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We are All Part of a 4-H Nation

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All of us know the workings of our individual 4-H club or project area. It is easy to view it as its own microcosm; and forget that it is just one part of a nation-wide organization. 4-H is led by a unique private-public partnership of universities, federal and local government agencies, foundations and professional associations. These partners work together to provide rich educational content and curriculum, resources in cutting-edge technology, insight into the latest national issues and innovative thought-leadership.

All 4-H clubs are linked to their local county Cooperative Extension office. The Cooperative Extension System is a nation-wide, non-credit educational network. Each U.S. state and territory has a state office at its land-grant university and a network of local or regional offices. These offices are staffed by one or more experts who provide useful, practical, and research-based information to agricultural producers, small-business owners, youth, consumers, and others in rural areas and communities of all sizes. The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) is a land-grant university. Our state office is on the Reno campus, but we are all familiar with the Cooperative Extension office in our county.

4-H programs are implemented by the nation's 109 land-grant colleges and universities, such as UNR, and the Cooperative Extension System through 3,100 local offices across the country.

Youth development educators from these universities and the Cooperative Extension System use cutting-edge research to support volunteers and communities in providing youth with rich, educational, hands-on learning programs and activities.

This network – the largest of any youth development organization – provides 4-H youth with the positive environments they need to become confident, contributing leaders in their communities.

4-H National Headquarters, NIFA within USDA

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the federal partner in the Cooperative Extension System. NIFA provides federal funding to the system and, through program leadership, helps the system identify and address current issues and problems. 4-H is the youth development program of NIFA, which houses the 4-H National Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Congress created NIFA through the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. NIFA replaced the former Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), which had been in existence since 1994.

NIFA partners with land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System to support research-based youth development programs that take university knowledge and expertise to youth in rural, suburban and urban communities. NIFA also partners with public and private agricultural and nonagricultural sectors and other federal, state, and local agencies in program development and support.

National 4-H Council

National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of 4-H National Headquarters located at the National Institute Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Established in 1976 through the merger of the National

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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



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Spring 4-H Sewing Project Cancelled

Due to circumstances beyond her control, Sue Jones announces the Carson City Spring 4-H Sewing Project has been cancelled. Sue hopes to begin this very popular 4-H project in June.

Please call the office at 775-887-2252 to sign up for her June projects.

We're Dancin' an Irish Jig

Carson City Silver Sage Community Club and Bouncing Bunnies Rabbit & Cavy Club announce the return of Irish Shenanigans March 9. This rollicking event takes place at Fuji Exhibit Hall, kicking off with a potluck at 6 p.m. and then on to the Lip Synch competition. Lip Synch (miming to a recording – it's so cool and retro) can be put on by a whole club or just a few members. Clubs need to be certain lyrics are appropriate. Clubs do not have to participate in Lip Synch to attend.

Following Lip Synch, everyone joins in some rousing Bingo with fun & funny gifts for winners. All Carson City/Storey County 4-H clubs are invited to attend and take part in the festivities. The dress is casual and those who want to wear or bring costumes for Lip Synch are encouraged to do so. Don't miss all the fun.

Call 775-887-2252 for more information.



4-H Fabric & Rummage Sale Is Here

If you are reading this article before February 3, you still have time to attend the Carson City/Storey County 4-H Council's annual fabric and rummage sale.

This year's event is scheduled for February 2 and 3 at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall, located at 701 Old Clear Creek Road in Carson City. Come out to the sale for great bargains on fabric and sewing notions, along with clean and usable household items. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Council's scholarship efforts to provide funds for graduating seniors and 4-H youth attending national events and summer camp.



Babysitting Certification Class Returns to Carson City

Carson City 4-H will once again offer a babysitting certification class in April. This year's week-long series of classes will be held April 1 through April 5. Class will be held every afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Carson City Cooperative Extension conference room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite # 12.

Class dates reflect Carson area Spring Break. The late afternoon class time ensures area youth not on break have an opportunity to attend.

Class topics include ages and stages of development, behavior strategies, first aid and how to approach prospective employers. Class is open to middle and high school age youth. For more information, please contact Jim Barcellos in the Carson City Cooperative Extension office, 775-887-2252.



4-H Nation

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4-H Foundation and the National 4-H Service Committee, National 4-H Council partners with 4-H at all levels - national, state and local – to build stronger 4-H programs and distribute national financial support to benefit the nation's youth. Other revenue generators include the National 4-H Youth Conference Center and the National 4-H Supply Service, both subsidiaries of National 4-H Council.

National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) is the premiere professional association for today's network of more than 3,500 youth development educators.

NAE4-HA provides professional development opportunities through conferences, workshops and virtual seminars, supports professionals with an inclusive and supportive network of educational leaders and integrates scholarship, research and practice to keep today's youth development professionals connected to the latest best practices.

All of these organizations work together to provide the materials and leader necessary for members and leaders like you to have a meaningful 4-H experience full of experiential learning, life skills, friendship and most of all fun.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Spring Leader Training & Certification

The Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training and Certification takes place April 26, 27 & 28 in Virginia City. Classroom training begins Friday evening 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Virginia City Senior Center.



Discipline training takes place throughout the day Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gold Hill Storey County Jeep Posse Ice House Range and continues at the range Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The \$75 registration fee covers training facilities, training manual materials, shooting materials, trainers and some meals. Lodging is the responsibility of the participant.

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There is a five person minimum requirement for each discipline offered. Look for registration packets mid-February. Registrations are due to the State 4-H Office by April 5. Call Sandy Wallin for more information 775-887-2252.

Douglas County 4-H Livestock Weigh-in for NJLS

All Douglas County Livestock Sheep and Self-determined Swine or Goats attending NJLS must bring their project animal to be weighed-in and tagged on Friday March 1st. Weighing and tagging will take place at the Douglas County Fairgrounds 920 Dump Road in Gardnerville.

All Swine must weigh at 4:00 p.m.

All Sheep and Goats must weigh at 4:30 p.m.

*Bring your *completed* NJLS entry forms (including DOB, Scrapie Tags#, etc.), and payment made out to NJLS with you to the weigh in.

We will write in your official weight on the form and mail it to the NJLS office.

You will receive a copy of your form. NJLS rule books will be available at the weigh in.

*Note that all tags must be pre-ordered (but not paid for until the weigh-in) by 4 p.m., February 1, by calling (or emailing) the 4-H Office and leaving a message with the number of tags for your species needed. Call 775-782-9960 for more information.



Scholarships for Seniors

Douglas County 4-H High School Seniors can apply for our two 4-H scholarships: Carson Valley Kiwanis/4-H Scholarship (up to \$2000) and The Norm Sharkey Memorial Scholarship (up to \$500).

Scholarships will be mailed to eligible seniors or available for pick up on February 5. To be eligible, you must be a High School Senior, have turned in a portfolio/recordbook last year and currently be a 4-H member in good standing. Scholarships are due back to the 4-H office by April 9, by 4 p.m. For more information, call 775-782-9960

Portfolio/Record Book Workshop

Douglas County 4-H members and their parents will learn how to complete a high quality Portfolio/Record book, at this workshop. Completing and turning in a Portfolio Record book each year is *mandatory* to return to a 4-H project next year and essential to receiving a year end Project Medal and scholarships for camp and other activities. Parents should attend with their child and bring a pencil. It all starts at 5 p.m, February 28, at the Douglas County 4-H Office. Contact 775-782-9960 for more information.

Washoe Tagging & Weigh-in

Tagging and weigh-in for Washoe County 4-H Sheep, Swine, and Goats is scheduled to be held 10:00 a.m .Saturday, February 23, at the Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center.

Tags are \$20 each. All checks to be made payable to NJLS. Those who wish to enter their animal must purchase their tag prior to the weigh in date. You can direct questions to Lisa at the Washoe County office 775-336-0273 or boldmanl@unce.unr.edu.

Twice the Horse in February

Washoe County 4-H horse clubs will have their first mounted clinic on February 9, at the Reno Livestock Events Center (RLEC).

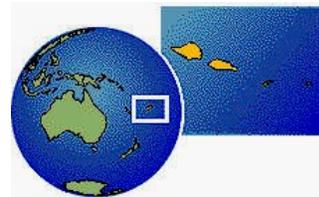
Morning sessions include showmanship skills, ground manners and listening to your horse and trail in hand. The afternoon will be a "practice" horse show with prizes and awards.

And don't forget the annual Tack Sale at the RLEC on February 17, sponsored by the Silver Knolls Spurs 4-H Club.

Please call 775-336-0259 for more information.



AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM with SAMOA



Wyoming 4-H had an international program opportunity the last two years to Mongolia where youth from the western United States were selected to visit. There will be a similar opportunity the next couple of years going to American Samoa. Local Nevada youth have the opportunity to apply for this great chance to visit another culture.

Applications are due April 1, 2013. 18 youth and 2 adult participants will be selected along with 4 alternates (2 males and 2 females). There is a pre-trip orientation July or August 2013 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie Wyoming. The exchange trip will be December 14, 2013 – January 4, 2014 (approximately).

Youth participants must be at least 15 years old and not older than 17 years old by the trip departure date and must have at least one semester of high school left following the trip. All participants must be U.S. citizens and reside in one of the 13 states in our western region (which includes Nevada). There is no program fee and out of pocket expenses will be minimal.

Here are links to the website:

Index URL- - <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/travel/samoa/index.html>

Flyer URL- <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/travel/samoa/2013-samoa-brochure.pdf>

Applications URL- <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/travel/samoa/samoa-applications.html>

Western Area February Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1** - State Leaders' Forum
Registration due
- Feb. 2** - Rabbit, Cavy and Poultry Show
At RLEC
- Feb. 2&3** - Carson City/Storey County 4-H
Council's Fabric & Rummage Sale
- Feb. 18** - President's Day (Offices Closed)

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Your STEM* Minute

**4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*

It is possible to "float" above the moon without crashing to the surface. The Italian-French mathematician Josef Lagrange discovered five special points in the vicinity of two orbiting masses (like Earth and the Moon) where a third, smaller mass can orbit at a fixed distance from the larger masses. More precisely, the Lagrange Points mark positions where the gravitational pull of the two large masses precisely cancels the centripetal acceleration required to rotate with them.

NASA has plans to send a manned spacecraft to the Lagrange point on the far side of the moon. It will be able to remain stationary relative to the moon, and operate rovers on the Moon's far side by remote control. Because the point is so close to the surface it can send signals with only a slight delay instead of the three second delay from Earth.

-Information from Montana State University Physics Dept. and nasa.gov

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