4-H Staffing Update

As we enter the new year we have several big changes in our office. Most people know that after 25 years of serving as the Baker County 4-H Agent, Janice Cowan has retired. Though it is sad to see her go we are happy to say she will be remaining in the community and volunteering her skills in various ways. She will also continue working on a very part time basis with her horticulture assignment. She will be supporting clientele with her expertise in identifying pests (both “bugs” and plants) as well as working with the local Master Gardeners. She will be in the office a couple part time days throughout the growing season and will also be publishing her Horticulture newsletter. If you would like to be on the mailing list please let us know in the office.

The 4-H program will be continuing on, in spite of Janice’s retirement. The search for a replacement agent will be initiated later this spring. In the meantime a solid plan is in place for our current staff to continue supporting our members, leaders and parents as best we can. Jayne Kellar, current office manager, will be stepping in as the interim 4-H agent. She will be the person to talk with about events, policies, programming and other issues. Angela Robbs will be providing support for enrollment, newsletters, general 4-H questions and support and picking up more of the general office duties. Becca Colton will also be providing some general back up support for Angela and Jayne.

We appreciate everyone’s support and understanding during this time of transition. Every effort will be made to keep the program and office running smoothly but each of our staff have their current job duties and with adding on the 4-H program duties there will be some things that won’t get done. We are very appreciative of the staff volunteering to step in and thanks to you all!

Carole Smith, Regional Administrator

Leader News

2nd 4-H Assoc. Meeting

Our meeting date and time is Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 pm in the small meeting room of the Event Center.

A couple of items on the agenda for this meeting will be to discuss any additional 2016 Premium Book changes, discuss the Swine Rate of Gain weighing/tagging. We also need Youth Ambassadors. If you can think of anything else that we need to discuss give me a call.

Poultry Superintendent Needed

Also, consider volunteering to be a Poultry Superintendent. We do not have anyone for this upcoming year. This person will help co-superintend the small animal barn with the rabbit superintendent Tami Foltz. Some of the duties of a Superintendent are:

- Help setup small animal cages on our work day
- Assign clubs to the pens from the Pen Request Spreadsheet
- Facilitate the classes themselves, i.e. line up for each class
- Select a clerk who will record results in the clerk book
- Attend morning leader meeting
- Communicate with the judge on how classes flow and our procedures
**Member News**

**4-H Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications for OSU scholarships must be accompanied by a brief essay, a copy of high school grades, a copy of official SAT or ACT scores. More information is available at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/state-4h-scholarships. Applications are due in this office by February 15, 2016.

4-H members interested in applying for Oregon 4-H scholarships should contact the county agent during their Junior year of high school for information.

**Baker County 4-H Association Scholarship/Cockram Scholarship**

You might consider applying for the 4-H Association and the Cockram Memorial Scholarships, which are both available for 4-H youth. Each one is worth $500 and the application deadline for each is April 15, 2016. Sounds like a long ways off, but you know how busy you get between now and spring break!

The 4-H Association scholarship is based on the time, work and involvement you have done in 4-H; the Cockram Scholarship is for both 4-H and FFA youth. 4-H Assoc. Scholarship is for a 4-H member. Applications are in the Extension office.

**EOLR-GB Training and the Leadership Retreat**

Enclosed is the registration form and flyer to sign up for the 2016 EOLR leadership retreat. This year it will be a road trip to OMSI, the dates are April 22-24, 2016. A time to visit with old friends and meet new friends from our Eastern Oregon counties. Space is limited, please sign-up early. Also, Baker Co. 4-H Association will provide a half scholarship to the first 10 members to register.

**Project News**

**EOLS Possession Date’s 2016:**

- Beef—February 6
- Lambs—April 10
- Hogs—April 10
- Goats—April 10

**Baker County Fair Market Steer Policy**

At the time of pre-weigh-in/tagging (mid-February) of market steers a completed e-slip, per animal, MUST be presented to the clerk in order to weigh and tag the animal. We will record the e-slip number next to your animal’s ear tag number to confirm possession date of each animal. E-slips are now available for purchase at the Extension office for $2.50 each. Remember, all market steers must be tagged & weighed by March 1, 2016.

**Steer Tagging & Weighing Dates Set**

- **North Powder Area:** Feb. 18th, 4 pm @ Hufford’s Scale
- **Durkee:** Feb. 19th, 11 am @ Siddoway’s Scale
- **Richland/Halfway:** Feb.19th, 2 pm @ Forsea Ranch
- **Keating, Unity:** Feb. 18 & 19. Must call the office for a time and place to weigh.
- **Baker Area:** February 20th, 9-10 am, Thomas Angus Ranch - Bootsma Feedlot, Located at Attwood Rd.

**Baker County Fair Possession Date’s**

- Beef—March 1
- Lambs—June 1
- Hogs—June 1
- Goats—June 1

Market rabbits and poultry will not be tagged but need to have possession of the animal by:
- Poultry—8 weeks prior to show; rabbits—90 days old at time of weigh-in
Note: having your animal tagged does not mean you are automatically enrolled in 4-H or registered to participate in the county fair.

Market Health Forms – get them now!

Remember to get your Oregon 4-H Market Animal health forms for Beef, Sheep, Goats, and Swine. These forms are required for market animal exhibitors to show at County Fair. Start working on them now, because the records require information about early vaccinations and feed. You can get copies at the Extension office or download them from our website.

PEDv...Now What?
Leticia Henderson-Livestock Agent

By now, most of you know that the Oregon Department of Agriculture has confirmed a case of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv) in Clackamas County. Oregon State University extension personnel are working to make sure we can deliver you the necessary information to help you proceed with your 4-H swine project this year. Below are a few helpful hints and updates for you to be aware of as you begin to select your animals.

What we know….and what we don’t
Currently, we are still in the information gathering stage of developing a plan to move forward. The PEDv is highly contagious, and as such, the pork industry is taking cautious steps to reduce the risk of spread. Please be patient and understanding of producer concerns as you schedule visits to purchase animals. There will still be a swine show at the Baker County Fair and at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, but expect to see different procedures that could affect tagging and weigh-in. We invite you to call us with any concerns or suggestions you might have.

Bio-Security
PEDv is a fecal-oral disease that is spread by exposure to infected manure. One thimbleful of infected diarrhea is enough to infect the entire US pig population. The only way to prevent PEDv is to carefully practice biosecurity. The PEDv has a long survival rate, especially in cold, damp weather. The Pork Checkoff provides the following steps for non-farm personnel to follow important biosecurity practices.

1. Contact the farm to see what procedures they would like you to follow.
   a. Ask about the current herd health.
   b. See how much time they would like you to wait between farm visits if you plan to make multiple stops.
   c. Ask the manager about any specific actions they would like you to take to meet their biosecurity standards.

2. Make sure you are properly equipped.
   a. Carry disposable coveralls and boot covers to avoid cross contamination. Dispose of used covers immediately.
   b. Carry extra trash bags to store used clothing, equipment, etc. Wash all clothes and clean all equipment as soon as possible.
   c. Wash and disinfect your vehicle and allow it to dry overnight to remove traces of the virus. Pay special attention to wheel wells and undercarriages.
   d. People and vehicles are the two of the most notorious vectors that spread the PEDv. Be sure you clean all of the mud, dirt, ice, snow, and dust before you move off a hog farm.
   e. For more information about disinfectants, visit aasv.org

Threats
The PEDv affects pigs of all ages, and has 100% mortality in young, nursing piglets less than 10 days old. While there are two vaccines available, they are for use in pregnant gilts and sows. PEDv does not affect meat quality.

U.S. agriculture continues to be a source of a safe and reliable food supply. Participating in 4-H market animal projects gives you the opportunity to learn about the technical side of raising meat animals. Educate yourself on the history and threats of the PEDv. I challenge you to think of how the PEDv affects not only your 4-H swine project, but also what this means for the Oregon pork industry. If you want more information, never hesitate to call me.

Information for this article was gathered from PEDV Resources, The Pork Check off, and information from Dr. Steve Henry (Abilene Animal Hospital), Dr. Brad R. LeaMaster (ODA), Dr. Charles Estill (OSU Extension), Dr. Jerry Heidel (OSU), and Gene Pirelli (OSU Extension).
February

15 State 4-H Scholarships Due to Ext. Office
18 North Powder, 4pm @ Huffords
19 Durkee, 11am @ Siddoway’s Scales
19 Richland/Halfway, 2 pm @ Forsea Ranch
20 Tag/Weigh Baker Area Market Steers: 9-10 am Bootsma Feedlot
   Keating must call the office for a time.
24 2nd Association meeting 6 pm Ext. Bldg.

March

1 BCF Mkt Steer Possession Date
14-18 4-H Staff Spring Conference – Portland
20-23 Experience Citizenship – Salem

April

1 County Enrollment Deadline
10 EOLS Possession for Lambs, Hogs, Goats

11 Experienced Camp Counselor Training
   7-9 pm Union Co. Ext. Office
15 Leaders Assoc. & Cockram Scholarship Due
22-24 EOLR
29-30 Horse Classic

May

1 Horse Classic
1 Horse Lease/Declaration Forms Due
3-4 Field to Fork: Baker Co. Fairgrounds
9 Camp Counselor Training - All youth required
10 EOLS Entries Due
16-31 Tri-County Camp: Early bird registrations
21 Tag/Weigh Sheep/Swine/Goats: 9-10:30 am
28 Wacky Ribbon Horse Show - Baker Co. Fairgrounds arena
30 Memorial Day: Office Closed

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OFFICIAL 4-H HEALTH FORM  Rev. 1-2015  
County________________________________________

Type of activity:  ☐ county/area  ☐ state  ☐ regional  ☐ national (check one)

Name of event/activity_____________________________________________________________________________________

Participant's Name:  ____________________________  __________________________
Last                                    First       M.I.

Address:  ___________________________________________  ____________  _______________________
Street Address  
City                                           State          Zip Code

Participant is:  ☐ Adult  ☐ Youth  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Emergency Contact:  ______________________________  _______________________________________
Name                                                                                              Relationship
Daytime phone                                                                                  Evening phone

Health Statement (to be completed by parent, physician or adult participant)

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As parent or guardian, if my child needs medical attention, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the person in charge of the 4-H event to order x-rays, routine tests, treatment, release any records necessary, and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for the person named on this form. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the person in charge of the 4-H event to hospitalize, secure emergency treatment for, to order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for me or my child as named on this form. I will assume all financial obligations incurred if not covered by insurance.

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Adult participant   Date
Fill out front and back and return to:
Baker County Extension, 2600 East St, Baker City, OR 97814

Name________________________________________ Phone______________________________
Parent/Guardian _______________________________ Phone_______________________________
Mailing Address___________________________________________________________________
City __________________________________________  Zip ______________________________
E-mail ___________________________________________  Female ☐  Male ☐  Grade _____

T-shirt Size (check one): ☐ S  ☐ M  ☐ L  ☐ XL  ☐ XXL  ☐ Registration Fee $100 due by April 1st
First 10 kids get $50 scholarship
Make Checks payable to: Baker County 4-H Assoc.

Diet requirement: _________________________ Any special needs: _________________________

OSU Extension programs will provide reasonable accommodation to persons with physical or mental
disabilities. Contact your local Extension office to request reasonable accommodation.

Besides parent/guardian, another person to contact in an emergency:
Name ___________________________________________________________________________
Relationship
Day Phone:_________________ Night Phone:_________________ Cell Phone: ______________

Our signatures below indicate that:

· We give permission for photos or video tapes of the member to be reproduced for promotional or
  educational purposes.

· We give permission for the member to participate in and or complete surveys and evaluations that will be
  used to determine program effectiveness or to promote the program.

· We understand that participation in surveys and evaluations is voluntary and that the member may choose
  not to participate in surveys or evaluations without any impact on his or her eligibility to participate in the
  4-H program.

· We understand that the member will be asked for his or her verbal consent before completing a survey or
  an evaluation.

· We understand that failure to abide by the policies and regulations governing the 4-H program may result
  in loss of membership privileges.

· There will be a nurse on duty at the retreat.

_____________________________    ________ __________________________    ________
Member’s signature  Date  Parent’s signature         Date
Limited Availability
First come First serve

Return to your County office
Before April 1, 2016

Baker County Extension
2600 East Street
Baker City OR 97814
Ph: 523-6418

Grant County Extension
201 S Humbolt, Ste 190
Canyon City OR 97820
Ph: 575-1911

Harney County Extension
450 N Buena Vista
Burns OR 97720
Ph: 573-2506

Gilliam County Extension
PO Box 707
Condon OR 97823
Ph: 384-2271

Union County Extension
10507 N McAlister Rd, Rm 9
La Grande OR 97850
Ph: 963-1010

Wallowa County Extension
668 NW 1st
Enterprise OR 97828
Ph: 426-3143

Participating Adult Staff

Monica Mitchell ..............Gilliam County
Deb Warnock ..............Wallowa County
Jayne Kellar ..............Baker County
Shanna Northway ............Grant County
Honour Bowen ..............Union County
Shana Withee ..............Harney County

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Ashley Terland .............Gilliam County
Piper Jamieson .............Gilliam County
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Melissa Foltz ..........Baker County
Deidre Schreiber .....Wallowa County
Teagan Miller ............Wallowa County
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Madi Maerola ..........Grant County
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2016
EASTERN OREGON LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Registration deadline:
April 1, 2016

8 ~ 12 grade
4-H Members
April 22-24, 2016
Portland, Oregon
“Road Trip to Leadership”

is the theme for the 2016 Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat.

Leadership Classes are taught by your peers and include:

- Team Building/Ice Breakers
- Goal Setting
- Being a Role Model
- Healthy Habits
- Bus Activities

Highlights of the Retreat

- Gain new skills to improve your communication and leadership ability
- Make new friends from other counties
- Overnight Stay at OMSI
- Tour of the Columbia Gorge including a stop at Maryhill Museum’s Stonehenge, Bonneville Dam and Multnomah Falls along the way
- Expand your leadership skills with classes on Team Building, Ice Breakers and Being a Role Model
- Pig-Out Party (Everyone brings cookies & snacks to share)
- Friday Fun Night—Dance and Games
- Have lots of FUN!!

Sign Up By April 1

Registration Fee—$100
(includes transportation on the bus)

$50 Scholarship’s available
First 10 member’s

Please make check payable to: Baker County 4-H Assoc.

Fill out the enclosed forms and return to the Extension office by April 1, 2016:

( ) Registration Form
( ) Health Form 4-H
( ) OMSI Health Form

There is limited space available, so get your registration in early.

Cancellation Policy:
No refunds after April 1st
Medical Consent Form

This form must be completed for every person (child or adult) attending an OMSI Camp-In. Use a separate copy for each person. PLEASE PRINT.

Participant Name: __________________________________________ Age: ______ Gender: ______
Day Phone: __________________________________________ Evening Phone: __________
Address: __________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): __________________________________________

Please list any health problems, mental or physical conditions that might require special planning or consideration for participation in an OMSI Camp-In. Examples: allergies, chronic disease, crippling conditions, sight or hearing problems, delayed development of bladder or bowel control, seizures, special diet, or any condition requiring medication.

MEDICATIONS/ CONDITIONS: __________________________________________

(If under 18) The Group Leader or their designee will dispense medications under physician’s orders. All medication must be in prescription containers and labeled clearly with participant’s name, the type of medication, the dosage, and the times (both am and pm) to administer the medication. I request that the Group Leader administer medication to my above named child in the manner described by the physician’s orders.
__________ Parent Initials

Date of last tetanus shot: Month/Year __________

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, contact:

NAME: __________________________________________ PHONE: __________
ADDRESS: __________________________________________ CITY/ STATE

PHYSICIAN NAME: __________________________________________ PHONE: __________
INSURANCE COMPANY: __________________________________________ POLICY #: __________

I authorize OMSI to use local emergency services in order to secure proper treatment for participant named above. __________ Participant Initials or Parent Initials if under 18

(If under 18) Name of persons authorized to transport child: __________________________________________

The participant named above has permission to participate in all Camp-In activities.
Signature of participant __________ Date __________
Signature of parent of legal guardian (if under 18) __________________________________________

I consent and authorize OMSI to use the above-named participant’s name and photograph for education and public relations purposes related to OMSI.

________________________________________________________________________
Participant Signature or Parent Signature if under 18