



LAKE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Come celebrate a successful 4-H year!

Lake County 4-H Achievement Program
6:30 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2009
Community Center, Ronan

Potluck dinner
Meat provided by Lake County 4-H Council
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

LEADER ENROLLMENT

The Lake County 4-H Council will be paying the \$12.00 background check fee for all leaders re-enrolling (those enrolled as leaders in 2008). Any “new” leaders enrolling will be responsible for the \$12.00 background check fee as part of their enrollment process. Each leader or their club will be responsible for the \$5.00 Foundation fee.

Leaders who work directly with youth, or may be in a position where they are alone with youth, must complete the background check and attend a leader orientation. There will be several leader orientations beginning in November.

This new process will protect our leaders as well as our youth. It is sad that we live in an age and time when processes like this must be completed, but we do. Thank you for being a leader in Lake County 4-H. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Nori at the Extension Office.

Leader and member enrollment forms are due December 1, but it would be great to have them turned in to the Extension Office sooner!

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THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Dr. Tim Bagnell, the Hertel family and Frank's Meats who donated ALL of the hamburger used in the concession stand during the Fair! Lake County 4-H really appreciates your support!

LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Our Council will be electing officers and representatives to the Fair Board and Livestock Committee at the next meeting on **Tuesday, November 3**. The Council meetings are held at the Extension Office at **6:00 p.m.** ALL 4-H leaders and members are encouraged to attend these meetings! Each club receives 3 votes if an item comes up for vote. These meetings are informational and helpful for anyone in 4-H, so please join us. Following is a partial list of items that will be on the agenda for November's meeting:

- Achievement program
- Background checks for 4H volunteers for leader certification
- Leader orientations for organizational leaders
- Fruit sales/fundraising
- Budget audit committee report
- Proposed amendments to By-Laws
- Election of officers

Lake County 4-H Council leads the way for 4-H programs! You and what you would like to see happen in 4-H is important. These meetings are the place for you to be if you wish to make a difference in 4-H here in Lake County.

Proposed By-Law Changes

<Addition> Article 9—Elections—Qualifications

Add the word "certified". Will read "Candidate must be an adult certified leader of the Council."

<Addition> Article 10—Representatives to Other Boards

4-H Council representatives to other boards, including but not limited to Lake County Fair Board and Fair Market Livestock Committee, will be nominated at regular Council elections in September (when needed). Candidates must be an adult certified 4-H leader (voting will be the same criteria as for Council Officers (Article 9). Primary duties will be to attend 4-H Council meetings and meetings of the committee to which they are elected to be a representative to, or to find a suitable replacement to attend the meeting in their place; and to act as a liaison between 4-H Council and the committee to which they are elected, relaying information from both parties which pertains to 4-H's involvement. These 4-H Council Representatives will not have voting privileges of the committee to which they are elected, unless the committee to which they are elected chooses to allow voting privileges for the Council Representative.

The term of office shall be for two (2) years. Representatives may serve for two consecutive terms to the same office. Any representative may be elected again to the same office after a two year period. Vacancies may be filled at any Council meeting following the announcement of the vacancy.

<Revision> Article 10—Amendments—Shall become Article 11.

MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Input is needed from lamb project members and parents on feeder lamb availability and spring weigh-in dates. Our Market Livestock Committee will be reviewing lamb weigh-in dates if members are having difficulty finding or securing lambs that weigh 55-60 lbs. by the last Saturday in April. A change could mean lambs would weigh in no earlier than the second Wednesday in May.

If this would help 4-H members secure a lamb that's large enough at spring weigh-in to reach optimum weight by fair, call or email with your thoughts before November 6.



CITRUS FRUIT SALES

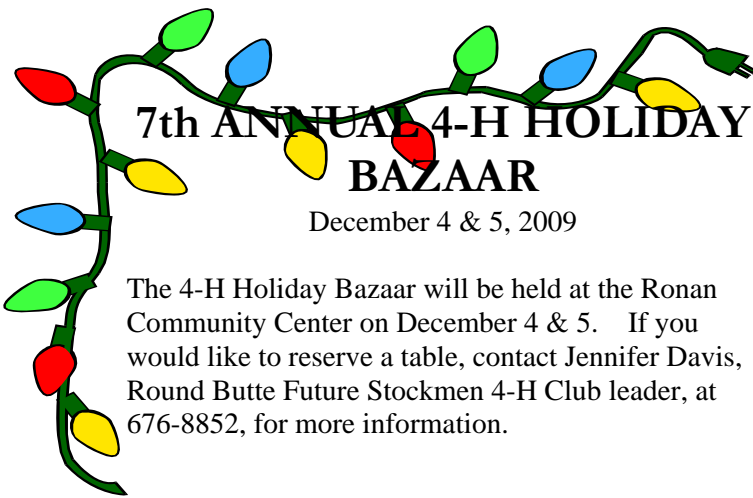
It's that time again! The major 4-H fundraiser is ready to launch with the 2009 citrus fruit sales (oranges, mandarins and grapefruit). This fundraiser is very important for supporting 4-H activities and events throughout the year. Funds raised go to your club (\$1 for every small box sold and \$2 for every large box sold) and 4-H Council treasury for activities and events.



Top 4-H sellers receive:

1st—\$50.00 2nd—\$35.00 3rd—\$25.00

Because of the importance to 4-H, each family is asked to buy or sell at least one box of fruit.



The 4-H Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Ronan Community Center on December 4 & 5. If you would like to reserve a table, contact Jennifer Davis, Round Butte Future Stockmen 4-H Club leader, at 676-8852, for more information.

DO YOU NEED A 4-H MARKET STEER FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR?

The Extension Office has sources for show calves, if you're interested.

A reminder to all members who are thinking of taking a market animal: you must have completed a year in 4-H before you are eligible to take a market animal.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

We're looking for a group of volunteers to help develop the Quality Assurance program and also to assist with the trainings. **Youth and adults are welcome — NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Contact Jack at the Extension Office if you're interested in the opportunity.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING SCHEDULED

10:00 a.m.—Noon

Saturday, November 21, 2009

This program qualifies 4-H and FFA members for the training required by Market Livestock Committee which is mandatory for eligibility to market livestock at the Lake Co. Fair. New information will be presented this year for those who attended last year.

A hot dog lunch will be served at noon.

All members considering marketing a project animal at this year's fair will need to attend at least one of three Quality Assurance trainings. In addition to the training scheduled in November, other trainings are preliminarily scheduled for Tuesday, December 29, and Saturday, March 27.

MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Market Committee would like to hear from lamb project members and parents. It is being considered to split swine and lamb weigh-in. Swine would be Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.. Lambs would be Wednesday, May 5, from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Question 1: Are lamb project members having a hard time finding quality lambs that will weigh 50-60 pounds by the first of May?

Question 2: would this change benefit lamb project members so they can purchase lambs that will weigh to-60-65 pounds in the first week of May?

Question 3: How does a mid-week weigh-in date work out for your schedule?

Please contact the Extension Office with your input before November 6.

LEADER ORIENTATION

Leader orientations have been scheduled for November. All leaders must attend one session. Call now to reserve a spot and one of these informative and entertaining orientations!

5:30 p.m., November 4
Nori's house, Polson

7:00 p.m., November 5
Extension Office, Ronan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

September

Seth Toelke	Bowen Tryon
Shelby Vincent	Megan Wieder
Casadi Wunderlich	Laura Andres
Terry Cable	Sylvia Callantine
Lourina Dupuis	Nona Gilmore
Lorrie Lake	Connie Romero
Sarah Smith	Tammy Young

October

Morgan Andres	Rylee Andrews
Samuel Cates	Suzannah Clark
Noah Fouty	Danielle Heffner
Dani Howlett	Connor Koenig
Jo Hanna Lien	Josey Motichka
Christopher Mutchler	
Sealey Perry	
Shyanne Reum	
Robert Rider	
Clara Siegelin	
Mike Carlson	
Sandra Fitzpatrick	
Elizabeth Grant	
Janene Love	
Amy Toelke	
Wendy Wieder	



WE WANT YOU!

The Lake County Ambassador program is gearing up for a new year, with a few changes! This year, any 4-H member, any age, is welcome to attend the meetings. We will be learning leadership skills, doing community service and having a great time getting to know each other, while we learn more about ourselves.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Several of our group will have just returned from the Fall Ambassador Training at Fairmont Hot Springs so they will have lots to show us!

This group is just starting to move, and YOU are an important part of this group. Hope to see you at the October meeting!

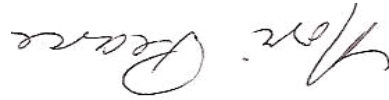
SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DOG PROJECT MEMBERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN DOGS

Canine Careers
Search & Rescue
2:00 p.m., November 8
Woodwind Farm

Michalle McMillan will be bringing her dogs to give a demonstration on tracking and rescue exercise. Michalle is a member of the Flathead Search and Rescue team and we are very excited to have her show us what is involved in her occupation. All 4-H dog project members (and anyone else who is interested) are encouraged to attend. Snack and drinks will be available. Indoor and outdoor facilities are available, so come rain or shine! Located at Woodwind Farm. Call Jan Lake at 676-8255 or Karen McLeod at 676-3155 for directions.

This is the first in a series of canine career demonstrations that will be scheduled.

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