

4-H expands horizons

Many Morrow County youth are expanding their horizons through the 4-H youth program as they learn about their world through experience. Fairs give the public a glimpse of the 4-H world as 4-H'ers show and tell others what they have learned through exhibits, contests, and presentations.

While the well known projects are usually visible at fairs, there are other parts of 4-H that often are not easily shown: projects such as survival club, teen leadership, community projects and hosting visitors from other nations.

Like its members 4-H has expanded its horizons too. Over the years it has grown to encompass subjects and activities unthought of when 4-H began more than sixty years ago.

The program continues to offer new and different ways for youth to develop self-confidence, and to express themselves.

The presentation program gives 4-H'ers experience in public speaking. Creative arts, puppetry, and now even clowning allow self-expression and personal growth. Leadership development is offered through the junior and teen leadership programs.

Many members have expanded their horizons beyond the borders of the United States by participating in various international programs such as IFYE and the Japanese 4-H Labo exchange.

Many 4-H families have hosted International 4-H Youth Exchangees and Japanese teenagers, offering these families a new appreciation of the life they as Oregonians, take for granted.

Recently an IFYE from Australia visited in the homes of the Gary Griebs, Jerry Myers, and Charlie Dalys. Shane Laughlin just returned from an exchange trip to Canada. A Canadian exchange

will be visiting Morrow County during fair to complete the exchange. A number of Japanese exchangees have returned this year to visit their Morrow County families. Horizons....expanded.

The image of 4-H remains the same, but the program is ever growing and changing as young people seek to expand their horizons in preparation for the time they will take their place as leaders in the community, state and nation. All youth, 4th through 12th

grades are invited and encouraged to be a part of the expanding Horizons of 4-H, by joining a 4-H club in their community. 4-H has a project for every interest. See many exhibited at the county fair... ask about others.

Horse show is Saturday Aug. 16

Want to see some prospective Fair Queens, young stock horse riders, jumpers in English attire, and some good horses? Come to the annual 4-H Horse Show on Saturday, August 16, starting at 2 p.m. The scheduling of the 4-H Horse Show has been changed from late July in previous years to Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m., the first day of 4-H Fair events.

The new scheduling makes it "part of the fair", according to John P. Nordheim, Morrow County Extension Agent. Those wishing to participate at State Fair will have pre-Fair eliminations to select those going to the State 4-H Show held the same time as our Fair.

Classes include 4-H Horse Showmanship where 4-H members show how well they can exhibit their horses at halter. These kids are really snappy; they watch the judge and their horse all at the same time. Their horse is always standing square and alert.

In the western equitation class, the members are judged on their seat and hands while riding, their performance, and a little on appointments (or how they and their horses look). Here is where you can see a ranch stock horse in action.

Members show how well they can rein their horse in precise movements, like: figure eights, sliding stops and pivots.

For members with young horses there is a special class in colt equitation or colt ground training.

Colt equitation is for horses 2 to 4 years of age that are just started in their riding training. For even younger horses members may enter colt ground training. Many of these exercises are on a long lead shank. Members make their horses walk, trot, canter and stop on command.

4-H'ers are preparing their horses for riding so demonstrations may include turns on the forehand, turns on the haunches, side-stepping, saddling, picking up their horses feet and backing-all from the ground.

Participants may also demonstrate haltering their colt, leading, grooming and-or driving with long lines.

Want to watch a touch of class? Watch the English classes.

Riders are really dressed for the occasion, with high black boots, breeches, shirt and tie, coat and black hat.

They ride English saddles which look like bigger jockey's saddles with longer stirrups. Riders are judged on effective use of their hands, seat and legs, horse control

and performance.

These riders do many of the same maneuvers that the

Western riders do.

A separate division of the English classes is the Jumping division, or "Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences" where members demonstrate their ability to ride a horse over jumps. Again, they are judged on hands and seat, performance and control of their horse.

Another class which shows practical cross-country skills is the Trail Horse Class.

Members negotiate such obstacles as walking over poles, opening and closing a gate, walking through simu-

lated water obstacle, walking over a bridge, backing through a tight area, dismounting and mounting on off side (useful when your horse's left side hangs over a cliff) getting the mail from a mailbox, carry an object (like your lunch), leading their horse over a big pole and sidepassing (getting your horse to "move over").

Are you interested in horses? Want to learn more? Watch some of Morrow County's finest riders execute these difficult classes. Come to the 4-H Horse Show Saturday, August 16 at 2 p.m.



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