Calendar of Events:

October:
___1, Friday ..................4-H Record Books Due, OSU Extension office by 5 p.m., Ambassador Applications Due, Volunteer of the Year Nominations, 2010-2011 Enrollment begins.
___4, Monday ..................Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; Leaders Association Mtg., 7:30 p.m. OSU Extension office
___3-9 ..................National 4-H Week
___13, Wednesday ............Ambassador Interviews, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., OSU Extension office
___19, Tuesday .............Horse Leaders Committee, 7 p.m., ELECTIONS, OSU Extension office
___25-27 ..................Woody gone, attending National NAE 4-H Conference
___31, Sunday .............Happy Halloween! Stay Safe and Have Fun!

November:
___6, Saturday .............Leader & Member Recognition Night, 7:00 p.m., St. Helens High School
___7, Sunday ..............Daylight Savings Time Ends! (Fall Back-turn your clocks back 1 hour)
___23, Tuesday ............New Leader Training, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, OSU Extension office
___25-26, ....................Thanksgiving Holiday, OSU Extension office closed both days

December:
___6, Monday ..................Ambassadors Mtg., 6:15; All Leaders Association Mtg. and Desert Gathering, 7:30 p.m., OSU Extension Office
___24, Friday ...............Christmas Holiday, OSU Extension office closed
New Leader Training Information!

The first New Leaders Training class for 2010-2011 is Tuesday November 23rd at 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. here at the OSU Extension office. Please share this date with anyone who has shown an interest in becoming 4-H leaders. All trainings are here, and are all subject to having 4 or more participants. If there are not 4 or more, the class will be canceled. The early classes have historically had enough participation to hold the training, but in the past, some of the later trainings have been canceled. Those interested should consider getting their paper work in early and attending this first training.

We also have the New Leaders Packet ready to go here at the OSU Extension office. All the forms need to be completed and the entire process finished before anyone should work with or transport 4-H members (other than their own children) in the capacity as a 4-H leader. Included are:

- Volunteer/Club form
- Background Check with Privacy Envelope
- Volunteer Service Application
- Conditions of Volunteer Service
- Enrollment Guidelines (Informational)

The other dates scheduled for the New Leaders Training are on January 13th: 6-9:30 pm, February 5th: 9:30 – 1:00 pm (Saturday), and the last training on March 31st: 6-9:30 pm. The January and February training sessions are based on minimum attendance and subject to cancellation. The training in March will be held regardless of number of attendee’s.

Leader & Member Recognition Dessert

Don’t forget that the Leader and Member Recognition dessert is Saturday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. What a great way to celebrate your members accomplishments! We recognize our new members, and our older Teen and Junior leaders. We also recognize our long time leaders and of course the Volunteer of the Year for 2010!

It’s fun and a wonderful way to meet other leaders while helping us appreciate all our great kids and leaders! We are asking for a club to volunteer to organize and man the dessert table, and the beverage table, please call the Extension office if you and your club members would like to do this.

Each family is asked to bring enough dessert for 6 people. Also, each club should bring a door prize. Please use the RSVP form in this newsletter to reserve your table for family and 4-H members. (See attached R.S.V.P. form)

2011 Leaders Meetings are Important!

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association meets eight times per year; the first Monday (except for holiday Monday’s) of the months of October (4th), December (6th) for 2010, February (7th), April (4th), May (2nd), June (6th), July (5th), August (1st), October (3rd), and December (5th) for 2011 (This schedule is subject to change if needed, check your current newsletters each month for any changes).

The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the OSU Extension Conference room and for the most part seldom last past 9 p.m.

These meetings are where decisions that affect the entire Columbia County 4-H Youth Development Program are made, money is allocated for programs and special events, and much of general housekeeping takes place. When clubs are not represented at these meetings, you as a leader are missing a great deal of information and your club members may not be getting information in the timeliest fashion.

So, as a 4-H Leader, you have a level of commitment to your members to get this information and be involved. This does not mean that you are required to attend every meeting (though you can), involve your parents, and have them attend the meeting and report back the information. This practice will assist you and them in how “your” organization operates and get updated information to your members. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Ambassador meetings will start at 6:15 p.m. prior to every scheduled Leaders Meeting.
Leader Packets

For current 4-H members and those who know others that want to participate in the 4-H Youth Development Program, **now is the time** to re-enroll. Each year members and leaders have to enroll for the current year, and this is the only method to assure that our records are current and you are participating in the project areas you want to. Each contact club leader has been mailed a packet with enrollment forms.

Leaders, please remember that **none of your club members can be entered into the system until you have returned all of your paperwork.** This can have an impact on how members and other leaders in your club receive material and information. We need to have the forms back into the office before **January 31st, 2011** as all the early Spring activities and events get put behind the enrollment paperwork priority. If we can get the majority of this done before the hectic pre-fair season begins, it really helps us. Thank you so much for all your hard work and efforts to create a successful 4-H experience for all our 4-H members!

**And to help you Re-enroll… 4-H Materials and Forms are Online!**

Please note that enrollment forms are specific to our county and are on our website: [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/4h-forms-and-links](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/4h-forms-and-links)

Also, many other 4-H materials can be downloaded directly from the Web. There are two websites in which to find the project publications [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/projects](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/projects) and select which Project area listed, or go to the right side of the 4-H home page and select “publications & multimedia” then “4-H youth” to find other publications for 4-H.

**Your Club Financial Report Form – Required!**

Included in your re-enrollment packet is the (gray) Financial Report form. The Treasurers Book we have given out in previous years explained uses, restrictions, and rules for disbanding a club with an account and property attached to it. We want to make sure that you as leaders are protected and knowledgeable in case of a dispute about fundraising and equipment that may be purchased for your club with these funds. Please call the office for any further questions on this, or if you need a copy of the Treasurers Book.

**Shooting Sports Training – Columbia County [February 2011]**

We are working on getting a Shooting Sports Training here in Columbia County. This training is required before any leader/volunteer can start working with 4-H members or clubs in Shooting Sports. In the past these training have been in far-away locations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Because of these locations and their time frame cost and other logistical issues, they have kept many from getting trained and starting a local club. At this point we are hoping to offer all categories of training: Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and Pistol if there is enough interest for all categories.

If you are interested in being on the list to receive more information please contact our office. As time nears, we will be contacting those who will be participating and not through the newsletter. The training will be a Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday until noon.

**Premiums are Ready**

After the long process of entering all the fair results, premium payout time is here. This year saw more fair entries than ever. The premium group, with the help of Friends of Fair, hopes that we can maintain this level of payment with future payouts to be determined by available funds. Premiums will be paid with cash and were earned as follows: $3.00 per blue ribbon, $2.00 per red ribbon, and $1.00 per white ribbon. There will be 3 times and locations for picking up premium money:
- Thursday, October 7th at Sunshine Pizza in St. Helens from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 26th at the Columbia County Extension Office from 4:00-7:00 p.m.*
- Saturday, November 6th before the 4-H Recognition Night at St. Helens High School from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Each 4-H member or family is encouraged to pick up premium money during one of these times. All premiums must be claimed by November 13th. Other arrangements can be made before November 13th by contacting Lynn Green (503) 728-4723 or Kate Olson (503) 397-1217.

*Premiums are not available through the OSU Extension office except date/time stated above*
**State Fair Results**

**Expressive Arts/Clothing/Foods/Sciences**

Kim Carpenter (Int.) Reserve Champion; Knitting
Crystal-Ann Carreon (Sr.) Champion; Individual Demonstration
Leah Cave (Int.) Iron Chef Team Winner
Lexie Davis (Jr.) Reserve Champion; Food Preservation
Sarah Dews (Int.) Champion; Food Preparation Contest & Iron Chef Team Winner
Beau Groom (Jr.) Champion; Lego Robotics
Grady Goom (Int.) Reserve Champion; Foods & Nutrition
Sadie Harris (Jr.) Reserve Champion; Other Educational Exhibit, Champion; Foods & Nutrition,
Kaylea Knox (Int.) Reserve Champion; Foods & Nutrition Recipe Collection

Keaton Knox (Jr.) Champion; Foods & Nutrition Poster, Reserve Champion; Foods & Nutrition Recipe Collection
Madison Knox (Int.) Champion; Art – Scrapbooking, Reserve Champion; Photography
Teri McGettigan (Sr.) Champion; Food Preservation
Lida Means (Sr.) Champion; Cast Ceramics
Sophie Means (Int.) Champion; Individual Illustrated Talk
Genny Luttrell (Jr.) Reserve Champion; Clothing & Sewing
Jackie Previs (Int.) Champion and Special Award; Clothing and Sewing
Alyssa Spang (Jr.) Champion; Foods & Nutrition Poster
Ted Stephenson (Jr.) Champion; Lego Robotics

**Livestock**

Claire Bernert (Int.) Reserve Champion; Pygmy Goats Breeds
Tatiana Collier (Int.) Reserve Senior & Senior Champion: Dairy Goat Breeds, Reserve Champion; Pigeon Showmanship
Michael Keller (Sr.) Reserve Champion; Master Showmanship
Jenny Vanderwerf (Sr.) Reserve Champion; Meat Goat Showmanship
Victoria Willson (Sr.) Reserve Champion; Pygmy Goat Showmanship

**Horse**

Sarah Hanna (Sr.) Medallion Ribbon; Gaming Showmanship
Melissa High (Int.) Medallion; Key Race
Teri McGettigan (Sr.) Medallion Ribbon; Gaming – Figure Eight
Desiree Stover (Int.) Medallion Ribbon; Performance Showmanship

And a Huge Thank You for the 2nd year in a row to Keaton Knox for organizing the Pizza Party at State Fair!

Leah Cave and Sarah Dews State Fair Iron Chef winners against Clackamas County!
Horses, Hoofs, and Hay

Save the Date - The Columbia County Horse Classic ~ February 19, 2011!!

This is the event that qualifies teams and individuals for State Horse Contests [Spring Horse Classic] and for State Fair (Intermediates and Seniors). The Classic is a great event for all members to jump start their project after a long-cold-wet winter, where members can put their horse knowledge to work, and is also where members will learn the “book information” that they will use on a daily basis, for this event and in the show ring with the horse judge. Yes, the everyday information that as a horse owner you should know: normal respiration, normal temperature of a horse, legal tack, the difference between a 2 and 4 beat gait. If you’re already wondering, then this event is for you and you need to visit with your club leader about how to practice and prepare for February 19th.

We will also have the Junior Learning Track (JLT) again this year. So, Juniors that are unfamiliar with the entire process or don’t want to participate in the competitive events, are welcome to take the JLT and get their “feet wet” and then be ready to move up in future years. If you are an intermediate or senior and can’t make this event, you can take the ‘make-up test’ and be eligible by scoring a 95% or higher on the test. The open-book 75 questions test is an option, but not near as fun and while taking the test you can’t visit with your friends!! So, we encourage and recommend the Columbia County Horse Classic!!

Food, Fun, Finance!

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

Introducing Our New 4-H Youth Financial Literacy Educator!

Hello, my name is Chelsea Appel and I am the new AmeriCorps 4-H Youth Financial Literacy Educator. I am now working at the OSU Extension Service office in Columbia County providing financial literacy education to youth and their parents. I was born and raised in St. Helens and have recently graduated from the University of Oregon. This year I plan to reach a large youth audience by building partnerships with 4-H clubs, community organizations, and local schools. I am hoping to provide youth with the awareness, knowledge, and skills needed to help secure a bright financial future. If you are interested in learning more about the financial literacy program, feel free to contact me by phone or email: 503-397-3462 or Chelsea.Appel@oregonstate.edu

AmeriCorps is a national organization that provides funds to local organizations and agencies that are devoted to strengthening communities. I am dedicating a year of service to help fight poverty and increase opportunities for youth and families here in Columbia County.

For more information on how to become an AmeriCorps Member or how to apply for your organization to host an AmeriCorps Member, go to www.americorps.gov.

2010 Columbia County 4-H Leader & Member Recognition Dessert

Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Helens High School

4-H Leaders, Members and Families are invited to this special event.

RSVP by Thursday, November 4th. You can email or use the mail-in form below.

Clubs' Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Contact Leader: ____________________________ #of 4-H members/guests attending: _______

Email or Mail to: Columbia County 4-H, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy. St. Helens, OR 97051
Oregon State University Extension Service offers educational programs, activities, and materials without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, disability, and disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Oregon State University Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Woody Davis, Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development Professional

Agriculture, Family and Community Development, 4-H Youth, Forestry, and Extension/Sea Grant Programs, Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Columbia County cooperating. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.