Calendar of Events:

December:
___7, Monday ................Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m., OSU Extension office (All Leaders, including Horse: This is the general officers election and yearly planning meeting, bring a dessert to share)
___15, Tuesday ..............Horse Bowl Practice & Prep, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., OSU Extension office
___21, Monday ..............Woody will be away until January 1, 2010
___25, Friday ..............Christmas Holiday, OSU Extension office closed

January:
___1, Friday ..................New Years Holiday, OSU Extension office closed
___18, Monday ..............Martin Luther King Day, OSU Extension office closed
___19, Tuesday ..............Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___23, Saturday ..............New Leaders Training, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___29, Friday ..................Re-enrollment Due for Clubs, Leaders, Members, OSU Extension office (To avoid the state deadline of the higher enrollment fee of $30.00)

February:
___1, Monday ................Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m. OSU Ext. office
___12, Friday ..............Columbia Classic Horse Registration Due, OSU Extension office
___13, Saturday ..............Beef Weigh-in, 10:00 a.m., Columbia County Fairgrounds
___14, Sunday ..............Valentines Day!
___16, Tuesday ..............Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___20, Saturday ..............Columbia County Horse Classic, Columbia County Events Complex
What Does $25.00 Really Get You?

So, after you get over the shock of the 4-H enrollment fee going from $4.00/project to $25.00 for 5 projects you can look around and see what else you can get for that same $25.00. In doing so you also need to remember in order to keep it in the proper time frame, 12 months, so here we go:

Gas @ $2.60 a gallon = 9.5 gallons for the year
20 ounce mocha @ $4.25 = 5 mochas for the year
Sports @ the middle school @ $70.00/sport = 2.8 sports for the year
½ gallon orange juice 2 for $6.00 = 8 gallons for the year
Sirloin steak @ $2.48/pound = 10 pounds for the year
Dog food 35# bag @ $22.99 a bag = 1.08 bags for the year
Laundry detergent 13 pound box @ $17.99 = 1.4 boxes for the year
Coffee - 2# can @ $8.49 = 3 cans for the year
News stand magazine avg. $5.00/magazine = 5 magazines for the year
Gallon of milk @ $2.49 a gallon = 10 gallons for the year

So, as I look at the list and I look at my shopping list, I know that I will use more than just what’s on the list in 12 months. I know for sure that the mocha bill will be for more than just 5.

Being realistic, though there is a high level of ‘sticker shock’. The cost of $2.08/month for the Premiere Youth Development Program in the United States, a program that’s delivered in your own county in a club in your own community, is not really a bad investment in the future of our cities, county, state and our nation not to mention our YOUTH.

A New Name for Know Your Government (KYG) = YOUTH VOICE, YOUTH ACTION

Youth Voice, Youth Action (formerly known as KYG) will be: Sunday, February 28 through Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center, Portland. Registration is $155 (covers lodging for 2 nights, meals, speakers, program materials, and metro travel during the program.

Youth ages 13 to 19 are invited to attend. This program challenges young people to be responsible for self direction and active participation. Participants do not need to be 4-H members. The program is open to everyone.

Male and female chaperones will find this program interesting and engaging. Every chaperone will have an assignment to be involved with a group of teens throughout the “Youth Voice, Youth Action” program.
Scholarships: Although the location is different and educational program is evolving, opportunities to apply for a scholarship remain the same. About five individual scholarship are available each year. Teens can go to the state 4-H website, under Youth (activities), to complete a scholarship application.

More Dates: Scholarship applications are due to M. Lesmeister, Monday, February 1, 2010. Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, February 5, 2010. Registration deadline (with payment) is: Monday, February 15, 2010. If your office is closed for President’s Day forward registrations Friday, February 12.

“Name that Shack”
This year at the Columbia County Fair the 4-H building kitchen will benefit the youth participating in fair events. How? The proceeds made during the fair will go towards youth premiums. We need your help naming the kitchen and eating area. Some suggestions so far have been: “The Premium Shack” or “The Feed Trough”. Email your suggestions to fair.premium.group@gmail.com. The winner and winning name will be announced in the February newsletter.

If you missed it, what a great night of sweets and treats galore, fun and much deserved recognition to our leaders, members, and parents who make 4-H the excellent program it continues to be.

Congratulations to the 2009-10 Ambassadors
Please help me congratulate them on reaching this level in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
Elizabeth Green, Emma Kyle-Milward, Teri McGettigan, Stephen Bow, Chalkie Worman, Emily Simpson, McKenzie Garlock, and Jeremiah Hughes.

Records Medallions

Records: 27 record books were turned in for these fall awards. The record books of each age division were:

**Project Profile:** Jordyn Sweet, Elizabeth Kennedy, Curtis Blevins, Jessica Kennedy

**1st Year Juniors:** Gold: Hayden Liao Bronze: Dillon Gonzales, James Brady, Sydney Stuck

**Juniors:** Gold: Keaton Knox, Christian Hughes, Patricia Brady, Madison Dreyer
Silver: Keaton Knox, Christian Hughes, Patricia Brady, Madison Dreyer

**Intermediates:** Gold: Kaylea Knox, Lucy Kyle-Milward, Thomas Hughes, Joshua Hughes, Savannah Dreyer
Bronze: Kaylea Knox, Lucy Kyle-Milward, Thomas Hughes, Joshua Hughes, Savannah Dreyer

**Seniors:** Gold: Emma Kyle-Milward, Jeremiah Hughes, Merrick VonPoppenheim
Silver: Emily Simpson
Bronze: Rose Brady, Erin King

Senior Resume Format: Gold: Merrick VonPoppenheim

County Medals Earned
Ten 4-H members received their medals at the recent 4-H Youth Recognition Dessert. They were recognized for high achievement in the areas listed. Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association and OSU donates the county medals.


Scholarships Won
The Summer Camp Scholarships went to: Hayden Liao and Patricia Brady
The OSU Summer Conference Scholarship went to: Kaylea Knox and Jeremiah Hughes
Congratulations! And THANK YOU to our hard working 4-H leaders!

We recognize those that are the backbone of the 4-H Youth Development Program and on the front lines in the effort of “Developing Today’s Youth into Tomorrow’s Leaders.” They devote themselves, their money, provide transportation, guidance, and much more. At the Member and Leader Recognition night we recognize leaders with 1, 5, 10, 15, and 20 year pins. There are many more dedicated leaders between those years. So, though we only recognized those leaders, we honor the work and efforts of all of you. The following leaders received pins:

❖ 1st year bronze pins – Jaimee Adams, Amy Beaston, Janine Chavez-Emanuel, Jodi Drake, JoAnna Fischer, Julie Garrison, Jay Groom, Tavia Haas, Alice Howard, Kathryn Hugill, Treena’ Lambert, Jean LeMont, Darlene Luttrell, Jennifer Matinez, Scott McDaniel, Samra McKay, Debra Meifert, Jessica Overstreet, Kelli Pellham, Jennifer Smuin, Danielle Speiser, Lonna Weiss, Maria Weiss

❖ 5th year silver pins – Joan Arends-Taylor, Diane Fischer, Heather Guiley, Melissa Hermes, Becky Lanphere, Kessina Lee, Leanne Lewis, Gina Means, Deb Parmley, Garratt Taylor, Cora VanOsdo, Gail Walker

❖ 10th year gold pins – Kate Olson, Linda Hanna, Craig Melton

❖ 15th year pearl pins – Ronda Melton, Cindy Davis, Michael Gibson, Polly Gibson, Jeri Stebbins, Jim Stebbins

❖ 35th year Sapphire pin – Nancy Knox

Food, Fun & Finance!

By Jenny Rudolph, Extension Educator: Family and Community Health & 4-H

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors!

Want to learn more about how to pay for college and stay involved with 4-H after graduation? The OSU Collegiate 4-H club will be visiting Columbia County to tell you all about it! College students will share their experiences, give you tips and advice on applying for scholarships both at OSU and through 4-H, and answer all your questions.

December 5th from 10:00 am to noon, here at the OSU Extension office. Please call and let us know by December 1st if you are planning to attend.

Finance Scholarship is just an Application away

The Columbia Co. 4-H Finance & Investment Scholarship is a $5,000 award to pursue a degree in the School of Business or in the field of Agricultural Resource Economics at Oregon State University. Even if you aren’t sure what your major will be in college, you should consider applying! Applications are due by April 1st. All county scholarship applications/requirements are found at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/4h-forms-and-links or at the Extension office. Feel free to call the office and speak with Jenny for more information about whether or not you would qualify.

Horses, Hoofs, and Hay

Horse Bowl Practice & Prep!

Join us here at the OSU Extension office on December 15th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a fun Horse Bowl learning and practice! This is open to anyone, 4th thru 12th grade who is interested in learning and practicing for Horse Bowl. Columbia Horse Classic is coming up in February 20th, so this is a perfect opportunity to get your skill level up and have a great time doing it!
Animal Science News

Oregon Meat Goat Producers Spring Pen/Wether Sale & USBGA Show
March 27 & 28th, 2010 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon. Call Darrell at 503-310-2875 or Sandi at 503-310-2865 for more information about the judges training, raffle, food, demonstrations, and vendors! Bring your kids, 2 and 4 legged, for fun and learning!

Western Oregon Poultry Field Day
At the Polk County Fairgrounds on January 23rd in Rickreall, come and join the workshops on breeds, judging, diseases, care and grooming, small flocks, showmanship and lots more! For more information call 503-623-8395 or stop by the OSU Extension office for a flyer on all the details.

Member and Leader Recognitions

Volunteer of the Year for 2010!
This year’s volunteer is no stranger to the 4-H Youth Development Program. This individual grew up in the 4-H Program, as a member, junior leader, teen leader and is now giving back to the 4-H program as an adult. Truly having gone full circle with their 4-H Life.

This year’s volunteer is one that worked along the way to make the best better and to help others. At an early age this person realized that quality breeding stock would make a great difference in the 4-H experience, so the family began the process of getting just such breeding stock. This began with rabbits and poultry. As a result of this effort, success in shows was realized, at the county, state and even in open shows. With this also came the education and the desire to breed quality stock for other, and a breeding program was born (pun intended). This individual was willing to pass the success on to other 4-Her’s, allowing them to have some of the quality stock that they had raised. These 4-Her’s were then able to enjoy having a rabbit or bird that could compete and do well. Not only were project animals shared with club members, so was the knowledge that this individual had acquired over time, from shows and visiting with adults who had been in the program for years. The true essence of an educational experience.

As she grew up she began getting involved in other areas of the 4-H program. She took on leadership roles at the club level, and then moved on to the county level as a County Ambassador. As an Ambassador, she volunteered to work with the Megga-EGG Hunt, and it was no surprise what area she took charge of. Yes, the petting zoo portion, the part that required lots and lots of rabbits and poultry. She worked with leaders and members to get enough animals there for parents and children to see and pet. Many who were seeing them for the very first time.

As time moved on in the life of this volunteer goats became another area of focus. This experience is one of the reasons that she is still involved in the 4-H Youth Development Program today.

She has become a judge for Poultry, Rabbits and Goats. In fact, there have been times when she gets an opportunity to judge more than one area at a fair. In 2008 she was contracted to just the 4-H Rabbits and Cavy. But the Goat judge was not comfortable with judging showmanship, so this volunteer was recruited from the small animal barn to provide this service, and she became the judge for Rabbits, Cavies and Goat showmanship for the county fair.

This last year she filled in when the contracted Poultry judge was unable to make it to the show, and was also asked to be on stand-by if the goat judge was unable to continue due to illness. So, during her time in the 4-H Youth Development Program, this year’s volunteer has seen it all and has done most of it. There have been times that she has done most of it all in the same place all during the same fair.

Please join me in honoring:

Amanda Watts Graham as the 2009 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer of the Year!
(Nominated by Marianne Velliquitte)
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Woody Davis, Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development Professional

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