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February 2, 2004: Due Date For Club Enrollment

If you have not enrolled your 4-H club for the current program year, please take time to complete the necessary paper work and submit the information to the Extension office. All clubs that were active in 2003 need to meet the February 2 due date. New clubs can enroll until May 3, 2004.

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 fair. 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

January 10—Saturday: North Bend Equestrian Team Open Horse Show—Flyer Enclosed

January 12—Monday: Vet Science Class at Eric & Rhonda Wiley Ranch
Call for directions, 572-3442. Program begins at 6 p.m.

January 15—Thursday: Junior Leader Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 16—Friday: County Horse Bowl Questions Due

January 16-18: SWOJLA Older Youth Leadership Retreat, OIMB

January 21—Wednesday: Food & Nutrition Project Leader Training
2 p.m. in conference room, Ohlsen Baxter Building

January 24—Saturday: Coos County Horse Bowl Contest, 10 a.m.

January 26—Monday: Vet Science Class at JoAnn Mast sheep barns.
Call for directions, 572-5263. Program begins at 6 p.m.

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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 that 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.

Planning Ahead — 2004 State 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

Mark your calendar and be ready to reserve your space as soon as possible following the county fair.

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 tails 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, so this could be the first step to getting involved in Forestry and Conservation

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.

4-H Club Fund Raiser

Bayview 4-H Dog Club members are busy baking. They are stirring up homemade dog bones, and would like to get your dog hooked on their product. They have medium size bones for sale at 50 cents each. Contact club leader, Heather Weber, to get your order placed and make your dog a happier and healthier animal to be around. Call 756-6591.

Fair Awards—The Time Line For Participation

Letters of solicitation for fair award donors will be mailed early in January. If you have been sponsoring an award, but it has not been listed in the fair book, please contact us so that can be done. If you have been waiting to sponsor an award, now is the time to make the commitment and provide a description for the fair book.

In order to have an accurate presentation of special awards, there needs to be a score sheet provided by the donor. A template will be included in those letters to donors where an award is based on more than the placing in the class. As an example, Champion Romney ewe is determined by the placing, High point Romney exhibitor is based on total points for sheep classes, wool classes, showmanship and herdsmanship.

SWOJLA Winter Leadership Retreat

The winter leadership retreat for older youth, grades 9-12, will be held in Coos County this year. We will be meeting at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) January 16-18. Please complete the enclosed registration and make certain you are on my list as a participant. This is an event you won't want to miss.

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.

County Horse Bowl Contest Set For January 24

All horse club leaders are encouraged to remind members of the county horse bowl contest on January 24 at 10 a.m. This contest is the first in a list of many for horse members, and it has the benefit of a state level contest for intermediate and senior level members. To qualify for state, a team of at least four senior and four intermediate members must be eligible to represent Coos County. Your participation may be critical for our county, so please consider motivating members to attend. There will be no regional horse bowl contest this year, so top placing members will have the opportunity to move on to state.

Questions from clubs planning to have members at the county contest need to be submitted by Friday, January 16. Please provide 10 questions for each of the three contest levels; junior, intermediate and senior.

Leader Training In Food & Nutrition Project

Alice Voluntad, Family and Community Development faculty member in Coos County, will be assisting in presenting a training for 4-H leaders using the 4-H Food and Nutrition project materials. Alice will provide an update on nutrition topics, provide ideas for healthy snacks or menus, answer questions and encourage leaders to address some of the health risks facing our teens. I will also provide information on preparing members for county fair exhibits and the skills contests held prior to the opening of county fair. The training will be held in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building on January 21 at 2:00 p.m.

PNW 4-H Horse Judges Training Set For February 27-29, 2004

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.

North Bend High School Equestrian Team Hosts Fund Raiser Event

Get yourself and your horse to Family Four Arena on January 10, if you want to have a day of riding and a chance to take home a new gaming saddle. This is a "winner takes all" event, with the high point rider head away with the award. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and classes start at 9 a.m. A \$25 fee will allow you to ride all events. The cook shack will be open, so don't forget your cash. Contact Barbara Bates for the details about the fund raiser, the saddle and the schedule of events. Barbara can be reached at 756-6510.



Agent Notes



A New Year and what a great time to make plans for improving on the past one. Whether you plan to work harder in school, spend more time helping with family events, take on a more involved role in your 4-H club, or saving money for the future, it is great to have this time of year to start over. As I check back on my notes from 12 months ago, I seem to have fallen a bit short of the mark. I did not achieve all that I had hoped, although several big goals were met.

I had time for a little vacation during the holidays, and that was a nice break from the usual. Although sleeping in was not part of the plan, I did lounge around for most of several days. I had paperwork with me, but also took time to watch football games, snack, play cards and do enough shopping to keep me content.

I arrived back in Coos County during the power outage. It was nice to be one of the few with electricity, since no heat, water, lights, television, computer or flushing toilet make life in the country a little less desirable. But my luck wore thin, and the electricity did go off for most of Friday night.

I'm sure many of you experienced a day or two of high water before the end of the year. Each fork of the Coquille River seems to be affected differently during flood conditions, and this year the north fork took on a real level of excitement. The river level came up to flood stage very quickly, and I nearly had more than wet feet while picking up electric fencing that was still in place across both pastures. As the water continued to get deeper, higher and swifter, I made the decision to move my ewes from the lower barn to the one a bit farther from the current. Trying to convince 40 ewes to walk through the alley and out the door, instead of through the gate, proved difficult. Encouraging them to move up the hill and onto the county road became nearly impossible, and when they were confronted by a van of water watchers, they froze and remained in that position for more minutes than necessary. It was probably a good idea to have the ewes on higher ground, since the water nearly made it inside the barn. The root wad and pop can are still sitting very close to the gate—just a reminder of where the water might be during the next flood.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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