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Calendar of Events:

May:
___1, Friday ............Spring Record Books DUE, OSU Extension office
___1, Friday ............Fluhrer Endowment (Summer Conference) Scholarship DUE by 5:00 pm
___2, Saturday ..........Spring Contest Day, (Foods and Junior Presentations), at the St. Helens High School
___4, Monday ..........Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m. OSU Extension office
___11-15 ..................Woody out of the office, 4-H In-Service
___12, Tuesday ..........County Fair Pen/Stall Requests DUE, OSU Extension office
___13, Wednesday ......Youth Fair, Registration Forms DUE, OSU Extension office
___15-17 Fri to Sun .......Youth Fair, County Fairgrounds, (Market Sheep, Swine, and Goat Weigh-in, 12:00 noon)
___19, Tuesday ...........Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___22-30 ..................Woody out of the office, providing training for Florida State 4-H
___25, Monday ..........Memorial Day, OSU Extension office Closed
___26, Tuesday ..........Summer Camp 4-H Registration DUE (Guaranteed for 4-H), OSU Extension office

June:
___1, Monday ..........Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m. OSU Extension office
___1, Monday ..........4-H Finance Scholarship Application DUE, OSU Extension office
___2, Tuesday ..........Summer Camp Deadline, All Registration DUE, OSU Extension office
___4, Thursday ............Evaluation/Weigh Day, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
___15, Monday ..........Fair Entry Forms DUE
___14-17 ..................4-H Summer Camp, 4-7th graders, Camp Kiwanilong, Warrenton
___20, Saturday ..........Market (Small Animal) Weigh-in, 10:00 a.m., Fairgrounds
___20, Saturday ..........Evaluation/Weigh Day, 10:00 a.m., Fairgrounds
___23, Tuesday ..........Horse Leaders Mtg., 7 p.m., Extension office
___24-27 ..................OSU Summer Conference, OSU, Corvallis
___27, Saturday ..........Horse Gaming Event, Columbia County Fairgrounds and Event Complex
No Premiums at County Fair for 2009?

For more than 10 years the 4-H office staff has voluntarily helped the Friends of Fair with the premium money that the 4-H youth get after the fair. This has taken a great deal of time from the 4-H secretary and agent. The 4-H secretary has added all the points up from fair, then we do the math and calculate the highest amount possible for the youth. The checks are printed (243 in 2008), signed by the Leaders Association treasurer, labels are put on each envelope, checks put into them, then mailed, all within a week from fair - all at the time and expense of the 4-H office. This is done while we are working on finishing the county fair process and getting our state fair qualifier’s/members ready to go to state.

The 4-H office can no longer do this. The concepts of premiums, though they are a 'feel good' reward for the work done by youth at fair, has limited (except for the group leadership/organizational skills) educational value in regards to the entire 4-H Youth Development program.

This has been talked about at two meetings, the 4-H Leaders meeting and then a specially called meeting regarding premiums. At both meetings a very small group attended. During the premium meeting it was decided that maybe there would be no premiums for the 2009 County Fair in the 4-H youth classes.

Yes, NO premiums for 2009, unless:

A group of volunteers come forward to:

1 - Manage fund raising events/activities:
   • organize event/volunteers
   • acquire liability insurance
   • give to and get money from Friends of Fair

2 - Manage the premium money:
   • Get copies of the clerk sheets (approximately 600 sheets) from the Columbia County 4-H office after fair
     Each clerk sheet will have the color of ribbons earned by each class number/member
   • Assign a value to the ribbons received
   • Calculate funds earned by each youth
   • Serve as treasurer by writing and signing the checks
   • Prepare envelopes for mailing - stuff envelopes, put mail labels and stamps on
   • Be available to answer questions about the process and checks
   • Process funds leftover into following year (uncashed checks)

If you are willing or interested in working with those already involved, please e-mail woody.davis@oregonstate.edu with your name, phone number and email address. Your information will be forwarded.

Progress update report and discussion at the next leaders meeting, May 4, 2009, 7:30 pm.

4-H Summer Camp!

June 14-17, 2009, Camp Kiwanilong

4-H’ers deadline for a guaranteed spot is May 19, to turn in registration form.

4th through 7th graders – don’t forget to sign up for 4-H Summer Camp! That all important, canoeing, crafting, singing, hiking, being loud, eating too many s’more’s, and driving your counselor and Woody nut’s, week of fun!

You 4-H members are given an opportunity to sign up first - only if you do it before May 19th. After that date you will be counted as all the rest (first come first serve) and there will be no guarantee that you will get to go. Camp is limited, once we reach that point we will be full, 4-H’er or not. So, do not wait, get your registration in now and we will see you at Camp. Registration deadline for all campers is June 2nd.
Update on the Summer Conference at OSU June 24-27, 2009

If you are a 7th - 12th grader, you can find the OSU Summer Conference information on the web at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/events/summer_conference.html. Class registration online for Summer Conference will begin on May 1st, 2009. Please read over the information and call the OSU Extension office if you have questions.

New for this year is the OSU Bus! All our attendee’s and chaperones will ride the bus together, stopping at other counties along the way (but we are first and will be able to enjoy a beautiful ride along the coast down to Corvallis). The registration cost for the conference this year is $230.00 and the first 10 members who turn in their Registration form and Class Registration forms will receive a scholarship of $100.00!

I would also remind parents of the youth who are considering going, that the group will need an enrolled leader chaperone (registration fee paid by Leaders Association) to attend with them. If you are an enrolled leader and would consider this position, please contact Woody at the OSU Extension office.

All the forms will need to be turned into the Columbia Extension office by May 27th, or if you plan to apply for a Bertha Fluher scholarship for this event, May 13th.

Welcome New Leaders

As many know, I believe that the only reasonable method of growing the size of the Columbia County 4-H Youth Development Program is with more leaders and more 4-H Clubs. Well, we have some more of those individuals that are willing to help us grow. These new leaders have been through training and are ready to hit the ground running. Please help me welcome them. Also, the next time you see a new face at a leaders meeting or a committee meeting, introduce yourself so that way they can begin to put faces with names.

- Jaimee Adams: Cloverbuds
- Amy Beaston: Cloverbuds, Horticulture, Foods
- Jainine Chavez-Emanuel: Cloverbuds
- Jodi Drake: Adventures, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Horse
- JoAnna Fischer: Horse
- Julie Garrison: Horse
- Jay Groom: Robotics
- Tavia Haas: Rabbit, Sheep
- Alice Howard: Dog
- Kathryn Hugill: Horse
- Trenee’ Lambert: Cloverbuds
- Jean LeMont: Foods, Clothing
- Jennifer Martinez: Horse
- Scott McDaniel: Beef, Poultry/Pigeons, Dairy, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Goats
- Debra Meifert: Dog
- Jessica Overstreet: Cavy
- Jennifer Smuin: Beef, Cavy, Swine
- Danielle Speiser: Foods, Clothing
- Lonna Weiss: Horse
- Maria Weiss: Clothing, Foods
- Deanna Lemire: Pigeon
- Darlene Luttrell: Photography, Crocheting, Foods, Horticulture, Robotics
2009 4-H Fairbook Request Form
(Please return by May 11th, to request a printed book: 2 max, per family only)

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________________, State:______________ Zip: ______________________

Phone number: ________________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________

(Book:___________ CD:___________)

(please return by May 11th to request a printed book: 2 max. per family only)

Fair Books: By Special Order Only
There will not be a complete county fair book printed again this year, and because of this the 4-H Extension office will be printing only the 4-H portion of the fair books, Max. 2 per family, by request only. We do not have time in this busy season to print what no one needs. So we are offering them on a pre-requested basis (form attached). We would be happy to burn a CD, or have one printed. If possible we will have those pre-requested, printed and available at Youth Fair. And as always, the fair book will be available online at our website: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/Columbia, all the sections separated and ready to print at home.

Food, Fun, Finance!

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

The 4-H Finance Scholarship has changed its due date to June 1st! This is a wonderful opportunity to gain $1000 a year towards 4 years of college! A $4000 scholarship total! Applications are online or here at the Extension office.

Animal Science News

Youth Fair! May 15, 16 and 17th!
See Schedule next page......................

This event is an excellent opportunity for members to gain experience and instruction in their project area before County Fair. Youth Fair is a place where a “safe educational environment” is created and members learn and grow. They have opportunity to display their exhibit and show animals. This allows the member to practice what they have just learned.

What does all this mean to the 4-H'er? It means that you should attend, come with a spirit to learn new information, a desire to make your project better for County Fair, to have fun and meet other 4-H'ers from Columbia County.

Details on classes, show schedule, class fees and the registration forms were in the April newsletter, and on the next page of this newsletter, on the web http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/4-H/4hforms, and in the OSU Extension office. Do not miss this once a year opportunity. You will need to use the Livestock gate to enter the fairgrounds on the north end. Everyone will check-in at the 4-H Fair office and with their superintendent of their barn.
Youth Fair Schedule!

Horse Clinics and Demonstrations

Saturday Schedule
8 a.m: All Superintendents & Participants present must attend FLAGPOLE.
9:00 a.m: Grooming – For Home or Show _____
9:30 a.m: Herdsmanship-Presented by 2008 Winners _____
10:00 a.m: Showmanship Clinic ________
11-Noon: Dressage Lecture/Demo___________
11 a.m: Ground Training/Demo___________
11:00 a.m: (Adults only) Clerk/Gate Clinic______
Noon-1 p.m: Lunch
1 p.m: Gaming – (Clinic Only – NO TIMES) _____
1-3 p.m: Dressage Clinic/Ride_____________
(Sample Test and Critique following)
2-3 p.m: Trail Workshop __________________
3-4 p.m: Pattern Clinic _________________
5:00 p.m: BBQ
6:00 p.m: Parents Social Hour and Youth Fair Party Hosted by Ambassadors

Sunday Schedule:
Showmanship & Western Equitation
8 a.m: All Superintendents & Participants must attend FLAGPOLE.
9-11:30 a.m: Showmanship:
    Novice ___Jr.,___, Int.,___, Sr.,___
12:30 p.m: (Choose only One Equitation Event)
    Western Equitation:
    Novice ___ Jr.,___, Int.,___, Sr.,___
    English Equitation: (to follow)
    Novice ___ Jr.,___, Int.,___, Sr.,___
3 – 3:30 p.m: Dismissal & Pick-up Cleaning

Youth Fair Small Animal & Livestock

Saturday Only Schedule
8 a.m: All Superintendents & Participants present must attend FLAGPOLE.
9:00 a.m. to Noon: Clinics: Goat, Beef, Poultry, Rabbit, Visit with the Veterinarian, Quiz Bowl (small animal and goats), Presentations, Making a Poster, Fair Week Survival Tips
12:00 Noon: Weigh-in’s start (sheep, goat, turkey, swine)
12:30-1:30 p.m.: Lunch Break (Drawing for Door Prizes Begins!)
1:30 p.m. Cloverbuds Clinic Opens
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Clinics: Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Goats, Beef, Showmanship, Presentations
5:00 to 6 p.m. – Pick up Cleaning Deposits (Pen/Stall Refunds will be done by club and are sorted by club for return)
5:00 p.m. BBQ provided
6:00 p.m. Parents Social Hour and Youth Fair Party (Hosted by Ambassadors)

County Fair Pen/Stall Reservation Forms
Each contact leader of a club who plans to show any animal at county fair, must turn in a stall/pen reservation form (in April’s newsletter) and it is due into the OSU Extension office by May 13th. You will find these forms online at our website. The Superintendents need this information to better serve you!

2009 Livestock Evaluation Weigh-Days Set
This will allow all livestock project members an opportunity to evaluate their animal’s weight on a regular basis during the feeding period and should reduce the number of animals that arrive at Fair that do not make weight. It will also help teach your animal to load, unload and become accustomed to hauling. These dates are optional and members can come and go, as they need to - in a set time frame: June 4, and July 9th at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. June 20th at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. All weigh days will be at the County Events Complex on the scales in the sheep barn. If no one shows or special arrangements have not been made, we will leave at 7:00 p.m. on June 4th and July 9th, or 10:30 a.m. on June 20th.
4-H Goats for you!

My project goats need a new home, Pygmy and Oberhasli, State Fair winners! Call Vicki at 503-621-1142 for more information.

Horses, Hoofs, and Hay

The horse committee would like to remind members, parents and leaders of this very important information:

Change to the County Fair Gaming Date:

Please make a note on your calendars, the Gaming portion of the 4-H County Fair is on Saturday, June 27th! This date is a week early as the normal Saturday before fair is the 4th of July holiday weekend, and would interfere with many of your family events.

Poker Ride: (No Date Yet) We need help!

What is the Poker Ride and who does it benefit. Well, if you are enrolled in the 4-H Horse project, the answer is simple...YOU! So, that means that you also need to participate in making this event happen.

The Poker Ride committee needs your help to find a place to hold the event, and in a variety of other ways. Some will offer opportunity to ride the trails, before, during and after. For non-riders there are jobs at the beginning of the event, selling hands, setting out prizes, assisting with parking, food booth, plus others. Then there are the opportunities after the ride, some clean up and take down of equipment. But the best and most important is that all members and clubs need to participate in the donation/gathering of prizes. The committee is working on an incentive program to encourage clubs in this area. Stay tuned for details on this part of the Poker Ride. For more info on helping out with these thing and more, please call Jodi Drake at 503-366-0987.

State Spring Horse Classic!

Congratulations to our Columbia County participants at the State Spring Horse Classic, all our teams did well, and deserve our best “Atta Girl!” Savannah Dreyer placed 9th in a field of well over 50 Horse Bowl competitors! Our county teams placed well within the top 10 for all our events, with Intermediate Horse Bowl Team, Intermediate Horse Judging Team, Senior Hippology Team member, Rose Brady, who competed with Baker County, Intermediate Hippology Team and an Individual Presentation given by Kaylene Songer! Great job to all our county horse contestants and coaches!

NEEDED:

Cart and harness for 4-H Horse Driving Project for Columbia County Fair (May - July). Needs to fit full-figured mature Morgan Halflinger Mare. Please call Savannah Dreyer 503-366-1874.

Note from Tyler!

Hello my name is Tyler Lessard and I was an active 4-H member for 8 Years. I have been attending the Academy Of Equine Dentistry for over a year while bettering the horse’s health in the county and doing dental work on over 150. Now that riding season is coming and 4-H meeting’s are being held, I would like to donate my time and knowledge to group meetings by teaching over all equine health and why dentistry and biting are so important. So I am more than willing to come to your meetings and riding meets with your 4-Her’s with free information and demonstrational dental checks. Please contact me at tlequine@live.com or at 971-645-6348 (references are available).
Recognitions and Applause!

4-H Superstars!
From left to right: Kiara Single, Claire Youngberg, Claire Bernert, State Representative Brad Witt, Tori Bair, and Brittney Warnock. The members of the Dish n’ Dirt 4-H club sold homemade goodies at the Empty Bowls fundraiser on March 13, and raised $152.50 for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. Leaders Melinda Bernert and Joan Youngberg were pretty proud of their members!
AND SO ARE WE!!!

Photo: Donna Nyberg

Oregon 4-H Archery Mail-In Tournament
Congratulations to all!!!
The results of the Oregon 4-H Archery Mail-in Tournaments for March, 2009 are in.
The placing for the Hot Shots are as follows:

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