

Behind the Bit 4-H

January 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Secretary: Takara C.

Treasurer: Dezeray W.

Safety Officer: Selina H.

Leaders: **A)** Sheri W., **B)** Lorie O., **C)** Devona H., **Y)** Linda O., **Z)** Suzann H

Welcome to *Behind the Bit 4-H* my name is Kara H. and I am the club reporter for 2016. I am very excited to present to you the very first Newsletter for our club and look forward to sharing information about upcoming events and scheduled activities that our club will be hosting throughout the year.

This newsletter will be a monthly letter which will be posted on our Facebook Page at the start of each month. I will also have a paper copy available for pick up at the first meeting of every month. If you wish to receive an electronic copy. Please provide me with your email address. You can email me at karahi2001@gmail.com. Or my parent supporter Tammy H. at tammy@escapetrailer.com.

Although this is a new 4-H Horse club which does not officially start until January 2016 we have been too excited to contain ourselves. In October we kicked off our club with a Neufeld Farms Fundraiser. (*Thank's Mom for the Cookies I hope you order more, A LOT MORE, with the next order!*). If you have missed out on any of these activities – DO NOT WORRY!!!! This year in 4-H is going to be the best one yet, full of new opportunities, a variety of activities. If any of your parents, grandparents or family friends are looking for a way to support our 4-H club. Sheri W. (Leader A) is always in need of volunteers when we are hosting a horse show, or other special event.

As October faded into November we gathered both momentum and members. Registered members had the opportunity to participate in both a FoodSafe Course, and First Aid Course. We also started taking lessons with Tom B. at Ron P.'s in Yarrow. We ended November with a Fun Games Day which included 6 events, a silent auction and even a Jackpot ride!

We continued our riding lessons into December, a fundraiser at Duke's Pub (Parent's Only) which included another Silent Auction and a coin toss which the leaders are not saying too much about. ☺ We also began collecting donations for two families in need and donated some time to the Salvation Army.

We took advantage of the holiday season and all members got together for a Christmas party in which Santa made a Guest appearance. Everyone enjoyed lots of food from the potluck dinner.



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Some other miscellaneous items:

Logo - We also voted on our logo which was designed by Lorie O. And placed our orders for *Behind the Bit 4-H* club clothing. The T – Shirt Color has now been confirmed and will be done in

Green

Scholarships – 4-H offers a wide variety of Scholarships for the older members. Please contact Sheri or visit our Behind the Bit 4-H Facebook Page for more information.



Continuous Bottle Drive – Thank you to the hard work of Glenda O. we can bring all of our cans, and bottles to riding lessons or any 4-H Meeting and Glenda will ensure they are cashed in. All proceeds are given directly to our club Treasurer.

Elected Party and Leaders – 4-H is about learning roles, responsibility, accountability and Democracy. However, as a new club our Elected Party was assigned by the leaders (Parent Volunteers/Organizers). Every month we will ask for a message from one member of our Elected Party and Designated Leader. Each member and leader will provide information about their role so next year when we vote members have a better understanding of the opportunities within 4-H.

In our next newsletter we will be including contact information for each leader and elected party. However, we ask that contact information is kept only for club purposes. Parents, Leaders and Members are reminded all club members are minors and their information is to be kept private and not shared. It is ONLY with both parental and member consent that this information will be provided. Please note we will not be sharing last names in the Newsletter in an attempt to respect privacy.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Behind the Bit 4-H Club is the perfect experience for you and your project to learn more about each other's capabilities, traits, and much more. In any 4-H club, we as the members learn to speak confidently in public, become able to perform speak and shows and demos, and judge various objects and animals. Not only do we learn about our project's anatomy, we also learn a wide variety of things we can do with them such as how to show, performing in trail classes, games, de-spooking, and attending various clinics. The 4-H motto is "learn to do by doing" which is exactly what we do, meanwhile having fun and making a memory out of every event. I hope you enjoy this club as much as I do, and make as many memories your brain can withstand. – Leah H., President

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER:

Happy New Year 2016!

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The Christmas season is traditionally a busy time of year and that is also true for the club's leaders, mentors, and Sr. and Jr. Directors. It is at this time that we begin planning for the 2016 4H season. Our plan for Behind the Bit 4H is full of opportunities and growth, 2016 is shaping up to be an exciting year!

As we look forward to the New Year, I would first like to extend a big welcome to all our members, old and new. Thanks for supporting Behind the Bit 4H vision, we could not do any of this without you. I would also like to thank all of our members who have put in countless hours of volunteer work to get this club up and running.

We have taken great strides in a short period of time both in the development of our youth and their projects as well as becoming active members in our community. I am excited for what is still to come!

Lastly, I would like to encourage all of our members to communicate ideas, thoughts and concerns with myself and other leaders. It is important that we support each other throughout the year in both the ups and downs. This is your club and we are here to assist you in making it the best club it can be, now let's get out there and "Learn by Doing!"

Your "A" Leader,

Sheri W.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 14, 2016 Club Meeting at Work SafeT

January 28, 2016 Riding Lesson at Ron P.'s

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Horse Breeds Word Search Puzzle

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APPALOOSA	GELDERLANDER
ARABIAN	HIGHLAND PONY
ASTURIAN	MINIATURE
AZTECA	MUSTANG
BELGIAN	PALOMINO
BUCKSKIN	PINTO
CARTHUSIAN	QUARTER HORSE
CASPIAN	SADDLEBRED
CLYDESDALE	SHETLAND PONY