

Morrow County 4-H helps build character

Raising children to become decent and responsible adults is a complex and challenging job that is becoming increasingly difficult in our society. To be a person of good character, youth must develop strengths of the 4 "H's":

head – they must know what is good; heart – they must desire to do the good; hands – they must be willing to do good; and health – they must develop a lifestyle that supports the desire and willingness to do good. The

Morrow County 4-H program strives to develop good character in 4-H members.

Qualities that define good character have been debated by various groups but in 1992, the

Josephson Institute of Ethics with the help of scholars, parents, youth workers, and others published the Aspen Declaration. This Declaration has become the cornerstone for the character development education programs in the United States. The Aspen Declaration states:

1. The next generation will be the stewards of the world.
2. The well being of society needs citizens with good character.
3. People do not automatically develop good moral character. Children must be taught so that they develop the values and abilities necessary for moral decision-making and conduct.
4. Character education is based on core ethical values – pillars of character development – trustworthiness, respect for others, responsibility, fairness,

caring, and citizenship.

5. These core values transcend cultural, religious, and socio-economic differences.
6. Although character education is first and foremost an obligation of faith communities, the community in general, schools, and youth and family serving organizations are also responsible.
7. Youth have a better chance of learning moral values if all groups work together to teach and reinforce moral values.
8. Every adult must take responsibility to model and teach the pillars of character development.

You can see, that although this Declaration was only developed in 1992, 4-H, as the youth program of the land-grant Universities (Oregon State University) has been using similar guidelines for the past 75 years!



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New Tuesday night Fair entertainment



JimnAlan

There will be something new this year at the Morrow County Fair. On Tuesday night, Aug. 13, JimnAlan will be performing free to the public starting at 7 p.m. The performance is sponsored by Wheatland Insurance. JimnAlan have played acoustic music in the 50s and 60s traditions of The Kingston Trio, The Limelites, Peter Paul and Mary, The Smothers Brothers, and Pat

Paulsen. With the recent addition of guitarist James "Fester" Read, the music selections slide easily into the influences of Bob Wills, Gene Autry and The Sons of the Pioneer, to pop ballads from the 40s and 50s.

Acoustic guitars, upright bass, banjo, lots of humor and big harmonies make The JimnAlan Show an act to entertain not only the "Boomers" but also the new generation of young people.

Also on Tuesday night, from 6-8 p.m., Kessler's will be there to serve a "pre-fair" dinner. Adults will receive 1/4 chicken, barbecue beans, coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, pickles and bread. Kids will get a beef rib or chicken, barbecue beans, coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, pickles and bread. Meal tickets are available in advance at the Morrow County Fair Office or may be purchased at the dinner. The price for an adult meal is \$8, and for children under 12, it is \$4.

New exhibitors wanted

The Morrow County Fair is looking for new exhibitors. Pick up a Morrow County Fair Premium Book and join the crowd. Be a part of the Fair's theme, "Discover The Centennial Spirit". All exhibitors need to do is go to the Fair Office, pick up an exhibitor number and a premium sheet and then bring the items to the various departments on Monday, Aug. 12, from 1-8 p.m.

For more information, call the Fair Office at 676-9474.

Little Bit O' Irish Fiddlers on Friday

Come see little Irish fiddling at the Fair this year. On Friday afternoon, Aug. 16, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., you can hear the Little Bit O' Irish Fiddlers performing. This talented group of kids is a very popular attraction at the fair.

The Fair Pavilion will be closed during the evening. For more information, contact Renee at the Fair Office at 676-9474.

Pet Day changed



The Pet Show has been moved to Friday, Aug. 16, at 1:30 p.m. Receive a treat for the ugliest and prettiest pet in Morrow County at the Ugliest and Prettiest Pet Show, directly after the regular Pet Show.