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May 3, 2004: Due Date For 4-H Club Enrollment

Monday, May 3, is the last day to enroll in the Coos County 4-H program and be eligible to participate in county events set for May through September. Membership is not closed during this time, but it does limit new members who are wanting to participate in contests and classes. If you know of youth in grades K-12 who plan to join 4-H, please encourage them to act now and meet the closing date of May 3. If you have adults that are interested in starting a new club, May 3 is also the last date for submitting club enrollments.

4-H Animals and Lease Contracts

All project animals must be owned or leased by May 3, 2004. Animals purchased or leased after this date will not be eligible for entry in 4-H classes at the county and state fair. Please record these dates and make every effort to have your club, members and project animals secured and enrolled by the due date. If you have not requested a lease form for your 4-H project animal, do so soon, so it can be signed by the owner and you before sending it to the Extension office.

4-H Benefit Ride Planned For May 1, 2004

The county 4-H program will be hosting a benefit ride for St. Jude's Children's Hospital on Saturday, May 1. Sign-in for the ride will be done from 10 a.m. until noon at the Horsfall Beach Parking Lot. The fee for the benefit ride is \$5 per rider. Vehicles entering the parking area will also be assessed a vehicle charge, but not an additional fee for trailers.

All riders registering for the benefit ride will be eligible for items in the drawing at the end of day. Come support St. Jude's and have a great beach ride with your friends and club members.

Riders determine the length of ride and amount of time needed to have a positive outing. Several route markers will be in place to guide your miles and minutes on the trail.

You don't need to be a horse member to ride the trail, and you don't need to participate in the ride at all to help raise funds for St. Jude's. All donations will be accepted. With the high incidence of childhood disease in Coos County, this partnership seems very timely. We know the impact that cancer and other chronic illnesses can have on a community, and this is one step toward reducing that concern for families in the future. Please consider helping raise some money.

Annual Fund Raiser Secures \$9,833.30 For County 4-H Program

The efforts of many have pulled together to raise nearly \$10,000 for the county 4-H Leaders Association. The breakdown of how funds were raised follows:

Dinner:	\$1,079.00
Bingo:	114.70
Silent Auction:	1,321.10
Oral Auction:	7,092.50
4-Wheeler:	170.00
Duck Race:	56.00

Total: \$9,833.30

When expenses are deducted, and final payments are received, this should be one of the better fund raisers conducted over the last few years. Congratulations, and thanks to everyone who helped.

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Tour of OSU Campus

Members of the collegiate 4-H club at Oregon State University are offering a guided tour of campus and surrounding areas for any 4-H members interested in attending. If you have a desire to travel to Corvallis and see the sights and ask questions about courses and activities offered by OSU, this is a trip for you. Travel will be arranged by the Extension staff, and your cost will be meals for the day.

The schedule for the day will be to leave Coos County by 8 a.m. and return by 8 p.m.

If interested, please contact the Extension office by April 12. At least 10 members will need to

Reserve Camp Spaces For Fair

If you plan to have a camping spot for 2004, you need to confirm with the fair office before April 15. Spaces not reserved by the 15th will be sold. If you have not used a space in previous years, contact the fair office and become one of the first on the waiting list.

Fees for camping are \$30 for trailers/motor homes up to 24 feet, and \$45 for those over 24.



SWOJLA Intermediate Retreat

Extension agents Tracy Baune and Jonathan Martz headed out on their first regional 4-H activity during spring break. They both returned, although looking a bit exhausted from the well planned agenda. When you add driving and responsibility to the dose of fun, excitement and entertainment, it really can wear you down. Thanks to Jon and Tracy, the five older youth from Coos County were able to take in the activities and come back prepared to share new experiences and skills.

Erin Jernstedt, Jeremy DeMent, Samantha Anthony, Jennifer Fine, and Whitney Matthews were the delegates attending from Coos County. They were joined by thirty other participants from Curry, Jackson and Douglas counties.

In addition to leadership classes, a keynote presentation by Shirley Bennett and a trip to OMSI, youth had the option of the theater or a Trailblazer game. The overall evaluation from our group was a big positive, with the emphasis on fun.

Auction Steers Weighed On March 27

Thirty two steers were delivered to the county fairgrounds and entered into the auction project on March 27. Weights ranged from 535 pounds to 810 pounds. Most of the steers walked through the process with little difficulty, providing their owners a positive start in the project.

Follow up from the weigh-in requires the following:

1. Determine if the steer you weighed is the one you plan to feed out and show.
2. If it is, submit the orange Auction Animal Report for each animal you weighed. This is due on April 19.
3. If you need to weigh a replacement animal, make a phone call to the Extension office, FFA advisor or beef superintendent to schedule a time. Turn in the ear tag from your original animal when you weigh in the new animal. Submit your report form on the replacement steer by April 19. **It must be weighed by April 10.**

Return Visit Requested By Pony Village Mall

The marketing office of Pony Village Mall has invited 4-H clubs back to the mall on Saturday, April 10. The mall is featuring the Easter Bunny, and thought the addition of a petting fair would be a great attraction to encourage families to come and shop.

If you have an interest in being part of this display, please let me know, or contact Kaarina Scolari at Milk - E - Way Feed. The displays need to be in place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you need supplies to make your display, such as panels, shavings, etc. please make arrangements to pick them up.

Easter Cavies Available For 4-H Members

Kim Mathews has free cavies for 4-H members to use as project animals. The price is right, if you plan to use the cavy in 4-H. Contact Kim for details, and select your Easter bunny, no cavy, today.

Camp Counselors To Meet

The first meeting of the Camp Counselors will be Sunday, April 18 at 4 p.m. A meeting notice will be sent to all members who have asked to be considered as a counselor. If you have not indicated an interest, but would like to learn more about becoming a counselor, please contact our office and get on the list.

Camp counselors are 4-H members in grades 7-12, who have camp experiences and skills to share. The role of the counselor is involved and time consuming, yet essential if camp is to take place. Youth counselors work together to provide a safe and fun week of camping experiences for youth completing grades 3-6.

Our camp will be held at Camp Myrtlewood the week of July 12-16. The schedule will probably be similar to those of previous years, with mornings designed to provide classes on 4-H and Natural Resources, and afternoons devoted to swimming, crafts and special activities. Highlights of the program include the hike to Vista Point, the Crawdad Ceremony, Campfire Programs and Dreamboat float.

If you have fond memories of camp, outdoor school or learning from an older youth, summer camp counseling may be for you. Check your calendar, and then be ready to dive into the plans for 2004 as we meet on April 18. Be sure to get your ideas and materials together to share with the rest of us, it takes a full team to plan a week of excitement and fun for a camp of eager participants. Don't sit back

Auction Lambs and Pigs To Weigh In April 17

4-H and FFA members who plan to enter the sheep and swine auction project need to have their animals weighed on Saturday, April 17, at the Coos County Fairgrounds.

Lambs will be weighed from 10 a.m. until noon. Suggested weights are 60-75 pounds. All wether lambs must be completely castrated and healed.

Pigs will be weighed from 1 to 3 p.m. Suggested weights are 60-90 pounds. The finished weight for hogs will be 215 to 280 pounds. All barrows must be completely castrated and healed.

Regional 4-H Programs

Saturday, April 10: Sewing/Clothing 4-H Judges and Leaders Training
9 a.m. in the Extension Auditorium, Josephine County

Saturday, April 10: Spring Rabbit, Cavy and Poultry Show
Benton County Fairgrounds, Registrations due April 1.

Saturday, April 10: Benton County 4-H Gymkhana Day.
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis. Registration, 8 a.m.

April 16-17: Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum, Stayton

April 17: 4-H/FFA Auction Lamb & Pig Weigh-In, Fairgrounds

April 17: Young Dairy Farmers Contest, Tillamook County

April 18: 4-H/FFA Auction Rabbit Breeding Clinic, Fairgrounds

April 18-24: National Volunteer Week

April 23-25: Oregon 4-H Spring Horse Classic, Linn County, Albany

April 24: OSU Campus Tour, Register by April 12

April 24: Paws in the Rain Dog Fun Match, Tillamook County

April 24: Pygmy Goat Education Day, Polk County Fairgrounds

Saturday, May 1: OSU RingMaster Classic Heifer and Project Steer
Show, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis. Entries due 4-1.

Monday, May 3: State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at the OSU Dairy in
Corvallis. Tentative start time is 1:30 p.m.

May 15: Regional Small Animal Clinic for rabbit, cavy, poultry,
pigeon, dog and cat projects. Coos County Fairgrounds.

May 15-16: Shooting Sports Leader Training, State 4-H Center

June 5: Turner Lamb Show and Lamb Cook-Off

Livestock Judges Training Set For June

Adults wanting to learn the skills used to judge classes of beef, sheep, swine and meat goats may want to register for the judge and show management school to be held June 14-16. The training will be held in Pullman, Washington, and is designed for individuals currently serving as livestock judges, and those interested in becoming judges. Classes will prepare you to judge conformation classes, showmanship, and oral reasons. Participants will also discuss current trends in fitting in showing for each species.

The registration fee for the training is \$175.00. The registration includes all portions of the training and materials to support the lessons presented. Details regarding this training can be located on the web, <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu>. Registrations for this workshop must be postmarked by May 25, 2004.

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The livestock judging contest for intermediate and senior level members will be held on July 10 at the Linn County Fairgrounds, not at the Oregon State Fair. If you are interested in judging at the state level, or getting a group together to organize a Coos County 4-H Judging Team, please contact me by June 1. If the interest exists, we will organize some practice sessions and get ready to take on the other counties.

Please contact me or Rhonda with your thoughts and plans. It will take a little coordination to get to the state contest before we do our county contest, but stranger things have happened.

Spring Horse Classic Presentations

Coos County will send three members to the State Horse Classic in public speaking. Lupe Torres and Alyssa Fortune will enter the senior division, and Rachele Crockett will represent our county in the intermediate division.

Topics selected by the participants include Transporting Horses Long Distances, Alyssa; West Nile Virus, Lupe; and Animal Abuse and Neglect, Rachele.

Judging, Bowl and Hippology Teams

Our county will also have teams in the intermediate and senior divisions for each of the three team contests. These include horse judging, horse bowl, and hippology. Each member will be tested on their horse knowledge and decision making

Meat Rabbit Clinic Set For April 18 at 10 a.m.

4-H members entering the auction project with a pen of rabbit fryers may want to attend the clinic on April 18. Information presented will include breeding, weaning, feeding and selection of the pen of three.

Members needing to have a doe bred for their market pen should plan to attend, and bring their rabbit for breeding. Several bucks will be available for you and your doe to select from.

Members leasing does need to attend the clinic, enter the lottery for a doe, and select a buck for breeding.

The clinic will be held at the rabbit and poultry barn on the Coos County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m.

If you are planning to enter the 4-H/FFA small animal auction project, you need to return your intent form



Natural Resource Fair Needs 4-H Assistance

Coos County OSU Extension staff are making plans for the Natural Resource Fair on Saturday, September 25, at the Coos County Fairgrounds. Jon Martz is beginning to plan the display and activities, and is in need of additional people to help.

Activities from the 4-H Natural Resource book will be used, as well as those from Project Learning Tree materials. Helpers may lead the activity, provide supplies for the activity or serve as an assistant. 4-H Clubs may be able to provide all of the above, and be responsible for one event throughout the day.

If you have an interest in making this project your fall service event, please mark the date and let Jon or Rhonda know of your plans.



Older Youth Leadership Opportunity—Check It Out

Jonathan Martz and Tracy Baune are providing classes for middle school students in the Bandon and Coquille School Districts. If you are available after school, and would like to assist, please contact Jon or Tracy. Camp Counselors—this could be extra credit!

"Exploring Our World Through 4-H After School", is a program with a variety of class topics and activities. Classes will run from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at Harbor Lights Middle School in Bandon, and at the same time on Thursdays at Coquille Valley Middle School. Participants in the classes are in grades 5-8, so high school aged youth would make a perfect fit as assistants. Put your skills to work, volunteer to help others.

Registrations Needed For Leader Training

If you plan to have shooting sports as a project in your 4-H club, you must attend one of the state trainings. The next one is planned for May 15-16 at the State 4-H Center near Salem.

Don't wait for another training this spring, there will not be one offered until late fall 2004 or early in 2005.



Goat Clinic Offered In Josephine County

A 4-H clinic for youth and adults is planned for April 17 in the Josephine County Extension Auditorium, Grants Pass. The program begins at 9 a.m. and will include topics relating to meat goats, dairy goats, fiber goats, fainting goats and pygmy goats. Information will focus on nutrition, kidding, herd health, shelter and fencing, grooming for show, cheese making and soap production.

For directions and more information, contact Manda Doffing: 541-832-3349.

2004 Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum

If you have not attended one of the state leader forums, you are missing a chance to see what 4-H has been doing around the state. This is the 100th year of 4-H in Oregon, so many experiences are waiting to be shared, and many talents will be activated as classes and demonstrations are conducted.

Activities begin Friday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. and continue through Saturday at 6:00 p.m. There are many classes to attend and several new curriculum workshops are also being offered. Five sessions of workshops are planned, with topics ranging from Swedish Weaving to Geology of Oregon and Focus on Wildland Fires.

Registration includes handouts from workshops, displays, silent auction, keynote speaker, lunch on Saturday, and birthday cake Saturday afternoon.

The Forum will be held at Regis High School in Stayton, and is hosted by the Oregon 4-H Leaders Association in conjunction with the OSU Department of 4-H Youth Development. The registration fee is \$40, and forms are available at the Coos County Extension office.

April Is National Gardening Month, National Recycling Month and Keep America Beautiful Month

April must also be remembered as including National Volunteer Week. Perhaps the above titles came into place after the month was dedicated to recognize organizations that function on the work of Volunteers. If you have not taken a chance recently to thank your 4-H leaders or parents that volunteer to assist with club meetings, projects and activities, take time during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24.

April may also be the month to finish up community service projects that your club has planned for 2004. Spring cleaning is always appreciated, whether it is the parking lot or the kitchen of your

Beef Shows Set For May 1 and 2

The OSU RingMaster Classic Heifer and Project Steer Show will be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, on May 1.

The Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) Beef Show will be held the following day, May 2, at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

For information regarding either of these events, call Tom Hill, 541-737-1895, or email, Thomas.W.Hill@oregonstate.edu. Information can also be found on the web at:

[Http://oregonstate.edu/dept/animal-](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/animal-)

Bare Bones Annual Fun Match, May 1

4-H members in the Dog Project may want to travel to Grants Pass for the May 1 Fun Match planned by Pooch Raw Raiders and Guide Paws 4-H Clubs. The day will include obedience classes, conformation classes and showmanship. Dogs entered in the conformation classes must be purebreds. Obedience and showmanship are open to all breeds and mixed breeds.

For more information, call Nancy Rand, 541-479-3138.

Benefit Ride Planned For May 1

Riders are needed for the May 1 Benefit Ride to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The ride is taking place at Horsfall Beach, and the cost to participants is \$5, plus the fee for parking a vehicle in the main parking lot at the beach.

If you are horseless, unable to attend, but want to contribute to the fund drive, money is always accepted. Donations can be collected anytime this month, just drop them off at the office, or contact one of the junior leaders working on this project.

Thanks for your support.

Award Descriptions and Scoring

A booklet with the scoring details for all special awards will be printed this spring. If you are currently a sponsor, you will be receiving a request for information on how to score your award. Please review, edit and send this information back to our office as quickly as possible. There is no need for confusion, if we have the details printed in an awards booklet. This should help identify winners and answer questions about how the scoring was completed.



Thanks For The Support

The Llameros Raffles was a great success. Part of the proceeds will be used for the clubs "Make A Pack" project, and the rest will be donated to the "Joelle Winchell Memorial Llama Arena Fund".

A big thank you to Mardi Kidwell for her donation of the Rooster, Sue Blount and Brenda Dell for the Basket of Goodies, and Dellama Acres for the felted llama wool hat.

Winners of the 2004 raffle include:

Rooster—Tia Lynn Morris, Coos Bay Basket—Rhonda Fischer, Myrtle Pt. Hat—Jack Haga, Bandon

For all who participated in the raffle by purchasing tickets—Thank You. The Llameros 4-H Club

Host Families Needed For IFYE Program

Oregon will be hosting two students in the International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) program this fall. Three host families are needed for each student during their stay between late September and early December.

Students visiting Oregon will be Marie Bang from Denmark and Hendrek Eping from Germany. If serving as a host family is of interest to you, please contact Lillian Larwood at the state 4-H

Coos Youth To Travel To Japan in 2004

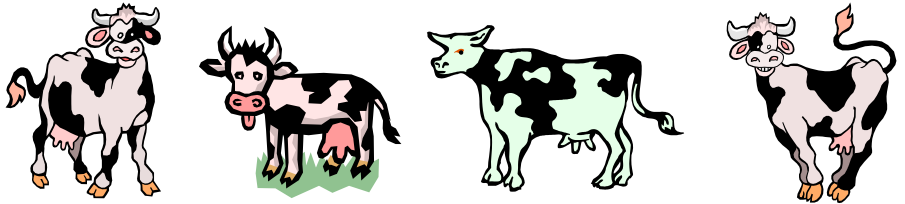
Oregon will have six delegates traveling to Japan this summer on the 4-H Japanese Exchange Program. They include Cassi Cave, Umatilla County; Jack Fraser, Coos County; Wade Padgett, Clatsop County; Jennifer Peterson, Grant County; Katie Rowan, Baker County and Mat Titus, Harney County.

This should be a great experience for Jack, one we hope he shares with those of us not

Dairy Judging Contest Set For April 17

The Young Dairy Farmer's Contest will be held at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds on April 17. The Judging Contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration. There is no cost to participate, and the contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members in grades 4-12.

This could be a great practice for any members planning to take part in the state dairy judging contest on May 3.



Purple Cow Needs Manager For 2004 Fair

If ice cream sundaes and cones are going to be served at the Purple Cow this summer, someone needs to step forward to lead the process. Preparing for the week of sales includes ordering all food items, being on site to supervise youth workers, assist adult workers, and make deposits at the bank. This is a full time job, which provides access to the county fair and a stipend of 10% of the total net sales for the week.

Expenses for operation of the Purple Cow include purchase of all merchandise not donated and 15% of the gross sales to the fair. The

4-H Record Keeping Workshops

4-H records will be the topic for two workshops planned for this spring. Monday, April 26 and Monday, May 10 are the dates to mark for learning how to assemble and complete your project records. Both trainings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until questions are answered and records are up to date.

Please bring your records with you to this training. There will be time to ask questions, fill in the blanks, and learn from one another.

Auction Project Scholarships Due June 15, 2004

Seniors who have been enrolled in the auction animal project the last three years of high school are eligible to apply for the auction project scholarship. Each member is able to receive up to \$1,000 from the Coos Youth Auction Committee.

The applications are distributed during the spring weigh-in of project animals, and can be requested at the Extension office. All applications are due June 15, and must include letters of reference and an official transcript of high school accomplishments.

Swine Production Seminar Scheduled

Tim Safranski, State Extension Swine Breeding Specialist at the University of Missouri, will conduct a seminar for Swine producers in the southern Oregon region. The program will be held at the Jackson County Extension Auditorium on May 1, 2004. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 2:00 p.m. The program will focus on:

- Managing gilts and sows
- AI Skills
- Gilt Development
- Inducing Farrowing
- Health Programs for breeding animals.

Pre-register by April 23 by calling the Jackson County Extension office, 541-776-7371.

Public Invited: Homemaker's Holiday 2004

If you have not attended one of the Homemaker's Holiday programs in Coos County, you are missing a fun and informational activity. The Extension Study Groups from throughout the county come together to plan, promote and present a day of sharing and inspiration. This year, the theme is "Joy of Planting". The joy will be in attending, and there are usually plenty of plants and seeds of knowledge to go around.

The activities will take place April 23, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Coos Bay, beginning with registration at 9 a.m. The cost of the day is \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. This fee includes all general education sessions and lunch. Extra fees may be requested to cover the cost of class materials, or to purchase raffle tickets on a variety of items.

If possible, come support this Extension group and their friends. They have been loyal supporters of 4-H, and now would be a good time to drop in and reciprocate some of that support.

Family Natural Resource Day Planned

Jonathan Martz is working on making the Harvest Festival a day of learning about Natural Resources. Not just an identification contest, or a few videos on trees, water and wildlife, but a day of learning from others in the field and exploration by doing "Hands On" activities. Save September 25 as a day to visit the Davenport building on the fairgrounds and get your hands into the nature of Coos County.

If you have a strong interest in Forestry, Wildlife, Rivers and Streams, Conservation practices or Ways To Explore and Enjoy the Outdoors, let Jonathan provide you an opportunity to share your interests with others. Give him a call, and let the building be filled with resources, tales and experiences.

National Kids Day To Serve As Capnote For Coos County Fair

How can you end a week of county fair fun on a positive note? Be a part of the National Kids Day activities planned for Sunday, August 1, at the Coos County Fairgrounds. Most of the contests, judging and special events will finish early Sunday morning, leaving the rest of the day to help promote families and youth.

4-H is taking a lead role in helping the Fair Board construct an event that will allow families to visit the fair, have fun, be involved and not be limited by high costs. Fair admission will be reduced on Sunday, and kids will be able to enter the gate with a donation to the local food bank. When inside, many of the events will operate on special rates, and most of the activities planned to highlight National Kids Day will be free.

Having many of the organizations that provide services to children and families involved, will make this day rich with activity and awareness. Families will be able to learn about youth organizations that are located in their communities, and find out how they might enroll their children or sign up to volunteer within the organization.

How can you and your club help? There will be a need to have members assist with a variety of activities, ranging from field games to making crafts. Help in the petting fair and the purple cow may also be needed, especially if coupons are used for ice cream cones.

Watch for more, in the Monitor and from the Coos County Fair Board.

The Challenge Is On—Can 2004 Bring More Ducks To The Water?

When you think Duck Race, think back to the first annual race at Sturdivant Park. There were pink, yellow, and blue ducks everywhere, even where they weren't expected to be. That was a Duck Race. There was the planning that determined when the tide was going out so the ducks would travel in the right direction. There were boats and volunteers, nets and rescue teams working to retrieve the wayward ducks that bobbed over the nets and headed further west. No other race event has had quite the level of excitement, yet it could happen.

The ducks are resting up, just waiting to be released in heats of 75 or 100. Competitive ducks, with the winning number on their down side, are just waiting to be called up for the race. There are nearly 2,000 eager ducks, many of which have been inactive over the years. Each one wants to race in 2004. You can make that happen. \$1 for each duck race ticket. \$5 sold by each member, and the race would be back to the level of that maiden voyage in the Coquille River.

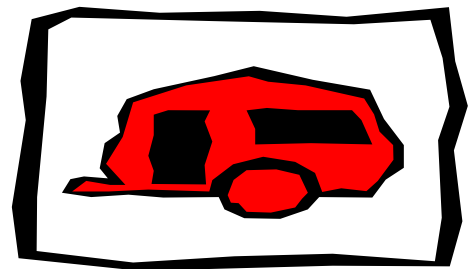
Meet the challenge. Sell Duck Race Tickets and see the gleam in those eyes as the ducks work their way to the front of the channel and skip across the current into the arms of the waiting camp counselor.



File Those Hours and Miles For Next Year

For those with great organization skills, the end of year reports for tax preparation probably look quite nice. For some, the receipts may not be filed in any particular order, but a pile has been started in a special place.

As volunteers, you need to be sure to record you mileage and dollars spent on items for your club and club meetings. Records and receipts are needed, so get a system in place now and keep it



Camp Spaces for county fair need to be reserved. Unpaid spaces go on sale April 16.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 4-H Leaders Assoc. Spaghetti Feed & Auction
4	5	6	7 New Leader Trng. 2:00 p.m. Conference Room	8	9	10 4-H Displays Pony Village Mall 10 am—1 pm
11 EASTER	12 OSU Tour Confirmation Due	13 Auction Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conf. Room	14	15 Know Your State Government, Salem	16	17 Auction Weigh-In Lambs 10-noon Pigs 1-3 p.m. Fairgrounds
18 Rabbit Clinic 10 am Camp Counselor Training 4 pm Fairgrounds	19 Steer Reports Due 4-H Junior Leader Meeting 7 p.m. Conference Room	20 Grant Writing Workshop, Portland Fair Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24 OSU Tour Spring Horse Classic
25 Spring Horse Classic	26 4-H Records Workshop 7 p.m. Conference Room	27 4-H Leader Mtgs. 6:15 Executive 6:45 General 7:45 Committees	28 4-H Staff Conference: JoAnn, Jon, Tracy	29	30 New Leaders: 2 pm or 7 pm	



MAY 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Benefit Ride Horsfall Beach Camp Counselors 4 p.m.
2	3 4-H Enrollments Due	4	5 BOC Meeting Presentation	6 Leadership Meeting, OSU	7	8 Romney Sheep Tour Barnes Farm, Halsey
9 Mother's Day	10 Auction Reports Due Lambs & Pigs 4-H Records Workshop 7 pm	11 Auction Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conf. Room	12	13	14	15 Small Animal Clinic 10 a.m. Camp Counselors 4 p.m.
16	17 4-H Junior Leader Meeting 7 p.m. Conference Room	18 Fair Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	19	20 Auction Rabbit Project Start Date	21	22
23	24	25 4-H Leader Mtgs. 6:15 Executive 6:45 General 7:45 Committee	26	27	28 OSU Charter Club Recognition Program Noon	29
30	31 Office Closed					



Agent Notes



Thanks for the thoughts and cards following the death of my dad. He had been living with the impact of Alzheimer's, and spent the last two years in a care center. He was certainly a person of character that I use as a role model. He lived his life on the farm where he was born, and supported the community by serving on local school, ESD, bank and fair boards. He was recognized for those efforts, as well as his ability to be a successful sheep rancher, dairy farmer and land manager. Much of what I know I learned by observation and time spent in the farm truck or while driving tractor with my dad.

This has been a real month of character building for me. You may recall from previous notes that my lambing success was quite limited. I now have a reason. I had several of my ewes tested to check on a variety of issues, and found that they were totally resistant to scrapie, but infected with Ovine Progressive Pneumonia (OPP). To the average sheep breeder, this would be of little consequence. To a breeder with sheep sold nationally, for breeding, it is not a good thing. The steps I am taking to remedy the problem include: Telling customers and the general public, Blood testing all mature sheep, Sending all infected sheep to slaughter, Determining if any 2004 lambs are disease free, and Deciding what to do next.

There are many good things happening in and around the work site. Bryce Linderman used some of his spring vacation to begin an Eagle Scout project. He has received approval from the City of Myrtle Point to landscape the city property surrounding our building. Things are starting to look better, and that will probably only increase as more plants are positioned in the beds, and buds begin to open.

The collection of items for the annual fund raiser was impressive. There were many clubs out doing a good job of finding donations, and there were some great items donated for our auction. Another big plus for the 4-H Leaders Association was the donation of a Honda 4-Wheeler to be raffled at the 2005 Spaghetti Feed and Auction. Check the Extension website for details about the 4-Wheeler and how you might purchase a raffle ticket or two. Tickets will be sold throughout the year, at a cost of \$5 each.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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