

CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to all the 2024 Gilliam County Seniors and especially the 4-H members who are completing their 4-H careers with Gilliam County 4-H.

We wish you all the best and are proud of you all!

Casey Nelson

Sheep & Poultry



Theresa Campbell

Beef, 4-H Ambassador, Leathercraft,
Photography, FFA



Autumn Ackerman

Rabbit & International Club



Through adversity and uncertainty, you made it! You made it this far with help from one of the first things you learned as a 4-H'er: The 4-H Pledge. Today, we celebrate you and the 4 H's—Head, Heart, Hands, Health—that guided you throughout your journey.

Congratulations

NEWS, EVENTS & MORE

SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC RECAP

Last month Gilliam County 4-H hosted a small animal clinic. Members learned about showmanship, nutrition, daily care & much more. Topics included Rabbits, Turkeys, Chickens and dogs. Kristine Carter- State District Veterinarian with the Oregon Department of Agriculture give an AVI update & quick biosecurity lesson at the clinic. Also joining the clinic talks were, Abbie Justice and Sydnie Brandon who came over to assist with their turkey “Bertha” and give informational lessons. It was a great clinic. Neighboring counties were welcome to attend, such as Wheeler & Morrow. First year members joined in to learn more about their 4-H project animals.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Turkeys are omnivores and like to eat all kinds of things, including seeds, berries, grasses, insects, snails, and even frogs and small reptiles.

- Rabbits have an excellent sense of smell and can detect predators from a distance of up to 2 miles away and can purr like cats when they are happy and content.

FUN FACT



4-H CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING UNDERWAY

4-H Camp counselor training is underway, and we are excited to have 25 counselors from our tri-county area this year. Gilliam, Wheeler, and Morrow counselors met last month at Condon High School, it was a great day creating future leaders that will assist out 4-H youth this year at camp. Our counselors are learning how to become better leaders, team building, singing those camp songs, and so much more.

Thank you, counselors for showing up and trusting the process. See you in June for the next training!



4-H CAMP-REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Sports Themed



Calling all youth finishing 4th-6th grade! 4-H & Non-4-H can register. You are invited to attend this years Tri-county 4-H Camp located at Cutsforth Park in Morrow County, just outside Heppner, Oregon.

- COST: \$25.00 DUE MAY 18TH, 2024 with filled out Jaeger Endowment Fund Scholarship (4-H Members Only)
- **Non-Members welcome at \$100.00**
- REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 24TH, 2024

Contact the 4-H Office with questions. Forms will be sent home with the local Condon & Arlington Schools Available at the 4-H Office & Online at:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/gilliam/events/tri-county-4-h-camp-0>

Registration is on a first come basis so please don't wait!



SCAN ME FOR 4-H CAMP APPLICATION

SUMMER CONFERENCE 2024: LEADERSHIP ODYSSEY, JUNE 26-29

Join in on Summer Conference 2024

Registration will open on May 15 at 8:00 AM and be open until June 1st. Make a note in your calendar to register as early as possible!

For over 100 years, Oregon State University has hosted the State 4-H Summer Conference for youth completing grades 7-12. Conference participants come from all parts of Oregon. Students attend a wide range of exciting classes taught by OSU faculty and other community volunteers. Classes are designed to be informative, interesting, and inspiring. They cover a wide variety of subjects from technology and business to foods and dance. While here, youth have the opportunity to explore OSU, learn independence in a safe setting, examine career possibilities, make friends, learn new skills, and have fun.

Classes fill very fast. Make a note in your calendar to register as early as possible!

Scholarships will be available through the county office. Cost: \$275.00 or fill out the Jaeger Scholarship for paid tuition & MUST turn into the 4-H office.



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NEWS, EVENTS & MORE

CLUB FUNDRAISER

Be on the lookout for your 4-H members selling Krispy Kremes

Pre order- May 6st-May 16th , Pick up: May 23rd, 2024, Condon and Arlington Locations TBD

All clubs are encouraged to participate. Leaders, you must be available to pick up your orders at the fairgrounds for your club!

WEIGH-IN SHEEP - GOAT - SWINE

JUNE 1st

8:00am-11:00am

GILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

MAKE-UP WEIGH IN

JUNE 3rd BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE BY JUNE 1ST (must provide proof of possession including tag number and picture of animal by the 1st)

ANIMAL POSSESSION DEADLINES ARE COMING

The deadlines below are for 4-H animal projects

Beef: March 15, 2024 (already passed)

Goat: June 1st, 2024

Sheep: June 1st, 2024

Swine: June 1st, 2024

Note: When you bring a new animal into your operation, you need to quarantine them until you know they're disease free and will not put your other animals at risk

FAIR INFORMATION

The 4-H Exhibitor Handbook will be available by the end of May. You can stop into the 4-H Office, visit our website, or request a copy emailed to you. This year's fair theme is "**Harvest The Memories.**" 4-H Events will begin on August 26th & run through 31st. If you would like to volunteer at the fair, please contact the 4-H Office. Registration will be ALL online beginning in late July. No late registrations accepted. Members, please double-check your classes when registering, this is very important and if you have question you can call the 4-H Office or ask your leaders ahead of time. If you would like assistance registering, contact your leader or the office.

RECORD BOOK HELP AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

Jessica in the 4-H office: 541-442-2271 is available to help you virtually and in person! Contact her to set up a club clinic or to ask your questions. If you need copies of the 4-H Resume, The Horse Advancement Guide, and the Horse Record, they are on the county website or can be emailed to you. Don't wait to get your records done, get a head start now. All forms are available online, by email, or can be printed.

CONDON ARCHERY: FROM THE LEADER JOE COLBY

The Gilliam County Archery Club did outstanding this year, I am very proud of their improvement over the course of the year." Other 4-H members, please let me (Joe Colby) know if you would like to join the archery club.

GILLIAM COUNTY 4-H INTERNATIONAL CLUB TRAVEL ARTICLE-BY TOMMY SCHOTT

The Gilliam County 4-H International Club embarked on a trip to the East Coast this past Spring Break. The club departed Condon and Arlington late in the afternoon of Tuesday, March 19. The “red-eye” flight departed Portland at 11:59PM. They arrived in Boston at 10:00 AM, March 20, via Chicago. Over the course of the trip, they stayed in Boston, New York City, Washington D.C., and Williamsburg, VA. A total of 26 students and chaperones made the trip.

After touching down in Boston, and without rest, they visited the U.S.S. Constitution, boarding the oldest active warship in the world. In the afternoon, they took part in an interactive reenactment of the Boston Tea Party.

After a well-deserved night’s sleep, their bus driver John and tour director Joe, along with Boston specialist Mary, took them on a bus tour of Boston. This included a stop at Boston Commons, America’s oldest park. After lunch, the group traveled to nearby Lexington and Concord, MA. First visiting Lexington Common, where the first altercation of the Revolutionary War took place. They then visited Louisa May Alcott's childhood home, where the novel ‘Little Women’ was written. Later, they took a trip to the Old North Bridge outside of Concord, where the ‘The shot heard around the world’ was taken, considered to be the start of the Revolutionary War. That evening, after visiting the campus of Harvard University, they ate dinner at Tasty Burger, which was a very tasty burger, but was no Big Kahuna Burger. This was followed by a visit to the observation deck at 750 ft above the street (a great view!)

The following day, they left for New York via Connecticut. Meeting with the New York guide Kristine, they visited the expansive Grand Central Terminal. Later, they took a stroll through Central Park, where they were serenaded by a local singer, a woman sang opera as they walked by, and they generally got to enjoy one of the quieter parts of Manhattan Island. In the evening, they got to visit the One World Trade Center observation deck at 1,254 feet above the City.

On Saturday, the group took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. They saw the Statue of Liberty and nearby museums, although it was very cold and rainy. It rained 3.66 inches in 24 hours that day on Manhattan Island. At Ellis Island they saw how it was a hub for people immigrating to the United States in the late 19th and early 20th century. In the evening, the group visited Times Square. They saw hundreds of people shopping and seeing the wonderful sights of New York. Following this adventure, they got to enjoy the popular musical ‘Spamalot’, based on Monty Python and the Holy Grail, at the St. James Theater on Broadway.

In the morning, the team took a bus ride to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They ate at the Reading Market, where famed (Philly) Cheesesteaks are sold. Afterward, they met with Philadelphia resident and expert, Jerry. He gave them a tour of Philly, seeing the Federal Reserve Bank, the U.S. Mint, the home of Benjamin Franklin, Independence Hall, and the Liberty Bell. They spent the night in Maryland, just north of Washington D.C.

After awakening, they visited Arlington National Cemetery, where they watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and they visited the burial place of John F. Kennedy. For lunch, they ate at the food court in Pentagon City. In the afternoon, they visited Mount Vernon, where they saw the tomb of George Washington and the surrounding plantation. Before returning to the hotel, they went on a ghost tour in Alexandria, hearing stories of tragedies.

The following morning, the group visited the World War II memorial on the Washington Mall, followed by a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building. After the tour, they ate lunch in the Capitol Cafe. Following lunch, they viewed a protest outside the Supreme Court, and sat on the steps of the Library of Congress. Taking a short walk, they visited the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of American History, which are a part of the Smithsonian Institution. That evening, the group visited the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam War and Korean War memorials.

On the 27th, another very rainy day, they drove to the White House, walking to the fence surrounding it. Following that stop, they tried to visit the Jefferson Memorial, but were thwarted by flooding water. Instead, they took a driving tour of D.C. They saw Embassy Row, the National Cathedral (it's big), and some other sights they probably would not have seen if the day had gone as planned. In the afternoon, they visited the Kennedy Center, viewing many exhibits and enjoying an amazing view of D.C. from the high terrace. In the evening, they took a road trip to Williamsburg, VA, about 2 ½ hours away.

The next morning was yet another rainy day. They visited Jamestown, seeing a recreation and reenactment of an early colonial village and Indian settlements. They ate at a cafe in Jamestown, before touring a historical district in Williamsburg. There were many stores selling specialty goods, as well as period homes and buildings that are open to visit. They spent that night in Williamsburg, where some of the chaperones got to experience some East Coast seafood. In the morning, they had an early departure to the Washington D.C. area, where they ate lunch before touring the Udvar-Hazy Center. The Udvar-Hazy Center is part of the Smithsonian Institution. It boasts a large aerospace collection, including the Enola Gay, the B-29, which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan; the Space Shuttle Discovery; a Concorde supersonic airliner; and many other exciting and unique aircraft.

Following the visit to the aerospace museum, the group departed Dulles International Airport, on a direct flight to Portland International Airport. They arrived at about 8 PM, followed by a drive to Arlington High School, and then, for many of the travelers, the Gilliam County Fairgrounds. We would like to thank the communities of Condon and Arlington for their generous support of our International Club. Without the support of the community and our fundraisers, we would not be able to have these experiences. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Doug Potter, Sabrina Wagenaar, and Gilliam County Transportation for getting most of us from Condon to Arlington and back, as well as the Arlington School District and Holly Borghese and Kristen Thompson for driving us from Arlington to PDX and back.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Schott

Gilliam County 4-H International Club News reporter

OUT OF OFFICE DATES & CLOSURES

Office Closed May 27th, Holiday

Office Closed June 19th, Holiday

Office Closed July 4th-5th, Holiday

Office Closed July 9th-12th, 4-H Camp

Please plan ahead for these Office Closures, Thank You!



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