



Congratulations Michael Shafer!

2017 National 4-H Conference Youth Leadership Team

Michael was recently selected to serve as a member of the 2017 National 4-H Conference Youth Leadership Team. In this role, Michael will provide key leadership in planning and leading sessions at the National Conference in Washington D.C. this spring. Only six 4-H members from across the nation were selected for this team.

Those recommending Michael were quoted as stating, "Mr. Shafer is an exceptional young man, raising the bar of any activity he is involved with."

In addition to this high honor, Michael was selected as an Oregon delegate for the 2016 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA and also to serve as a State 4-H Ambassador.

Congratulations Michael ~ We are proud of you!



Calendar of Events

- Dec. 26, 2016 Extension Offices CLOSED**
- Jan. 2, 2017 Extension Offices CLOSED**
- Jan. 13, 2017 Early enrollment deadline**
- Feb. 1, 2017 Senior scholarships deadline**
- Feb. 15, 2017 Beekeeping Essay deadline**

Watch for the December issue of the Creature Feature to have more important dates and events for Umatilla County livestock exhibitors.

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Top Honors at State Fair!

Congratulations to Umatilla County 4-H members who were awarded Champion, Reserve Champion, or State Medallion status at State Fair!

- Benedict, Tiah - Photography (Reserve Champion)
- Bray, McKenna - Photography (Reserve Champion)
- Dennis, Caiden - Clothing
(2 Champions, 2 Reserve Champions, 1 Medallion)
- Hoeft, Carley - Foods Educational Poster (Champion)
- Irvine, Tessa - Illustrated Talk (Champion)
- Middleton, Rian - Clothing (Reserve Champion)
- Newtson, Gavin - Photography (Reserve Champion)
- Pryor, Madison - Food Preservation (Reserve Champion)
- Ruth, Tyler Anne - Horse Showmanship (Medallion)
- Shafer, Michael - Public Speaking (Champion)
- Thomas, Jenna - Art
(Champion, Medallion, Reserve Champion)
- Vandebos, Victoria - Clothing
(Reserve Champion, Champion, Medallion)
- Walborn, Malory - Woodworking (Reserve Champion)
- Watkins, Sarah - Clothing (Champion)
- Wright, Nevada - Art (Reserve Champion)
- Wynn, Lauren - Clothing (Reserve Champion)

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Re-Enrollment

It's Annual Enrollment Time!

October 1st marks the beginning of a new 4-H year. This means it is time to re-enroll existing members and leaders as well as add new members and leaders to the 4-H rosters. To facilitate the enrollment process, a new packet has been sent to the Club Contact Leader for each club. **Please discard** any enrollment forms you may have left over from previous years. If you need additional forms, please call the 4-H Office at **541-278-5404** or email: **shauna.newman@oregonstate.edu**

It is important that everyone realizes that **each member and leader** needs to complete a new enrollment form packet **every year**. Please complete the forms in a timely manner and with as much accuracy as possible, with all necessary signatures on your forms. Forms should be returned to the Extension Office in your area immediately following your 1st club meeting.

Enrollment Policies

1. **All members and leaders** will enroll on the 4-H enrollment forms provided by the County Extension Office.
2. **Parents** are encouraged to review their member's enrollment forms before submitting to the leader or to the Extension Office.
3. **Forms** must be complete, and fees paid, before they will be processed. An incomplete form will be returned or you will be contacted.
4. **Changes of projects** (additions or drops) will be made by completing a "new" 4-H enrollment form.
5. **Forms** not received by **January 13, 2017**, will not receive new mailings from the Extension Office until the forms are in.
6. A **\$5.00 late fee** will be charged after **January 13, 2017**.

4-H Volunteer Leaders Needed!

We have children in Umatilla County who are waiting to be placed in 4-H clubs and we need new 4-H Volunteer Leaders in several project areas including: art, clothing, engineering, foods, gardening, livestock, photography, woodworking, and Cloverbuds. If you know someone who would make a great 4-H Volunteer Leader or Assistant Leader, please tell them about what a wonderful program 4-H is for young people, or have them call us at the Umatilla County 4-H office at 541-278-5404. We will be happy to talk to them about the 4-H experience!

The process in becoming a leader is as follows:

- ◆ Potential volunteer leaders must fill out a 4-H Volunteer Leader application.
- ◆ A criminal background check is done after the application is received.
- ◆ Potential volunteers will provide a list of references. Within one year of being approved, new leaders must attend a new leader training, complete the home study program, or the on-line volunteer e-learning course at:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/elearning-course>

Once the process is completed, the new leader completes the 4-H enrollment form along with the members in their new 4-H club and receives project materials.

**Volunteer Today
Inspire for a
Lifetime!**

Also, as a matter of protection for yourself and for the youth you may work with, until the application process is complete potential volunteer leaders are asked not to act like, talk like or work with youth as a "4-H leader": That is why it is very important that interested parties begin the application process now.

Please share this with anyone you know who is interested in becoming a leader.

Age Groups for 2016-2017

Membership in Oregon 4-H is now based on the member's age as of September 1 of the fall of the project year. That is the members "4-H age" for the entire year. The age breakdowns for 4-H participation in 2016-2017 are:

Age 5-8 = Cloverbud:

Birthdate September 2, 2007 -September 1, 2011

Age 9-11 = Junior:

Birthdate September 2, 2004 -September 1, 2007

Age 12-14 = Intermediate:

Birthdate September 2, 2001 -September 1, 2004

Age 15-19 = Senior

Birthdate September 2, 1997 -September 1, 2001

State Fair Changes Underway for 2017

4-H and FFA are combining their time during the first week of the 2017 Oregon State Fair. This means, 4-H livestock move in will be Thursday, Aug 24 and move out will be Tuesday, Aug 29. During this time, Open Class Sheep and Open Class Beef will also be there. Some species will be in the Forrester Barn and some will fill the 4-H/FFA Barn. The dog show has been changed to Saturday, Aug 19 with both age groups on the same day.

If you are wondering why...It is to allow for more youth to participate before their school starts and to keep the barn fuller during more days. It will also save significant money on judges, staff, etc.

Tentative plans for the schedule include conformation shows following showmanship on the same day in that species. FFA in that same species is tentatively set for a different day. This allows those kids (and we believe it to be a significant number) who participate in both to not have to fit all their animals in one day.

Small Animal Shows for both FFA and 4-H will be the following week, which is usual for 4-H. Rabbit Show, Tuesday Aug 29 Poultry Show, Wednesday, Aug 30 Cavy Show, Thursday, Aug 31

In addition, tentative plans are being made to receive Static Exhibits one day later in the week to allow the fair grounds to accommodate another major event.

With Sympathy

Earlier this fall we lost a wonderful member of our 4-H family. Julie Wunderlich, a 4-H dog club leader in Pendleton passed away unexpectedly. During Julie's years as a leader she worked to enhance 4-H educational opportunities and events for all Umatilla County 4-H dog members.

As shared by one of her 4-H'ers...

"She took me from zero to hero. When I joined, neither me nor my dog knew anything. Yet five months later we won all blues and a champion ribbon in obedience at our first ever competition. We then continued to win more blues, a red in rally, and a reserve champion in obedience just a couple weeks later. I'm certain that neither me or my dog would be where we are without her."



Contributions in memory of Julie will be used to provide educational workshops for 4-H dog members. Our thoughts reach out to the Wunderlich family as well as her 4-H club family at this difficult time.

National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest



2017 Essay Topic: "How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?" 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 Pendleton Office by February 15, 2017. Contact Patricia at 541-278-5404 for contest rules.



REMINDER

If your mailing address, email address or phone number changes please let us know so we can keep our records current and you don't miss any important 4-H information.

Thanks!



WELCOME! Anna Browne!



OSU Extension has created an entirely new position aimed at promoting 4-H and college readiness for Hispanic populations of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Anna Browne, a former fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Windy River Elementary in Boardman, began this new position on July 1st.

Anna, who is bilingual, teaches the College Readiness "Juntos" classes in Spanish and recently completed her first session at

Riverside Junior-Senior High in Boardman. Sixteen families have now completed the course.

Anna will also help younger Hispanic students become involved in 4-H, which she said can help them to develop leadership skills and give them opportunities to gain project related skills as well.

Anna is located at the Extension Office at Hermiston Ag Research and Extension Center. Contact her at 541-567-8321 or via email at anna.browne@oregonstate.edu for more information.

College Scholarships for Seniors



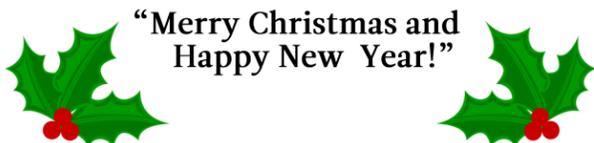
Senior 4-H members are encouraged to begin preparation of material required for the 4-H Scholarships. Contact Patricia for an application form at patricia.dawson@oregonstate.edu. Most scholarship applications with Oregon 4-H are due by February 1, 2017.

Holiday Office Hours

All extension offices will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.



We want to take a moment to wish all of our members, families and leaders a safe and happy holiday season! From our office to your home,



Prospective 4-H'ers need to hear from you

Now is the time of year that prospective 4-H members call our office and ask for clubs in their area. If you indicate on your annual club/independent questionnaire that you are accepting new members, we will provide you with the potential member's name and contact information. Remember, it is important to return these calls promptly! Potential new members deserve to hear from you. When you don't call, the potential new members get discouraged and often decide that they don't want to join 4-H after all. If your club is full please contact our office and let us know.

Bracher Family Recognized

Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension Service Professional's Association, recently honored Cliff and Judy Bracher with the "National Friend of Extension Award" based on their continued dedication to local Extension Programs. Both Cliff and Judy Bracher for over 50 years have been a go-to family to assist with OSU Extension projects ranging from 4-H Youth Development to Agriculture. They are a family of special talents and dedication who approach each endeavor with innovation and enthusiasm. Unique to the family's connection with the OSU Extension Service is their multi-disciplinary engagement with several Extension faculties as well as the fact that all generations of the Bracher family provide Extension leadership. Annually, the family logs in hundreds of hours with OSU Extension Service ranging from leadership at Advisory Board sessions to teaching volunteer leaders. The Brachers' strong connections throughout the region have proven valuable as they have testified for the OSU Extension Service needs at the state and county level. Without a doubt, the Bracher's are a true friend of Extension. Congratulations!



"National Friend of Extension Award"
Cliff and Judy Bracher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Remember Special Rules for Cloverbuds

"Cloverbuds" is the program for 4-H members who are age 5-8 as of September 1 of the enrollment year. Because of their age and stage of development, there are some special requirements about what these youngsters can and cannot do in 4-H. For example, they cannot work with animals. It is fine for Cloverbuds to learn about animals with their club, but they may not handle them in any way while with their club or leader. Please contact the office with any questions or for further information.

RE-ENROLL NOW!

Don't Miss Out On News & Events!

If you have not completed your re-enrollment forms by Jan. 13, 2017 you will be removed from this year's mailing list. Re-enroll today!!

Due to Inclement Weather

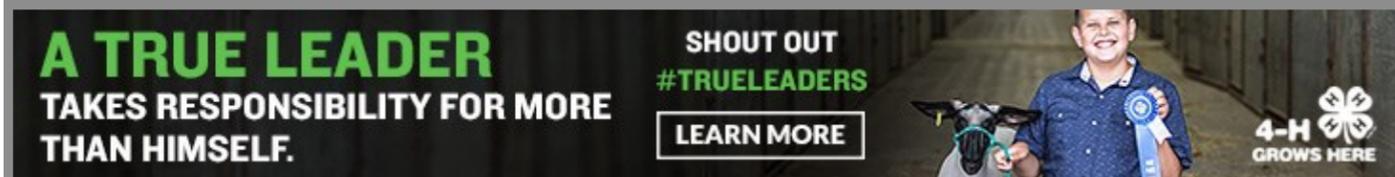
The guideline for meeting cancellation is that if schools are closed due to inclement weather, any meetings or programs associated with 4-H youth development will be canceled unless the agent and committee members can reach the expected participants to notify them otherwise. We will also share cancellation information on our Umatilla County 4-H Oregon Facebook page and blast email messages.

Want to Add Additional Projects Without Adding Clubs?

You are enrolled in a Swine Club and with your new camera, took a great shot at Showmanship practice. Did you know you can enter that photo in Fair, as well as your pig, without joining another club? It's called "piggy-backing" and it is the practice of adding a related project onto an existing one to provide a broader, more challenging experience. How do you go about adding a new project?

First: You have to add the project to your enrollment form, and you need to fill out a Project Record appropriate for that item. Then, closer to fair, you will need to determine what class you want to display your item in, fill out the fair entry form, and register for fair, using the correct process for each project. Remember, just because you have chosen to add an additional project doesn't mean your club leader must cover the subject at club meetings.

Second: There is a fee of \$3.00 for each additional project to cover project materials. If you are going to use the piggy-backing idea, your add-on projects will be "static" or "non-livestock" and will be found under the broad heading of Expressive Arts, Home Ec., Science or Horticulture. Examples of piggy-backing include: With any Animal Science project you can add-on Leathercraft, Foods, Photography, Entomology, Computers, Woodworking or even Sewing (i.e., horse or sheep blanket, a dog bed, etc.) With Sheep you can also add Fiber Arts. With Food projects you can add Horticulture, Outdoor Cookery or Food Preservation. Consider piggy backing as a way to add new challenges to yourself or club.



State Committees!

Is there something you are passionate about in the Oregon 4-H program? Want to make sure your voice is heard? Help lead the direction of our 4-H project areas! Join one of the many 4-H Statewide Committees! Leaders, 4-H members, and faculty members from across the state make up these committees. Some meet twice a year, others may meet more often. Participants may call in to attend the meetings or travel to the face-to-face site. Call our office to find out more information. You can also visit the state website:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/staff-advisory-councils-and-committees>

Openings are available in: Livestock

Horse

Dog

Small Animal – currently not meeting due to lack of volunteer interest

Home Economics

The future schedule is:

Livestock: Friday, April 7, 2017 at 4 pm at the Deschutes Co Office or Zoom

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 4 pm place TBD

Dog: Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 9 am at the Deschutes Co Office or Zoom

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 9 am place TBD

Horse: Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 1 pm at the Deschutes Co Office or Zoom

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 1pm place TBD

Home Ec.: Meets quarterly



Did You Know?

The Symbols of 4-H



The Four H's

The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, representing the fourfold training and development that 4-H members receive. "Head, heart, and hands" was a familiar phrase with public speakers in the early 1900's. With these three words, educators expressed the liberalizing of conventional education ("the three R's") to include practical arts ("the three H's").

The three H's were adopted by program organizers to reflect the educational theme of 4-H. A fourth "H" was added for Health. Together the four H's symbolize the development of the head, to think, plan, and reason: the heart, to be concerned with the welfare of others, accept the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop positive attitudes: the hands, to be useful, helpful, and skillful: and health, to practice healthful living, enjoy life, and use leisure time productively.

The 4-H Pledge

I pledge
my *head* to clearer thinking,
my *heart* to greater loyalty,
my *hands* to larger service,
my *health* to better living,
for my *club*, my *community*,
my *county*, and my *world*.

The pledge was adopted in 1927 during the first National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. Otis Hall, State 4-H leader in Kansas, was responsible for the original wording, which remained unchanged until 1973 when the words "and my world" were added.

The 4-H Emblem

The national 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The design, attributed to O.H. Benson, an Iowa school superintendent, was adopted as the national emblem in 1911. Congress has twice passed legislation since that time protecting the 4-H name and emblem. Federal legislation regulates how the 4-H name and emblem are used. In Oregon, permission must be granted by the OSU Extension Service.

4-H Colors

Green and white are the 4-H colors. Green is emblematic of springtime, life, and youth, while white symbolizes high ideals.

The 4-H Motto

The 4-H Motto is "To make the best better". Proposed by Carrie Harrison, a botanist with the U.S. Bureau of Plant Industry, it was adopted in 1927 when the 4-H pledge was introduced.