

Half Morrow County youth is in 4-H

If enrollment records were made to be broken, then Morrow County 4-H Clubs broke all records during the 1973 year.

This year 14 per cent more Morrow County youth joined one of the 54 clubs. The total enrollment of 427 is also the second largest 4-H enrollment recorded in the state. Over 50 per cent of all Morrow County

youth ages 9-19 are involved in 4-H. Neighboring Umatilla County has only 14 per cent of its youth enrolled in 4-H Club work.

The 427 4-H'ers were involved in 775 projects. The most popular projects this year were livestock, clothing, ski and horse. A couple of new projects indicated that youth wanted other varieties. These

projects included leathercrafts, tile painting, home improvements, photography and woodworking.

4-H activities during the year encourage the members to develop skills, talents and knowledge while providing for recreation, fun and experience. Some of the 4-H activities slated throughout the year included workshops, training sessions, tours, exchanges between clubs, counties, and state, international exchanges, summer camp, and the Morrow County Fair along with the state fair.

Of these activities, the 4-H camping programs attracted many Morrow County 4-H'ers.

At this year's 4-H summer camp held at Cutsforth Park, 70 4-H member age 9-12 attended the week-long camp. Twenty older 4-H members served as counselors and presented educational and recreation programs to the younger members. These programs include handicrafts, conservation methods, outdoor living and recreational activities.

The Oregon State Summer School was the other week-

long camp attended by Morrow County 4-H members, age 12-18. The camp was held at Oregon State University, Corvallis.

The highlight of the year for Morrow County 4-H'ers was the county fair, Aug. 19-26. Nearly all of the 427 members participated in the fair by exhibiting projects, giving presentations and demonstrations, and entering contests, showmanship and judging events.

The Morrow County 4-H Fair sent many 4-H'ers to the Oregon State 4-H Fair, Salem.

Two-thirds of all the Morrow County 4-H'ers received awards of excellence at the state fair.

Next year's Morrow County 4-H may again break this year's enrollment with new and challenging projects and activities planned for the coming year.

On tap for next year includes development of new project areas such as golf, trail bike, snowmobile, mechanical and natural science and speech club. Older youth activities and leadership training will also be included.



Mark Sargent, 4-H youth with his Grand Champion lamb, a winner at the annual county fair last August.



Joe Mollahan, with his Reserve Grand Champion hog, shown at Morrow County Fair. Joe belongs to the Hoof and Horn 4-H club.



Julie Grieb demonstrates the proper way to make a prize-winning salad.



Glen Krebs, Ione, with his red ribbon calf, Chevile, shown at the county fair.

4-H ready for 'Their Week'

Morrow County 4-H'ers will be "getting it all together" as they celebrate 1973 National 4-H Week, Oct. 7-13.

Four hundred and twenty-seven 4-H members and 70 leaders will be promoting 4-H in the Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon communities next week.

Special 4-H displays and projects will appear in the windows of Heppner stores during the week.

Morrow County 4-H extension agents will join 4-H members and leaders in distributing 4-H information and posters.

On Oct. 9, the South Morrow County 4-H Awards night will highlight the week's activities. A potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Morrow County Fairgrounds will honor 4-H members, leaders and parents. After dinner, county medals, pins and awards will be presented.

North County 4-H Awards night will follow a week later, Oct. 18, at the Irrigon Elementary School.

They operate tractors of many makes

Learning how to operate one tractor is one thing, but learning how to operate a John Deere, an International, an Allis Chalmers and a Ford tractor is another.

But for the Ione Tractor 4-H Club the task is easy. Led by leader Ken Nelson, Lexington, the club's nine boys have learned tractor terminology and operation in their club.

The tractor club also teaches tractor safety, maintenance and repair and tractor driving. Last spring the club toured many of the tractor companies in the Portland area.

Nelson, a former Morrow County 4-H member, has been a 4-H leader for two years. He joined Mrs. Lorene Griffith, Cecil, and the two clubs are called the Ione Livestock and Tractor Club.

Millions to join 4-H observance

Five and one-half million youths will be "getting it all together" as they observe 1973 National 4-H Week, Oct. 7-13.

Traditionally, since 1927, National 4-H Week has been a time for 4-H'ers, their leaders and friends to take stock of the year's accomplishments and achievements. It has also been a time to look to the future of 4-H in their community, state and nation.

"4-H Gets It All Together" is the theme of this year's National 4-H Week. And 4-H is getting it all together in many different ways. Boys and girls of different racial, economic, and social backgrounds participate in 4-H programs and activities. Exchanges between 4-H'ers of different states and different lifestyles are common activities in every state

They furnished an entire room

A bedroom, a wall hanging, a table, a lamp and curtains were among the projects tackled by the Heppner Home Improvement 4-H Club this year.

Cathy Wohl, club leader, presented many projects and activities in home decorating and home furnishing to the nine members.

One home furnishing project presented to the girls

4-H leaders play important roles

4-H leaders, parents and members of the community have made Morrow County 4-H programs an important part of more than 50 per cent of all Morrow County youth.

These parents and community members, along with 70 club leaders and Morrow County 4-H agents, Birdine Tullis and Mike Howell, have promoted youth activities, programs, and development through the 54 clubs in Morrow County.

This year's 4-H leaders have stressed leadership training and have provided for individual help to clubs and 427 4-H members.

4-H leaders in North and South Morrow County have combined efforts and have worked together to adopt special programs during the year. These programs include activities between the north and south clubs, leadership training, special workshops,

and involvement of more parents and community members in 4-H activities.

Many of the 70 Morrow County 4-H leaders have an added asset in working with 4-H members. This asset was being a 4-H member during their youth.

Some of the former 4-H members include: Lorene Griffith and Ken Nelson, co-leaders of the Ione Livestock and Tractor Club; Linda LaRue, Ione Trail Riders Club; Sandy Rodriguez, Desert Riders; Kathy Wahl, Home Improvements Club; Dick Sargent, Hoof and Horn; Bev Doherty, Ione Clothing Club; Phyllis Kroll, Twin Stitches; June Lindstrom, Pot Holders; and Mary Lynn Zinter, Mule Footers.

Morrow County's oldest leader, Everett Struckmier, Boardman, has been a 4-H member and is in his 20th year as a leader.

Adventures in leathercraft

A hobby begun more than 25 years ago has led Jane McRoberts to teach her own children as well as others her talents.

Jane McRoberts became a 4-H leader three years ago in Heppner. With her children, Rusty, Rita, Buck, and Genny, she started the Leather Lumber 4-H Club. Today her club numbers 15 with around 30 other members of the community joining in the 4-H meetings.

All leathercraft projects start in January of each year. Each 4-H'er buys a starter tool kit and meets once a week at her home to work on the projects.

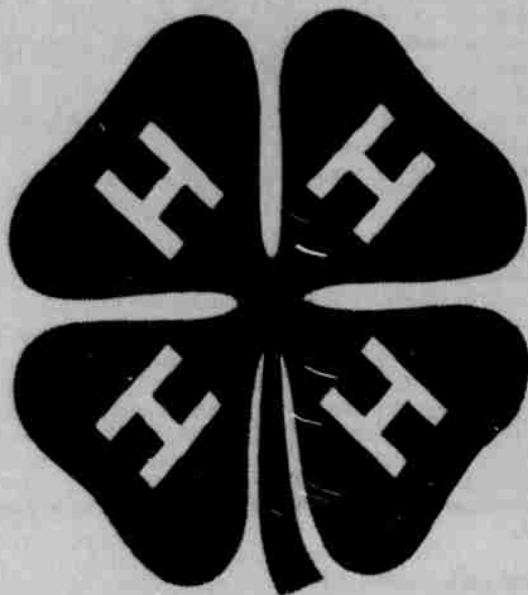
Projects range from belts, coin purses, rifle case, billfolds, purses, to many unusual items.

At the end of the summer, the Leather Lumber enter the finished projects at the Morrow County Fair. Most of the members receive blue ribbons and go on to state fair to receive awards.

SENIORS SELL MUMS FOR HOMECOMING

Heppner High School's senior class is taking orders for Homecoming mums. The cost is \$3.75 and can be ordered by calling 676-9782, 676-9788, 676-5397 or 676-5509.

Homecoming is Oct. 19.



Empire Builders 'build'

Fifteen 4-H members followed the motto of 4-H "Helping Others" as they performed community duties in the Heppner area this year.

The Empire Builders, made up of high school students, were led by Nancy and Steve Brownfield.

Their major project of the year was the 4-H leaders banquet. With the help from area businessmen, Empire Builders honored the 70 Morrow County 4-H leaders at the banquet.

In the spring, the club sponsored an Easter egg hunt for children in the Ione and Lexington areas.

Activities through the year included money-making projects with proceeds going to old folks home and underprivileged children, landscaping at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, and a Christmas party for handicapped children.

MISSING GRADS BEING SOUGHT

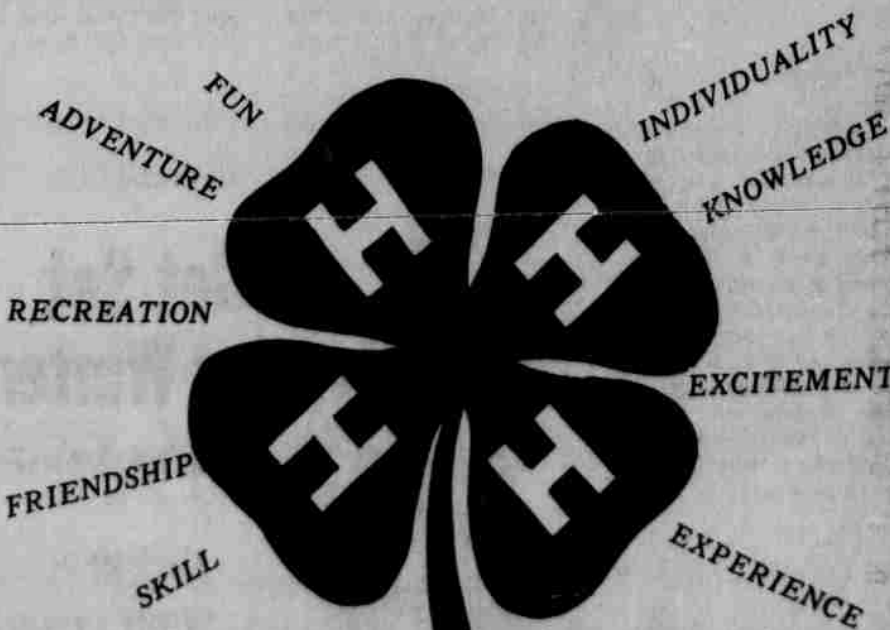
Heppner High School class of '64 is planning a reunion and are unable to locate some of their classmates.

They are trying to find addresses for Larry Muessig, Alvin Ayers, Glenda Hills and Sharon Ayers. If anyone knows where these people are, please contact Diana Ball, 676-5306, or Phyllis Kroll, 989-8173.



Krynn Robinson receives the award for her champion Hereford steer at the Morrow County Fair from the Oregon Hereford Queen.

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