A Word from the 4-H Program Coordinator...

Welcome 2011! I hope this finds you all happy, healthy, and wise! If you haven’t already heard, my husband and I are expecting our first bundle of joy the end of March. So the plan is to be on maternity leave roughly April 1st – July 1st. I will try and have most ends wrapped up before I leave, but it has also been suggested to set-up a 4-H Leader mentoring system to help volunteers within our county, particularly while I am gone. Read the newsletter for more information!

Happy New Year!

Don’t underestimate those two little words: Thank you!

Achievement Night was a great success and especially with another great turn-out at Riverside High School this year. The homemade tamales were wonderful, but the company was even better. 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. Each award that was handed out had a label with a donor and their address. Make sure you send each of those donors a thank you for your award! Those two little words mean a lot and can go a long way so please don’t delay! I bet even parents and 4-H leaders would love to hear a thank you! It takes a lot of people to make the 4-H program happen and each person deserves to hear a thank you for all their hard work in teaching 4-H youth! Thank you!
Achievement Night Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our 2010 Award winners! And a huge thank you to the Ambassadors and volunteers who helped make the night possible!

Ambassadors:
- Joe Armato
- Tayllor Gould
- Stacee Halvorsen
- Curtis Harper
- Brett Harrison
- Kyle Harrison
- Blake McPherson
- Morgan McPherson
- Kellie Nelson
- Tim Nelson
- Devin Robinson
- Garrett Robinson
- Lilly Sandford
- Stephanie Schuler
- Stephen Thompson
- Tanner Wightman
- Taylor Wightman
- Ashley Wolff

Camp Counselors:
- Kyla Dyer
- Stacee Halvorsen
- Brittany Lesperance
- Morgan McPherson
- Robert Blake McPherson
- Tim Nelson
- Makenna Ramos
- Mary Rietmann
- Devin Robinson
- Garrett Robinson
- Katelyn Taylor
- Stephen Thompson

Record Book Awards:

Beginner
- Home Economics: Morgan Orem
- Horse: Lisa Finley
- Livestock: Ivy Sandford & Demi Schmidt

Junior
- Expressive Arts: Katelyn Tolar
- Home Economics: Harley Davis
- Horse: Rylee Kollman
- Livestock: Kolby Currin

Intermediate
- Livestock: Paige Bither & Joe Schmidt

Senior
- Expressive Arts: Morgan McPherson
- Livestock: Tanner Wightman

All-Around Achievement Award:
- Junior: Skylar Wightman
- Intermediate: Jlyn Keefer
- Senior: Taylor Wightman

County Medals:

Juniors
- Achievement: Morgan Orem
- Clothing & Textiles: Kristen Frederickson
- Community Service: Skylar Wightman
- Fashion Revue: Harley Davis
- Food & Nutrition: Rileigh McClure
- Horse: Rylee Kollman
- Judging: Ivy Sandford
- Leadership: Alexandria Dunn
- Meat Animal, Sheep: Sterling Bither

Seniors
- Agriculture: Zach Yocom
- Citizenship & Civic Education: Taylor Wightman
- Community Service: Angel Rodelo
- Food & Nutrition: Joe Armato
- Meat Animal, Swine: Rebecca Jepsen
- Photography: Tanner Wightman
- Public Speaking: Morgan McPherson

Intermediates
- Agriculture: Joe Schmidt
- Beef, breeding: Kyle Harrison
- Clothing & Textiles: Jlyn Keefer
- Community Service: Miranda Taylor & Abel Rodelo
- Horse: Katelyn Taylor
- Judging: Paige Bither

Leadership: Emma Osmin
**Greasy Spoon Award**

This year the Leader Council wanted to recognize a special lady for all her years of involvement with the 4-H Snack Shack at fair: Jan Coe. She has managed and coordinated the Snack Shack for many years, which is never an easy task. But what makes her special is her commitment to 4-H and the people of Morrow County. She made the Snack Shack feel like you were in her kitchen. Don’t expect to only find grease and burgers in her kitchen at home, but Jan would regularly greet Snack Shack customers by name, visit with them while they ate their meals, and thanked the volunteers and parents regularly for all they do for our youth. Jan would even check in with the youth exhibitors regularly to see how their summer went, how they were doing at fair, and simply cheer them on for all the hard work they accomplished to get to fair. Congratulations Jan and thank you for being such a special part of 4-H!

**Oldies but Goodies**

Two other leaders the Council recognized were Greg Barron and Clint Carlson.

Clint has been a swine leader out of Ione for a number of years and a 4-H parent longer than that. He is a silent leader who leads by example, making sure fair chores are done and members know where they need to be, but most importantly puts the members first. He knows just about everyone and says “Hi” to more people than that. So next time you see Clint’s friendly face, tell him thank you for all the years he and his family have given to 4-H!

Greg Barron, from Irrigon, was originally an agricultural instructor who just couldn’t seem to stay away from youth programs. Greg and his wife Carma, were sheep and general club leaders for many years and created an active and ever-growing 4-H club. Greg no longer has kids in 4-H, however his impact to 4-H will be felt for many years. The knowledge he shared, enthusiasm taught, and resources that he developed will be passed on from his 4-H members to younger, newer 4-H members. Thank you Greg and Carma for your commitment to Morrow County 4-H!

**Leaders of the Year**

For the first time in many years, the Leaders wanted to recognize two special 4-H Leaders.

Alita Nelson may have been a 4-H leader four years, but she did not waste any time getting her 4-H feet wet. Her club has grown from around 10 members to over 30 in a short time frame. The only project in the Barnyarder 4-H club may be swine, however as the leader, Alita has made sure her kids learn the importance of community service, volunteering, and helping others. Each year her numbers may grow, but so does her impact to the Morrow County 4-H program. Thank you Alita!

Jeannie Collins has been a Home Economics 4-H leader for just over four years. She may have a small club, but that works well for their project areas. Jeannie is a leader who truly knows how to relate to our youth. She has a firm, but gentle hand and always knows how to laugh. She keeps the mood light and the kids engaged. Her welcoming personality makes her a great fit with our 4-H youth! Thank you Jeannie!

**Leader Pins:**

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Don't forget to sign-up by Jan 31st!

To be eligible to participate in the 2011 Morrow County Fair, held August 17 - 20, you will need to have your 4-H enrollment in by January 31st. Please make sure to send in the three forms with your enrollment fee:

- Member Enrollment Form
- Health Form/4-H Code of Conduct (front/back)

If you no longer have your enrollment forms, you can either look on our website to print these forms off, http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/welcome-morrow-county-4-h, or call the office and we can mail you copies. Because the state continued the state fee, enrollment fees are $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.

Exchange Information

4-H International Exchange Ambassador Programs are 3-8 week opportunities for young people to experience living with host families in other countries. These programs enable young people from around the United States to increase their global understanding and to improve their leadership and communication skills. Deadlines for applications and a deposit are Jan 7, 2011, except for Argentina, which is Feb 7, 2011. See the state website for more information: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-international-exchange-programs

Countries for 2011:
- Argentina Delegate
- Australia Delegate
- Costa Rica Delegate
- Finland Delegate
- Japan Delegate
- Japan 4 week or 8 week Delegate

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, 4-H exhibitor information

The official weigh-in date for market steers competing in the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Allied Beef Industry and/or Rate of Gain contests is Sunday, January 9, 2011. Exhibitors may weigh-in three animals but can only take one to EOLS. Due to winter weather conditions, animals may be weighed any time between January 2nd to 16th for official weight. If you want to participate in the contest, please contact Claire Sponseller prior to January 9th to weigh your animal(s).

If exhibitors do not wish to compete in these two contests, they do not have to officially weigh until EOLS weigh-in on June 8th, 2011. However they MUST have possession of their animals by the official possession dates:

- Beef - February 9th
- Lambs - April 10th
- Hogs - April 10th

The EOLS Auction Committee will be discussing the top weights for market animals. Be watching for NEW information about market class rules and weights to be announced in the next few weeks.

Dates for this year’s show are June 8th-11th. Members, leaders and parents are responsible reading the premium book for policies and rules. A draft version is posted on our 4-H extension website http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/4-H/index.php.

The 4-H Beekeeping Essay is a great opportunity for 4-H members to research and write about honey bees. Cash prizes of $750, $500 and $250 will be awarded to the 3 top National winners. 4-H members can also use the information they gather to make an educational display for the fair. Essay contestants are not required to be enrolled in a 4-H beekeeping project. Essays are due to the State 4-H office by February 1. For more information: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-beekeeping-essay-contest

Lights, Camera, Challenge!

National 4-H Council, National 4-H Headquarters, and University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development, invite all 4-H professionals, staff and volunteers to produce their own digital video for front-line educators and volunteers to better implement 4-H science programs. The purpose of this contest is to build a vault of films to show great 4-H facilitation and learning in practice. We seek films that will help others know what inquiry-based learning looks like in real life. As the saying goes—A picture is worth a thousand words.

We are looking for bold, creative, and exciting videos to help educate facilitators about how to implement 4-H science and illustrate inquiry-based learning approaches to helping youth learn and master science content.

STEP 1 - Create your own 3-5 minute video.
STEP 2 - Check out www.4-h.org/videochallenge for contest guidelines and more resources
STEP 3 - Submit - Complete your entry form and release forms and submit your video by January 31, 2011.

Needing some club ideas?

Call Claire at the 4-H office! She can come out to a club and teach a topic or just bring treats and visit with members, parents, and leaders. There are also plenty of leader resources at the 4-H office that are available to borrow, so call to make sure you aren’t missing out on a great opportunity!

Teaching Fun 4-H: A workshop to stimulate creativity in teaching traditional projects

All volunteers, leaders, and junior/teen leaders are welcome to the Port of Morrow on Sunday, January 30th for a 4-H workshop! You will take home tools that will help you plan your club year and learn new 4-H resources and ideas! Also in store, get introduced to different games and activities that are easy to adapt to any 4-H project!

This will be a hands-on workshop that will keep you out of your seats! Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please RSVP your attendance by Friday, January 28th. Dinner will be provided!

Following the workshop will be the January Leaders business meeting and the horse project meeting. See below for a schedule:

1:00 pm - Teaching Fun 4-H! Workshop
5:00 pm - Dinner
5:30 pm - Leader Council meeting
6:30 pm or immediately following - Horse project meeting
January Leaders Council & Horse Project Meeting

Our next business meeting for the Leaders Council will be held immediately following the Teaching Fun 4-H workshop on Sunday, January 30th, 5:30 pm at the Port of Morrow. Items to be discussed include:

- 4-H Volunteer Mentoring Program
- Morrow County 4-H Spring/Summer Calendar
- 2011 Officer Elections
- 2011 Fair & Snack Shack

A Horse project meeting will immediately follow, where the premium book will be reviewed, Spring Horse Classic will be discussed, and 2011 clinic dates and topics will be planned. All horse leaders, parents, and youth are welcome to attend.

Shooting Sports Training

Shooting Sports Training - it is the end of January in Douglas County (see calendar on 4-H website). Umatilla County has offered a seat in their van if anyone is interested in attending any shooting sports trainings this year. Call Claire at the 4-H office for more information.

2011 4-H Scholarship Information

Make sure to visit our website to sign-up for the Morrow County Leader’s Council Scholarship, due Feb 28, 2011 and the George Miller Scholarship due May 1, 2011.

Watch for Camp Counselor Applications

Working as a camp counselor is an opportunity to increase your leadership and marketable job skills. It is an opportunity to work with an enthusiastic staff of teens and adults from three counties to provide a positive camping experience for young 4-H members. We need excellent counselor staff, 8th - 12th grades, to be able to conduct an excellent 4-H camp for 4th-6th grade students. Camp Counselor Training for 2011 will be held at Condon High School April 2 and 3rd. Cost is $15. Applications will be sent out the end of January, watch for more information!

Speakeasy

- Saturday, March 5
- Ione School Cafeteria
- 9am - 2 pm
- Bring a sack lunch and a friend!

What will we do?

- Play speaking games
- Learn how to do a presentation
- Make posters
- Use fun kits
- Laugh!
Events

Jan 14 - 17: .................. High Desert Leadership Retreat
Jan 28: ..................... Beekeeping Essay due to county office
Jan 30: ..................... Teaching Fun 4-H! Workshop at the Port of Morrow, 1 pm
Jan 30: ..................... Leader Council Meeting, 5:30 pm, Port of Morrow
Jan 30: ..................... Horse Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port of Morrow
Jan 31: ..................... 4-H Science Video Contest entries due
Feb ......................... Bread workshop at the 4-H Annex
Feb ........................ Fair Clerk/Superintendent meeting
Feb 25: ...................... State 4-H and Fair Scholarships and National Congress applications due to county office
Feb 28: ...................... Morrow County Leader Council Scholarship due
Mar 1: ...................... Camp Counselor Application due
Mar 5: ...................... Speakeasy at Ione School Cafeteria, 9 am
Mar 12 ...................... TENTATIVE: Beef weigh-in
Mar 11 - 13: ............... Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat
Mar 25: ..................... 4-H Night with Portland Trailblazers
April 2 - 3: ............... Camp Counselor Training
May 2: ...................... George Miller scholarship due
May 2 - June 1: .......... OSU 4-H Summer Conference registration open
May 7 - 14: ............... Western Regional Leaders Forum
................................. Sheep/Swine weigh-in
June 10: .................... Tri-County 4-H Camp registration due
June 18: .................... TENTATIVE: Sheep/Swine Weigh-in
June 22 - 25: .............. OSU 4-H Summer Conference
June 27: .................... Counselors arrive to camp
June 28 - July 1: .......... Tri-County 4-H Camp
July 11: ..................... Fair Registration and up-to-date record books due
July 16: ..................... 4-H Horse Fair
Aug 6: ...................... Fair Clean-up
Aug 17 - 20: ............... Morrow County Fair
Aug 26 - Sept 5: .......... Oregon State Fair
Sept 19: .................... Record Books due for judging
Oct 3 - 7: ................... National 4-H Week

See the Oregon 4-H State website for more information, http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/calendar
or the Morrow County website: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/events
To the 4-H Family of:

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What is High Desert Leadership Retreat

Eagle Crest Resort
Redmond, Oregon

Located just a few miles west of Redmond, Oregon, the Resort at Eagle Crest hosts an abundance of amenities ideal for the Retreat. Participants are housed in a small community of condominiums a short distance from the conference center, swimming pools, and recreation centers. Each living group is chaperoned. Nutritional meals are prepared by participant volunteers in their houses under the watchful eye of an adult volunteer.

High Desert Leadership Retreat

At Eagle Crest

Friday, January 14 through Monday, January 17, 2011

The HDLR is an annual youth conference held over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. During the four days, youth from throughout Central Oregon gather at the Eagle Crest Resort to challenge their minds and bodies by engaging in skill building and asset development. Whether learning about character education, conflict resolution, mentoring, college preparation, healthy lifestyles, cultural diversity, program planning, presentation, public speaking, or even rubbing shoulders with elected officials, youth in 7th through 12th grades participate in hands-on activities, workshops, and seminars designed to enhance their capabilities, in school, at home, on the job, and in life.

Eagle Crest Resort
Redmond, Oregon

Visit the web or contact:
http://www.deschutes4h.com
Phone: 541-548-6088
Email: candi.bothum@oregonstate.edu

Cost

$200

Organizers

The 4-H Faculty and Staff of the Central Oregon 4-H Program have been planning and conducting the Retreat since 1994. As professionals in youth development, the priority is to provide a learning environment that is healthy and safe. As in youth development, the priority is to provide a learning environment that is healthy and safe.

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