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An occasional email of announcements, reminders, and updates that just can’t wait until the next newsletter! Please print & share this information with those in your club that do not have email.

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1. Note from Agent Wendy
Hello 4-H Families! I’ve been out of the office for the past month due to a broken ankle. I don’t have a cool story about it, I was just walking down some stairs and BAM! I had to have surgery to screw the bones back together and it will be a few more months until I can walk, navigate stairs and drive again. Luckily, I am no longer in pain and can work full-time for home. Right now, “home” is my mom’s house so that I have someone else around in case I need assistance.

If you need to get in touch with me, I recommend email. I am only checking my work phone occasionally. The other 4-H Staff can also get in touch with me easily if you need an answer quickly. Kelly, Trisha, and Jan (who is working full time now) have been doing a great job covering for me and getting jobs done at the office. Other Extension Staff are helping as well. I expect to start being in the office part time in July and full time in August.

I’m missing you all very much. Sitting at home all day is not as fun as it sounds! I can’t wait to get out to our summer 4-H events, even if I can only hobble around.
2. All Leader Meeting Packets Available for Pick Up
If you were unable to attend the All Leader Meeting on June 8th, your club packet is at the Extension Office and is ready for pick up. Your club packet contains all of the information for participation in the Clackamas County Fair. Don’t forget that 4-H entries for the Clackamas County Fair are due July 8.

3. Dog Pre-Fair Saturday, June 12, 2010
4-H Dog Pre-Fair for showmanship, obedience and rally will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010. Check in will be from 8:30 – 9:00 am, and competition begins at 9:00 am.

4. Small Animal Pre-Fair Saturday, June 12, 2010
Small Animal pre-fair will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Clackamas County Event Center. You will receive tips and information to help you get ready for fair including how to prepare your bird or animal.

- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  Rabbits and Cavies
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  Poultry and Pigeons

Bring your showmanship chicken or pigeon.

5. Meet the 4-H Agent Candidates!
Join us on June 15 as we interview five candidates for the new 4-H Agent Position. There are three options that day for learning more about the applicants. Youth and Adults are welcome to attend any or all of these events. We will have feedback sheets so that the search committee can consider your comments.

Lunch with a candidate:
Pick a candidate to get to know better. RSVP to Wendy with the name of the candidate you want to meet. We will be having lunch at local restaurants with a range of menu items and prices. The times listed are the times we will leave and return to the Extension Office.

- 11:15 – 12:30  Guadalupe Torres
- 11:15 – 12:30  Jan Williams
- 11:45 – 1:00  Shari Exo
- 12:15 – 1:30  Tricia Stoddard

Candidate Presentations:
From 1:30 – 4:45 pm, candidates will each give a presentation in the meeting room. They will tell us about how they would go about doubling the size of the 4-H club program and answer questions.

Reception with the Candidates:
Join us from 4:50 – 6:30 pm in the meeting room at the Extension Office to meet the candidates. We will spend part of the time mingling and part of it asking questions to the candidates forum-style. RSVP to Wendy is appreciated so we provide enough hors d’oeuvres.

6. Mt. Hood FFA District Horse Show, Saturday June 19, 2010
The Mt. Hood FFA District Horse Show, Saturday June 19, 2010 will be held at the Clackamas County Event Center. Sign in starts at 7:30 am and the show starts at 8:30 am. For more information visit our webpage to view the event flier or call Danell at 541-601-0390 for more information.

7. Volunteer opportunity for Dog 4-H Members
Canby Community Education’s Safety Town is looking for a 4-H member to bring their dog to Canby on Friday, June 25, sometime after 10:00 am. Please contact Terry at Canby Community Education at 503-266-0040.

8. Linn-Benton Community College Livestock Judging Clinic

- **When:**  Sign-ups will be from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at Linn-Benton Community College in F-104 on Tuesday, July 6th.
- **Where:**  We will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 7th at the Linn County Fairgrounds
- **Content:**  Discussions on industry trends (market & breeding) in beef, sheep, goats and
swine. Utilizing EPD’s and alternative performance measures in animal selection for all species. Effective use of contemporary terminology in the organization and delivery of oral reasons.

Cost:
$50.00 per person (youth and adults)
(Includes: Classroom instruction, hands on evaluation experience, progressive terminology, and sample reasons from past and current LBCC Livestock Judging Team members, and lunch on Wednesday)

**Note: Please complete the pre-registration and send payment (or call) by June 25th. Please make your $50.00 check payable to “LBCC Livestock Judging Team.” Please send registration and payment to:

Clayton Weber
Linn-Benton Community College
6500 Pacific Blvd
Albany, OR 97321

If you have any questions or require more information about content, schedule, directions, etc. Please call Clayton Weber at 541-917-4768 or email at weberc@linnbenton.edu. Visit our website for the registration form and more information.

9. NASA Opportunity for Students in Grades 9 – 12: INSPIRE
High school students throughout the United States are invited to participate in NASA’s Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research Experience, or INSPIRE, through the program’s Online Learning Community.

Applications are being accepted through June 30, 2010. NASA will make selections for the program in September.

Selectees will participate in an online learning community in which students and parents have the opportunity to interact with their peers and NASA engineers and scientists. The online community also provides appropriate grade-level educational activities, discussion boards and chat rooms. Participants and their families also gain exposure to the many careers and opportunities at NASA.

Students selected for the program will have the option to compete for unique grade-appropriate experiences during the summer of 2011 at NASA facilities and participating universities throughout the nation. INSPIRE is designed to encourage 9th – 12th grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The summer experience provides students a hands-on opportunity to investigate education and careers in those disciplines.

INSPIRE is part of NASA’s education strategy to attract and retain students in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines critical to NASA’s missions. For more information about this opportunity, visit http://www.nasa.gov/education/INSPIRE. If you have questions about this opportunity, please e-mail your inquiries to INSPIRE Project Manager, Steve Chance, at steven.h.chance@nasa.gov.

10. Raffle Baskets Needed!
Clackamas County Leaders association needs raffle baskets, or items to be put into baskets by July 7th for horse fair, and/or by August 13th for county fair. This is a great service to 4-H and is tax deductible too! Make it a club project! Proceeds go to scholarships and program dollars. Contact Paula Means at 503-653-3424, if you have any questions donations, or are willing to volunteer to help out with the raffles.

11. USA Science Festival Kavli Video Contest
National 4-H Council is partnering with the USA Science & Engineering Festival, a national celebration of innovation in science held in Washington D.C. on October 23rd and 24th. The event is the country’s first national science festival and promises to be the ultimate multi-cultural, multi-generational and multi-disciplinary celebration of the sciences in the United States. The culmination of the Festival is a two-day Expo that will provide more than 500 science & engineering organizations from all over the United States the opportunity to present hands-on, fun science activities to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Through this partnership, National 4-H Council has been alerted to a great opportunity for 4-H’ers to showcase the innovative 4-H Science work taking place across the nation. The Kavli Science Video
Contest is looking for young people around the country to create and submit videos that answer the question “Why is science cool?”

Winning submissions will be creative, surprising, and “contagious” in terms of spreading youth enthusiasm about science to others. Videos might explore a scientific discovery has done for us in the past or simply explain why you think science is cool.

We are encouraging the entire 4-H system especially those that participated in the Films on video- SET in Urban Communities Kickoff and The Filmmaking Work Group to submit videos.

- **Who Can Enter** – Individual students or groups from K – 12 schools, home school networks, after-school programs, science clubs or any other organization the student is representing for the purpose of the Kavli Science Video Contest. All prize monies must go to an educational institution rather than an individual student.
- **Types of Videos Eligible** – Videos should explain *Why Science is Cool* and may explore a scientific concept, provide a glimpse into the future or shows us what scientific discovery has done for us in the past, or whatever else inspires the entrant. USA Science & Engineering Festival videos must be 30 – 90 seconds in length, educational and suitable for general public screening.
- **Selection of Winners** – Winning videos will be chosen by a distinguished panel of judges that includes Brian Schwartz, founder of Science & the Arts at the City University of New York Graduate Center and Sheri Potter, a founder of the Coalition on Public Understanding of Science (COPUS).
- **Deadlines and Prizes** – The contest is open now and all entries must be submitted before midnight on July 15, 2010. First prize is $1,000 plus a $500 electronics gift certificate or HD Camcorder (valued up to $500) and a travel stipend to travel to Washington DC for the Expo. Second prize is $500, plus $25- electronics gift certificate, third prize is $250, plus a $125 electronics gift certificate. The People’s Choice Award prize is $250.

Following in the footsteps of American Idol, America can vote on a People’s Choice Kavli Science Video Award through SciVee, a Web 2.0 site which helps scientists share their work with the general public. Rules and a submission form can be found at: [http://www.usasciencefestival.org/2010festival/contests/kavli-science-video-contest](http://www.usasciencefestival.org/2010festival/contests/kavli-science-video-contest).

### 12. Help Needed August 6th – August 8th
Attention ALL leaders, parents, and grandparents! Do you need passes to the Clackamas County Fair? Come help upstairs in the Main Pavilion Friday, August 6th – Sunday, August 8th to help take in exhibits, work with the judges and arrange exhibits upstairs.

For every FOUR (4) hours you work, you will receive a daily pass. For more information, please contact Loyal at 503-651-3390 or email at countrystamper2@canby.com.

### 13. International Youth Art Competition Accepting Submissions
In April 2011, experts from around the world will gather in Houston for the International Academy of Astronautics Humans in Space Symposium. As part of this event, students ages 10-17 are invited to express their ideas about the future of human space exploration through visual, literary, musical or digital art.

Artwork submissions will be judged on creativity, skill, and demonstration of meaning relevant to expressing “What is the future of human space exploration, and why is it important?” Bonus points will be awarded for artwork that does not break obvious scientific principles.

Winning art will be displayed in an online gallery, and winners will be invited to attend the symposium in person. Submissions must be received by Sept. 30, 2010.

For additional information and a complete list of guidelines, visit [www.humansinspaceart.org](http://www.humansinspaceart.org). Inquiries about this opportunity should be directed to info@dsls.usra.edu. Please include “HIS Youth Art Competition in the subject line.

### 14. Fall 2010 4-H Sustainable Living Schools and Club Training
This 30 hour training series will take place September 30, October 1, October 2, and October 9th in the Portland Metro area. Lodging is available near training sites.
This 4-day event is designed for teachers, 4-H volunteers, parents, and community members who are looking for ways to create and use SUSTAINABLE LIVING projects in a school or club setting. Whether its planting a vegetable garden or wildlife garden, exploring renewable energy, living buildings (the built environment), learning how to start a backyard 4-H chicken project, food preservation, cooking with local foods, or other “back to basics skills.” There is something for everyone. Space is limited. For more information visit the Metro 4-H website to view the conference brochure.

15. Revised Virtual Skies Now Available
NASA has just released the new face of Virtual Skies, an online interactive program introducing the key concepts in the world of aviation in six independent modules. Your students will acquire and employ decision-making and collaborative skills while applying principles of algebra, geometry and calculus in each of these modules.

The science portion of these cross-curricular materials includes concepts involved in RADAR, sound and meteorology as it applies to flight. Each section includes online activities complemented by downloadable print material that can be used in the classroom to supplement the geography, mathematics and science concepts. **Note: Each module can be used as a stand-alone lesson.

Virtual Skies includes beautiful color graphics, problem-solving applications, a “Teacher’s Desk” guide to the online program, and an extensive glossary that supports and reinforces the concepts taught in the modules.

The Virtual Skies modules include:
- **Overview:** A brief listing of the aviation topics covered in the selected module, supporting activities and a description of an application case study.
- **Tutorial:** The curriculum subdivided by major topics.
- **Take Control:** Interactive activities that reinforce knowledge and skills presented in the Tutorial.
- **You Decide:** Case study simulations that provide an opportunity to use high-level cognitive skills to solve real-world scenarios.
- **Certification:** 20-question, multiple-choice assessments to test knowledge and a printable NASA certificate of completion with individual's name.

Virtual Skies is FREE to all users and can be found at http://virtualskies.arc.nasa.gov. For question please email at barbara.e.patterson@nasa.gov.

16. Free Rabbit to Good Home
My Grandson has outgrown the need for his very gentle lop-eared small rabbit. We would like to find a good home for him, with a member who needs a pet for 4-H. He has a newer cage which he will bring along. He is such a sweet little guy and it makes me sad to see him outside with no attention. I would appreciate your help in finding a suitable home, where he would be loved and properly cared for. He is about 6 years old, black in color and very well formed. We don’t want any compensation, just a good home for him. We are located just outside Oregon City. For more information contact Charlene Clark at 503-655-0198.

17. D’uccle Cockerels to Good Home
I have some very beautiful, sweet D’uccle cockerels that I would like to give to a 4-H member. For more information please contact Ingrid Morral at iedprogram2@gmail.com.

18. Two Horses Available to Good Home
Marie Hamm has two AQHA (one gelding, one mare) available. She is looking to donate them to a 4-H member providing that they have appropriate facilities. Please contact Marie Hamm for more information at 208-983-5663 or by email at whitebirdwoods@wildblue.net.

19. A Horse for Kelly
I am at a place where I feel I can finally take on a horse for my daughter, Kelly. I have found a place to board her horse near Crescent Valley where she will be going to high school and is signed up for OHSET in the dressage discipline. Now I need to find her a sound horse. Hopefully it would fit the following:
- Not too old
- Not too lazy
- Not too hot (scale of 1-10 she can handle about a 5)
- able to go barefoot if needed
- sound mind & body
- a good fit for the dressage discipline
- preferably a gelding

Kelly loves horses, will spend a lot of time with it (riding it every day, rain or shine!), and will give the right horse an ideal home. Please contact John Becker at 541-829-9424.