

Sherman 4-H Newsletter

May 2023

A great year for Sherman County 4-H!

Sherman County has over 100 youth enrolled in 4-H this year, thanks to enthusiastic and dedicated leaders, a new club (dog), a return of clubs (sewing and indoor cooking/baking), and a big interest in Cloverbuds by the 5-8 year-olds. Enrollments in several clubs (goat and outdoor cooking) are 20-25 members.

We're having a great 4-H spring with club meetings happening, beef animals being weighed in and ear tagged for fair; young goats, pigs and sheep arriving at their 4-H homes to grow and get ready for August's competitions; youth training their dogs and taking care of their chickens and turkeys; kids cleaning their tack and riding their horses; photos being taken; sewing article being constructed; and food being cooked outdoors as well as in kitchen ovens.

Lots of club meetings have been happening, look for meeting notes on the Sherman County 4-H Oregon Facebook page and in the Times-Journal newspaper from Condon. It is fun to see our members' names as a published by-line.

Show Clothing Exchange/Swap

Have some show clothing stored at home that your kids already out-grew or previously wore for fair? Come and swap with us! The Sherman 4-H leaders have on an ongoing show clothing exchange to help keep costs down for participating families. Please bring any gently used, no-longer-needed, clean show clothing items to donate or exchange at the OSU Sherman County Extension office. This is an opportunity to "make the best better" so stop by and participate.

Any questions, contact Christian Ayles at the office at 541-565-3230.



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Summer 2023 Youth Day Camps



Sherman County 4-H Day Camp, June 20-21, 9am-7pm, , Brooks Memorial Retreat Center, Goldendale WA (4th-6th graders), \$40 per camper. Maximum 40 youth. Busing provided.



Food Preservation Workshop, June 27-June 30 9am-noon, Sherman Extension, Moro (ages 9+), free. Limited to 10. Learn how to jam, can, freeze and dry seasonal foods.



Sports Science STEM enrichment day camp, July 10-13, 8am-11am, Sherman County School, Moro (grades 1-4), free. Maximum 30 youth. Sponsored in part by Sherman County Educational Foundation. *Each day, learners investigate the mechanics of a different movement, connecting STEM concepts, like force, motion and the influence of gravity, to the movement of their own bodies.*

Pirate Camp STEM enrichment day camp, July 24-27, 9am-noon, Sherman Extension, Moro (grades 1-3), free. Maximum 30 youth. Sponsored in part by Sherman County Cultural Coalition. *Just like real pirates, students must work together with their crew to accomplish challenging tasks such as building catapult, tying knots, making maps, and following them to hidden treasure!*



Sports Science STEM enrichment day camp, August 7-10, 8am-11am, Sherman County School, Moro (grades 1-4), free. Maximum 30 youth. Sponsored in part by Sherman County Educational Foundation. *Each day, learners investigate the mechanics of a different movement, connecting STEM concepts, like force, motion and the influence of gravity, to the movement of their own bodies.*

Sherman 4-H Youth Attends Statewide Event

Three members of our 4-H youth leadership team attended a camp counselor event at the Oregon 4-H Center in Salem May 5-7. Called “Outdoor Leadership Training”, the weekend attracted over 120 Oregon youth in grades 7th-12th. Sara Jo Tolentino, T’Sharra Lanthorn and Daija Paulk all had a great time meeting people, learning new songs and skits, gaining leadership skills for working with younger youth, and getting a lot of exercise walking all over the sprawling, hilly 4-H center. 4-H staff Christian Ayles and Cindy Brown accompanied our Sherman youth, and taught a class about why and how to do outdoor cooking at camp.

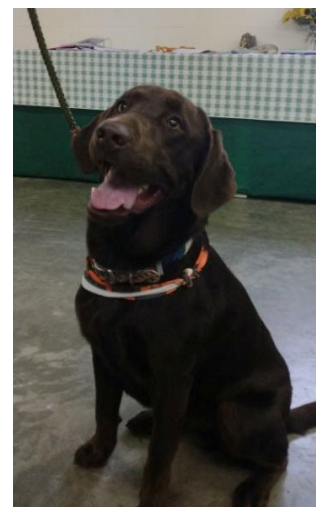


Left: T’Sharra Lanthorn helps raise the flags. Center: Sara and Daija work on a poster. Right: Christian and Cindy led a class on why and how to teach outdoor cooking at camp.

Launch of “Country Canines” 4-H Dog Club!

The Dog 4-H Club met on March 5th at 2pm at the 4-H pavilion. Attending were: Haley, Hannah, Elizabeth, Harper, Olivia, Erin, Logan, Roper, Ireland. Pledge of Allegiance led by Roper, 4-H Pledge led by Haley. We talked about how our dog show at the fair can be anything we want, and about different dog classes. We talked about the dogs we have at home. We have to get all shots for our dogs. We thought up some ways to prevent dogs from running away and how to find them if they do. Our next meeting will be April 16. Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm. Signed, Erin Burbank, News Reporter
(Note: Leaders are Caitlyn Blagg and Bridget Whitaker. Blagg's dog "York" was a big hit with the group)

The Country Canines 4-H dog club met on April 16 at 2pm at the 4-H Pavilion. Attending were Haley, Ireland, Harper, Elizabeth, Hannah, Roper, Logan and Harley. Excused absences were Olivia and Erin. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge both lead by Harper. What we did during the meeting: named club, used guest dog visitor “Vinnie” to identify parts of a dog, talked about fund raiser ideas such as pies or dog treats. Need to have breed summary advancement and ready for next meeting. Which is May 7 at 2pm. Meeting adjourned at 2:47pm. Signed, Haley Blagg, News Reporter



What's a Year in 4-H Look Like?

Fall	4-H age is based on child's age as of September 1 The new 4-H year starts in October 1 Enrollments begin in Sherman County, open house held
Winter	Leaders renew their volunteer paperwork and training Deadline for 4-H enrollments is February 15 Club rosters given to 4-H leaders
Spring	Clubs start meeting, livestock members acquire their projects Beef ear tagging and weigh-in for fair
Early Summer	Ear tagging and weigh-in for fair : sheep, swine, goats
Summer	Day camps and workshops held on a variety of topics
Later Summer	Register fair entries by late July deadline Sherman County Fair in late August, everyone encouraged to participate & compete Record books due Thursday of fair week for those competing in fair 4-H year ends September 30



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