Welcome to the…

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. Extension office closed Friday, January 29
The Extension office will be closed this Friday, January 29 for staff training. Please place any 4-H enrollments in the drop box to the left of the door.

2. Celebration of Life for Kim Salem Sunday, January 31
A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, January 31, from 1:00-4:00 pm, in the Main Pavilion at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. There will be a potluck lunch at 1:30 pm. A main dish, beverages, and tableware are provided. Those who are able are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. There will be a program at 2 pm. If you would like to speak or offer a reflection, please contact Wendy Hein. Continue to check the Clackamas County Extension website for updates.

If you have questions about the potluck or decorations, or are willing to help, please contact Cheryl Keithan.

3. Costal offers market animal seminar February 4
Costal Farm and Ranch is hosting a market animal feeding seminar February 4, at the Gresham store. A representative from Nutrena/Cargill feeds will present.
4. Healthy Pastures, Healthy Horses Workshop Series starts February 4
Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District will be offering a hands-on workshop series for landowners with horses who would like to have better pastures and healthier horses. This five-part workshop series includes a soil test for your property, interpretation of soil test results, custom aerial and soil maps for your property, a copy of the Rural Lifestyles Handbook, and much more information. Participants will also gain hands-on experience taking soil samples, calculating nutrient application rates, calculating chemical application rates, calibrating sprayers, and fence building.

Registration and a detailed schedule are online.

5. Clarification on February 6 Small Animal Workshop
In the last edition of the Clover Comments, it was stated that preregistration for the February 6 Small Animal Workshop was required by January 28, however the preregistration requirement was only for the cage, or nest box building. You may still attend the clinic and register for all other activities that morning.

6. Join the Great Backyard Bird Count February 12-15
Bird watchers coast to coast are invited to take part in the 13th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, Friday, February 12, through Monday, February 15, 2010. Participants in the free event will join tens of thousands of volunteers counting birds in their own backyards, local parks, or wildlife refuges.

Each checklist submitted by these “citizen scientists” helps researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society, and Bird Studies Canada learn more about how the birds are doing – and how to protect them. Last year, participants turned in more than 93,600 checklists online, creating the continent’s largest instantaneous snapshot of bird populations ever recorded.

Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from novice bird watchers to experts. Participants count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) one or more days of the event and report their sightings online at www.birdcount.org. One 2009 participant said, “Thank you for the opportunity to participate in citizen science. I have had my eyes opened to a whole new interest and I love it!”

7. Scholarships for youth who are fighting hunger in America
The Sodexo Foundation (www.SodexoFoundation.org) provides $5,000 scholarships to students in K – grad school who are fighting hunger in America. If you know of any students in the US who are doing great things to fight hunger, encourage them to apply between now and February 26. Learn about last year’s winners: 2009 STOP Hunger Scholars’ bios.

In addition to the scholarships, the Sodexo Foundation will provide a matching $5,000 grant to the students’ designated charity. You can learn more and apply for this scholarship at www.SodexoFoundation.org. There are more than 49 million people at risk of hunger in America, so thank you for sharing this information with as many people as you can.

8. T-Shirt Design Contest for OSU 4-H Summer Conference 2010
Come up with this years’ t-shirt design for Summer Conference and get $100 Scholarship to Summer Conference!

Entries should include the theme:

Dare to Be Green
4-H Summer Conference designs must be submitted by March 19, 2010. For more information, go to [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2010_t-shirt_contest.pdf](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/2010_t-shirt_contest.pdf).

9. Performing Arts Camp March 22-25
Do you love to dance? Do you like to express yourself through movement and music? This Performing Arts Camp is for you! The Performing Arts Camp is open to all youth in grades 7-12. (You do not need to be a 4-H member to participate. Scholarship support, based on need, is available.)

**When:** March 22-25, 2010 (Spring Break Week)
**Where:** Oregon 4-H Center, Salem
**Cost:** Covers lodging, meals, insurance, instructor fees, and materials:

- $200 per camper if registration received by **February 15**
- $225 per camper if registration received between **February 16 – March 1**
- $250 per camper if registration received after **March 1**

For information and registration form, go to [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/4h](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/4h), or check out the Facebook fan page: Performing Arts Camp.

10. Two Australian Shepherds available for adoption
Shasta is a tri-colored, pure bred Australian Shepherd that has a small build and weighs about 36 lbs. She has a “working personality”, and would make a great agility dog as she is so lithe and agile. Although Shasta is always on watch, she is extremely playful and loves children. She does not care for water, or swimming. Shasta, who is very smart, has a mild herding instinct that is very manageable. Her favorite game is keep away with a toy. She will be 3 in June.

Luna is a spayed female Pinto Blue Merle, pure bred Australian Shepherd. Her fur is long and wavy and she weighs 55+ lbs. Luna loves to run, play, and fetch, but will follow on your heels as she is a true companion dog. Because of her size, we have not allowed her to be in our laps unless we are on the floor with her. Luna has a very strong herding instinct. She loves to run along with another dog simply to corral them and get them in line. Luna also loves the water and will swim in any lake.

Shasta and Luna are inseparable; they herd and play with each other constantly. Both dogs know many commands, are house broken, crate trained and sleep in large crates at night. We take them together to day care and to the dog park (off-leash). Since both dogs pull when only using a collar, we use the “Gentle Leaders” for leash walking. Both Shasta and Luna are in excellent health, perfect vision, hearing, and hips; they are up to date on all medical exams and vaccines.

Contact Gretchen & Curtis Framel at 503-387-5932 for further information.

11. Introducing Flat Lucky
The State Fair Committee is very excited to introduce you all to the newest member of our 4-H family, Flat Lucky.

This is your opportunity to take Flat Lucky with you and your family on all of your exciting adventures and document them with a digital camera! Pictures can be submitted by uploading directly to Facebook on the [Flat Lucky Oregon 4-H](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/flat-lucky) page, sending them directly to Sara Miller, or printing them out and taking them to the Oregon State Fair. Once collected, the pictures will be compiled into a collage of Flat Lucky’s escapades. Thanks for participating and have fun keeping track of everywhere Flat Lucky goes!

More information and Flat Lucky downloads can be found at [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/flat-lucky](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/flat-lucky).