

4-H volunteer leaders are awesome!



The 4-H program relies on volunteer adult leaders to organize and lead groups of 4-H members. We currently have 56 trained and active 4-H Leaders in Morrow County. Research shows that youth who have a non-parental adult as a friend, teacher and mentor do better than youth without such an adult presence. As a 4-H leader and educator, you are in a position of great influence. You can channel members' curiosity, inspire new interests, and continually offer new opportunities for them to grow and develop into happy and productive adults. You can be the key to a young person's success.

A recent study showed that most 4-H leaders volunteer because they are interested in making a difference in the lives of young people. While some 4-H leaders have expertise in a particular content area, such as animal science, it is not a requirement. The 4-H program is always looking for quality, committed adult volunteers. If you are interested in exploring becoming a 4-H volunteer, please call or visit the Extension office at 541-676-9642.

Studies show that each 4-H volunteer gives an average of 200 hours of time annually to the 4-H Youth Development program. Looking at Oregon's 6,000 volunteers, that means 1,200,000 hours are given annually to help youth develop skills for a lifetime. Nationally, the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time is about \$20 per hour. Not only are 4-H volunteer leaders awesome, but the value of their time to Oregon 4-H is more than \$20 million annually.

Harvesting 100 years of 4-H memories

The Morrow County 4-H program is looking for any 4-H memorabilia (Morrow County and non-Morrow County alike) to share in a display at this year's centennial of the Morrow County Fair, held Aug. 14-17.

Photos, ribbons, trophies, pins, exhibits you made or your grandparents made when they were in 4-H, or anything people have lying around would be a great addition to this year's display recognizing the hard work and memories from 4-H throughout the years. Fair staff will be happy to make copies or take photos of items people don't feel comfortable to have out on display.

Contact the Morrow County 4-H office or 4-H leader Doashea Qualls for more information: 541-676-9642. Help Morrow County 4-H "Harvest 100 Years of Memories."

A year in review



(L-R): John Swaggart of Swaggart Brothers Construction in Hermiston with Morrow County Fair and OTRP Queen Krysten Powell, 4-H ambassador Sydney Qualls, 4-H ambassador Kane Sweeney, FFA Sentinel Timothy Gould and fair manager Zech Hintz. —Contributed photo

What a year...a person has only to set foot on the fairgrounds to see all the progress and improvements that have been made.

With a water project, new pavement and little fixes here and there, the grounds are at their best for the centennial Morrow County Fair next week.

Not only have the fairgrounds seen an upgrade in their appearance and usability, but community members

also have more opportunities to get involved.

This last year, Kane Sweeney and Sydney Qualls of 4-H, Timothy Gould of FFA and Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen Krysten Powell traveled around Morrow and Umatilla counties visiting businesses and spreading the word about the 100th Morrow County Fair. These county ambassadors also made sure

to inform business and industry members that the fair is here to help the whole county, and that it relies on sponsors and supporters to make it all happen.

"With all of the happenings this past year, I cannot wait to see what other things we can do here at the Morrow County Fairgrounds to make our county proud to call this place a part of their home," says Fair Manager Zech Hintz.

