



Owyhee County 4-H Cloverbud Sheep Activity Book



Name _____

Age _____ Year in 4-H _____ 20_____

Club Name _____

Member's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Leader's Signature _____

My lamb's name is

My lamb is a: _____ boy _____ girl _____ I don't know

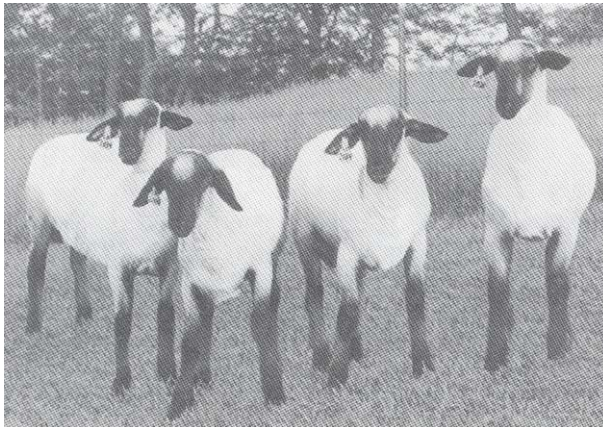
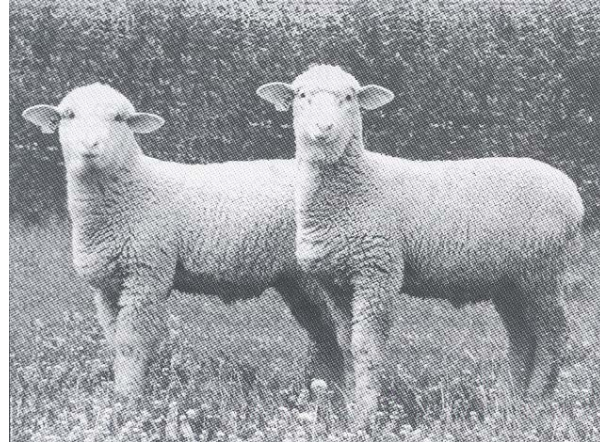
A boy sheep is called a RAM LAMB. When he grows up, he is called a RAM.

A girl sheep is called a EWE (pronounced "you") LAMB. When she grows up, she is called a EWE.

Draw a picture of your lamb below.

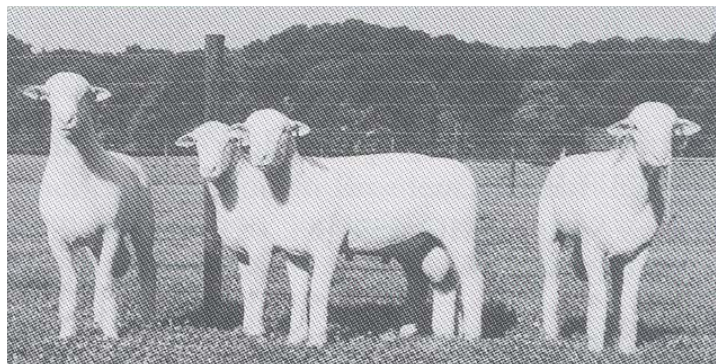
BREEDS OF SHEEP

COLUMBIA (Coal-um-bee-ah):
This Breed of sheep comes from Wyoming and Idaho. They have white faces, no horns and are known for their high quality wool.



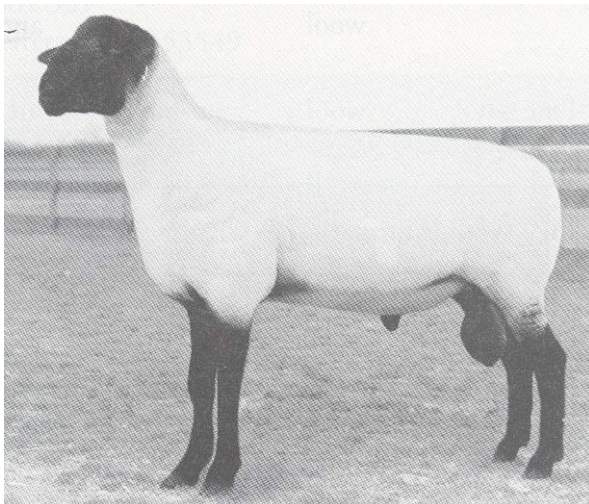
HAMPSHIRE (Hamp-sure):
These are the giants of the sheep family. They can weigh as much as 300 pounds when full grown. They have dark wool (brown or black) on their ears, face and legs.

DORSET (Door-set):
This breed of sheep may have great curled horns, or they may be polled (no horns). They are known for their ability to have more than two lambs a year. They have white wool all over.



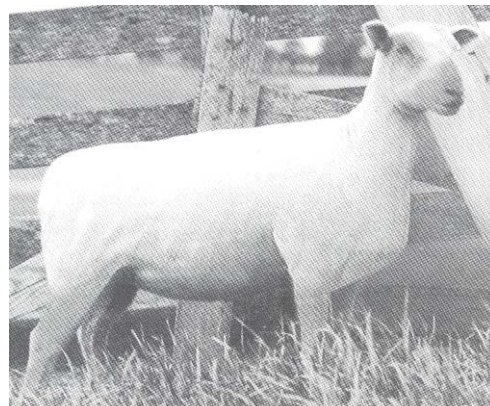
RAMBOUILLET (Ram-bowl-ay):

This breed has very fine wool, white face and legs. The males (rams) may have large spiraling horns. The mature sheep have a lot of long, thick wool.



SUFFOLK (Suff-ic): The face, ears and legs are black and free from wool. These are the giants of the sheep family. Adult rams may weigh up to 325 pounds. They have roman noses.

SOUTHDOWN: This is one of the oldest breeds of sheep. The ears, face and legs are gray. The Southdown sheep is very small and easy to handle even when full grown.



FEEDING YOUR SHEEP

Your sheep get hungry every day, just like you do. You will need to get into the habit of doing your chores each morning before you eat breakfast and each night before you eat dinner.

Lambs less than three weeks old should be fed milk or milk replacer. If your lambs are still with their mother, you will only need to feed her and make sure they are nursing. If your lambs do not have a mother, you will need to feed them from 1 to 2 quarts of milk a day. You will need a pop bottle and a lamb nipple, and will only want to feed the lamb a little at a time — so that it doesn't eat too much and get a tummy ache!

After your lambs reach three weeks of age, you can give them fresh water and a good tasting grain in a creep-feeder. A creep-feeder is a little pen with a grain trough in it that will only let little lambs in. The older sheep won't fit through the slats in the fence.

The grain you feed your sheep will come from a feed store, unless your feed is home grown. Your mix of grain may contain corn, oats, wheat or soybeans. Ask your 4-H leader or at the feed store for help in deciding what grain to feed your sheep.



You will also want to give your sheep some hay. Sheep love alfalfa hay.

Don't forget to make sure your sheep always have fresh water. In the wintertime, don't give your sheep heated water. If it is too hot, they won't drink it and won't want to eat their grain either. This may make them sick.

MEDICAL RECORD

Vet's Name _____

Vet's Phone Number _____

Tell us about what you did to keep your sheep healthy. Did your sheep ever get sick? If so, what did you do to help it get better?

ALL ABOUT WOOL

That fuzzy white stuff all over your lamb is called WOOL. It helps keep your lamb warm in the winter time and cool in the summer.

When the wool gets too long, it must be cut off, like when you get a hair cut. When a lamb gets its wool cut, it is called SHEARING.

After the wool is shorn, it is cleaned and spun into long threads. This is called YARN. The yarn may be woven into fabrics which are used to make coats, shirts and neck scarves.

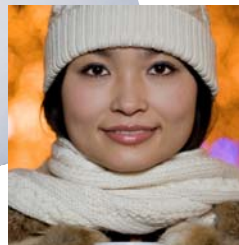
Yarn may also be knitted into sweaters, mittens and blankets.

Wool yarn can be dyed into many pretty colors from which pretty sweaters can be made.

Wool will keep you warm in the winter time, too!



Circle the things below that could be made from wool:



FUN AND GAMES

Remember the section on breeds of sheep? See if you can locate the following breeds in the Word Find below.

BREEDS

SOUTHDOWN

RAMBOUILLET

SUFFOLK

DORSET

HAMPSHIRE

COLUMBIA

A Q P L N C Q R E N K S Y J I H
C R A M B O U I L L E T W G P F
S C R O Z L L A F X D C J A O E
H D O M B U S U F F O L K U B X
E T M H A M P S H I R E A V N T
E S L F Y B H B G E S D L Q R C
P U Z J H I T U K I E V G D M S
B V P K I A W S O U T H D O W N

Projects or activities I worked on this year were: _____

I attended _____ club meetings.

I helped the community by: _____

I like being in 4-H because: _____

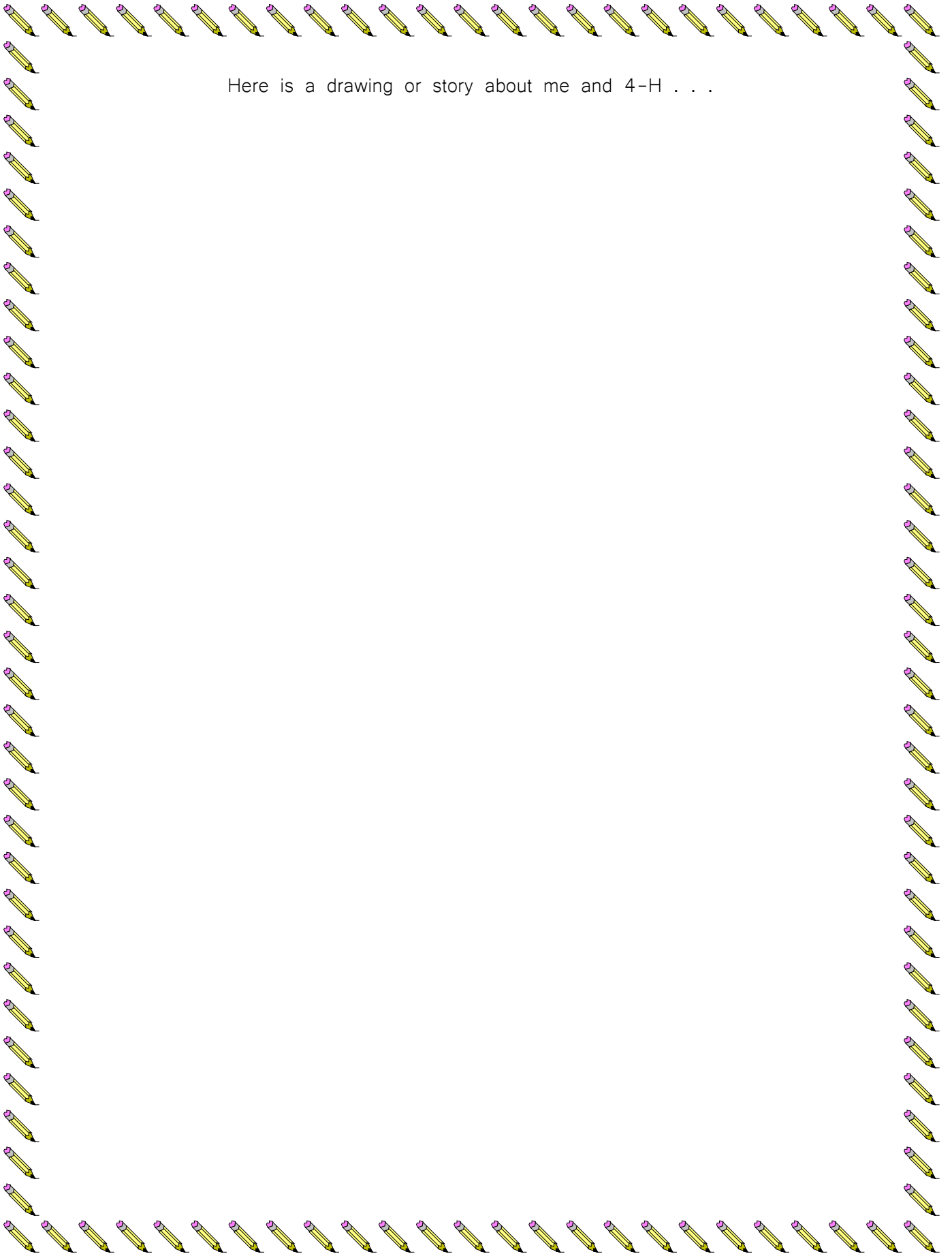
This year I learned how to: _____

This year I showed others how to: _____





Here are some pictures of me and things I did in 4-H this year . . .



Here is a drawing or story about me and 4-H . . .

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I Pledge

(Right Hand over Heart)



(Arms at Sides)



4-H Pledge

My Head to Clearer Thinking,



(Right Hand Points to Forehead)

My Heart to Greater Loyalty,

My Hands to Larger Service



(Arms Slightly Bent Palms Up)

and My Health to Better Living,

For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World.

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Would you like to learn more about all the 4-H projects and activities in Owyhee County?

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