4-H NEWSLETTER
2007 FAIR EDITION

One more reminder.....4-H/FFA registrations are due in the Extension Office by **MONDAY, JULY 30**. LATE REGISTRATIONS will NOT be accepted. Forms are in the back of the 2007 4-H Fairbook.

Make sure you get your registration in on time!!!!

4-H LEADERS MEETING

**MONDAY JULY 23**

6:00 P.M.

4-H PAVILION, FAIRGROUNDS

A very important meeting...individual project reports and final preparation and organization for the upcoming Fair

4-H STYLE REVUE QUALIFICATION

In order for Sherman County 4-H members to attend the Oregon State Fair Fashion Revue, a qualifying event is required as our County Fair is held after State competition. This qualifying event will be held for those eligible on Thursday, July 26, 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds Pavilion. This will also be an excellent practice for junior members.

The official judging for the county Fashion Revue will be Monday, August 27 at 8:45 a.m. with the Public Fashion Revue remaining one of the big fair kickoffs, Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

To compete in the qualification event you MUST contact the Sherman Extension Office by Friday, July 20.
CONGRATULATIONS STATE FAIR BOUND HORSE MEMBERS

The following 4-H’ers qualified to attend the Oregon State Fair in the State Horse show. Congratulations Annie Simantel (Senior representative), Jessica Kaseberg and Shelby von Borstel (Intermediate representatives). The Oregon State Fair Horse show runs August 17-21.

Good Luck Ladies!

The Sherman County 4-H program is supported by many gracious individuals and organizations. We can’t thank you enough for giving so much to the youth of Sherman County.

SPECIAL THANK YOUS....

THE SHERMAN COUNTY 4-H SEWING DIVA’S would like thank the Sherman County Happy Quilters and the Local chapter of the Red Hat Society for their generous contributions to our sewing club. They supplied us with beautiful fabric, sewing notions and cash to pay for items we need to purchase. Their help has made this year’s sewing experience an awesome one. We hope everyone will come see our projects at fair!...Jordan, Makaila, Rachel, Katie, Jessica, Katherine, Arial, Arieanna, Grace and Lisa.

AND....

Many thanks to the Sherman County Development League, Mid Columbia Producers, Morrow County Grain Growers, Sherman Farm Chemical, Keith Flat, Brian VanGilder, Dave Cunningham, Sherman County Fairboard and 4-H leader, Bert Perisho for being involved with the new sheep and goat pens being constructed for the Sherman County Fair.

AND....

Past Leader and State Horse Judge, Barbara Weedman for donating her time and expertise to help with the qualifying event for the State Horse Gaming show.

AND....

Mid Columbia Producers for the huge donation made for fair premiums.

AND....

Sherman County Fairboard members...they are hard at work getting the fairgrounds ready for fair—spending many evenings and weekends away from family to complete the projects.

AND....

4-H LEADERS!

The 4-H program would be nonexistent without you!
Congratulations Kat!!! Kat was appointed Sherman County’s first 4-H Ambassador this past spring. As the county ambassador, Kat will serve as a youth resource by working closely with the county 4-H staff in conducting and promoting 4-H events. Kat applied for a position on the State 4-H Ambassador team during the recent 4-H Summer Week. We are proud to announce that through the interview process, Kat was selected to serve on this team. As a statewide Ambassador, members are selected from county 4-H Ambassadors and participate in additional training where they learn skills related to promoting 4-H throughout the State. They learn how to effectively tell the 4-H story to a variety of audiences such as legislators, donors, leaders and potential 4-H’ers. They also learn skills to help them present a positive 4-H image in various situations. Kat will be helping out with the Sherman County Fair and then put to work recruiting the 4-H program throughout the county.

**Dry Camping Available during The Sherman County Fair**

The Sherman County RV Park has been full for several months and appears will remain full during the Fair. The Sherman County Fair Board has designated an area for dry camping directly above the RV Park. Access will be available to the RV Park restrooms and shower facilities. Registration and payment must be made at the Fair Office. A flat fee of $25 will be charged for fair week. Unsupervised children under 18 years of age are not allowed to stay overnight in the dry camp area. An adult must be present each night that the site is occupied. Sites will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

**New Award...Ramsey Livestock Award**

A 4-H livestock exhibitor at the Sherman County Fair will be eligible for the newly established “Ramsey Livestock Award”. The award will be presented during the Saturday 4-H awards program in memory of Herb Ramsey, longtime youth and fair advocate in Sherman County. The award will be selected from exhibitors who house their projects at the Fairgrounds during fair, display a strong work ethic, helpful in the barn, willingness to complete barn duty, decoration of stall and general care of projects during the Sherman County Fair. Superintendents and leaders will be consulted as citizenship and community involvement throughout the 4-H year will be considered in the selection process. A nominee from each barn will be selected, with the overall winner chosen for those nominees. A rotating trophy will be established as well as nominees and overall winner receiving awards. Thank you Beth, Jaclyn, and Jamie McCurdy for sponsoring this 4-H award.
County Fair 4-H Reminders
List developed from Sandy Macnab’s Fair Survival Guide—great hints to help you through a busy fair

Fair...the 2007 Sherman County Fair runs Tuesday, August 28 through Saturday, September 1. Take a look at the enclosed schedule. Highlight all events you and your 4-H’er will be involved in, helping to stay on schedule. Fair will not be in session Sunday, September 2....exhibits are to be released at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday with market animals released following the sale. Regarding the release of market animals, make sure your 4-H’er contacts the appropriate barn superintendents as to their release procedures. Superintendents have devised their own checkout process.

Static Exhibit Judging...new at the 2007 Fair will be the interview judging of static exhibits and style revue Monday and Tuesday, August 27 and 28 (fair week), eliminating the need for Pre-Fair. If you have registered for any of these events, you will receive a letter from the Extension Office the first part of August with your scheduled judging time. Suggestion....members may pick up a copy of judges score sheets for horticulture, home economics and expressive arts exhibits at the Extension Office. These score sheets tell what the judge will be looking for.

Style Revue...The 4-H Public Fashion Revue will be held Tuesday, August 28, 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Pavilion. 4-H’ers will be modeling their clothing garment as well as their My Favorite Outfit.

Weigh-in...Beef will be weighed in on Tuesday beginning at 9am and ending at Noon. For safety reasons, the steers will be run through BEFORE other animals are allowed to be weighed. Sheep, swine, goats will be weighed in also on Tuesday, from 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Animals in line to be weighed at 7:00 p.m. will be weighed, but animals arriving after 7:00 p.m. will not be allowed to exhibit. Livestock entries must be in place by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, horses in place by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Don’t forget to bring in your market animal health records. They must be turned in before you can receive your stall card. All market animals must be weighed upon arrival at the Fair to determine their market weight. To qualify for the auction sale on Saturday, market lambs must weigh between 100-140 lbs; market hogs from 225-270 lbs; market steers at least 950 lbs and market goats at least 50 lbs. If an animal does not meet these weights, it may still be used in the showmanship contest, but not sold during the auction sale. It may be sold by private treaty at Fair, but not released before Fair ends on Saturday UNLESS the exhibitor decides to take the animal home on Tuesday immediately following weigh-in.

Herdsmanship...Herdsmanship is a contest between the exhibitor in the various animals’ barn/stall that is based on their neatness, attractiveness, attention to safety, care of animal and courteousness of members. Judging begins at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and continues through Saturday. Animals should be fed and watered and stalls cleaned each morning BEFORE herdsmanship scoring begins.

Barn Duty...Livestock exhibitors are expected to sign up and be responsible for AT LEAST one shift of barn duty. Responsibilities include being on time and clearly identified, making sure all pens/stalls and alleys are clean and the animal is clean, secure and comfortable, and answering general questions from the public that might arise. Barn duty schedules are posted in the barns, Contact your leader or barn superintendent to find out your schedule.
SHOWMANSHIP... All 4-H livestock and horse (excluding ranch horse) exhibitors are expected to participate in Showmanship contest for each of the species they are exhibiting, but only with one animal from that species. All exhibitors should attend the judge’s clinic to find out what the judge is expecting, the types of signals they will use and how they may prefer a certain skill or task to be conducted. This clinic will be held Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Show Arena.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST... 1-3 p.m. on Friday, August 31... this contest is mandatory for all livestock members, unless you are participating in another 4-H-FFA event at the same time. Fair premiums will be forfeited if you don’t attend.

CARE OF LIVESTOCK... Water is provided to each livestock facility, but containers may be needed in some stall/pens for livestock water. Be sure to bring enough feed for the animals to last through the fair. Feed and water should be checked and/or replenished as needed throughout the day. Feeding, watering and cleaning of the animal and the animal’s stall/pen are the responsibility of the 4-H member, as is the showing and fitting. Parents may help carry items that are too heavy for the young member, but the member should do the rest of the work. Wash racks are available for each species, but members should bring his/her own cleaning, fitting and grooming supplies, and again, should do all their own work cleaning and fitting. Other experienced members may be asked to assist, but should demonstrate rather than do the task. Any medication administered to the animal at fair must be done under the supervision of the barn superintendent or a fair board members. Failure to do this is an automatic disqualification from Fair.

TIMELINES... this is another important responsibility of the exhibitor. The fair runs on a rather tight schedule with several classes to be judged. It is important for the exhibitor to check the order of classes that are posted in the barns to know what class they are showing in and when they need to have their animals up and ready to show. Failure to be ready on time can result in disqualification from the show. If a member has two animals to show during the same market weight class, he/she may ask another 4-H member to show the second one.

COMPLAINTS/SUGGESTIONS... any complaints or suggestions should be made first to the 4-H club leader, barn superintendents or County Extension Agent. A grievance committee and procedures is available when needed. Their decision is final.

ENCOURAGEMENT... this is one of the most important roles of a 4-H parent. Your child will not be perfect in the ring and may forget a brush or clean pair of socks... these are minor incidences and are part of the learning process. Give your child encouragement to continue to grow and learn with his/her 4-H project. The 4-H club projects are designed to grow with the child so that as they grow so does their knowledge and skills within their projects. Support your child as they show their animal, but sit on your hands while they show. The temptation is there to signal them to spit out their gum or brush the straw off the animal’s belly, but is a distraction for both the showman and the judge. You can help teach by asking your child to sit with you during the next class of judging and point out what other showman are doing. The trick is to do that so that they learn how to be better without letting them think they weren’t. Another point to remember..... THE JUDGE’S DECISION IS FINAL... we hire judges for their knowledge and normally they explain their reasoning in the show ring... we should all respect this.

CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

HAVE A GREAT FAIR
MARKET BEEF: The judge made note that steers are shown differently...depends on the show. Some follow the breed’s standards and others do it the old fashion way. She definitely wants a clean animal. She does not want to see shoe polish covering up white.

MARKET GOATS: Market goats should be slick sheared (3/8” length will be fine). You should shear the complete body leaving a tuff on the end of the tail and shear down to the knees and hocks. Leave the hair on that portion of the body and just trim around the hooves. If the goat has muscle definition, shear against the hair but if it is lacking muscle definition, shear with the hair. When showing market goats, show them with all 4 legs on 4 corners—no stretching and when the judge comes up to feel the goat they should not brace the goat like you would lamb.

MARKET LAMBS: Market lambs should be slick sheared as close to fair as possible. The lamb will show well and the judge is able to see and feel the muscle and finish.

MARKET SWINE: If the 4-H’er has worked with their pigs prior to fair, they should have them trained so they would respond to the cane or stick without touching them. They should have a brush they can use to wipe the pig off with if the judge touches the hog or it gets shavings on it. The 4-H’er can use a cane, stick or bat but do not be excessive with use. 4-H’ers should be able to turn or get the animal to move by tapping on the hocks or side of the neck/shoulder area. They should not hit the ham, loin area or side the hog. The judge prefers hogs be only shaved around the head, ears, belly and tail. Shaving makes it hard for the processor to take care of the hide if it is completely shaved. No powder on white hogs and no oil on dark hogs. JUST CLEAN PIGS.

IN ALL SPECIES...the judge will look for the finish and muscling in market class....and showmanship skills and cleanliness of the animal in showmanship classes. The judge would also stress that for ALL classes, clean and appropriate clothing for showing is a must. ALWAYS show your animal. whether it is market breed or showmanship class...you are TRYING to get the attention of the judge.

FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION COMMISSION

Each year 4-H members selling their livestock through the auction at fair have a commission fee deducted from their check. The Auction Committee rules allow a range of 2% to 5% to be withheld in order to cover expenses and add some room for surprises. The current commission fee is 3.5%

IN 2006, we had some surprises which had to be covered. In addition to the usual carcass data fees, transportation expenses, licenses and permit fees, office expenses for our volunteer treasurer and advertising, two additional expense stood out. Both were sizeable. The first was a bill for over $1,050 for needed repairs to the scales to bring them into compliance. Our scales are certified annually in order to be legal for us to sell our animals under livestock auction laws. Then after fair, it was discovered at slaughter that one of the steers had a disease that prevented the meat from being sold. So the packing house would not pay us for that one. The Auction Committee covered the loss from the commission fees.

Financial lessons are an important part of the learning experience, so the next time you have a questions about the commission fee, know it is a cost of doing business that provides a layer of protection for all
2007 Sherman County Fair & Rodeo

Monday, August 27
8:30 am - ? Interview judging of food & photography exhibits. Scheduled times (4-Hers will be notified)
8:45 am Style Revue check-in
8:45 am - ? Foods & Clothing Judging contest open
9:00 am - 11:30 am Interview judging of clothing, scrapbook, horticulture, & fiber arts. Scheduled times (4-Hers will be notified)

Tuesday, August 28
9:00 am - ? Interview judging of fiber arts, clothing, scrapbook. Scheduled times (4-Hers will be notified)
9:00 am - 11:00 am Foods & Clothing Judging contest open
9:00 am - 12:00 noon Beef weigh in for 4-H, FFA Market animals and all Open Class Beef for Official weights. All beef must be in place by noon.
1:00 pm Fair Office Open
1:00 pm All open class entries entered and in place (includes poultry barn)
Noon-7 pm All open class entered and in place (baked goods and flowers in place on Wednesday)
1:00 pm Weigh in for 4-H, FFA Market Swine, Sheep, and goats animals and all other Open Class Animals for official weights.
NOTE: NO EARLY ARRIVALS!!!
3:00 pm Antique & Classic Car Show
5:00 pm Fair Kick-Off BBQ by Paradise Rose Chuck Wagon (Rod McGuire)
7:00 pm All decorating completed
7:00 pm 4-H Style Revue, Pavilion

Wednesday, August 29
7:00 am-6:00 pm Fair Office Open
8:00 am-9:00 am 4-H & FFA Showmanship Clinic
9:00 am-7:00 pm Open Class Pavilion Judging
9:30 am-noon 4-H & FFA Market Swine judging, followed by breeding
10:00 am 4-H & FFA Record Books are to be completed and turned in at the 4-H Pavilion
12:30 pm-2:00 pm 4-H & FFA Market Sheep judging, followed by breeding
2:30-3:30 pm 4-H & FFA Market Beef judging, followed by breeding
4:00-5:00 pm 4-H goat judging followed by breeding
***** Horse Games in Rodeo Arena immediately following goat judging
7:00 pm Horses in place

Thursday, August 30
7:00 am-8:00 pm Fair Office Open
8:00 am My Favorite Outfit to be assembled, by appointment
8:00 am 4-H & FFA Herdsmanship Contest begins, barns judged 2 times a day through Saturday
**WASCO COUNTY FAIR**

The Wasco County Fair, which is held in nearby Tygh Valley is a great event to attend if you need hints in showing your fair animals. They have a large livestock show allowing you to gain more skills before competing in Sherman County.

Scheduled livestock contests include

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**4-H Photos**

- Images of 4-H members participating in various activities and events at the fair.
The third Sherman County “Shipley Shuffle 4-H Walk/Run”, will be held in Moro, Oregon on Saturday, September 2 at 8:00 a.m. (participants need to be at the registration table, located in front of the main gate at the Sherman County Fairgrounds, by 7:45 a.m.).

- The race/walk will begin at the Sherman County Fairgrounds with courses marked for a 5K run/walk and 10K run/walk.
- Awards will be given to the competitors. Pre-registration is asked by August 24
- Cost to register and compete is $15
- Proceeds will be going to the Sherman County 4-H Leader’s Scholarship fund. The Leaders Association annually gives funds to all 4-H county youth attending camps, workshops and state organized activities.
- Water stations will be manned along the route by Sherman County 4-H Members.
- The race should conclude in time for all participants to enjoy the activities scheduled for Saturday of the Sherman County Fair, including the parade which begins at 10:00 a.m.

For further information contact the Sherman Extension Office at 541-565-3230

**Shipley Shuffle 4-H Walk/Run Entry Form**

$15 Registration Fee
Mail before August 24

Make checks payable to Sherman County 4-H Leaders Association
Mail to: Sherman County Extension Office, P.O. Box 385, Moro OR 97039

Name_________________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________
Phone______________________             T-Shirt Size Youth  L
                                                Adult   S    M    L    XL
Circle Race Participating in:    5KWalk   5KRun   10KWalk    10KRun

Waiver and Release of Liability: I know that running in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, traffic and conditions of the road and raceway. I have read this waiver and knowing these facts, I, for myself, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release, Sherman County Extension, Sherman County 4-H Leader’s Association, Sherman County Fair and Sherman County, all sponsors, supporters, and any individual involved with the race, from all claims of liabilities of any kind existing out of my participation in this event. I assume payment for any or all emergencies of mine that may arise. I certify that I have read the above and all information provided on this form is true and complete with my signature. I will abide by these guidelines.

Signature_______________________________________________   Date__________________
Parent Signature (if under 18)_______________________________   Date__________________
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