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1. **Sad News: Passing of Gray Thompson**

A trip to 4-H Summer School at age 14 inspired Gray Thompson to attend Oregon State College (now known as OSU). He served as an Extension agent for 4 years in Lincoln County where he had 2/3rds responsibility for agriculture and 1/3rd for 4-H. He like 4-H and opted for the 4-H agent position in Umatilla County where he served for 13 years. He saw his main goal as “developer” of children and youth and devoted his time to helping children grow into positive citizens. In Lincoln County he started a 4-H livestock sale and conducted livestock clinics.

When Gray arrived in Umatilla County in 1952 the total enrollment was 400 youth. When he left, the enrollment was at 1400. Gray developed a very successful 4-H Camp, trained camp counselors, organized a 4-H Jr. Leader Program, and started a market based beef sales program. He was well loved in Umatilla County and the 4-H and FFA Building at the fairgrounds in Hermiston was named “Thompson Hall” in his honor. Gray transferred to the City of Portland where he developed projects and programs in Portland public schools. He helped establish a joint county fair and a combined 4-H Leaders Association with Multnomah County. In 1976, Gray Thompson and Duane Hatch started a Master Gardener Program in the Clackamas County and metro areas, and served in that position until retirement in 1983. He was even inducted into the 4-H Hall of fame in 2006. Gray was truly a giant in Extension and we are greatly saddened by his passing.

2. **Annual Financial Statements now PAST DUE**

Club and Advisory leaders - the completed “Clackamas County 4-H Annual Financial Statement” for your club or advisory was due by **December 1, 2010**. These statements are critical to our tax preparation for the IRS. Regardless of whether your club or advisory raised money in this past fiscal year (November 1, 2009 - October 31, 2010), you still need to complete and return the statement. **If your club has closed, you still need to complete the form and account for any unused assets.** If you have any questions please contact Jan Williams at 503-650-3127.

**Clubs that fail to turn in their statements may have their fundraising, enrollment, or fair privileges revoked.** The following clubs and advisories have not returned their financial statement:

- Bits of Class, Meghan Tilford
- Clackamas County Camp Committee, Josh Kauffman
- Colorful Canines, Melody Ennis
- Creamery Creek, Scott McFarland
- Giddy Up Gang, Diane Wilcox
- Hog & Sheep Wild, Chryl Burns
- Horses at Heart, Tina Carlson
- Kelly’s Unnamed Club, Kelly Welker
- Lego Robotics, Kathy Phillips
- North Clackamas Urban Animals, Michelle Cook
- Out N’ Abouters, Marti Preim
- Round-About-Riders, Candice Thiel
- Sirius Dog-Lovers, Kirsten Baldwin
- Springwater Livestock, Patricia & Sean McEnaneney
- Stockmasters, Shauna Garza
- The Randoms, DeAnna Williams
3. **Confusion about “goat” project areas**

We are receiving quite a few member and leader enrollment forms with “goats” written in the project section. Last year we tried entering members who did not specify which goat project area they were entering in all 4 goat projects, but found it to be more difficult to sort out when it came to fair time.

If we have received your enrollment forms at the extension office and need further clarification regarding project areas, Kelly will contact you. If you have not yet turned in your enrollment forms, please make sure to double check and specify on the enrollment form which goat project you are enrolling in.

4. **State 4-H Leader of the year and & Forum Proposals Deadline approaching**

Friday, **January 7, 2011** is the deadline to submit nominations for the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, and to submit a workshop proposal for the 2011 Oregon 4-H Leader Forum, April 8 - 9 at the Oregon 4-H Center. The 4-H Volunteer Forum theme is: “Clover Fun for Everyone!” You can find the nomination form and the proposal forms on our website.

5. **4-H & Open Play Day, January 15, 2011**

The Yamhill County 4-H Horse Leaders’ 4-H & Open play day will be held on January 15, 2011. This gaming event is open to both 4-Hers and the public. Participants will be divided into the following age divisions:

- **Junior (4th - 6th grade)**
- **Intermediate (7th - 9th grade)**
- **Senior (10th - 12th grade)**
- **Ages 19 - 29**
- **Ages 30 +**

For more information, view the event flyer and release form on our website, or call Kelly Lowry at 503-327-9200.
6. Clackamas County Horse 4-H Public Speaking and Presentation Contest, January 22, 2011

Do you love horses? Have something interesting to share with others about horses? Share an exciting Equine Industry topic with others by participating in the Clackamas County Horse 4-H Public Speaking and Presentations Contest, January 22, 2011 at the Clackamas County Fair Grounds. Check in starts at 8:30 am in the Blue Ribbon Cafe building, with the contest starting at 9:30 am. Pre-registration and $10.00 entry fee must be received by January 15, 2011. Late, incomplete or unpaid registrations will not be accepted. For more information view the contest flyer and registration form, or contact Jamie Hudson at 503-516-7427.

7. Horse Bowl, Saturday, January 22, 2011

Test your knowledge of horses in this game show style contest Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. Members may participate as individuals or as teams of 3 - 5 members. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up from 7:00 to 8:00 am.

Cost is $10.00 per member and pre-registration is required by January 15, 2011. No late entries or same-day entries will be accepted. This is an all day event so you may bring snacks and/or lunches if desired. The snack shack will also be open. Registration forms are available online. Contact Carol Bridges at 503-657-0987 for more information.

8. 2011 Outbound 4-H International Exchange Programs

The Oregon 4-H Program is offering opportunities to apply to become an exchange delegate to: Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, or Japan. Additional information and complete application materials are now available on the state 4-H website at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-international-exchange-programs. Application deadline (postmarked by) is January 7, 2011 for all programs except Argentina - the application deadline for Argentina is February 7, 2011.

Another exchange program will offer 29 youth and 6 adults the opportunity to explore the vast historical and cultural traditions of Mongolia in a four week exchange program beginning mid June and ending mid July, 2011. The educational theme during the exchange will focus on environmental issues that are common to the western U.S. and Mongolia: water quality, renewable energy and land restoration/reclamation. Youth and adults will be recruited from the 13 states which make up the Western Region of the Land Grant Universities Cooperative Extension Service: this includes Oregon!!

Application deadline is January 15, 2011. If interested in submitting an application, please check with your county Extension office for complete details. You can also view an informational brochure, the youth application, and adult chaperone application online.

9. 4-H Angler and Aquatic Education Leaders’ Workshop

Several years have flowed by since the Oregon 4-H program trained 4-H Sports fishing and Aquatic Resources volunteers. The timing is right to cast a fresh line, catch new ideas, and release a project area that has been dormant. Providing 4-H volunteers with a foundation of hands-on experiences, teaching techniques and lessons on angling skills and aquatic ecology that incorporate positive youth development principles serves multiple purposes. Young people will gain respect and responsibility for themselves, their communities, and fishery resources.

To this end, the Oregon 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Program is partnering with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to conduct statewide training in angler and aquatic education (AAE), January 22, 2011 in Redmond, Oregon. Participants in the Oregon 4-H Angler and Aquatic Education Program Workshop will qualify to serve as both 4-H AAE Volunteers and ODFW Angler Education Instructors.

The 8 hour workshop will cover the following topics: ODFW Angler Education Program overview, Oregon 4-H Angler and Aquatic Education Program, introduction to fishing gear and equipment, basic knot tying, terminal tackle preparation, rod set-up, casting, parts of a fish, fish identification, angler ethics, and responsibilities (including how to use the Sports Fishing Regulations), where to go fishing, and water safety.
ODFW Provides the training, instruction, curriculum, teaching materials, youth materials, loaner equipment, teaching aids, uniforms and communications support needed by 4-H volunteers to lead 4-H AAE clubs or instructors to deliver the AAE program.

To be selected as a 4-H AAE Volunteer and ODFW Volunteer Angler Instructor, you must be at least 21 years of age, complete instructor application and background check. As well, have a desire to start a 4-H Angler and Aquatic Education club and be willing to teach or assist at least one Angler education class or event per year.

Visit http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sports-fishing-projects for information and registration materials.

10. Shooting Sports 4-H Leader Training

Four regional trainings are being offered in winter and early spring 2011. Regions 1, 3, and 4 are hosting trainings in January, February, and April.

Josephine and Douglas counties will offer the first opportunity for registered 4-H leaders. The training in Josephine County (January 21 and 22) will focus on muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. The training in Douglas County (January 28 and 29) will be specific to the Archery discipline.

On February 11 and 12, Columbia County will host a training that will cover all disciplines. Grant County will host a comprehensive training April 15 and 16.

Regardless of training location, registration is open to all volunteers across the state. Two options are available.

Option 1 is for new volunteers in the shooting sports program. Option 1 requires 12 hours of training. Participants attend a Friday evening session and a Saturday session. Option 2 is for returning volunteers. Volunteers must have attended a training in 2009 or 2010 to qualify for this option. Participants must attend the 8 hour Saturday sessions.

Registration materials can be found by visiting http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/shooting-sports-projects.

11. Oregon ATV Safety™ Seeks Volunteer* Evaluator

Riding an ATV is a way for many youth and adults to connect with each other and the great outdoors. The Off Highway Vehicle system in Oregon provides miles of well established and maintained trails for youth and old alike. As an Oregon ATV Safety™ team member, you can share your enthusiasm for ATVing and giving back to the ATV community. Every year brings more riders of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to the sport. The future of the sport and the health and well-being of these new riders TODAY!

Oregon ATV Safety™ Volunteer Evaluator training gives you the skills necessary to appraise the ability of young riders to demonstrate their ability to safely operate the ATVs they normally ride. It’s important to the safety of these young riders and the future of the sport that these young people understand how to ride safe, smart and ethically.

Oregon ATV Safety™ team members are volunteers with the passion enthusiasm, and drive to engage young people in a rider evaluation process. The evaluation assists young riders with their understanding and management of risks associated with ATVing. With your help, our community’s youngest citizens will participate in a recreational activity that can provide a lifetime of safe, fun exciting ATV adventures.

Visit http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/atv for an application. The first OAS Volunteer Evaluator training will take place in Redmond, Oregon, March 5 and 6, 2011

*Must be a registered 4-H Leader
12. Poultry College, Saturday, March 12, 2011

The Yamhill County Extension office will be hosting Poultry College, Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Amity High School. The Poultry College is open to the public and will include workshops on:

- Raising Backyard Poultry
- Flock Health Management
- 4-H Showmanship & Quiz Bowl Contest
- Raising Waterfowl
- Raising Pigeons

Cost:

- $5.00 per person for early registration (by March 7th)
- $8.00 per person for late and onsite registration (March 8th - 12th)

Contact the Yamhill County Extension office at 503-434-7517 for more information.

13. New Form of Recognition for Mail-In Archery Tournament Participants

Youth that participate in the Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament are awarded ribbons provided by the Oregon Bow Hunters. Archers from across the state placing in the top half of each class can receive a ribbon representing a 1st through 10th finish. The results of top scores and ribbons are sent to participating clubs each month.

While the scoring method and ribbon distribution will remain the same for this year, an additional form of recognition has been added. All youth participating in the Oregon 4-H Mail-in Archery Tournament will start receiving blue, red or white stickers that can be placed on a Record of Achievement.

The distribution of blue, red, and white awards will be based on a calculation that uses the high score from each class in each contest as the standard. This modified Danish Merit System will allow all participants to:

- Record levels of achievement
- Recognize the archery skills that need improvement to move to the next level of achievement

The package sent to clubs containing the first set of scores and ribbons will also include a Record of Achievement for each participant and achievement that recognizes his or her participation in some or all of the contests.

This new system of recognition will be the one used when the other discipline mail-in tournaments come on line. We hope this system of recognition will encourage more youth to participate in the mail-in tournaments.

14. Feed for pigs

Summit Natural Energy Corp, a company in Cornelius OR which produces ethanol from by-product waste, currently has about 400,000 lbs of apple/pear that has been ground up and is like a mash - all of the juice is taken out - and just the solids left. Deanna Joyner, operations manager, is looking to get rid of the solids quickly. If you’re interested or would like more information, contact Deanna at 503-992-1557.
15. **Outdoor Skills Rendezvous**

You may know several 9th - 12th grade youth interested in more advanced understanding of safe and responsible use of firearms. Or, you may know of other youth interested in sports fishing, challenge, and adventure. If this is the case, suggest they register for the 2011 Outdoor Skills Rendezvous at the 4-H Center in Salem Oregon, August 10 - 13, 2011.

This residential camp experience is designed for the outdoor enthusiast wanting a little more in depth exploration of shooting sports, angling and aquatic ecology, and leadership development through challenge and adventure.

Registration materials can be found online in January by visiting [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/outdoor-skills-rendezvous](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/outdoor-skills-rendezvous). The estimated cost is $175.00.

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16. **Pygmy goat help needed**

Arbor School, in Tualatin by Meridian Park Hospital, is looking for an individual with pygmy goat knowledge to help with their program and prefer that the individual be someone with access to a buck for breeding. Contact Ann at 541-401-7533 for more details.

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17. **Looking for a rabbit**

Jeannine May is looking for a rabbit to purchase and is interested in purchasing one from a 4-Her or 4-H club. If you know of anyone with rabbits for sale please contact Jeannine at sodawild@comcast.net.

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18. **Winter 2011 Oregon Small Farm Newsletter**

The Winter 2011 edition of the Oregon Small Farm News has been posted online at [http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter](http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter) featuring:

- USDA offers conservation funding to Organic Produces Initiative in it’s Third Year
- Farm Profile: Fields Farm
- Crop Planning - One Farmer’s Approach 6
- Growing Farms: Successful Whole Farm Management Course
- Meat Short Course at Small Farms Conference: Raise It, Process It, Sell It
- Pacific Northwest Researchers and Farmers Collaborate on Organic Breeding Efforts
- New OSU Dairy Foods Facility Open
- Pioneering a Local Food System in Central Oregon
- Aminopyralid Residues in Compost
- Do You Have Lousy Animals?
- Calendar

Also, don’t forget to register for the 2011 Small Farm Conference, for more information, register online, or download the brochure visit [http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/2011SFC](http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/2011SFC)
19. One year of Mortgage Relief, application due January 14, 2011

Having trouble paying your mortgage? Know someone who is? Thousands of Oregon homeowners will have their mortgages paid for up to one year or $20,000. The state of Oregon received federal dollars to help struggling homeowners in our community. If you are a homeowner facing financial difficulties, this program can help. Start by visiting www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org or calling 1-800-SAFENET to find out if you qualify. The process includes an application and an appointment, so start yours now. There are no costs or fees.

20. Have questions about foreclosure or debt? Need free legal advice?

Free workshops led by experts are offered at the Doubletree Hotel (Just off the Lloyd Center Max stop) January 7 - January 15. Topics include foreclosure prevention, bankruptcy & debt collection, tips & training for job seekers, and many others. Visit www.economicfairnessoregon.org for an up-to-date schedule. All workshops are free and open to the public.