What is “engAGE in Community”?

Deborah John, Extension family and community health faculty, is a key partner in an exciting new countywide initiative - engAGE in Community. She is working with local agency representatives including Clackamas County Social Services, AARP Oregon, Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, and local adult/community centers on this community-based action research study. Its goal: to establish Clackamas County as an aging-friendly place – for all ages.

This could burden individual, family, and county resources and affect their ability to age actively and successfully in their place of choice.

The engAGE in Community initiative hopes to address this by listening to residents’ concerns and looking for solutions to support healthy and successful living. Areas of interest include choices in housing, transportation, health care, education, and community activities that support successful living for all ages in ones’ home or community. Deborah John, Assistant Professor OSU Extension Family & Community Health

Farmers gather for education

Nearly 300 farmers from around the region gathered during a three-day meeting of the North Willamette Horticulture Society held at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby last month. Farmers come together every year for updates on growing crops, marketing products and the latest information to keep them competitive in today’s business.

The OSU Extension Service coordinates the education programs at the meeting. Extension Small Farms Agent, Nick Andrews organized the first day of the meetings on organic production. “We started the Organics Day last year since so many of the growers wanted to work in this market but didn’t feel like they had the information they needed,” said Andrews.

Day Two targets vegetable farmers. The fresh and processed veggie market was a hot topic of discussion. Prices were done significantly last year so farmers were curious what the plan for the coming year might be. Long-time Extension Vegetable Agent, Bob McReynolds managed the second day.

The final day of the meeting was devoted to berry and small fruits. Extension Berry Agent, Diane Kaufmann, brought together a variety of speakers to the program to discuss strawberry, caneberry and blueberry production.

Extension has been working with area farmers to support this education meeting for more than 40 years Mike Bondi, Extension Agent & Staff Chair Forestry & Christmas Trees
Welcome Trisha Applebee and Jan Williams!

In January, the Extension office welcomed two new staff to the 4-H team.

Trisha Applebee is our program assistant for promotion and recruitment. She is helping new members find clubs, getting volunteers through the new leader process, and filling project materials orders. She will be helping us with general office tasks as well.

Jan Williams joins us part-time for the next few months as the 4-H program coordinator. She will be working directly with the HEARTH, Small Animal, Dog, County Awards, and Youth Leadership programs.

Both Jan and Trisha have been involved in our program for many years and bring a wealth of experience with them. We are excited to be growing our 4-H staff!

Tree School 2010 celebrates 20th year!

- Nearly 70 classes, many new ones! Several practical fun “hands-on” classes for teens and adults. Registration closes Feb. 26.
- Tree School Exhibit hall – dozens of exhibits including a must see wood art exhibit and demo, Slash to Art exhibit.
- Two exciting raffle events. You need not be present to win. More information available at 503-655-8631 and at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas

What’s Happening!

4-H Ambassador Team Fundraiser Dinner February 20, 6:30pm. Clackamas County Fair and Event Center. Contact: Jan Williams (503) 655-3127. Tickets are $10 adult and $7 youth available at the Extension office.

New 4-H Leader Orientation February 25, 9am-12pm and 6:30pm – 9:30pm. Clackamas Extension Office Conference Room. Contact Wendy Hein: (503) 655-3122.

4-H Rummage Sale March 19-20, 9am-3pm Friday and 8am-2pm Saturday. Clackamas County Fair and Event Center, 4-H Exhibit building. Contact Jan Williams at (503) 655-3127.

4-H Tack Sale, March 20, 8am-1:30pm. Clackamas County Fair and Event Center. Contact Wendy Hein at (503) 655-3122.


New 4-H Leader Orientation April 8, 9am-12pm and 6:30pm-9:30pm. Contact Wendy Hein (503) 655-3122.