

4-H Court a growth experience

Young women have hands, hearts in variety of activities

By Rob Ruth

Wallowa County Chieftain

Three Wallowa County girls who can be found helping with activities every day at the weeklong Wallowa County Fair are by now well accustomed to taking part in community events — not only in Wallowa County, but also at locations far removed from here.

As members of the 2015 4-H Court, Georgia Falk, Teagan Miller and Deidre Schreiber have had a hand in everything from judging Christmas lighting displays to riding in parades. They've attended conferences and other gatherings at which they could enhance interpersonal skills, and deepen their understanding of citizenship.

And before the 2015 Wallowa County Fair wraps up, they'll help hand the 4-H Court honor off to a new group of girls, who will dive into the community representation role with relish, the way these special 4-H selectees always have.

Hearts are easily in it because there's so much personal growth to be gained. Members of the outgoing 4-H Court — Georgia Falk, Tea-



Members of the 2015 Wallowa County 4-H Court — from left, Teagan Miller, Deidre Schreiber, and Georgia Falk — all valued their experiences on the court during the past year. They enjoyed representing the community while building their skills to speak to groups, among other pluses.

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gan Miller, and Deidre Schreiber, recently shared some thoughts about their experiences on the Court and about the value of 4-H participation generally.

"It's helped me with my public speaking a lot," says Miller, 15, a sophomore this fall at Wallowa High School. A member of the Wallowa Trailblazers 4-H Club, she's showing her mule, "Diamond Holly," at this year's fair, where she's also showing a variety of animals through

FFA — rabbits, chickens and even a Longhorn heifer.

Miller is a member of the Wallowa County 4-H Senior Horse Bowl team that qualified for the national competition to be held this November in Kentucky. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance," she said.

Teagan, who plans to eventually become a marine biologist, is the daughter of Cheri and Alan Miller.

Schreiber, 14, an Enterprise High School freshman, is a member of the Crazy H's

4-H Club and the Nez Perce Riders. She's showing her 4-H horse, "Sage," at the 2015 county fair, where she's also taking her FFA poled Hereford heifer, "Lucy in the Sky."

Like Miller, she's successful in 4-H horse competitions. Deidre was on the county's Intermediate Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology teams that all placed first at Oregon's 2015 4-H Spring Horse Classic held in Yamhill County.

One 4-H-related trip that

held special meaning for Deidre was her attendance of the Experiencing Citizenship Conference, held in Salem during spring break. There she met District 29 Senator Bill Hansel and District 58 Representative Greg Barreto, who brought her onto the House floor. "I've always loved politics. It was really cool to see the process," Deidre said.

The daughter of Debbie Schreiber and Charlie Warnock, Deidre's career goal is to become a veterinary pharmacist.

Falk, 15, a sophomore at EHS, belongs to the ECO 4-H Club. Her entries at fair are in livestock, scrapbooking, and cooking. Her sheep, "Thor," is entered in the FFA competition.

Intent on one day becoming a professional singer, Georgia appreciates how much her poise has increased through her participation in 4-H. The 2014 Talent Show, for example, was a watershed moment for her. "For the first time ever, I sang in front of 20 people," she said.

In April, Georgia served on the governing board for

the East Oregon Leadership Retreat. "I was chairman, so I made sure everything was in order," she said. The conference program provided another great opportunity. "I led a class on personalities," she said.

Georgia's parents are Mike and Wendy Falk.

Each 4-H Court typically keeps a scrapbook tracking its activities. Among other documented events, the 2015 Court's scrapbook shows that this year's trio sold raffle tickets for the Hells Canyon Mule Days chip lottery, rode in the HCMD non-motorized parade, hosted 4-H Family Appreciation Night, helped with the 4-H Radio Auction, volunteered with the Enterprise Elks Christmas basket program, were part of the Enterprise and Joseph Christmas parades, and helped with Oregon's Junior Miss Rodeo Coronation — all before their year was even half over.

It's a quick pace, but the girls like it. According to Teagan Miller, "Getting to help people out and getting to see all the different events" are two big benefits of Court membership.

Summer Arts Classic program set

ENTERPRISE — Three of Wallowa County's leading arts nonprofits join forces to present the Summer Arts Classic, a one-of-a-kind evening celebrating fine food, chamber music, art and literature, Friday, Aug. 14.

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, Josephy Center for Arts and Culture and Fishtrap have put together this unique cultural celebra-

tion which begins at 6 p.m. (no-host bar open at 5:30) at Stage One, 117½ E. Main. Then at 8 p.m. patrons will cross the street to the Odd Fellows Hall (107 NE 1st St.) for a chamber music concert, literature readings and art displays.

The first musical section of the evening will be a piece by French baroque composer Joseph Bodin de Boismortier (1691-1755),

Concerto in E minor for Flute, Violin, Oboe, Bassoon & Basso Continuo. It will be performed by Mark Eubanks (bassoon), Colleen Nelson (flute), Lauren Guthridge (oboe), Heather Tyreman (oboe), and Julie Ware Olsen (piano). The second musical performance will feature Lisa Robertson (violin), Lucia Orr (viola), Ed Dixon (cello), and James Cook (piano). They will

play Brahms Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 60.

Tickets for the event are \$45 for dinner and concert, \$300 for table of six (includes a bottle of wine) for dinner and concert, or \$15 for concert only. Tickets are available locally at The Bookloft, Fishtrap, Josephy Center, or online at brownpapertickets.com.

Bicycle Tourism workshop scheduled for this fall

Eastern Oregon Visitors Association (EOVA), NEOEDD, and other regional partners are working with Travel Oregon destination-development staff to plan for a two-day Bicycle Tourism Studio workshop to be held in the fall of 2015.

Travel Oregon describes the Bicycle Tourism Studio as a "community-based planning program designed to elevate your region as a bicycle travel-friendly destination.

The program is crafted to bolster awareness of the growing cycling tourism market, foster key connections with regional, state and national organizations and focus community energy on the development of appropriate cycling infrastructure,

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SAT. AUGUST 1
▶ 9am 4-H Dog Show

SUN-TUES AUGUST 2-4
▶ 8am Sun-Tues 4-H Horse Show

MON. AUGUST 3
▶ 4-H Exhibits to Cloverleaf
▶ Open Class Non-Perishable to Cloverleaf

TUES. AUGUST 4
▶ Open Class Perishable to Cloverleaf

WED.-SAT. AUGUST 5-8
▶ 10 am Cloverleaf Hall Opens

WED. AUGUST 5
▶ 2-6 pm 4-H/FFA Livestock Entries

THURS.-FRI. AUGUST 6-7
▶ 8:30 am 4-H/FFA Livestock Show
▶ 7 pm Grand Champion Classes

SAT. AUGUST 8
▶ 8 am Small Animal Show

Special Events

WED. AUGUST 5
▶ 9am Planter Contest Entries

THURS. AUG 6
▶ 1 pm Grange Pie, Ice Cream & Entertainment

FRI. AUG 7
▶ 5-7 pm K.C. Kunkle LIVE
▶ 8-10 pm Teen Dance

SAT. AUG 8
▶ 10 am Pee Wee Showmanship
▶ 11 am Games on the grass

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SALE 6PM

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Live Music By **OLIVIA** Wed. Aug. 5 at 6pm

5K RUN WALK Sat. Aug. 1st 8am

For a full schedule call 541-426-4097 or go to extension.oregonstate.edu/wallowa

Public Meeting Notice

The Joseph Branch Rail-with-Trail Concept Plan Draft Review

Public meetings are scheduled to review the assessment work completed to-date and outline design concepts for the proposed Elgin to Joseph Rail-with-Trail Concept Plan.

The meeting dates, times and locations are:

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, Elgin Community Center, 6 to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19, 2015, Wallowa Senior Center, 6 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, August 20, 2015, Joseph Community Center, 6 to 8 p.m.

The Concept Plan reviews the feasibility and suitability of a 63-mile rail-with-trail located in the Wallowa Union Rail Road Authority's Joseph Branch right of way. Public Comments are encouraged. The information gathered at these meetings will be incorporated in the final Concept Plan.

The draft report is available for review at <https://www.eou.edu/rails-with-trails/> or in print at city halls, community libraries, and county commission offices.

For more information or if special accommodations are needed contact Terry Edvalson at (541) 377-6355 or Dana Kurtz at <https://www.eou.edu/rails-with-trails/>.