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Due Date For New Club Enrollments, Member Enrollments, and Animal Lease Forms

New clubs joining the Coos County 4-H program need to have all paperwork completed and turned in by May 3. If new leaders have not attended a new leader orientation, they need to do that before May 3.

All members need to be enrolled by May 3, whether they are joining an existing club or new club. If members join a club after May 3, they will not be eligible to exhibit in 4-H classes at the county and state fair. This does not exclude them from attending club activities or participating in non-fair 4-H workshops and clinics.

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 fairs. Please record these dates and make every effort to have your club, members and project animals secured and enrolled by the due date.

Upcoming 4-H and Youth Events

- February 10: Coos Youth Auction Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Review of Auction Project Changes, Updated Manuals
- February 14: Coos County Horse Judging Contest, 10 a.m.
Family Four Arena
- February 15: 4-H Leaders Benefit Horse Show, Family Four Arena
Show Form Included in This Edition
- February 16: Junior Leader Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Ohlsen Baxter Bld.
Sign-ups for service projects, SWOJLA report & more
- February 17: Coos County Fair Board Meeting
- February 18: New Leader Training—2 p.m. or 7 p.m.
- February 24: 4-H Leader Meetings, Ohlsen Baxter Building, 6:45 pm
- February 28: Auction Project Clinic, Livestock Projects, Fairgrounds

Check These Dates—They Are Coming Soon!!

Scholarship Information Available For 4-H Members: Call For Appointment

Senior members interested in learning how to apply for state and national 4-H scholarships need to make an appointment to secure the forms and discuss the process. The process of completing the form is time consuming, and having guidelines to follow makes a big difference in how your application compares to others. Please give me a call and set up a time so we can discuss the forms. All applications are due at the county office on Friday, February 20.

4-H Leaders Association Horse Show

Members interested in taking part in the 4-H Leaders Association Open Horse Show need to check out the flyer in this edition of the Monitor. Funds earned from this show help pay for 4-H events and activities for members and leaders throughout the project year.

Help is needed in the cook shack during the horse show, so please check your calendar and see if you and/or your club could assist on Sunday, February 15. If you are not available to help prepare and sell, perhaps you could bake items to offer for sale. Cookies, cupcakes, and other baked goods that can be sold individually work quite well. If you have donations, they can be dropped off at several locations, just call to find out the details.

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2004 State 4-H Fair

Changes for scheduling contests in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the State Fair are being made. This change will eliminate the county groupings that have been used in the past, and will allow more flexibility in scheduling presentations and food contests.

Dates for events are as follows:

- August 23: Exhibits delivered.
- August 26: Judging Contests in Food & Clothing projects
- August 27, 28, 29: Food Prep Contests & Presentations
- August 28-29: Fashion Revue 1
- Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5: Food Prep Contests and Presentations
- Sept. 4 & 5: Fashion Revue 2

Club Members Needed For Natural Resource Group

Jonathan Martz, Forestry Educator, is in need of youth to assist with several outdoor projects he has initiated. Work sites vary from riparian areas to forests, and cutting brush from trails to installing entry signs and printing educational brochures for the public. If you have an interest in learning about natural resources in Coos County, contact Jon at the Extension office and get your name on his list. There is a real need for members to enter the natural resource project, and this could be the first step to getting involved in Forestry and

County Fair Theme Selected For 2004

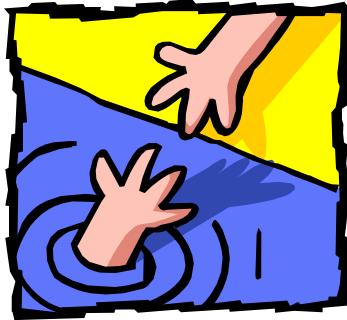
"Hay Bales and Country Tales" will be the theme to keep in mind as you work on winter craft projects to enhance your 4-H display at the county fair.

Let Us Recycle Old Ink Cartridges

If you have used ink cartridges that you are not sending in for refilling, please drop them off so we can deliver them to Staples and create cash for schools. Each cartridge is worth \$1 to a school in our area. Your help in filling our bin is appreciated.

PNW 4-H Horse Judges Training Set For February 27-29

A comprehensive training for current and prospective 4-H horse judges, 4-H leaders, parents and senior level members will be held at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Albany, February 27-29. Participants who attend the training and receive at least 90% on the test will qualify for the appropriate judges lists in both Oregon and Washington States. The fee for the training is \$200 if registration materials are received by January 22, 2004. Registration fees include some of the meals and a resource notebook of materials.



4-H Junior Leader Club Focuses on Education and Community Service Projects in 2004

Pledging their heads to clearer thinking and hands to larger service pretty well sums up the plans of the Coos County Junior Leader Club. This group of older youth have taken on several tasks, and will be doing further work to make certain the events are successful. The calendar for junior leaders looks like this:

- January through July: Collect baling twine and plastic feed sacks for collection and recycling during the Coos County Fair.
- February 15: Prepare baked goods and/or assist in the Cook Shack at the 4-H Leader sponsored open horse show, Family 4 Arena.
- February 16: Send representatives to the SWOJLA planning meeting for the Spring Break Leadership Retreat set for March 23-26. Registrations for this retreat will be due March 1. Monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Extension conference room.
- February 20: Pictures for participant at the Sunset Middle School dance.
- February 28: Assist in the planning, facilitation and implementation of a clinic for livestock members raising market animals.
- March 6: Host a display at 4-H in the Mall.
- March 15: Monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Extension conference room.
- April 3: Assist with Bingo and display of items during the annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction.
- April 23-25: Participate in the OSU Tour, Spring Horse Classic or Know Your State Government program.
- May 1: Coordinate Benefit Ride for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- May 15: Assist in the planning, facilitation and implementation of a clinic for small animal members working with cats, dogs, rabbits, cavies, pigeons and poultry.



Recycling Project Comes With "Strings Attached"

Oregon is unique in many ways, and another has just been identified by Becky Soules. It is a business in Salem that has the only U.S. credentials to recycle agricultural plastics. Since this business will accept an item that many people work to get rid of each year, it seemed an easy project to promote.

The plan for Coos County 4-H is to collect as many clean, dry baling strings as possible. These strings must be the plastic ones, that come in blue, orange, white, yellow, black or multi-color. The strings need to be clean of hay, straw and mud, and collected in sacks or containers such as garbage cans that will keep them dry. The goal is to collect enough baling string to warrant the company coming to the Coos County Fair to collect the results. With a fair theme that includes hay bales, it certainly seems like a project focused on hay bale string would make good sense.

Start collecting today, and check with your neighbors or people you know that have been collecting these strings for many years. Offer to remove them from the rafters, barn support beams or piles in the corner. It would be great to have a pile of plastic string similar to the mound of shavings unloaded prior to fair week. In addition, plastic feed sacks that are clean and empty can also be collected for recycling. Let's help the junior leaders make this project one that has an on-going place in our county 4-H program.

Auction Committee Set To Meet February 10

If you are entering the auction program for the first time, a trip to the committee meeting on February 10 may be in your best interest. The meeting will help you understand the pieces of the program that come together each year to make the sale a success. One job is raising a top quality meat animal, but other jobs are just as important, such as making certain there is food for the luncheon, signs for donors and champions, buyers for all animals, and animal transportation after the sale.

The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building in Myrtle Point.

Beef, Sheep and Swine Clinic To Be Held

The Coos Youth Auction Committee and 4-H Leaders Association will be hosting a clinic on the selection, feeding and training of livestock for the meat animal program. If you have animals that are not in the auction project, there will still be new information for you to take home. Plan to be part of this program scheduled for Saturday, February 28, starting at 1:00 p.m. Check out the program schedule included in this edition of the Monitor. Programs are designed to help the beginner and involve the experienced 4-H member.

Auction Steers Weigh-In March 27

Auction steers will weigh in at the Coos County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you are still searching for a steer, plan to have an animal that weighs no less than 650 pounds. This will help you reach the minimum weight of 1,000 pounds and daily gain totaling 335 pounds for the fair weigh-in. Make sure all dehorning and castrating are done, healed, and ready for a check up.

Horse Bowl Contest Results

Over thirty horse project members took part in the county contest held on January 24. The results are listed here:

Seniors—Lupe Torres (1st) Deanna Russell (2nd) Alyssa Fortune (3rd) Denise Benson (4th)
Ashley Noel (5th) Kelsey Swanson (6th)

Intermediates—Rachelle Crockett (1st) Brittany Clewell (2nd) Danielle Crockett (3rd)
Ashley Brugnoli (4th) Allison Dexter (5th) Rosy DeLatorre (6th) Samantha Anthony (7th)
Lori Foreman (7th) Lea Hoover (7th) Ashley Willis (7th) Nicole Johnson (8th)
Katlyn Shaw (9th) Jeremy DeMent (10th)

Juniors—Hannah Francis (1st) Corttney Hubbard (1st) Hannah Swenson (2nd) Kaitlyn Altenbach (3rd)
Breanna Bishop (4th) Jenna Frederick (5th) Lois Hannah (5th) Brittney Hubbard (5th)
Valerie McNulty (5th) Kathryn Stone (5th) Cheliesa Foster (6th) Misty Mack (6th)
Jenna Toschak (7th)

Congratulations to all of the participants, and thank you to the parents and leaders who assisted during the contest in the preparation of members for this event. The next level for the top scorers in the senior and intermediate divisions will be during the Spring Horse Classic in Linn County, April 23-25.

County Horse Judging Contest and 4-H Leaders Open Show Set For February 14-15 at Family Four Arena

The county horse judging contest will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 14. The contest will begin with tack and feed identification, project questions, and one class of hay. Halter and performance classes will follow. All age groups are encouraged to take part, and a state team will be formed with top scorers in the intermediate and senior levels.

Club leaders and members are needed to help coordinate and work in the cook shack on Sunday, February 15. Activity begins before 8 a.m. and usually continues until 6 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to provide baked goods to be sold, they can be dropped off at several locations. Please call the office to make arrangements.

Starter Program Reports Due

Beef, sheep and llama starter project reports are due. Reports were mailed to program participants early last month, and an update is needed to keep the committee informed and help members update the costs of their projects.

The next step in the program is the visit with participants at the auction weigh-ins. Beef heifers should arrive at the steer weigh-in on halter, and ready for presentation to committee members. Sheep members should do the same, but during the lamb weigh-in on April 17, 10 a.m. to noon. Llama members will be visited, with a time schedule sent in advance.

4-H Store Needs To Move Inventory

If your club has an interest in selling candy bars, candles or plush animals, send an ambassador to the Ohlsen Baxter Building to make arrangements with Rhonda. The leaders association is ready to reduce the price and reduce the number of boxes needed to keep these items around. There may be some profit in making this a club project, so come prepared to talk about how your club and the leaders association can



Be a Winner—Give the gift of Duck Race tickets for Valentine's Day.



4-H Mall Displays Offer Chance To Promote 4-H

March 6 is the day to gather together your club treasures, members and exhibits for a display in the mall. Sign-up sheets were available in the January Monitor and Leader Links, so get them filled in and be ready to join other clubs for a day of sharing 4-H skills and talents. Get creative with ways to involve the public, such as questions, contests and photographs of your great experiences.

Camp Counselors To Meet in May

4-H members in grades 7-12 who have an interest in serving as a camp counselor need to submit an interest form now. A letter with the details of training will be sent to those who indicate an interest in the program. At least one weekend training will be conducted to help prepare everyone for the week at 4-H Summer Camp.

Small Animal Clinic Planned For May 15

Members enrolled in the cat, dog, poultry, pigeon, rabbit and cavy project should plan to attend the 4-H clinic scheduled for May 15 at the Coos County Fairgrounds. This clinic will help prepare members for classes and contests included in the summer 4-H program.

A schedule of classes is included in this edition of the Monitor. All members are encouraged to bring a project animal in each of the projects they plan to participate. All small animals need to be transported in carriers with leak proof bottoms for use in the Clarno or Davenport buildings on the fairgrounds.

Emphasis at this program will be working on project skills, rather than the show and sale format used in the past. Come prepared to share your knowledge and help other members learn more.

Vet Science Club Was Well Attended

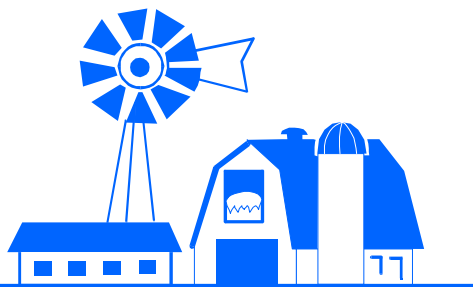
The county vet science club is winding down for the year, although members are encouraged to continue to attend spring clinics that involve the animal science projects. Club members worked through Book One of the project, toured the local veterinary hospital, and visited the Wiley Ranch where they discussed hay production, beef management, swine production, pygmy goat raising and racing pigeons. The club also visited the Bill Mast Dairy for a "night walk" in the loafing and feeding areas and a lighted tour of the milking parlor and maternity pens. The Southern Oregon Romney barn proved productive during the vet science visit, with one ewe delivering a ram lamb and needing a little assistance with the second lamb. Mom and

Project Possibilities:

Lisa Biggs is looking for a rider to lease or buy her 5 year old POA. She will also consider trading for an older, smaller pony that would be better suited for her six year old child. The POA is well trained, has been ridden on trials and roads, but is not ready for a beginning rider. Contact Lisa at (541) 404-8333.

If you need Black or Splash Silkie roosters, please contact Trudy at 396-6995. The roosters are priced right, and she may also be able to provide pullets or hens at a reasonable price.

Are you in need of a saddle rack, hose hanger or lumber rack for the shed? Melissa Hermann has the solution. Wooden, wall mount, saddle racks at very competitive prices, and 30 to select from. Contact her for details, 572-2707.



Upcoming Beef Programs

February 10: Calving School
Call for directions & time.
February 17: Beef Basics
Course, 7:30 p.m., office

Beef Basics: Home Study Course

Beef Basics is a series of home study courses developed by the University of Nebraska. Each course is bound in a three ring binder, making it an easy reference for the future. Each section will offer useful information for beef producers.

An organizational meeting and input session for this course will be held February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ohlsen Baxter Building. Amy Peters will facilitate the class discussion and determine the need for review sessions as the home study progresses.

The four sections of the beef basics program are:

- Nutrition, Economics and Forage Utilization
- Reproduction, Genetics and Selection
- Nutrition, Health, and Management of Growing Calves
- Beef As A Business

This information is designed for producers, but could be very helpful to club members or leaders looking for meeting ideas, new resources for presentations, or tips on improving their current beef project.

Pre-registration is needed by February 10, including a \$20 fee for project materials. For further information about this home study course, contact Amy Peters, Livestock Agent, 572-5263.

Sheep Program Set For February 23

The annual meeting of the Lamb Marketing Committee will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23 in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building.

Following the committee meeting, there will be a program on sheep production that will emphasize the need to introduce scrapie resistant genes into flocks, discuss individual animal identification and report data from the National Animal Health Survey. The sheep program is scheduled for 7:30—9:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas for keeping sheep numbers strong in

Ed Kreutzer Appointed To County Fair Board

Ed Kreutzer has been appointed to fill the vacant position on the Coos County Fair Board. Ed brings to the board many years of experience as an exhibitor, 4-H member and leader, State 4-H Fair Trustee, Extension Advisory Council member, and business administrator for the Coos Grange Supply.

Kreutzer is very familiar with the fairgrounds and the needs of the many exhibitors he has assisted with floral displays, small animal exhibits and as a 4-H dairy project leader and parent of a swine project participant.

Ed is also aware of the needs and improvements on the grounds. He served as fair manager for several years, and had an opportunity to review the structural status of the buildings and provide input on changes that have been made on the property.

Please take time to welcome Ed to this position, and encourage him to continue with the many

Mitchells Leave OSU

David and Beverly Mitchell will be heading to San Antonio, Texas where David will assume a position with the 4-H Army project. He will not resign his assignment with OSU, but will take a two year leave to work on the Army project. If all goes well, we will see David and Beverly back in Corvallis, providing leadership for older youth activities and the international exchange program.

David provides leadership for the Ambassadors, Youth Council, Know Your State Government and OSU Summer Conference. David and Beverly have both been filling part time positions, and this change will allow for David to be employed on a full time basis.

IFYE Coming This Fall

Oregon will be hosting an International Exchange student from Denmark between September and December. If your family has an interest in serving as a host, please contact me or Lillian Larwood in the state 4-H office. IFYE students are between the ages of 19-30, and stay with host families for about three weeks.

What Is 4-H?

Have you been asked that question, and had to stop and try to put together the proper phrase to capture what the program is really all about? Try this on, and see if it doesn't work for the total program.

"4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills." Well, maybe that will work, but what does it have to do with project clubs, school enrichment and summer camp?

Our program certainly talks leadership and praises leadership, so there must be leadership lurking in the project club, the workshops, the board meetings and the planning sessions for camp, fair and many other events conducted throughout the year. I believe it is there. I have observed leaders move from the back row of the monthly meetings to positions of leadership seated at the front table. I have watched 4th graders share information about their projects with judges and the public, take the lead in keeping the herdsmanship judge satisfied, and come forward to assist in recognizing their friends or leaders at the recognition program. These same 4th graders may continue for nine years, adding to their level of commitment and competency by being actively involved in county, state and national 4-H events.

Citizenship is not necessarily one of those words included on a meeting agenda or listed as a club goal, it is just one of those things that happens when a group of community focused people get together in a room on a regular basis. It may be simple, like making sure the flags are in the room for the meeting and the salutes are used to draw the participants together and get the meeting started. It may be routine, like taking part in the annual food drive, cleaning a local grange hall or community cemetery. Or planned by a committee of 4-H members who want their club to take the next step and write a community service grant to help fix something that has needed repair for years.

The main outcomes of the 4-H program are the life skills developed as a member of a group of youth learn the details of one or several selected projects. The first meeting with your friends may be devoted to learning to read a recipe and making that first batch of no-bake cookies. The final year of your 4-H project may find you preparing a meal for the food skills judge, discussing the health and nutrition facts related to your meal, participating in the county and state foods judging contest, entering the Beef Ambassador Contest, sending your food safety display to local schools as part of the 4-H School Enrichment program, serving as a camp counselor and junior leader, and adding three or four additional projects to your 4-H program. The skills started in 4-H may help you decide what type of training you will need for your future career, and the practice you have received as a

Oregon 4-H Leaders Association Notes

Members of the Oregon 4-H Leaders Association will be heading to the Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum in Alaska the first part of March. When they return, they will meet to discuss the upcoming Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum and other issues of interest to the 4-H program around the state.

Barbara Bates is the representative to the board from our region, and she is able to present questions, ideas, or concerns relating to the 4-H program to the state board. The state meeting is set for April 2-3 in Corvallis.

The Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum will be held in Stayton, April 16-17. Our region is responsible for helping with program activities the evening of April 16. If you have ideas, time, energy or desire to work with this event, please contact Barbara.



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#1 Racer

Fill Your Valentines with the Gift of Love: 4-H Duck Race Tickets

New Guidelines For Food Preservation

Members enrolled in the food preservation project will need to enter the beginning, expanding or advanced divisions. All members need to start in the beginning division and then move forward as they practice the skills of each level.

The beginning division will include canned fruit or berries, canned tomatoes, fruit leather, cooked jam, and a gift pack.

Expanding level members will prepare pressure canned vegetables or tomatoes, canned pie filling, syrup or juice, dried fruit, dried vegetables, dried herbs, quick pickles or relish, cooked jelly, and a gift pack.

Members in the advanced division will prepare canned fish, meat, or poultry; canned tomato sauce or ketchup; canned combination dishes; canned salsa; dried meat or poultry jerky; dried herb seasoning combination; fermented pickles or sauerkraut, and a gift pack.

As has always been the case, members must use preservation methods and recipes that have OSU or USDA approval.



Sewing/Clothing For 4-H Leaders

A sewing and clothing judge's training for 4-H leaders and judges will be held at three locations in Oregon this spring. A complete agenda will be provided with registration materials, but the dates and locations have been established as follows:

Saturday, March 27: La Grande
Union County Ext. Office

Saturday, April 3: Salem
Marion County Ext. Office

Saturday, April 10: Grants Pass
Josephine Co. Ext. Office



2004 Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum

Help Oregon "kick-off" the celebration of 100 years of 4-H in our state. The forum will be held at Regis High School in Stayton, just east of Salem.

Activities will begin Friday evening, April 16 and continue throughout the day on Saturday, April 17. The registration fee is \$35, which covers the cost of workshops, general sessions and snacks.

Leaders interested in attending or learning more about the forum need to talk with Barbara Bates, Coos County 4-H Leader on the State 4-H Leaders Association Board.

Regional 4-H Events: The following clinics and opportunities are open to 4-H members from Coos County, but are being facilitated in other counties.

Rabbit Rally—rabbit and cavy showmanship contest and related 4-H activities. Starts at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 26. Other activities include Breed Identification, Brain Bowl exam, Judging Contest, Equipment I.D. and Rabbit & Cavy conformation quiz. All activities are planned for Scenic Middle School in Central Point.

Saturday, March 27 the Pear Blossom Rabbit Breeder's Association will be holding an ARBA sanctioned, double open show at Scenic Middle School. For more information contact Show Secretary Jacob Geroux, rtgeroux@charter.net.

Best of the West Project Lamb & Pig Sale: Sunday, March 28, Jackson County Fairgrounds
Viewing of animals—11 a.m. Sale Begins—1:00 p.m.

Top quality lambs and pigs from breeders in Southern Oregon and Northern California. For details, call Traci Dulany, (541) 826-3582.

Jackson County Goat Field Day: Sunday, April 18 is the date to learn more about Dairy, Meat and Pygmy goats. The details are not complete, but save the date if you need project information in these areas.

SWOJLA Invites All Intermediates To Take Part During Spring Break

4-H members in grades 7-9 are invited to sign up for the Intermediate Retreat during spring break. The group will leave Tuesday, March 23 and return, Friday, March 26. Activities will include an evening in Portland, sport or theater event; a day of project information field trips; leadership workshops and a great deal of sharing, meeting other 4-H members and discovering the facilities at the State 4-H Center near Salem. Watch for registration forms in the mail, and reminders in meeting notices and newsletters.

Master Shooting Sports 4-H Leader Training To Be Held May 15-16

Any 4-H leader wanting to add any of the shooting sport projects to their club list must attend the state training for specific skills. The shooting sports include archery, rifle and shotgun. Each training allows the leader to attend and be trained in one of the tracks.

If two or more leaders from a club attend the training, they may offer the projects in which they have been trained. This is true of summer camp as well, where a trained leader must be available for archery to be offered.

The May 15-16 training will be held at the State 4-H Center west of Salem, with activities planned for 8 a.m. through 9 p.m. on Saturday and 7:30 a.m. through 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The fee for one track is \$60. Lodging and meals can be on your own, or one of the following options can be selected for meals and lodging at the 4-H Center:

Friday & Saturday nights and 3 meals Saturday and 2 meals Sunday (\$61.25)

Saturday night lodging and 2 meals Saturday and 2 meals Sunday (\$41.25)

Meals only—2 Saturday and 1 Sunday (\$26.00)

Please contact Shirley in the Coos County office for information about the training and the types of skills youth will be taught.



Agent Notes



As with most of the past year, things continue to change around the office. Not only did our office relocate in 2003, we also added agents to two positions that had been vacant for over a year and hired an agent for the Home Horticulture/4-H School Enrichment position. We have also adjusted to the absence and return of Roberta and the support provided by Nathan and Sue. Nathan Stevens joined our support staff as a temporary hire when Roberta's health did not allow her to maintain regular working hours. Nathan stepped in and handled phone calls, print jobs, janitorial work, conference room preparation, technical support with our computers, and a variety of jobs falling into the "other as needed" category. Nathan is continuing to provide hours, as needed, to keep the piles at a manageable level. Sue Powrie-Smith served as an interim agent, taking command of the planning needs for the training of the 2004 Master Gardeners, assisting in the delivery of school enrichment programs, researching grant opportunities for youth programs, attending professional development workshops, confirming programs for the Extension Gardening Seminar planned for February 14, and making connections that will strengthen the home horticulture and 4-H school enrichment programs.

Things are also changing at the fairgrounds. If you have not been taking part in discussions at fair board meetings or leader association meetings, you may want to add your input soon. The fee schedule for rent of facilities has been adopted, and there are some changes that may impact 4-H clubs or individuals. Daily use permits are needed for individuals using the arena. These permits can be secured for one day, or by the month. Arena fees have increased, so be sure to review the new contract before you sign.

Rental of other facilities have also been raised, and in some cases, modified. Another area where prices have changed is the charge for weighing and sorting livestock. A discussion has also been conducted that reviewed the need and condition of the scales on the fairgrounds. If you have a need to support one side of this discussion, now is the time to be attending meetings and asking questions.

One part of the use agreement that has not been changed is the partnership between the fair and the 4-H educational program. Use of the facilities for 4-H clinics, workshops and programs is still free of charge.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, 4-H Extension Agent

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