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Calendar of Events:

November:
___1, Sunday ...............Daylight Savings Time Ends! (Fall Back-turn your clocks back 1 hour)
___5, Thursday ..............New Leader Training, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, OSU Extension office
___7, Saturday ..............Leader & Member Recognition Night, 7:00 p.m., St. Helens High School
___26-27,.......................Thanksgiving Holiday, OSU Extension office closed both days

December:
___7, Monday ..............Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m., OSU Extension Office
___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
Trail Blazers 4-H Night

The Portland Trail Blazers will be offering discounted tickets $22.00, for their March 25th home game versus the Dallas Mavericks. You can order online at http://tickets.trailblazers.com/deals, and the password is “4HNIGHT”. Order deadline is February 25th.

2010 County and State 4-H Scholarship Summary

For all you seniors this year, it’s that time to begin your college process, and scholarships can be so important to get ready for, and being a 4-H member opens a whole range of possibilities for you!

County Scholarships:
The Durrant and Memorial Scholarships are $500 each, and applications due to the Extension office by April 1st. The Finance & Investment Scholarship is $5,000 ($1250 per year), also due April 1st. All county scholarship applications/requirements are found at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/4h-forms-and-links or at the Extension office.

State Scholarship applications and lists of scholarships are available at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/state-4h-scholarships State Scholarship applications are due in the Extension Office by February 1st and must be approved before being forwarded to the state.

Adjustment: to the new Fees

After much consideration, checking how other counties are implementing the new state enrollment fee and knowing the Columbia County financial issues, we have decided on a “family cap” of $50.00, with additional projects at $5.00, and a reduced Cloverbud fee of $15.00. Please let your member and families know about this change, and that we do not intend for any family to decide against 4-H based on cost. We will try to help as the need arises.

Family Members: (4th grade to 12 grade) $25.00 per member
Allowing 10 total projects for the first 2 family members
Cloverbuds: (K to 3rd grade) $15.00 per member (this fee will be calculated into the $50.00 family cap)
Other family members and projects are $5.00 each after the $50.00 cap

Family Examples:
*3 members, 2 are 4th & 5th grades, 1 is 3rd grade and a Cloverbud.
Total Fee is $55.00 (2 at $25, and the Cloverbud is the other member at $5.00)
*3 members, 1 is 4th grade, 2 are Cloverbuds.
Total Fee is $50.00 (one at $25, one at $15 and the last at $10)

Out and About in the State of Oregon:

As we all continue to adjust to the new fees, there has been some discussion about what other counties are doing for their fees. As with all 4-H county programs in the state, the county has the freedom to find what works best for the county. The state 4-H office allows this practice as long as the county rule is not less than the minimum state rule, as is with the fee. All figures are based on 5 projects, unless noted.

Josephine County:
$15.00/per member fee + $5.00 + insurance ($1 or $2) + $4.00 Leaders Assoc. fee = $45.00 [October 1 – January 31]

Malheur County:
$15.00 member fee + $10.00 county fee for up to 3 projects + $5.00 per project after 3 = $35.00 [NO enrollment after January 31st]
Gilliam County:
$10.00 for the 2 or less projects and $15.00 for 3 or more projects

Deschutes County:
$40.00/member for the 1st two members + $25.00/member after 2 for early enrollment. Enrollment on April 1, 2010 would be $60.00 for 1st two + $25.00 for extra members

Lane County:
$40.00 for 1st project + $10.00 2 or more projects ($100.00 family cap) Enrollment on April 1, 2010 would be $80.00 for 1st + $10.00 for extra 4 projects = $90.00 ($180.00 family cap)

How do these compare to Columbia County?
From October 1, 2009 – April 1st, 2010 our fee is the same, $25.00/ member for 5 projects with a $5.00/project for additional projects. ($50.00 family cap with additional projects at $5.00) No sliding fee increase as time goes on, no insurance to calculate, just a fee that say the same from the first day of enrollment to the last day of enrollment. All in all, not a bad place to call your 4-H Home.

As you begin your new Record’s year for 2010……

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.

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**4-H Leadership Club**

This will be the third 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.

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

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**Horses, Hoofs, and Hay**

**2009 December Horse Committee Meeting: Update**

Please remember to come to 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.

**2009 - 2010 Horse Committee Meetings**

The schedule for 2009 - 2010 is as follows; the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in October, January, February, April, May, June, 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 June Brady at 397-4780 to offer you’re much needed assistance. Remember, the Classic is on **February 20th, 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 2010 calendar for **April 23-25 for the State Spring Horse Classic**, which will be held in
Redmond, Deschutes County, Oregon. Intermediates and Seniors, keep this date on your minds for the team and individual contests after you qualify at our county level.

“Dream” Horse for you

For lease to a 4-H member, registered Morgan mare named Dream, who is 14 years old and approximately 15 hands high. Her color is black/brown with lots of mane and tail, and she has been ridden extensively on trail. She is smooth gaited, and would be great for dressage, barrel racing and gaming. She rides with a bit or hackamore. She would need a person with some riding experience. For more info call Jane or Steve at 503-556-4295.

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 soon 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. Be looking for your invitation in the mail!

**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](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.

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

Get ready for Spring Contest this April, at the St. Helens High School. Intermediates and Seniors will have the opportunity to compete for the Mini-Meal and Food Preparation Contests. Junior Presentations will also be held the same day! *Special Note: Junior Favorite Foods and Sandwich Contest will be held during County Fair again this year.* And at the State Fair 2010, 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](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/4-H_Iron_Chef_Competition_10-08.pdf)

**Member Recognitions**

**Congratulations to Lucy Kyle-Milward!**

For her state win of Reserve Champion for Food Preservation, we missed you in the October newsletter, so a well deserved for a great job at State Fair!
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