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# 4-H IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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**TO:** 4-H Members & Leaders  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

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|----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| 10 | Shooting Sports Leader Meeting       | OSU Conference Room - Pendleton      | 7 pm |
| 13 | Make It Yourself With Wool Entry Due | (see details on pg.2)                | 5 pm |
| 14 | 4-H Achievement Day                  | Pendleton Convention Center          | 2 pm |
| 17 | Horse Advisory and Leader Meeting    | OSU Conference Room - Pendleton      | 7 pm |
| 18 | Pendleton Junior Show Board Meeting  | OSU Conference Room - Pendleton      | 7 pm |
| 20 | National Conference Applications Due | Corvallis                            |      |
| 26 | Thanksgiving Day                     | All Extension Offices will be closed |      |

### DECEMBER

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| 5  | Milton-Freewater Junior Show Steer Weigh-in (see page __ for details) | 8 a.m. to finish                     |
| 5  | Oregon's Make It Yourself With Wool Contest                           | Red Lion Inn, Pendleton, OR          |
| 25 | Christmas Day   | All Extension Offices will be closed |

### JANUARY

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| 1  | New Year's Day   | All Extension Office will be closed |
| 15 | Enrollment Sign up Deadline Enrollment Fees due to your Local Extension Office |                                     |



Don't forget to visit the Umatilla County 4-H web-site for information and dates for the new 4-H year!  
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla/4h-youth-program>

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## Thank You Notes



Did you send out a Thank You Note after County Fair? The business or individual that purchased your animal, or sponsored your trophy at the Umatilla County Fair very much appreciates getting a Thank You Note. Your "thanks" keep them coming back year after year. Let them know how much you appreciate their kindness.

Here are some guidelines on writing your thank you notes:

Start the note by:

- Writing the buyer or award sponsor's name at the top, then, move into the body of the message;
- Begin the body by telling them thank you for purchasing your market project, or sponsoring your trophy;
- Tell them a little about yourself and your project;
- If you are writing a thank you for your market project, you may also want to tell the buyer what your plans are with the profit you made on your project.

It is necessary that you send out these thank you notes in a timely manner and make them personable.

## Record Books

We have many record books that need to be picked up. Call your local Extension Office to find out if they have it on hand before you drop by to pick it up during office hours. The office numbers are as follows:

Hermiston - 541-567-8321

Milton-Freewater - 541-938-5597

Pendleton - 541-278-5404

## Portland Trail Blazers Night

This is the third year Oregon 4-H has partnered with the team to provide this opportunity to our members, it is a lot of fun! This year's game is **March 25, 2010**. It's a Thursday evening game against the Dallas Mavericks and makes a great spring break family, club, or county wide activity. All friends, family, and alumni are welcome. Don't miss out on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blazers franchise celebration! **For tickets visit:** <http://tickets.trailblazers.com/deals> **Password:** 4hnight

## 4-H Achievement Day Planned

The 2009 Umatilla County 4-H Achievement Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m in the Pendleton Convention Center - West Rooms 1 & 2.**

County Medals and Junior Achievement Medals will be presented to outstanding 4-H'ers. Certificates of accomplishment will also be awarded. 4-H'ers are invited to assist with the program by leading pledges, handing out programs or sharing a 2-5 minute speech about "What 4-H Means to Me." If you would like to participate, please notify Patricia at 278-5404 or 1-800-871-1313 by Friday, Nov. 13.

## Make it With Wool Contest



To help celebrate the Pendleton Woolen Mill's 100th year, Oregon Sheep Growers are encouraging those who sew, knit or crochet to sign up now for the 2009 "Make It With Wool Contest" set for December 5, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pendleton, Oregon. The competition is open to pre-teens 12 years and under, juniors 13-16 years, seniors 17-24 years, adults 25 years and older. The "Made of Others" is open to any age. Entry fees are \$10 per garment; entry deadline is November 13, 2009. State winners will compete again for more prizes and scholarships in Nashville, January 20 - 23, at the 2010 American Sheep Industry Convention. For more details and/or registration forms visit: [www.oregonmiww.com](http://www.oregonmiww.com) or call Oregon MIWW Director Maureen Krebs at 541-422-7548.

## State Fair Exhibits

State Fair exhibits have been returned to the Milton-Freewater, Hermiston and Pendleton Extension Offices. Please be sure to make arrangements to pick your items up from the office by November 20, 2009. Due to limited storage the offices will not be able to store items after that date. Thank you!

## 4-H Clubs Needed

If your club has openings for new members please call Matt Liscom at 541-278-5404 as soon as possible. We have a lot of children looking for Computer, Dog, Home Ec and Animal Science 4-H Clubs.



## Tag - In Dates for the 2010 Milton-Freewater Junior Show and the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

### For Milton-Freewater Junior Show:

**STEERS:** Tag-in date is **December 5, 2009**.

**Remember:** To be eligible for this show, exhibitors **MUST** bring their livestock to the designated weigh-in location at the designated time to be officially tagged.

### Milton-Freewater:

**M-F Junior Show Grounds - 8 a.m. to finish.**

**Hermiston: (Dec. 5 tag-in only)**

**Top Cut Feed Lot 8 to 9 a.m.**

**Pendleton: BMCC Ag Complex 8 to 9 a.m**

All steers **MUST** be broke to lead with a halter on them or they will not be unloaded or tagged. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

**Swine:** Tag-in weigh-in date is February 6, 2010.

**Lambs and Goats:** Tag-in date is April 3, 2010.



## Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

**Steers: Sunday, January 10, 2010.**

Weigh-in and Agent Verification day. EOLS has no required tag system; however, verification of the ear tag number and name and address of 4-H or FFA member is required.

To participate in the following steer contests you must attend the weigh-in.

### Fastest Gaining Steer Contest and the Allied Industry Award

This award is co-sponsored by Beef Northwest, Schering Plough, and the Union County Cattlemen. The purpose of this award is to recognize significant achievement in beef cattle production by focusing in three areas of producing a finished market animal (record keeping, feed performance and carcass grade). All 4-H and FFA members wanting to participate must have weighed in at the **January weigh in**, submit a completed "*Allied Industry Beef Achievement Award Record Form for 4-H & FFA*"

Weigh-in will be at the BMCC AG Complex on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, beginning at 9 a.m. If you have any questions call Matt at 541-278-5404.

## Veterinary Science Club



We are pleased to announce that the 4-H Office will again be offering the Veterinary Science Club opportunity for those who wish to participate. There are many things planned for our meeting times including a poly-com visit with members of the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine Student Ambassadors. This year we will be providing two (2) separate curriculums, Juniors and a separate one for Intermediates and Seniors. Our first meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the OSU Extension Conference Room. Please contact Matt at the 4-H Office 541-278-5404 if you plan to join. The cost to attend is \$31, unless you are already in a 4-H Club, then it is \$2.00 for the additional project. We look forward to seeing you and having a great time!

## Allied Industries

### Beef Achievement Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize significant achievement in beef cattle production focusing on the three areas of producing a properly finished market steer.

**Records:** FFA or 4H exhibitors' records will be the base of information in addition to a one page written outline of the animal's actual performance vs. what was expected (i.e. Average Daily Gain [ADG], Dry Matter Feed conversion [DMC], Cost of Gain [COG], feedstuffs while the animal was on feed, the actual formulation of the ration the animal was fed, and what the exhibitor learned. (Details in Exhibitor's Guide under Market Beef) An interview will be held during the fair.

**Feeding performance:** The actual pay weight to pay weight feeding performance of the animal measured by ADG, DMC, and COG. Records will support the financial and performance evaluation of the feeding performance.

**Carcass value:** The final calculated Total Animal Performance Incentive Program (TAPIP) values after the measured carcass traits and values are applied will serve as the measurement for this criterion. The current standards for the TAPIP will be used to determine the carcass winner.

An overall winner will be selected based on the high point leader of the combined categories listed above.

An across the board ranking will be used with each category being of equal weight.

There will be a \$100 savings bond for the top score in each category as well as a \$300 savings bond and belt buckle for the overall winner.

**Record sheets, AIBA Award Paper and Interview Score Sheet and a sample essay** are available on the website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla/4-H-youth-program>.

## 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 packet has been sent to the Club Contact Leader for each club. It is important that everyone realizes that each member and leader needs to fill out a new enrollment form **and** health form **each year**. Please complete the forms in a timely manner and with as much accuracy as possible. Please help us by getting all of the necessary signatures on your forms and get them back to your leader. All forms are due in the Extension Office immediately following the 1st club meeting. Invite a new member to join your club today!

## 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 get a call.
4. **Changes of projects** (additions or drops) will be made by completing a "new" 4-H enrollment form.
5. Forms not received by January 15, 2010, will not receive new mailings from the Extension Office until the forms are in.
6. This year a \$5.00 **late fee** will be charged after January, 15, 2010.

## Membership Fee Structure

The annual 4-H Enrollment Fee is \$31 for the first project (\$32 for Horse Members) and \$2 for each additional project. **Separate checks** should be issued to the following:

<b>Umatilla County 4-H Leaders</b>	\$8
	\$9 for Horse Members
<b>OSU Extension</b>	\$23
	\$2 for each additional project

4-H Club Leaders will not be charged for Leader publications. 4-H members must pay the enrollment fee before receiving project materials.

We do have limited scholarships available to assist with membership fees. Contact Patricia at 278-5404 or via email at: [patricia.dawson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:patricia.dawson@oregonstate.edu) for details.

## New Enrollment Forms

**Attention all Leaders:** The Member and Volunteer Leader Enrollment Forms were recently revised. Please discard any enrollment forms you may have left over from previous years. The new forms were sent to you in your enrollment packets. If you need additional forms please contact the 4-H Office at **541-278-5404**.

## 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 code to your enrollment form, (if you know it when you sign up or it may be added later). And, you will have to fill out a project form appropriate for that item. Then, closer to Fair, you have to determine what class you want to display your item, 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 meetings.

Second, there is a fee of \$2 for each additional project to cover project manuals.

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 Home Ec., Expressive Arts, Science, or Gardening.

Here are some examples of *piggy-backing*. With any Animal Science project, you can add Leathercraft, Foods, Photography, Entomology (parasites), Computers, Woodworking, and Veterinary Science or even Clothing (i.e. horse or sheep blanket, a dog bed, etc.) With Sheep you can add Fiber Arts. With Foods projects you can add Vegetable Gardening, Outdoor Cookery or Food Preservation.

Consider *piggy-backing* as a way to add new challenges to yourself and your club.

## Know Your Government



The 2010 Know Your Government program is taking on a new spin. It will be held in Portland! The metro area will provide a variety of new learning opportunities for past participants and offer a different perspective for new attendees. If you are interested in

Civic Engagement, then this program is for you! The program begins Sunday, Feb. 28th at 2:00 p.m. and ends Tuesday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$155 and includes lodging at the University Place Hotel for two nights, meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner), transportation during the program and program materials. For more information contact Patricia at 278-5404.

## 2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum

Albuquerque, NM is the location of 2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum. It will be held March 11-14. This forum includes leader, teen and staff from the 13 western states, 2 Canadian Provinces and the Pacific Territories. Early-bird registration is \$200 and must be postmarked by Dec. 15th. For more information and to register on-line go to <http://nm4h.nmsu.edu>.

## 4-H Volunteer E-Learning Course Available

Feel like you need to know more about 4-H? Want to test your knowledge and skills? There is an e-learning course that is now available through the internet. There are four (4) modules that take about 15-20 minutes each and can take place in the comfort of your own home as your schedule allows. The modules are: **1.** About 4-H; **2.** Positive Youth Development; **3.** Getting started in 4-H; and **4.** Leadership and Teaching. Check out the training at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/elearning-course>. Contact Patricia for more information.

## International Exchange Program

Application materials for potential Outbound 4-H International Exchange Delegates are now available on the Oregon 4-H web-site at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-overview>. This year Outbound Exchange programs are to the following countries: Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway. Application materials for all countries are due postmarked by Jan. 7, 2010. Adults interested in being a chaperone must also have their application materials postmarked by Jan. 7, 2010

## !!Attention High School Seniors!!

4-H Scholarship packets are now available at the Extension Office in Pendleton. Due dates range from **January 20th** to **May 20th** for various awards. Most of the scholarships require the 4-H Resume Form, a 4-H Story, Project Photos and Transcripts. Appointments may be scheduled with Patricia to assist with the application process. We strongly urge you to begin immediately on the applications.

## 4-H Summer Conference Scheduled

The 2010 4-H Summer Conference is scheduled for June 23 - 26, 2010. Check the website for schedule updates; there have been some fairly significant changes to the 2010 schedule, including a later start time. We also have numerous partnerships for this year's events including working with the 4-H "million trees" **project** <http://www.4hmillontrees.org/> for our community service and doing an activity with a campus based community change group "Peacejam" <http://www.peacejam.org/> Prices for the 2010 Conference will not change (\$200 per member) and bus service will be provided.

## 4-H Japanese Exchange Internship Program

This is an opportunity to spend a full year living and learning in Japan. The year-long program allows collage age (18-25) student to live with a Japanese host family while working on an independent study project, studying the Japanese language and working with the sponsoring Japanese exchange organization assisting with workshops, camp, group activities for members in Japan, and orientation programs for 4-H Summer Exchange Program delegates in Japan. Applications are due by December 15, 2009. The Program include: Airfare; Lodging with a Japanese host family; Medical Insurance; Monthly Stipend. For a complete Intern information and application materials check the following web sites:

Lex Intern: <http://www.lexlrf.org/exchange/index.html>

LABO Intern: (If applying for LABO internships, please follow information of U.S. applications, not Canadian or Australian). <http://www.labo-exchange.com/intern.html>.

## **New Publications Available from the State 4-H Web-Site!**

### **New Goat Advancement Publications Available**

The 4-H Pygmy Goat Advancement Guide (4-H 1133) is now available online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/12886/1/4-H1133.pdf>

The 4-H Meat Goat Advancement Guide (4-H 1134) is now available online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/12887/1/4-H1134.pdf>

### **HORSE**

The 4-H Horse and Pony Driving Manual (4-H 1321, PNW 229) has been revised, and is now available online at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/12608/1/4-h1321.pdf>

The 4-H Horse Contest Guide (4-H 13011, PNW 574) has been revised, and is now available online at <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/PNW574/PNW0574.pdf> Please discard any outdated copies.

### **Now Online!**

**The following publications are now available online at the 4-H website:**

Dairy Cattle Showmanship Guide (4-H 1116)

Fit It All Together Unit 2 Member Guide (4-H 9315)

Fit It All Together Unit 2 Leader Guide (4-H 9315L)

Poultry and Pigeon Advancement Program (4-H 1501R)

4-H Horticulture Advancement Guide (4-H 2301R)

Oregon 4-H Flower and Ornamental Growers Handbook (4-H 231)

4-H Secretary's Book (4-H 036)

Knitting Skills (4-H 961)

Cast Ceramics (4-H 740)

4-H Officer Handbook (4-H 035)

Fashion Revue Manual (4-H 9202)