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Calendar of Events:

November:
___27-28, .......... Thankgiving Holiday, OSU Extension office closed both days

December:
___1, Monday .......... Ambassadors Mrg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mrg., 7:30 p.m., OSU Extension Office
___25 & 26, .......... Christmas Holiday, OSU Extension office closed both days

January:
___1, Thursday ......... New Years Holiday, OSU Extension office closed
___6 & 8, ........ New Leaders Training, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., 2-part, OSU Extension office
___20, Tuesday ......... Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___19, Monday ......... Martin Luther King Day, OSU Extension office closed

(A Personal Note from the Davis Family)

Thank you for your Thoughts

I would like to take a moment to thank all those who expressed their thoughts and prayers as my family dealt with my dad’s passing. He had been ill for the last 10 years and each year he declined just a little more, as it really was the accumulative affect that wore his body and health down over time. Thank you for your thoughts and concerns as we move down the path with this.
Recognition!!

Kate and Eric Olson are Awesome!

So many huge thank you’s need to go to these two terrific 4-H supporters! Besides being long time leaders and now resource leaders, they have hosted the Poker Ride for the past 3 years. Over 250 people, trucks, trailers, animals and many, many issues, they were there, directing traffic and cleaning up afterwards. What a great job!!

And before hosting the largest fund raising event for the Horse Leaders Association every year on their property, they were very involved for many years in organizing it.

Kate has been the 4-H announcer for our county fair horse events, plus the gaming events! And Eric has been very active in keeping the fairgrounds horse barns in good shape all year long, volunteering countless hours and equipment to make sure county fair is successful.

All our horse leaders, members and families want to make sure you all know what great people we have, and Kate and Eric are two of the best!!

We Tip Our Hats To You!!

4-H News to Use

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 2008-09 Ambassadors

Please help me congratulate them on reaching this level in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Elizabeth Green, Nicole Gump, Emma Kyle-Milward, Victoria Willson, Teri McGettigan, Kayla Winkelbake, Stephen Bowe, Merrick VonPoppenheim, Jennifer Vanderwerf, Jeremiah Hughes, and Emily Simpson.

Youth Record Book Results

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


Records Medallions

Eighteen 4-H members received medallions for their achievement in record keeping:

Seniors: Merrick VonPoppenheim, Emma Kyle-Milward, and Jeremiah Hughes.

Intermediates: Tiffany Ryan, Kaylea Knox, Joshua Hughes, Rose Brady and Victoria Willson.

Juniors: Christian Hughes, Savannah Dreyer and Thomas Hughes.

First Year Juniors: Keaton Knox, Madison Dreyer, Patricia Brady, Elizabeth Kennedy, Meghan Sleightam, and Jordyn Sweet.

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.

Medalist’s: Kaylea Knox – Beef; Merrick VonPoppenheim – Citizenship; Tiffany Ryan – Foods & Nutrition; Emma Kyle-Milward – Sheep; Joshua Hughes – Swine; and Jeremiah Hughes – Archery.
Scholarships Won

The Summer Camp Scholarships went to: Thomas Hughes, and Keaton Knox. The OSU Summer Conference Scholarship went to: Joshua 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:

- 5th year silver pins – Bridget Anderson, Melinda Bernert, Marjorie Esterly, Earl Keene, Catherine Lundberg, Dannielle Murphy, Joy Winkelbake, Dani Yarbor.
- 10th year gold pins – Beverly Grant, Troy Joiner, Mary Kiblan, D’Lisa Watts.
- 15th year pearl pins – Shelly Lessard, Adam Simpson, Michael Wakfield.
- 20th year diamond pin – Karen Harding, Rodney Harding, Dorothy Parker, Debbie Witt.

4-H Leadership Club

This will be the second year for a club that will focus on developing Youth Leadership Skills. The Club will meet once a month from November through May. This will allow youth who have very busy schedules and summer activities to still be involved. The curriculum will be for youth 7th through 12th grade, but is not limited to just those youth.

The Club will focus on teaching public speaking, parliamentary procedure, presiding over meetings, committee design and other ‘leadership’ activities. Members will also have opportunity to prepare and present public speeches and attend committee meetings throughout the county. New material will be used, so for those in the club last year, it’s not the same old stuff! I promise!

If you have a desire to participate in this very exciting opportunity, please contact Woody at the OSU Extension office. Currently there is no ‘enrollment number’ for this project.

Your first leadership assignment will be to make the call to the 4-H office and commit to the club.

Holidays are a great time to practice for Spring Contest and the new State Fair Iron Chef Competition!

Baking, simmering, perfectly browned, and all those wonderful calorie consuming recipes we love during the holidays can be perfected and practiced, or adjusted for a new healthy approach. So get ready for the big event this April, at the St. Helens High School. So all you Intermediates and Seniors get ready for the Mini-meal and Food Preparation Contests; plus Junior Presentations will all be here soon!

Special Note: Junior Favorite Foods and Sandwich Contest will be held during County Fair this year.

And at the state fair 2009, there is a new competition called Iron Chef! The details are outlined on the state 4-H website.

http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/4-H_Iron_Chef_Competition_10-08.pdf
As you begin your new Record’s year for 2009……

Photographs/Newspaper Clippings: You may include newspaper clippings (only if they pertain to you or your project) and photographs as part of your 4-H Records. Color copy, scanning, and cropping is acceptable and encouraged. Neatly attach clippings and photos with rubber cement to an 8½x11 piece of paper with captions underneath the picture briefly explaining them. Besides the pictures of your project it would be nice to have pictures of you giving your presentation and some of the “fun” things you do each year (3 pages or less). Action photos are better than “still shots.” Date & label pictures - not to exceed 3 pages (that's front side only of 3 pages). As a suggestion, so there is no chance of losing these important memories, you can use colored copies. Please identify and date your clipping and photos. Do not include: ♦ Registration or pedigree papers and ♦ Fair ribbons or other scrapbook items. Do not use: Plastic covers on record sheets (photos & Advancement certificates may be in plastic covers) ♦ A 3-Ring binder.

Ribbons are not the only things you do! Don’t make your records reflect "I WON! I WON!"

4-H Project Profile

Now that the Fall Record Judging season is over, there are many who are thinking about the new 4-H year. There are several reasons for 4-H leaders and parents to support record keeping. Many of these parents and leaders also have youth who have what seems to be endless homework, school activities and a life that is always on the move. It is reported that high school students have 51% more homework than their parents did while in high school.

Knowing that, how can parents and leaders really push and encourage members to invest time in completing the 4-H Records process? First, one must look at the reasons why 4-H members should do records and then the options that match the reasons for each individual.

Here are some of the reasons: Historical, record keeping skills, completion of college scholarships, high school awards and honors and competition for county medals.

You may recognize that only one of those reasons require a ‘completed book’ with all the pages filled out and ready to be judged. All the other areas can be adopted to meet individual needs.

The other option the 4-H Records Committee offers Columbia County youth is the ‘4-H Project Profile’. This option was specifically designed for 4-H members who did not want to compete in the formal records process, but still wanted to review, evaluate and close-out their 4-H project(s) and 4-H year.

The ‘4-H Project Profile’ [secured in a 4-H Records Cover (free at the O.S.U. Extension office)]

Members need to:

- Complete the Information Page.
- Include current Project Record forms for all 4-H Project(s) they want the committee to review and mark those on the Information Page.
- Include project advancements for the projects that have advancements.
- Include a “It Happened in 4-H” Page (4-H Notes) [this is a very informal page].
  1. This page can be a listing of activities/meetings the member has participated in over the year (journal style).
  2. It can be in story/narrative format.
  3. It can be a showcase of things the member has learned.
  4. Members can combine information from all their projects on this page.
- Photo pages (maximum of 3).
  1. Photos can be “action shots” showing the member participating in their project(s) or pictures of your project(s).
  2. Cropping of photos is encouraged.

So, members, parents and leaders there are options for keeping records for the ‘busy and involved’. This will allow members to keep track of the very important and meaningful work that 4-H’ers do throughout the years and will allow youth to reference back and glean information as needed.
Opportunities for Everyone!

A Challenge from Columbia County Outlaws!!

At our last meeting we discussed how one person CAN make a difference in his or her community. Right now we all face tough economic times and unfortunately I think a lot of people will be hungry this winter. We did a little math at that last meeting. If each member in our club brought just two cans of food we would have at least 320 cans of food by January 2009. Just four months away! So we will try to bring two (or more) cans of food or a nonperishable food item to each meeting from now until January and see if we can reach our goal. We would like to extend our goal to challenge every 4-H club in Columbia County to collect at least two cans per each member and return it to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in St. Helen’s. They are located at 474 Milton Way. Their hours of operation are from 8-2 pm Monday through Thursday. This challenge can also be extended to leaders meetings, ambassador meetings and so on. One person CAN make a difference for our community.

Trail Blazers 4-H Night

The Portland Trail Blazers will be offering discounted tickets ($21.00, regular price $25.00) for their March 26th home game versus the Phoenix Suns. You can order online at http://tickets.trailblazers.com/deals Password: 4HNIGHT. Order deadline is February 26th. We have flyers here at the Extension office, or you can contact Joe Isse at 503-963-3974 for more information!

Books and VHS Tapes for your club!

For your club to have, we have books and video’s for you, but it’s first come first serve.
5. Ringmaster Show Beef: VHS Tape
6. Ringmaster Show Lamb: VHS Tape
7. Ringmaster Show Hog: VHS Tape

Animal Science News

Washington County 4-H Small Animal Leaders Show!

Rabbits and Cavies are welcome to the Washington County Fairgrounds in the Cloverleaf building on Saturday, February 21st. Registration starts at 8:00 am, and the show begins sharply at 9:00 am.
For more info call Jeena at 503-357-3759 or jeenaci@msn.com.

Goats and Llama need new home!

Looking for a home that can take two goats and a llama, the llama is a 12-13 year old gelded male; the goats are Pygora nannies, very friendly and 8 years old. They have been their own herd for years and therefore must go as a trio. All are in good health. Contact: Laurie, (503) 543-2957.
Note from Woody: I would remind everyone that when you bring new animals into your operation, you need to consider quarantining them until you know that they are disease free and will not put your other animals at risk.

Horses, Hoofs, and Hay

2008 December Horse Committee Meeting: Update

Please remember to join the General 4-H Leaders Association for the joint December 1st meeting. This is the meeting where officers for the 4-H Leaders Association are elected, the budget will be discussed for approval and enjoy holiday desserts. So, plan your daily caloric intake and plan to attend the meeting.
2008 - 2009 Horse Committee Meetings

The schedule for 2008 - 2009 is as follows; the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in October, January, February, April, May, June (changed to June 23) and September. These are the months where the committee is most active in their program planning, implementation and evaluation. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly, we need your valuable input and help as we keep our younger riders in the saddle, and moseying along in the right direction!

Columbia County Horse Classic needs your HELP!

The Horse Leaders Committee is looking for clubs and volunteers to chair for door prizes, registration, horse judging, presentations/public speaking, horse bowl, and concessions committees. Please call Jean McPherson at 503-396-5008 or email: ccrodeo@hotmail.com to offer you're much needed assistance. Remember, the Classic is on February 21st, at the Columbia County Events Complex and Fairgrounds, so study up and be prepared to have a lot of fun too! This event is the qualifier for the state teams and individual competitions for Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Presentations and Public Speaking, and intermediate and senior State Fair Horse in August.

And also, please mark your 2009 calendar for April 24-26 for the State Spring Horse Classic, which will be held in Linn County, Oregon. Intermediates and Seniors, keep this date on your minds for the team and individual contests after you qualify at our county level.

Member and Leader Recognitions

TaeKwonDo Champs!

Give Claire Bernert, Noah Masog, and Brittney Warnock a huge WAY TO GO! They were competitors in the TaeKwonDo National full contact Championships in Detroit, Michigan. Lewis TaeKwonDo has been in Scappoose since 1978 and has sent competitors to the Junior Olympics for the past 16 years. Our fellow 4-Her’s have put a lot of hard work, perseverance and dedication to this sport. There were 2500 competitors. Noah Masog won a Silver Medal in forms and a Gold Medal in sparring. Claire Bernert won a Silver medal in forms and a Bronze Medal in sparring. Brittney Warnock won a Silver Medal in sparring.

They also competed in the 7th International Full Contact Friendship Tournament held here in Portland at the Convention Center. Noah Masog won a Bronze Medal in Forms and a Gold Medal in sparring in two different divisions. Claire Bernert won a Bronze Medal in forms and a Silver Medal in sparring. Brittney Warnock won a Gold Medal in sparring, winning a sudden death match by one point.

Claire Bernert

Noah Masog

Brittney Warnock
Volunteers of the Year for 2008!

Midway Veterinarian Hospital

This year, we are in a unique situation, we are going to recognize two volunteers. Normally we have a committee choose just one, but this year there were two worthy nominations.

The first nomination was for a team of volunteers that, all in all, act as one and do so over a nine day span. The members of this team arrive early, stay late, and then return during the day to make sure that all is well in the world of 4-H and the Columbia County Fair. And as you may expect there have been times that all was not right and they have had to work to make it right again. This is one of the reasons that this team has been nominated. They do all they can to make County Fair the best experience for the youth and less stressful on parents, leaders, county fair staff and even the 4-H agent. They invested a lot of their time during county fair, while holding down their own jobs. They have been kicked by livestock, stepped on, chased loose chickens, rabbits and even a horse out of a neighboring vineyard. This team has been known to return to the fairgrounds to take care of a sick animal or deal with some other animal related health problem. This team also participates in other fair related activities. The effort began small several years ago and when there was moderate success, the competition increased. This involvement has created tension in their office, at home and in the community, though it’s always in good taste and as good sports. However this year the rivalry went just a little too far and as with all good fun, someone got hurt. One of them was not willing to help, I know because I tried to get Doc Fowler to do my ACL reconstructive surgery, and he wouldn’t. It has said that we should have listened to our own teams name and we should have been “old enough to know better” for some of that other stuff. Please join me in honoring the entire team from Midway Vet Hospital as they are the first of two recipients for the 2008 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer. Nominated by Cora Van Osdl

Robert Hales

Our second recipient is one that was truly a volunteer in all senses of the word. He was not an official 4-H volunteer, but that did not stop his efforts to assist the 4-H Youth Development Program. His family was rooted in the program. His children are club members, his wife is a club leader and he was always there! It is true when it’s said “the county fair would not be the same without his efforts, dedication, love for agriculture and just an overall sense of willing to help others.” This volunteer has helped fix “things” all over the county fairgrounds. The list is way too long to write out each and every time he lent a hand to fix it. He hauled ice to venders, let me know when campers needed ice, we searched high and low to find owners of vehicles' that were precariously in the camping area. We worked together to get the maximum space for the Horse Trail Course and still have the maximum numbers of campers in the gated area. He took guff for following the fairgrounds rules and locking the gate on time, and then still got up in the middle of the night to let “shift workers and others” back into the campground. When he was not on official business, but at the fairgrounds, he would still be helping out. Because his wife also volunteers in the fair office we know that volunteerism runs deep in this family. Some of this extra helping out was because his wife would volunteer him to run here, go there or haul this over yonder. And he always did it willing, because he knew it would help the fair.

His real love was agriculture and that showed through his commitment to the Ag Grange Museum; the thrashing machine demonstration had been a family tradition. When he realized that he was going to be the next in line after his father passed away, he set out to learn everything he could about “that contraption.” He even went as far as to plant wheat on his on place to make sure he had grain to thrash. His pay for all of this were the smiles on the faces of those who he had never known and the comments from those who said, “I remember running one of these back when…” and then received a pat on the back. This volunteer did not stop at the 4-H program or the County Fair; he also was a Volunteer Fire Fighter and Paramedic in his fire district. Again, pointing to the fact that the true volunteer spirit lived in this individual. So, it gives me a great sense of pleasure to reminisce about all the great things and the level of involvement this volunteer has committed to the 4-H Youth Development Program. Then there is sadness in my heart because we lost this volunteer. Please help me show our gratitude to his family as we remember, Robert Hales as another great Volunteer of the Year. Nominated by Marianne Velliquette
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