

## 4-H delegates attend OSU Summer Conference



Morrow County youth participants in front of historic Weatherford Hall on OSU's campus (L-R) Zachary Bredfield, Ian Meakins, Bryan Meakins, Austin Carter, Caitlyn Scrivner, (back) Joshua Gray, (front) Renee Peterson, (front) Miranda Taylor, (back) Ashley Price, Emily Taylor and Josey Evans. Not Pictured: chaperones Cheryl Taylor and Ashley Jones. —Contributed photo

A delegation of 2014 Morrow County 4-H members attended the 2014 Oregon State University Summer Conference June 25-28 on the campus in Corvallis.

This event hosts 400 teens grades seven to 12 from across the state of Oregon. While there, participants attended workshops on a wide variety of subjects, with more than

80 classes offered in the areas of cheese making, tours of the athletic complexes on campus, animal anatomy and vet school tours, fly fishing, fun with food, leadership and public speaking.

In addition to attending workshops, participants heard from keynote speaker Judson Laipply, participated in multiple community service projects and enjoyed fun activities such as a pool party and dance.

For more information about 4-H or how to join, contact the Morrow County OSU Extension Service office at 541-676-9642, on the web at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow> and follow them on Facebook at "Morrow County 4-H Oregon."



In the Old Western Art-Learn About Leatherwork class are (L-R) Morrow County 4-H members Ian Meakins and Emily Taylor, Gilliam County 4-H member Jacob Bishop and Oregon 4-H member Dante. —Contributed photo

## Forest group plans field tour

The Umatilla Forest Collaborative Group will sponsor a field tour on Thursday, July 24, to discuss the Thomas Creek Young Stand Plantations Project. Participants will board a bus at the Umatilla Forest Supervisor's Office at 72510 Coyote Road at 7:30 a.m. Two additional pick-up points are: the Andies Snow Park on Hwy 204 at 9:00 AM and Ruckel Junction at 9:30 AM. The group welcomes anyone who is

interested in learning more about the Umatilla National Forest or participating in the collaborative process.

The Umatilla Collaborative group is made up of diverse stakeholders. Together, the varied participants are working to identify a project recommendation on one dry forest site and one moist forest site.

To learn more about the Umatilla Forest Collaborative Group

activities, access the website at [umatillacollaborative.org](http://umatillacollaborative.org).

The North Fork John Day Watershed Council is host to the group. Elaine Eisenbraun, Executive Director, would like to invite anyone who is interested in the operations of the Umatilla National Forest to attend this meeting.

For questions, please call the Watershed Council at 541-421-3018.

## OSU food preservation and safety hotline now open

CORVALLIS, OR—The Oregon State University Extension Service's food preservation and safety hotline plans to help Oregonians safely can and preserve their garden's abundance again this summer.

The toll-free hotline at 1-800-354-7319 is available July 14 to Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The hotline remains a useful resource for food safety information even in the Internet age, said Nellie Oehler, a faculty member with the OSU Extension Service's Family and Community Health program and Master Food Preserver coordinator in Lane County.

"There's a lot of misinformation online and you have to know the right websites to get accurate

information or you could literally kill yourself if you use techniques that are not safe," Oehler said. "People call us to get reliable information from a real person. The Lane and Douglas County Master Food Preservers who answer the calls have good training and years of experience canning and preserving food."

Like all Extension-certified Master Food Preservers, those who staff the hotline have completed 40 hours of training and agreed to spend a similar amount of time sharing their new knowledge with the public. Last year, 460 new and veteran Master Food Preservers throughout the state volunteered more than 20,000 hours of their time on the statewide hotline and at workshops and exhibits. Master Food Preservers

answered 2,262 calls during the 2013 summer season. About 80 percent of those dealt with food safety questions. Typical questions include where to get pressure gauges tested, how long in advance you can cook chicken before the big family picnic and whether grandma's canning recipe is still safe.

For more information, go to the OSU Extension website on food preservation at <http://bit.ly/YqgsFE>. OSU Extension's Ask an Expert service also takes online questions about food preservation. Master Food Preservers also run a holiday food safety hotline every November. Find more information about the Master Food Preserver program at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/volunteer-programs>.

## Sheriff's Report

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burgled while he was in jail. **April 12:** -A woman reported a motor vehicle accident about 15 miles up Big Butter Creek Lane. A male was lying in the grass, breathing but not alert. Vehicle did roll and was off the highway. MCSO, Umatilla County SO, Station 7, Hermiston Ambulance, Heppner Fire and Life Flight responded.

**April 14:** -MCSO cited Russell Gene Whitbeck, 54, for driving while suspended - violation.

-MCSO cited Salvador Solis Marquez, 20, for

violating the speed limit 78/40.

-Someone reported to MCSO that there was a vacant home that was near demolition and there was smoke rising from the chimney. Caller believed there were trespassers on the property and would like deputy contact. MCSO responded and arrested Russell Gene Whitbeck, 54, for Trespass I, Criminal Trespass II, Theft II, and Criminal Mischief II.

-MCSO issued a citation to Carol Linda Nichols for violating the basic rule 75/55.

-A female in Irrigon advised MCSO that two male subjects took her dog because she had only made half the payment of the dog. MCSO arrested a 22-year-old male subject for possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, and Morrow County Parole and Probation arrested a 42-year-old-male for probation violation.

**April 15:** -An MCSO deputy arrested Anthony Ryan Vice, 31, on a Umatilla County warrant for failure to appear.

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