

What is 4-H?

Friends, fun and learning about nature, cooking, growing plants, photography, animal care, or working together to help others.

Who can belong to 4-H? - Anyone kindergarten through 12th grade. You'll find 4-H throughout your county, state, country, and the world. Kindergarteners through third graders must join 4-H adventure clubs. In Morrow County, we have over 450 members in fourth through 12th grades.

Look what you can do in 4-H? - Members are enrolled in animal science, natural science, home economics, and expressive arts project areas.

What do you do in 4-H? - It depends on you. 4-H members may be a friend in the same grade or school, or include people from other communities. Clubs decide how often to meet and elect officers to conduct club business. Your club may decide to be active in the community, raise money for charity, become involved in recycling projects or build nature trails. You can go on field trips or to 4-H camp. The choices grow as you get older.

Does 4-H cost a lot? - There are no state or national dues or required uniform. You pay \$3.50 per year for project materials and insurance in most clubs. A horse project is \$4.50. Your 4-H club may decide to collect dues to fund special activities.

How do you join 4-H? - It's easy. Choose the project you like. Ask some friends or brothers and sisters to join you. Ask parents, grandparents, adult friends or neighborhood adults to be your leader. Several adults can share this responsibility. You need only two members, but you can have as many as you like. Determine the projects your club would like to enroll in and visit the Extension office or call an agent for help. There are also numerous active clubs that welcome new members.

4-H is Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow and "learning by doing." - Learning how to set goals and work toward those goals; responsibility — for an animal, finishing projects, choosing how much to learn and deciding how involved in 4-H to be; leadership, decision-making, cooperation and how to present yourself and ideas to others.

For information about the 4-H Youth Development program, contact the OSU Extension office in Heppner, 676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

Get involved in the Morrow County Fair

We go to the Morrow County Fair to look at the flowers, watch the 4-H members compete, and check out the livestock. But there is no doubt that fair is always more fun if we are part of the event!

There is still time to participate. The fair opens to the public on Wednesday, Aug. 14, but exhibits are accepted on Monday, Aug. 12. Look through your Morrow County Fair Premium Book right now and look at all the opportunities to be part of the fun.

You can enter vegetables, fruits and flowers from our gardens, wearable art, and needlework. Don't overlook the chance to exhibit home preserved foods, just be sure to use up-to-date recommendations for processing. Current USDA recommendations for canning are available at Oregon State University Extension Office at their new location at 54173 Hwy. 74, Heppner.

Be an exhibitor at the 2002 Morrow County Fair. It's easier than you think!

4-H continues strong programs

Morrow County 4-H has a total of 370 members and 63 leaders participating in the 4-H youth development program. There are 289 youth enrolled in Home Economics and Expressive Arts projects; 29 in the 4-H Horse program. The livestock program has a total of 181 youth enrolled in large animal projects and 42 in small animal. These hardworking 4-H'ers have consigned 1,439 exhibits to the Morrow County Fair. In the North end, there are 195 youth enrolled in Mario's Soccer Club, 39 in the Folkloric Dance Club, 14 enrolled in the Sewing Club and 37 in the Computer Club.

Many 4-H members are in more than one club. Some have

more than one animal or home economics project. Several members crossover in curriculum areas. "We encourage 4-H members to try new projects in different areas," said Bill Broderick, OSU Extension agent.

Broderick added that it is also important for members to get involved in other activities such as presentations, pre-fair clinics, camp, camp counselor training, Teen Leadership Retreat, OSU Summer Days, 4-H Ambassador, or Know Your State Government. As members challenge themselves in other activities they develop life skills they can use the rest of their lives, said Broderick.

Morrow County has 12 4-H Ambassadors for the 2001-2002 4-H year: Shanna Rietmann,

Madison Bailey, Blair Keithley, Brooke Rust, Kyle Huddleston, Kyler Lovgren, Brian Haguewood, Daniel Jepsen, Julie Proctor, and Shelley Rietmann, all of Heppner, Megan McCabe of Ione and Mari Close of Irrigon.

Lindsays to entertain at wine and beer tasting

This year performing at Murray's Country Rose wine and micro-beer tasting festival will be Joe Lindsay and his wife Leanne on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Try out different wine and micro-beer and enjoy music by the Lindsays.

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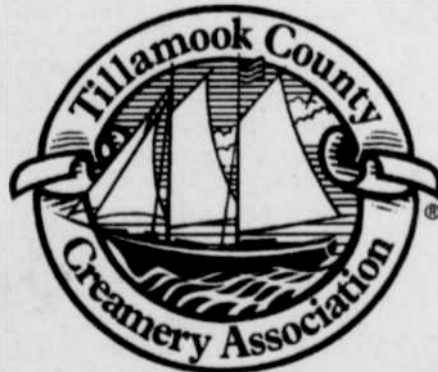
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