

SHERMAN 4-H NEWS

September 2025



Congratulations on a Great Sherman County Fair!

“A Golden Family Tradition” was the theme for the 2025 Sherman County Fair, with Grand Marshalls former county sheriffs Jerry Lohrey and Brad Lohrey. Queen Ellery Bish did a wonderful job performing her Queen responsibilities while showing her 4-H exhibits and assisting in many ways with fair tasks and duties.

Congratulations to all our 4-Hers who did a great job competing at fair, as well as all our wonderful 4-H leaders and parents who make sure it all comes together and happens. It was great having our Sherman Veterinary Clinic professionals on hand throughout the week.

A huge THANK YOU to our Sherman Fair Board, who worked tirelessly to put on the Fair. The new event center continues to be a wonderful resource, and the Fair Board is continuing to work on the building, the surroundings, and the entire grounds.

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Be sure to write your THANK YOU notes!

It is SO IMPORTANT to tell people THANK YOU! Especially all the great folks who support 4-H and FFA youth with their time and money.



AUCTION CHECKS: if you sold an animal through the youth livestock auction, you are required to write thank you letters to your buyer in order to receive your auction check. You will receive a packet in the mail with a buyers list. Please take a moment to write out your thank you notes when you receive the list. If you received a trophy, plaque, buckle or award, attached to your award and/or in the info we sent is the information on your award and who to write the thank you note(s) to. Need addresses? Call the office, or stop by.

The thank you note or card is to be prepared as if you were sending it off in the mail: in a stamped, addressed envelope. Leave off your return address for privacy protection as we will add the Extension Office as the return address. Once you have your thank yous ready to be mailed, drop off at the Extension Office for tracking purposes. When the office has received your letters, we will notify the auction committee. Then...you can have your auction check once they are available.

4-H and FFA Members....Write the Thank You Note Your Buyer Deserves!

Originally from: thriveonordinary.com (2018 4-h-buyer-thank-you-tutorial)

The basic outline should be:

Greeting: (address them by name)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith, or Dear Local Business,

Thank you (Thank them for their generosity and support)

I want to thank you for buying my hog at the auction & supporting the 4-H program

Thank you for purchasing the Grand Champion Rabbit trophy

I really appreciate your generosity in buying my goat. Thank you!

Information on what was learned during the animal project

(Tell them what you enjoyed learning)

I learned all about pig nutrition this year.

This year I learned how to groom my goat all by myself.

How you grew as a person or what 4-H means to you (personal examples)

4-H has been so much fun because of the new friends I've met.

I've had many opportunities to lead this year at 4-H meetings.

4-H has taught me about working hard this summer.

What you plan on doing with the money

I plan to put the money from the sale of my hog into my college fund.

I am going to use the money to buy a breeding doe for my new herd.

Thanks for a second time

Thanks again for buying my goat at auction!. I really do appreciate your support!

Closing (with your name)

Thanks, Sincerely, Yours Truly

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How to write the thank you note
your buyer deserves!



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Special Awards at Fair—Thank you to Our Sponsors

Congratulations to: Nine year 4-H member Michael Blagg, Ten year 4-H member Elijah Cardona. Herdsmanship award from the Fair Board was won by the Sherman 4H Beef Club.

Record book awards: Best Overall 4-H Record Book, Paisley Phillips—\$50 cash award sponsored by **Bank of Eastern Oregon, Moro branch**. 1st year junior and junior champions: Paisley Phillips and Cooper Lovell, and Best Junior Member 4-H Story: Amelia Alley—4-H Day Camp Scholarships from **Sherman County 4-H Assn**.

Photography: T'Sharra Lanthorn—\$25 cash award sponsored in memory of **Larry & Sherry Kaseberg by Chris & Carrie Kaseberg**. Food Preparation: Amelia Alley—\$25 Fred Meyer gift card sponsored by **Liz Cranston**. Food Preservation: Avery and Abbie vonBorstel—each received a \$25 BiMart gift card sponsored by **Cindy Brown**.

Fiber Arts: Haley Blagg—Belt buckle and \$25 Montavilla gift card; T'Sharra Lanthorn—sewing scissors and \$25 JoAnn gift card, all sponsored by **Lindy Blagg** Clothing and Textiles: Amelia Alley —Belt buckle and \$25 Montavilla gift card; Abbie vonBorstel —sewing scissors and \$25 Montavilla gift card, all sponsored by **Nancy & Rich Simpson**. Home Economics Award: Amelia Alley—rotating trophy and \$100 cash award sponsored by **Brett Gray and Cheryl Woods** in memory of Barbara Gray, longtime Sherman 4-H leader in cooking and sewing, who loved gardening.

Dog Best in Show: Harper Johnson—Belt buckle sponsored by **Jesse Alsup**. County Dog Contest winners: Dog Bones and Dog Part: Harper Johnson, Breed Identification: Piper vonBorstel—Rtic dog bowls sponsored by **SherCo Electric and Sherman Veterinary Clinic**. Dog costume contest: Harley Wright, \$25 gift card from Coastal sponsored by **South Sherman Fire and Rescue**.

All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals and Showmen, as well as Dog Best in Show and Grand/Reserve Market Buyers, received vinyl banners sponsored by **Amanda Whitman**.



Grand Champion Market Animals: Turkey: Peyton Gonzales —belt buckle **Wasco Electric Cooperative**. Goat: Elijah Cardona, buckle **MCP Wasco Farm Store**. Receiving belt buckles from **Carl vonBorstel family** were Lamb: Gabe Fritts, Beef: Claire Cranston, and Hog: Bently Carroll. Rate of Gain, all receiving \$50 cash awards: Beef: Rhyder Smith —**Rolfe's Angus Acres**. Sheep: Jules Henry — **Fritts Family**. Swine: Kyler Selby— **Smith & Miller families**. Goat: Rylee Norris —**J&J Dino Mart (Sandy van Gilder)**.



Grand Champion Showmen: Horse: Elijah Cardona —buckle donated by **"Fritts Girls"**. Chicken: Allison Nerdin—belt buckle **"generous 4-H supporter"**. Turkey: Allison Nerdin—belt buckle donated by Jean Hulbert. Rabbit: Natalie Phillips—buckle **Cranston Farms**. Sheep: Gabe Fritts —buckle **Bryan & Kim McKinney**. Goat: Elijah Cardona —buckle **Morrow County Grain Growers**. Swine: Jayden Mondragon—buckle **Zach Blaylock**. Beef: Claire Cranston —buckle **vonBorstel Ranch (Alan & Judy vonBorstel)**.

Grand Champion All Around Showman: Elijah Cardona —rotating trophy sponsored by **Dale & Deanna Padget**, belt buckle sponsored by **Smith Farms**. Grand Champion All

Around Small Animal Showman: Harper Johnson received a buckle paid for by Sherman 4-H Assn this year but will be sponsored by the **Carroll family** in the future. Sharp Sheep Showman award to top placing first year junior: Levi White—sponsored by **Barbara Sharp family**, receiving a certificate for \$75 toward purchase of next year's 4-H lamb project.

Bernard Martin Most Inspirational livestock member: Bailey Coelsch —rotating trophy and \$25 cash award sponsored by **Dale & Deanna Padget**. Outstanding Livestock Member: Elijah Cardona —\$100 cash award sponsored by **Sherman County Youth Livestock Association**.

All Around 4-H Horseman: Junior: Harper Johnson, Intermediate: Vivian Rolfe, Senior: Elijah Cardona. Buckles sponsored by **VanGilder Arabians, in memory of Larry & Sherry Kaseberg (by Chris & Carrie Kaseberg), Ketchum Enterprises, Leo & Krista Coelsch, Dale & Deanna Padget, Kent & Melva Thomas, Tom & Georgia Macnab**. Debra Lynn Weedman Horse Award: Vivian Rolfe, rotating trophy sponsored by **George Weedman family**. Bill Jefferies Horse Award: Hannah Mendoza—rotating trophy, \$25 MCP gift card sponsored by **Leta Ann Reckman**.

AUCTION BUYERS:			
AgWest Farm Credit	Hilderbrand, Josh	Sanford & Sons LLC	Hattenhauer Distributing Co
Alley Family	Jauken, Ricky & Sarah Bibby	Sherman Co Medical Clinic	Holmes, Ron & Linnea
Alsup Family	Justesen Ranches	Smith Farms	Kock, Steve & Anita
Apex	K&H Farms LLC	Urness Motors	Mabe, Ray & Sue
Ashley Pump	K&S Farms	vonBorstel & Associates	Macnab, Bo & Mary
Auction Sales Co	K-3 Ranches: Steve, Lisa, Austin Kaseberg	Wagonblast, Mike & Janice	Macnab, Harry & Christy
B&B Operations	Kaseberg, Chris & Carrie	Wallace, Marlene	McDermid, Ron & Jenine
Ball Family	Kaseberg, Larry & Sherry (in memory of)	Wasco Market	McKinney Ranch Inc
Bandit Glass	Kent Baptist Church	Weedman Brothers	McKinney, Bryan & Kim
Bar JJ Ranch	Lanthorn Photography	Weedman Ranches	McKinney, Malcom & Jean
Bibby Ranch	Les Schwab Hood River	Wheatacres	McLeod, Wade & Jennifer
Bird, Pat	Les Schwab The Dalles	Williams Ranch	Midway Bar & Grill
Blagg Farms	Locust Grove Family Farms LLC	Wisem Farms	Mobley Ranch
Blaylock Wheat & Cattle	Lovell, Phil	Z's Barber Shop	Mobley, Verne & Sandy
Blueline	Martin, Doug	<u>POOL CONTRIBUTORS:</u>	My Sister's Community Closet
Cabral Livestock	McGregor Company	Allen, Nancy	North Central Livestock Assn
Carlson Ranch	Mid-Columbia Vet	Anderson, Andy & Carol	Padget, Dale & Deanna
Coelsch Wheat & Cattle	Mills Family	Bank of Eastern Oregon	Padget, Darren & Brenda
COW Cattle & Wheat	Mobley Fencing	Bird, Jim & Joan	Peters Ranches
Cranston Farms	Moore, Clint & Mia	Bish, Doug & Barbara	Powell Farms LLC
DeAtley Crushing	Moore-Tjaden, Allison	Bob's Texas T-Bone	Rolfes Angus Acres (Fred & Nancy Rolfe)
DeGrange Construction	Morrow Co Grain Growers	Bright Night	Sharp, Joe & Sheri
Devco Mechanical	New Sun Energy	Brock, Justin & Traci	Simpson, Richard & Nancy
Eakin Ranch	Nogle Ranches	Burnet, Patty	Smith, Ray & Jen
Eakin, Brad & Stacy	Northwest Grain Growers	Carlson, Byron & Betty	Spencer, Mark & Sharon
Ed Staub & Sons	Over The Bank Construction	Carlson, Charles	Squire, Dell & Nikki
Fairview Ridge Farms	Peters Ranch	Christiansen Rebuild	Susi, Scott & Tonya
Fields Ranches	Peters, Bill (Trust)	Coastal Farm & Ranch	Tony White State Farm
Frazier, Cody	Peters, Forest	Coelsch, Leo & Krista	Wasco Community Church
Gorge Outfitters	Pillar Consulting	Dean Dollarhide Insurance	Wasco Electric
Graybeal Insurance	Portland General Electric	Decker Ranch	WK Ranch/Pat & Debbie Bird
Hart Ranch	Rolfe, Johnathan & Kalie	Dinty's Market	
		Hargrove Ranch Insurance	

Thank you all so much!

Raffle Basket Fundraiser



4-H mom and community supporter Talese Slay-Humphrey again hosted a wonderful 4-H gift basket raffle basket. The money raised will provide scholarships for Sherman County children to attend 4-H summer day camp and leadership camps.

Over \$1000 was raised from 20 basket donations from 4-H supporters and 4-H clubs. This included the Chicken Tenders (poultry), Country Canines (dog), Goatees (goat), Tammy Gaskey, Karen Thompson, Rolfe's Angus Acres, Kristy Van Gilder, Jill Jones, AO Photography, Korissa Wentz, Brick City in The Dalles and of course, Talese herself who created a number of baskets on behalf of others!

"Thank you again for all the prize donations and everyone who purchased tickets!" Talese

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SHERMAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS!

4-H relies on volunteer leaders to work directly with the youth in our community, to oversee projects, and to be a big part of the experience and activities at fair. Thank you so much for our Sherman County 4-H Association club leaders and volunteers.

Beef: Austin Kaseberg, Whitney Cabral

Sheep: Hayli Kaseberg, Grace Poirier

Horse: Jessica Ball, Mercedes Cardona

Rabbit: Kelsi Phillips, Elizabeth Mills

Photography: Jeremy Lanthorn

Indoor Cooking: Anna Alley

Goat: Jeremy and Kara Lanthorn, Bridget Whitaker, Tessa Bibby

Swine: Tawnya and Noah Williams

Poultry: Liz Cranston, Scott Susi, Tammy Bartlett

Dog: Caitlin Blagg, Bridget Whitaker, Grace Poirier

Sewing: Kara Lanthorn, Nancy Simpson plus other "helpers"

Outdoor Cooking & Food Preservation: Cindy Brown



Scenes from the 2025 Sherman County Fair



Photo credits to Jeremy Lanthorn Photography and Alex Osmin-Fields Photography.

Upper row LtoR: Gabe Fritts with livestock judge; hogs shown by Levi & Austen Alsup and Aiden Devlaeminck; goats shown by Tyson DeGrange and Cooper Lovell. Bottom row LtoR: 1st year member Abigail Earl shows off her quilt; "My Favorite Meal" of pizza by Aly Cook with judge; Vivian Rolfe, Reserve Grand Champion Western Equitation with Queen Ellery Bish.

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