also feel confident with Parliamentary Procedures.

**Photography and Expressive Arts Update** Learn the latest photography techniques to improve the photography instruction you give your 4-H members or you use as you take quality photos for your own use.

**Putting Pizzazz in Your Clothing/Sewing Club Meetings** Video lesson given by Patricia Dawson to learn new features to your Clothing/Sewing club meetings to give leaders new ideas and methods to make meetings fun and exciting.

**Putting Pizzazz in Your Foods/Nutrition Club Meetings** Video lesson given by Patricia Dawson to learn new features to your Foods and Nutrition club meetings to give leaders new ideas and methods to make meetings fun and exciting.

**Stamping on Velvet** Learn how to embellish velvet using the stamping method. Create a gift bag and see ideas that can be used at camp that both girls and boys can do. Class supply fee: \$5.00

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