



Leader's Corner

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National 4-H Center

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Jan 15
International Programs outbound chaperone and delegate applications due

WHAT A ROAD TRIP! State Leader's Forum 2008

By: Shannon Williams, Donna R. Gillespie

The District III 4-H Leader's Association and the Lemhi County 4-H Leaders would like to thank everyone who took the "Road Trip" to Lemhi County. Little did we know at our only face-to-face planning meeting last October that over 150 of our closest 4-H friends would choose to make the trip and 190 would attend the DSA/ Hall of Fame banquet! It is always great to network with other 4-H leaders you only see once a year. Participants had the opportunity to visit with other leaders who are leading the same projects, gathered their ideas and discussed some of the common challenges we all face.

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ARABIAN MARE NAMED 2008 4-H HORSE OF THE YEAR

By Susan Dudasik



The winner of the 2008 Idaho 4-H Horse of the Year is Berica, an eighteen-year old Spanish-Arabian mare owned by 10 year-old, Julianna Larish of Grangeville. Julianna and Berica have been active in the Rough Riders 4-H Club for the past three years and also participate with the Triple Bar Drill Team. They perform at the Grangeville Border Days Rodeo and parades. Together they enjoy horse shows, especially Pole Bending, Barrels, and Key Hole Races, trail rides and fund-raising events. Berica means glorious, intelligent.

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State Leaders Association

By Bobbi Flowers

As we concluded the 2008 4-H year, President Mary Davidson from District 3 reflected upon the busy year we had. President Davidson highlighted on hosting the 2008 WRLF in March at Boise. She added that then we followed with State Leaders Forum in October among other things. The outgoing officers for 2008 are President Mary Davidson – District 3, President-Elect Bobbi Flowers – District 1, Secretary Claudia Brush – District 2, Treasurer Maurine Johnson – District 2 and Past-President Kevin Davidson – District 3. Incoming officers for 2009 are President Bobbi Flowers – District 1, President-Elect Bonnie Caywood – District 4, Secretary Samantha Anderson – District 3, Treasurer Maurine Johnson – District 2, and Past-President Mary Davidson – District 3. The SLA continues to offer financial support through scholarships for adults and youth attending state and national activities. Anyone seeking information or who may have a concern may contact their district representative or any SLA officer.

2008 Idaho 4-H Wool Contest

By Donna R. Gillespie

The Promotional Division of the Idaho Wool Growers Association offers cash awards to Idaho 4-H members who make garments from wool fabric or yarn at the Basic and Advanced Levels. Contestants participate in judging at the county on construction and fit and at the state level on construction and their Wool Contest Portfolio. The Idaho Wool Growers Association has partnered with Idaho 4-H for over 50 years to provide cash scholarship awards. This year winners of the Basic Level in each district were awarded \$25 and the state winner \$100. Advanced winners in each district were awarded \$100 and the state first place winner \$600.00, second place winner \$300 and third place winner \$150. In addition, each participant received a length of 100% wool from Carleen Clayville of Carleen Fabrics and Crafts in Rupert, Idaho. 2008 Idaho 4-H Wool Contest



District II Advanced &
1st Place State Advanced
Lacy Barker, Nampa, ID



District II Basic &
1st Place State Basic
Abby Platt, Caldwell, ID

Participants must be a 4-H member between 14 and 19 and be enrolled in a 4-H project where they

construct or make a garment/outfit using a minimum 60% wool blend fabric or yarn. If the entry's construction and fit receive a blue or 1st place ribbon at the county contest they are eligible to participate in the Idaho 4-H Wool Contest. This year's entries were also showcased at the Trailing of the Sheep Festival in Hailey, Idaho on October 11th. State and district winners were announced and prizes awarded at the Idaho 4-H Leaders Forum in Salmon, Idaho on October 26th.

The 2008 winners are:

District II Basic and 1st Place State Basic
Abby Platt, Caldwell, ID

District II Advanced and 1st Place State Advanced
Lacy Barker, Nampa, ID

2nd Place State Advanced
Lisa Hopkins, Caldwell, ID

District III Advanced
Rena Davidson, Buhl, ID

District IV Advanced and 3rd Place State Advanced
Katrina Knight, Lemhi, ID



Chaperones Needed For 4-H Overseas Travel Program

Idaho 4-H will participate in the States' 4-H International Programs summer exchanges to four countries in 2009: Finland, Costa Rica, Japan, and Australia. 4-H members from throughout the U.S. will travel to these countries for one month homestay programs.

Adult chaperones are invited to submit applications to accompany these youths. Chaperones participate in pre-trip conference calls, outbound orientations, accompany the youths during travel to and from the destination

country and during some in-country travel. The chaperones will stay with one or two host families during the program.

Cost is a modest \$500 to \$1,500 (this amount is determined by travel costs to the destination country), but some scholarship funds are available. Chaperones should have experience accompanying youths while traveling. Previous travel to other countries is a plus. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required, but a willingness to learn is essential.

Applications may be downloaded from the International Programs page on the state 4-H website: www.4h.uidaho.edu. For more information, see the website or contact Claudine Zender, International Programs Coordinator, at 208-885-7700, or czender@uidaho.edu.

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ARABIAN MARE NAMED 2008 4-H HORSE OF THE YEAR

This special horse is not only good for her young owner, but for other youngsters as well. Berica is a training horse in and out of 4-H, helping riders from 4 to 18. According to Julianna “Berica is a great teacher. Julianna helps her advisor work with first time riders and helps other kids who are afraid of horses by teaching them how to handle Berica on the ground and in the saddle. Currently Julianna’s mother, Julie is preparing to start a therapeutic riding center in their area and Berica will be one of the starter horses.

In honor of winning this event, during the State Leaders Forum in Salmon, Katie Hoffman, the Lemhi County Family Consumer Science Extension Educator, presented Julianna with a custom-painted portrait model of Berica donated by the Peter Stone Model Horse Company Horse. She will also receive a stable sheet for Berica, with compliments from a grant provided by the Idaho Horse Board.



The 2008 4-H National Youth Science Day

By Tim Ewers

4-H has a long, successful history of providing youth with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities to learn science and engineering. Across the nation, however, there is a critical need to improve youth performance in math and science and to encourage more youth to work toward careers in science and engineering.

In the past two years National 4-H has developed a plan for helping the nation address the need to encourage more youth to engage in science. The plan is called the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Initiative (4-H SET). Currently, 4-H is reaching nearly 6 million youth nationwide. A goal of the initiative is to engage 1 million additional youth in 4-H SET activities by the year 2013.

On October 8, 2008 the 4-H Youth Development Program kicked off the first 4-H National Youth Science Day and launched the first-ever National Youth Experiment as part of the 4-H SET Initiative. The National Youth Experiment focused on the environment, using science principles to teach youth across the country about the importance of water conservation. The experiment involved the use of hydrogels exploring their properties and investigating how and why they are used in agriculture.

In addition to conducting the experiment and related activities, youth and their parents and leaders were encouraged to go to an online forum to share their experiences and discuss their results. Over 500 participants nationwide chose to complete a survey about the program including 15 from Idaho. Given the novelty of the program and the short notice to incorporate it into 4-H Week, the response is considered a great success.

More information about the 2008 4-H National Youth Science Day is available online at: <http://www.4-H.org/>

WHAT A ROAD TRIP! State Leader's Forum 2008

This year's planning committee was probably the only one in history to be separated by almost 300 miles, but they worked hard independently and shared ideas at two video conferences and one conference call. Funds are being collected, bills paid and budgets reviewed but with your participation it looks like the Forum will be financially successful. At this point we have only briefly reviewed the evaluations but for the most part we are pleased with the positive comments.

Utah State's John Paul Murphy was our key note speaker and challenged all of us to become better leaders and mentors to youth. We all agreed that he and Denise Bender, our cap note speaker, were wonderful and we left the Forum with a new sense of humility and service.



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There were 34 tours and workshops offered at the Forum, an unusually high number to offer in one and a half days. We had one presenter become ill the day before and had to cancel her workshop and adjust a few other presenters and rooms but evaluations indicate that the workshops were well done and much learning and fun took place.

Everyone agreed that the DSA/Hall of Fame banquet was made special by the comments and experiences shared by the Hall of Fame inductees. The next time a Hall of Fame induction is held Kleenex should be provided for this touching event. The Forum was filled with many other activities, too numerous

to mention here, including teen activities, scavenger hunt, silent and live auction, Idaho Wool Contest and others.

We appreciate that you excused some of the challenges we had by holding the Forum in a small town and reveled in the beautiful weather and breathtaking scenery in Salmon and along the trip. Thank you again from everyone on the planning committee for attending our Forum and we will see all of you in Idaho Falls in 2009.

State and National Opportunities for Youth

There are many opportunities for older 4-H members to experience 4-H at the State and National levels. Members can travel, meet youth from across the state or across the nation and may learn about government, our nation's history, and other cultures, and may meet our elected officials. We are also looking for leaders to chaperone some of these trips. You can learn more about these opportunities on the 4-H web page: www.4h.uidaho.edu and click on Events and Opportunities. (Continued below)

Here are some of the opportunities:

American Beekeeping Essay Contest is open to all 4-H members. Entries are due Feb. 2, 2009.

Idaho 4-H Know Your Government Conference will be held in Boise, February 14-16, 2009, for 8th and 9th grade 4-H members. Applications are due in late December or early January, depending on the county.

National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C. March 28-April 2, 2009, for youth 15 and up. Applications are due December 5.

Idaho 4-H Teen Conference will be held on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow, June 8-12, 2009, for youth who have completed the 8th-12th grades. Earlybird applications are due April 15.

4-H in Idaho Photo Contest is open to 4-H members, leaders, parents, and Extension staff. Entries are due July 1.

Citizenship Washington Focus will be held at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C., June 27- July 5, 2009, for members 15 -19. Interest forms were due Sept. 15, 2008, but there may still be space.

National 4-H Dairy Conference is held in Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 27-30, 2009, for 4-H dairy members 15 and up. Applications are due May 1, 2009.

Idaho Wool Contest will be held in Oct. 2009, for members 12-18.

National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2009, for members 14-18. Applications are due July 8, 2009.

4-H Inducts 9 New Idaho Hall of Famers

Several 4-H volunteers and retired staff were recently recognized for their many years of contributions to 4-H in Idaho. Seven individuals and one couple were selected to be inducted into the Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame, Oct. 25, during the 2008 Idaho State 4 H Leaders' Forum, joining the 100 inducted in 2002 and 14 inducted in 2005. These citizens from across Idaho were honored for their commitment to helping the state's youth develop valuable leadership skills and have fun while doing so.

The Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame was established as part of the 4H centennial celebration in 2002 to honor those who have made a significant impact on 4-H and the lives of thousands of members.

Those inducted were:

Eileen Bennett of Clark County has served the 4-H program for 25 years. Besides teaching youth she has always been one to help out with fund raisers and community service projects. She came to the United States in 1947 with a Canadian combine crew and settled in Dubois to teach middle school. She became an American citizen in 1948. A 4-H leader guiding youth in numerous project areas, she also served as a past 4-H Council president. She organized and managed the Clark County Youth Horse Show for six years. A past charter member and secretary of the Clark County Fair Board, she received its Community Service Award.



Janice Bosse, Idaho State 4-H Office, provided the glue that held Idaho 4-H together behind the scene for 40 years. She began as a secretary for 4-H in 1961 but her responsibilities grew substantially before she retired in 2001. She managed communications with all 4-H Program donors, maintained the 4-H awards and recognition program and the 4-H endowment reporting system. In addition to working at the state level Jan served as a volunteer 4-H leader in Latah County. She received the University of Idaho Outstanding Employee Award in 1995, a Western Regional NAE4-HA Communicator Award in 1995 and the Secretary of Agriculture Honor Award for Support Services in 1998.

Wallace Brown of Twin Falls County has volunteered as a 4-H leader for 31 years helping youth with beef and leather craft projects and serving for many years as the 4-H beef superintendent and committee chair. He worked hard to improve the beef show ring, barn, and the quality of carcasses being raised by 4-H members. He made sure any youth who wanted to take a project could, no matter what their abilities or challenges may have been. He served as the Twin Falls 4-H Leaders Council president twice and received the State Distinguished Service Award in 1993. In 2007 the Twin Falls County Fair Board renamed the sale barn in his honor.



Ken and Claudia Brush of Canyon County have supported the educational opportunities for youth and 4-H for 20 years. Claudia has served on 4-H councils at all levels, most recently giving financial leadership to the 2008 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum. They contribute to the State Leaders Association and provided scholarships to youth traveling to national 4-H events. In memory of their daughter, Cynthia, they endowed a college scholarship for 4-H members attending Vallivue High School, Caldwell.

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Barbara DeShon of Bonneville County for 38 years opened her 4-H club to all youths, especially those whose families struggled financially and those with physical and emotional challenges. She was a horse leader and put her time, effort and financial resources into the horse program so that many youth could afford the horse, tack and feed. Within her community she runs a Special Olympics program for local handicapped and challenged adults.



Helen Larson of Canyon County has devoted 48 years to Idaho 4-H as a club and resource leader and helping with county and district demonstrations. During her time as a club leader she worked with 959 youth. She was a devoted chaperone, accompanying youth to county, district and state level events. Her impact on 4-H will be long felt because her club members are now 4-H leaders, parents and committee members.



Joan Parr of Cassia County started her work for University of Idaho Extension in Cassia County focusing on 4-H, food safety, food preservation, leadership, child development, and communication skills. . Joan has been described as 'bleeding green' because of her commitment to 4-H and family and consumer science programs. Joan developed new leaders orientation resources, worked with the leaders' association, served on a number of committees, including 4-H curriculum, Extension Advisory and Diversity. Joan implemented new programs in Cassia County such as Communication Rodeo, Builder's Club, home economics judging contest, achievement day, family fair, and school enrichment programs. She served as Cassia County chair and interim District III director.



Gay Willis, Bonneville County, began as a 4-H leader in 1979, quickly taking on more leadership roles. In 1982 she joined the 4-H Advisory Council and was secretary for about 13 years. She received Bonneville County's Virginia Russell Memorial Award in 1986. Her favorite 4-H project was Teen Scene, which gave older teens real hands-on experience on how to budget, buy a used car, interview for a job, and even shop for an apartment.



State 4-H Award Winners and National 4-H Trip Participants

O.M. PLUMMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$615 college scholarship

Sponsored by The Oregon Community Foundation

Danielle Scott, Lewis County

Roy and Mamie Jones Memorial Scholarship

Diane Robertson, Kootenai County

State 4-H Award Winners and National 4-H Trip Participants

NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE Madison Wisconsin September

27-October 3, 2008

Sponsored by United Dairymen of Idaho

Stacie Day, Madison County

Jared Studer, Minidoka County

Kimberly Dolecheck, Twin Falls County

Doris Mortimer, Jefferson Co., Chap.

Neil Jackson, Jerome County

Kevin Davidson, Twin Falls Co., Chap.

Michelle Mortimer, Jefferson County

Janis Ritchie, Madison County,

United Dairymen Representative

Logan Scott, Gooding County

4-H IN IDAHO PHOTO CONTEST

\$30 cash and 11 x 14 enlargement of photo

Sponsored by Archer Photography, Moscow, and Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund

Youth Division

*Dustin Kolste, Franklin County

*Weston Kolste, Franklin County

*Sarah Nyberg, Washington County

*Samantha Riggers, Lewis County

*Ally Sander, Ada County

Adult Division

Anita Falen, Latah County

Pat Sander, Ada County

*Photo selected to be displayed in one of Idaho's Congressional Offices

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD

March 29-April 3, 2008

Sponsored by Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund

Ashley Arts, Kootenai County

Trey Mallory, Gem County

Natalie Brodie, Ada County

Zach Peterson, Lemhi County

Shawn Gayner, Ada County

Megan Shannahan, Ada County

Seth Johnson, Clearwater County

Mason Sideroff, Payette County

Jordan Lockard, Benewah County

Katie Hoffman, Lemhi Co., Chap.

IDAHO 4-H ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1000 college scholarships

Sponsored by Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund

Justin Azevedo, Canyon County

Lauren Rubin, Gem County

Laurel Gampe, Lemhi County

Kylie Uhlorn, Idaho County

Ryan Killpack, Bingham County

Emily Wainright, Custer County

Sandra Koepl, Lewis County

Marina Wold, Nez Perce County

Cooper "White" and Leona Fletcher Memorial Scholarship

Katie Cook, Bonneville County

Johannesen Leadership Scholarship

Danielle Hopper, Canyon County

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD

July 4-14,2008, Sponsored by Idaho 4-H Endowment, Keith Nix and Samantha Anderson

Shelby Anderson, Twin Falls County

Michelle Gustafson, Kootenai County

Megan Buxton, Ada County

Mary Davidson, Tin Falls Co., Chap.

Dustin Davidson, Twin Falls County

Kevin Davidson, Twin Falls, Co. Chap.

Rena Davidson, Tin Falls County

Matt Gustafson, Kootenai Co., Chap

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

Atlanta, Georgia – November 27- December 2, 2008

Program Area	Delegate	County	Sponsor
Beef	Theresa Ost	Kootenai	Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund
Clothing & Textiles	John Gardner	Jerome	Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund
Foods and Nutrition	Jake Schmidt	Ada	Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund
Horse	Melissa Cook	Bonneville	Idaho Youth Horse Council
Horse	Jordan Lockard	Benewah	Idaho Youth Horse Council
Sheep	Suzi Berger	Kootenai	Idaho Wool Growers Association
Small Animals	Megan Buxton	Canyon	Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund
Swine	Ashley Arts	Kootenai	Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund
Chaperone	Mary Jean Craig	State 4-H Office	State 4-H Leaders' Association
Chaperone	Leann Telecky	Kootenai	Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund

*Contributions from individuals and former National 4-H Congress delegates will be shared among all delegates:

- Janet Benoit, •Annette Brusven, •Melissa Cummins, •Lynn Danly, •Diane Deeg, •Doris Fraley, •Wes Fuji,
- Calvin Harrold, •Berne Judge, •Jim and Kathy Miller, •Nancy Shelstad, •Colleen and Greg Sonnen, •Martin Trail,
- Cathy Russell Walter, •Kathy Webster.