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A Newsletter to Wallowa County 4-H Families



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Leader Information

4-H Leaders Association

The 4-H Leaders Association is the group that gives direction to the 4-H Program in Wallowa County and supports the educational efforts. The Executive Board officers and Area Representatives are the people that vote on issues, however all members are welcome to attend and give input.

The next meeting will be on March 6th at 6:30pm with livestock leaders meeting following at 7:30pm.

Officers and Representatives:

President: Carl McFetridge
Vice-President: Karen Rinehart
Secretary: Kit Makin
Treasurer: Lela Kunkle

Area Representatives:

Dog:
Home Ec: Carolyn Maasdam
Leadership: Eileen Williams
Horse: Brinda Stanley
Livestock: Kane Maasdam
Small Animals: Wendy Falk
Arts & Science:
Natural Science: Dick Stangel

Youth Representatives: 4-H Court, or other interested youth.

4-H Leader's Refund Policy

County Activities with Refundable Costs:

100% of the registration fees paid will be refunded if cancellation is requested 10 business days or more before the 4-H activity. 50% of the registration fee will be refunded if cancellation occurs five to nine business days before the 4-H activity begins. No refunds will be made when cancellations occur within five business days of the activity or when registrants do not show up to the activity. State activities may have different policies.

4-H Fund Raising

Just a reminder to all clubs that they must fill out a fundraising proposal BEFORE they conduct a fundraiser in the name of 4-H. These forms can be found in your New Leader Notebook or you can pick one up at the Extension Office or on our website.

Now more than ever, it is important that we know about these fundraisers so they can be added to our 4-H Fundraising Liability Insurance. Our general liability insurance does not cover fund raising events so the Leaders Association has purchased insurance that will address these events, but we must know about them at least a week ahead in order to let our insurance company know about them.

Chaperones for Overnight 4-H Programs

Who is a chaperone? Someone who is an approved volunteer over 21 and is assigned the responsibility to provide supervision during an overnight, statewide or out-of-state experience. Chaperones have equal status to supervise youth and take responsibility during an emergency.

- 1 adult chaperone to 8 participants
- It is in our strongly suggested to have **at least 2 chaperones** for any trip. This would protect us if there was an emergency that took one of the adults full attention.

Adults who are not yet 21 can play an important, but limited chaperone role. Please contact Debi at the Extension office if you would like to discuss chaperone policies. Risk management procedures serve to protect everyone... youth, volunteers, staff and the organization.

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Don't put off exploring your health insurance options another day

Open Enrollment DEADLINE March 31st

Vixen Radford at Northeast Oregon Network (NEON) is here to help you with the concerns and questions you might have around the new Affordable Care Act- Cover Oregon and the health insurance exchange. Don't let another day pass call and get an appointment to meet with Vixen and talk about your needs today!

Northeast Oregon Network, The Center for Human Development, Community Connections, and Eastern Oregon Head Start have teamed up to help locals take advantage of this program. The exchange is directed towards those without health insurance, or those who pay out of pocket for health insurance with high deductibles. Also, those struggling to find coverage due to pre-existing conditions, or who pay high premiums because of pre-existing conditions will really benefit from this program. Premiums are based exclusively on age, family size, geographical location, and tobacco use. Many families will qualify for cost breaks on premiums and other medical costs. For example, a family of four earning up to \$94,000 annually may still qualify for credits. The cost breaks are available on a sliding scale, meaning that families with a lower income qualify for larger breaks.

If you are interested in this program, and want to see what it would cost, or have questions, contact: 541-398-2538 or email vradford@neonoregon.org



IMPORTANT DATE

July 1st – Record Books will be due on July 1st this year! Please help spread the word!

NEW Presentation Times

The state has changed the intermediate and senior presentation time limit to 10-15 minutes. Please make sure older members are aware of this change before Spring Fair Presentation Competitions.

New Leaders Needed!

I am looking for new leaders! If you are interested or know of an adult that would be interested in being a 4-H volunteer, let's talk! Specifically, I know we need leaders in the areas of: livestock, photography, art, Cloverbuds (grades K-3). Then, there is also a need for volunteers to help with specific projects like: shows, teen travel, leadership projects.

Home Ec

Following are the topics that will be used for the Wallowa County Home Ec Judging Contest this year. Please contact the Extension Office for the resource information to study.

2014 Clothing and Sewing Judging Topics

Introductory Level – for first year members

1. Sewing Machines—identification
2. Constructions—crotch seams
3. Pattern Skills—understand a pattern envelope
4. Wardrobe Building—purchase for a specific need

Basic Skills - Phase 2 and 3

1. Sewing Machines—identification and use
2. Construction—crotch seams
3. Pattern Skills—understanding pattern pieces
4. Wardrobe Building—purchases for a specific need

Expanding Skills - Phase 4-6

1. Sergers—identification
2. Construction—casings and waistbands
3. Pattern Skills—utilizing a pattern
4. Wardrobe Building—purchases for a specific need

Advanced Skills - Phase 7-9

1. Sergers—identification and use
2. Construction—casings and waistbands
3. Pattern Skills—utilizing a pattern
4. Wardrobe Building—purchase for a specific need

2014 Foods & Nutrition Judging Contest Topics

Introductory Level – for first year members

1. Nutrition—healthy choices for eating out with nutritional labels
2. Food Product Identification—baking items
3. Physical Activity—active vs sedentary
4. Consumerism—meal planning for specific dietary needs

Basic Skills - Phase 2 and 3

1. Nutrition – healthy choices for eating out with nutritional labels
2. Food Product Identification—grains and rice
3. Physical Activity—active vs sedentary
4. Consumerism—meal planning for specific dietary needs

Expanding Skills - Phase 4-6

1. Nutrition – healthy choices for eating out with nutritional labels
2. Food Product Identification—fruits or greens
3. Physical Activity—bone building and muscle strengthening
4. Consumerism—meal planning for specific dietary needs

Advanced Skills—Phase 7-9 contact Ext. Office

Youth Opportunities

EOLR, 30th Anniversary!!

The Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat (EOLR) will be March 7-9 in Grant County. This is a 3-day leadership camp for 8-12th grade members. It is a great opportunity to meet 4-Hers from Baker, Union, Harney, Grant and Gilliam Counties. Registration materials are enclosed.

The retreat is planned and put on by the Governing Board. The Governing Board members from Wallowa County are Georgia and Madison Falk. They are working hard to prepare a great retreat! We will NEED adult chaperones for this event, so if there are interested adults, please contact Debi.

4-H Summer Conference at OSU, June 25-28, 2014

Each summer, Oregon State University hosts a summer conference for members through 7—12th grade. The camp consists of many exciting and informative classes and workshops taught by OSU faculty and community volunteers.

The 4-H Summer Conference will be held **June 25-28, 2014**. Registration begins May 1st. The registration fee is \$200. Half of this fee will be reimbursed following the conference. Contact the office for registration materials. Buses will be available.

Summer Conference T-Shirt Design Contest

It's time again for our annual OSU Summer Conference T-shirt design contest! For all you creative 4-H members out there, try your hand at graphic design. If your design is selected, you will receive a \$100 credit on your OSU Summer Conference Registration fee.

Guidelines for Contest

- Design is to include the theme of "4-H: Changing Lives Since 1902"
- There should be an official 4-H clover somewhere in the design
- The design is for the back of the t-shirt
- Must be created and submitted electronically to the email address below
- The T-Shirt design should include no more than three colors

Include your first and last name as well as your phone number and county in your email

T-Shirts designs are due by March 15th and should be sent to roberta.lundeberg@oregonstate.edu.

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

The 4-H Summer Camp in Summerville will be **July 8-11** for youth in grades 4-7.

4-Hers in grades 8-12 are needed to serve as Camp Counselors. The training dates for counselors will be:

April 14, 6-8 pm (experienced only)

May 12, 7-9pm LaGrande

June 16-17, Blue Mountain 4-H Center

If you are interested in being a counselor next summer, please let Debi know.



Inviting Club Reports

Clubs are invited to submit short reports about club meeting and/or activities to the Clover Patch Newsletter.

We would love to see what your club has been doing.

Please keep reports to 50-75 words. The Clover Patch is published 4-5 times a year, and club

news would be printed as space allows.



Mighty Mutts Club Report

On November 20, 2013 the Mighty Mutts elected officers for 2014.

President - Anna Rinehart

Vice President-Whitney Evans

Secretary - Ashley Wilson

Reporter - Camille Crenshaw

Treasurer - Anna Molholt

Photographer- Lexy Chamberlain

Katie Olson

Destiny Barney

Katie Wilber



There are now 24 members in the Mighty Mutts Club which makes for some very lively meetings, especially when every member has their dog! The club will be participating in the food drive for the Wallowa County Food Bank during the month of February.

Submitted by Camille Crenshaw, Reporter

Horse

Horse Clinics Set for 2014

- **Ranch Horse Clinic w/ Julie Singer: April 5-6.** This is a junior leader project for Sarah Aschenbrenner. Come learn how to get the most out of your ranch horse project. \$15 fee for the two days, scholarships available if needed.
- **Trail Clinic w/ Vixen Radford & Erin Melville: May 17.** This clinic is a fundraiser for the Leadership Washington Focus program that Deidre Schreiber & Jalyn Barney will be attending this summer. Members will be in small groups (2-3) to improve their trail skills. Please register by May 9th and Vixen will put groups together and call you back to let you know your time slot. If you need a specific time, please indicate when you register. \$15 fee per lesson. If you have more than one horse that you would like to work with, you can sign up for an additional lesson time.
- **Judges Clinic w/ Sharon Zucker. June 22.** This will be the day after the June Open Show. Sharon will work with members on Showmanship and Equitation of choice. 9am – 12pm for Juniors and 1st Year Juniors; 1-4 pm for Intermediates/Seniors. \$15 fee.

Wallowa Mt. Open Horse Show

Save these dates: **June 21 & July 20.**

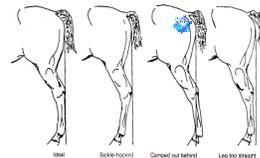
Look for more information in future newsletters. To volunteer to help with one or both of these shows, please call Debi @ 426-3143.

New Horse Project Books available now!

The 4-H Horse Project Manual has been updated. The Wallowa County Horse Leaders have purchased a copy for every horse member in the county. They have been distributed to club leaders. If you are an independent member please pick up your copy at the extension office. If you lose your copy or need additional copies you can purchase them for \$12.50 from the Extension Office.

Horse Judging Clinic – April 9th

Youth are invited to the indoor arena on Wednesday, April 9th from 6:30-8 pm to learn what to expect and how to be successful in the horse judging contests. Members will learn basics on filling out the cards, what to look for, oral reasons and how the contest is scored. There is no cost, but please pre-register by April 7th so we know how many people to prepare for.



Spring Horse Judging, April 13th

All horse members are encouraged to compete in the horse judging contest on April 13th. We will start at the indoor arena at 1:30. This is the first judging contest of the year and a perfect time for young members to learn what to look for when judging horses. Members will also have the opportunity to judge at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show and at the Wallowa County Fair.

Horse Classics, April 25-27 in Dechutes County

Horse Classics is an opportunity for the Intermediate and Senior Wallowa County 4-H horse members to compete with their horse knowledge. Some contests have selection processes and some you can volunteer for. Members that have qualified for Presentation and Judging received a letter.

The following contests take place at Horse Classics

- **Presentation**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Horse Judging**
- **Hippology**
- **Horsebowl**

See fairbook for selection criteria.

Keep your Eyes Open

We are hiding a symbol in each newsletter. See if you can find it then call the Extension Office, 426-3143, when you do. We will draw a winner from those who found the symbol. The winner will receive a certificate for an ice cream.

Brianna Micka found the symbol in the Fall Newsletter. We will be mailing the certificate soon. Congratulations!

Thank you to Video Buffs for donating the ice cream certificate.

Call by **February 28th** to let us know where you found the symbol.



Archery



OR 4-H Archery Mail-in Tournament Results for December 2013

Congratulations to all who participated. Archery members have the opportunity to send in their scores for a monthly state-wide tournament to compete against 300 kids from across the state. The results of the Oregon 4-H Archery Mail-in Tournaments for December are in and the scores of the Whitetail Legends 4-H club is as follows:

<u>Class 1, Jr. Bare Bow</u>		<u>Class 2, Int. Bare Bow</u>	
Andy Gebhardt	339	Ricky Prince	333
Chance Arbogast	330	Sam Zeigler	320
Trace Evans	303	Trevor McFetridge	283
Flynn Nave	294	Brycen Locke	271
Lane Tanzey	285		
Ian Goodrick	279	<u>Class 3, Sr. Bare Bow</u>	
Morgan Jenkins	279	Tara Wilber	249
Zac Knapp	267		
Tristin Bales	266	<u>Class 8 Int. Compound</u>	
Asiya Salim	259	Renee Seal	353
Malichi Roberts	255	Ethan Birkmaier	323
Chloe Walker	231		

Union Co Hawkeyes 4-H Archery Indoor Tournament, March 1, 2014

There will be 3 bow classes: Traditional, Compound/Finger, and Compound Release. Classes will be divided by grade level and gender. Entry fee: \$15 single, \$20 Family. For more information contact Tommy Benitez 541-786-3361. Contest held at Alpine Archery, 117 Elm St in LaGrande.

National 4-H Western Heritage Project Conference & Invitational Shoot:

July 30-August 2 in Virginia City, Montana.

4-H members, leaders and families are invited to take part in this unique event. Some of the activities include: panning for gold, explore historic Virginia City, trail rides, authentic frontier foods and cooking methods, Old West clothes, tours and more! \$90 per youth, \$110 per adult. Includes all meals Thursday – Saturday, workshops, live theatre play and invitational shoot. Contact Debi for more information.

Livestock

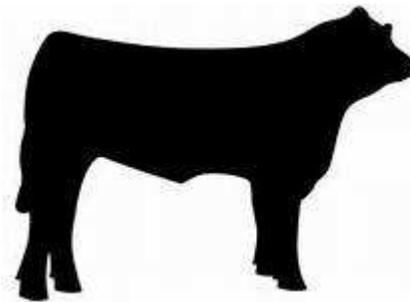
Beef Weigh-In

BEEF: Saturday, March 1st at:

- Larry McFetridge's Ranch in Enterprise **8am-11am**
- Perry Johnston's in Wallowa **1pm-3pm**

All beef must have a state brand inspection E-slip at the time of weigh in. Members must have a photocopy of the e-slip to turn in at that time. Even if the exhibitor is the owner, or there is no brand we still need one filled out.

You must weigh in at the times listed or make prior arrangements with Kane Maasdam for an alternate date and time.



EOLS Possession Dates

If you are going to take a market animal to this year's Eastern Oregon Livestock Show June 4-7, the possession dates and weight requirement at the time of show are as follows:

- Market Steers—February 3rd
- Market Lambs and Goats—April 6th
- Market Swine—April 6th

Dates for this year's show are June 4-7. Members, leaders and parents are responsible reading the premium book for policies and rules. A draft version will be posted soon on the Union County 4-H Extension website <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/union/4-H/index.php>.

Livestock...continued

COOL Regulations Affect Livestock Members

A reminder that the USDA requires COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) affidavit forms for all market animals. Each member in the meat animal project is required to complete this form. Use this form for reporting beef (and veal) pork, lambs, goats and chickens. Rabbits are exempt at this time. **These records will remain on file in the county office for one year beyond the date of sale.** Contact the Extension office for forms and additional information.

Buying Out-of-State Swine & Lambs

The ODA and OSU are reminding livestock buyers and sellers that animals coming into Oregon require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and an import permit, these documents are crucial to stopping the spread of disease and also aid in being able to trace outbreaks. The CVI and permit can be acquired through an accredited vet and the seller should provide the documents.

However, a CVI or permit does not ensure that an animal is free of all diseases, there are still many stressing factors that can cause an imported animal to become ill (shipping, changes in environment, etc.) Buyers should practice caution and good prevention by isolating purchased animals for at least 3 weeks. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting are also good practices.

Scrapie Tag Reminder...

The federal guidelines have been published on scrapie eradication in the United States. Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. **All sheep and goats shipped across state lines must have a scrapie ear tag or with goats be tattooed. In addition all sheep and goats being exhibited at county fair or other fairs, such as Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union, must have a scrapie ear tag or tattoo.**

Tags and tag applicators are free of charge and can be ordered from the USDA office in Salem by calling 866-873-2824 or 503-399-5871. Additional information can be obtained from these this website:

www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie.

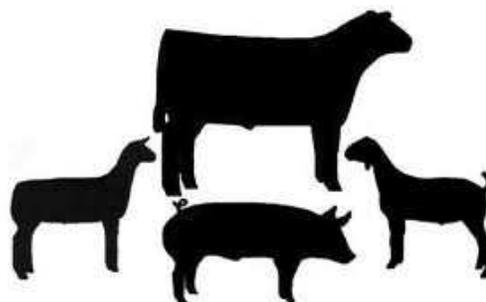


4-H/FFA Memorandum of Understanding



Youth are welcome to show in both 4-H and FFA livestock shows at the county fair. If a member chooses to show in both programs, there must be different project types for each program. For example, show breeding stock in one and market in the other. A single animal CAN NOT be shown in both shows.

If you have questions, please talk to your 4-H Leader, your FFA Advisor or Debi at the Extension Office.



February is Food Drive Month

Each year during the month of February we encourage ALL 4-H Clubs to participate in the OSU Extension Service Food Drive. We will take donations February 1- March 1st.

As always, there is an incentive that goes along with this...each club that raises 600 pounds of food for the food bank will receive a "Pizza Party" prize. This is a reachable goal for all clubs, so please encourage your club to participate.

Cash donations are gladly accepted and will be equated to a "weight" of food. (\$1=5 pounds of food.) Good Luck!

Congratulations to last year's pizza party winners: Golden Arrow Livestock, Tomahawks, and the Nez Perce Riders!



Calendar of Events



February

- 1-28 Food Drive
- 3 Beef Possession Date for Eastern Oregon Livestock Show
- 20 EOLR Registration Due

March

- 1 Beef Weigh-In Day, Enterprise **8-11a.m.**, Wallowa **1-3 p.m.**
- 5 Horse Leaders' Meeting, **7p.m.**
- 6 Executive Board Meeting, **6:30p.m.**
- 6 Livestock Leaders' Meeting, **7:30p.m.**
- 7-9 Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat, Baker County

April

- 5-6 Ranch Horse Clinic
- 6 Sheep, Goat and Swine Possession Date for Eastern Oregon Livestock Show
- 9 Horse Judging Clinic, Register by April 7th
- 13 Spring Horse Judging, Indoor Arena, **1:30 p.m.**
- 14 Camp Counselor Training
- 25-27 Spring Horse Classics, Deschutes County

May

- 1 Summer Conference Registration Due
- 3 Swine Weigh-In Day, **8-11am**, Potluck BBQ to follow
- 3 Spring Livestock Judging, following swine weigh-in
- 12 Camp Counselor Training, LaGrande
- 17 Trail Horse Clinic

June

- 1 Sheep Weigh-In Day, **8-11am**
- 2-7 Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union
- 16-17 Camp Counselor Training
- 17-18 Wallowa County Spring Fair
- 21 Wallowa Mountain Open Horse Show
- 22 Horse Judge's Clinic
- 25-28 4-H Summer Conference at OSU

July

- 1 Fair Registrations and Record Books Due
- 8-11 4-H Summer Camp, Summerville
- 20 Wallowa Mountain Open Horse Show

August

- 2-9 Wallowa County Fair

What is a 4-H Club?
(From National 4-H Headquarters Fact Sheet)

4-H CLUB DEFINATION

A 4-H Club as defined as an organized group of at least 5 youth from three different families who meet regularly with adult volunteers or staff for a long-term, progressive series of educational experiences.

4-H CLUB PURPOSE

The Purpose of a club is to provide positive youth development opportunities to meet the needs of young people to experience belonging, mastery, independence and generosity – the Essential Elements – and to foster educational opportunities tied to the Land Grant University knowledge base.

4-H CLUB MEMBERSHIP

4-H Club membership is open to all youth beginning at 4th grade, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability or public assistance. All members must be enrolled in the 4-H Club each year.

STRUCTURE OF A CLUB

Enrolls at least 5 youth members from at least 3 families.

Conducts a minimum of 6 regular club meetings per year, with many holding 9-12 regular meetings through the year, and often supplemented by project meetings, camps, fairs, and other 4-H Learning activities.

Selects youth officers or youth leaders to provide leadership to the club.

Meets in any location – a home, community center, military installation, library, school...

Meets interests and needs of youth in same-age or cross-age groupings and using single project or multiple project formats.

Is advised by adult staff or volunteers who have been screened and trained. (Each club should have a minimum of 2 enrolled volunteers.)

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