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## New Year Provides Time To Set 4-H Goals

As clubs meet and discuss the work of members and upcoming events provided the 4-H membership, it provides a time to think about what the club might focus on as a group this year. In some cases, this was done in the fall and portions of the goals have been met. Other clubs may use this time of year as a time to reorganize and accept new challenges.

Members may also see this as a time to set new goals for their projects or make decisions about whether or not to add a new project this year. These decisions are important now, since the enrollment date of February 1 is not far off. All clubs that were active last year, and plan to organize this year, need to have their paperwork in the office by February 1.

I am also setting goals for the upcoming year, and have some decisions to make about future work and how best to use my time. Most of you know that I will be retiring from the 4-H agent position at the end of this summer, so that will require some planning, goal setting and organization. I have several decisions to make regarding that change, so those will be falling together as the year progresses.

## Coos County Sends Team To Winter Leadership Retreat

Coos County is hosting the Winter Leadership Retreat this year, providing youth from Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties an opportunity to join us in Charleston for a weekend of sharing, learning, exploring and community service. The retreat begins on the beach Friday evening, includes a keynote presentation, workshops, recreation, team building, elections and program planning.

Coos County has ten youth and two adults registered to attend the retreat. This response was aided by the work of our county representative, Erin Jernstedt, who took time to remind members that this program was happening in our county. Thanks to all who registered, we should have a great retreat.

## 4-H Record Keeping Workshop Scheduled at Extension Office January 17

If you want to see how well the 4-H records on-line are working, plan to attend the workshop on January 17 at 1:00 p.m. The computer area in the entry of the Extension office will be available for use, and there will be help in getting you started with completing your records on-line.

In addition, there will be information and handouts relating to how to organize your records when they are completed. This program is designed to help youth and adults discover how to use the system, but it does not allow enough time to complete records for this year.

## County Horse Bowl Contest Set

The county horse bowl contest will be held at the Ohlsen Baxter Building on Saturday, January 22. Seniors will begin at 10 a.m., followed by intermediates and juniors. A lunch break will not be taken.

Participants need to be dressed in appropriate attire and arrive at the following times: Seniors—9:45 a.m.

Intermediates—10:30 a.m.

Juniors—11:30 a.m.

Since there is no pre-registration, these times are estimates only. It may be later than listed, so if you have other activities to attend, call for an update on how we are doing.

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Home Economics Training set for February 4 and 5. Please contact the office with how many will be attending from your club.

## 4-H Events Around The State

- February 4-5: 4-H Poultry Training, Grants Pass  
Registration materials available at the Extension Office
- February 19: Yamhill County Critter Romp  
Showmanship & Conformation Classes for Rabbits,  
Poultry, Pigeons, Cavies and Cats  
Show forms available at the Extension Office
- February 26: Yamhill County 4-H Horse Show and Clinic  
Show forms available at the Extension Office
- February 26-27: PNW Horse Judges Clinic, Albany  
Linn County Expo Center



## Lupe Torres Competes At Nationals

Oregon is being represented at the Western National Horse Classic/Roundup in Denver, Colorado by several team and individual contestants. Taking her state winning public speech to Denver, is Lupe Torres from Coos County. Lupe has spent time during the holidays putting the final touches on her presentation and sharing her information at 4-H club meetings. Congratulations to Lupe and good luck at the national contest.

## Bee Keeping Essays Due in State Office

If you or a member of your club has been working on the State Bee Keeping contest essay, it is due soon. The essay must reach the State 4-H Office by Tuesday, February 1, to be given consideration by the judges. Please contact our office for mailing information.

## Wildlife Stewards Training

If you want to become a trained presenter of the Oregon 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program, please contact the office about registering for the upcoming training in Bend. The training is set for February 27-29, and includes a set of teaching materials to use with clubs or classrooms. This program has been used in local schools and as part of the after school programming conducted in Coos County.

## Do We Have Accurate Information?

This edition of the Monitor was mailed to each member and leader on our mailing list. If someone in your family or club did not receive a copy, please have them contact our office to confirm their address. I am told by various members and leaders that they still don't receive the Monitor, so this may be the best way to identify all individuals we have entered incorrectly.



## Jackson County 4-H Animal Affair

Jackson County 4-H will be hosting an arena full of activities and a livestock judging contest on January 22. If you or your club have an interest in learning about any of the animal science projects, please contact me for details. This is a great way to learn from other 4-H leaders and members in our region.

## 4-H Leaders Executive Board To Meet

The executive board of the 4-H Leaders Association will meet on Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building. Plans for upcoming spring activities will be discussed, with leadership for these events to be determined. Please make an effort to attend if you have been elected to this board.

## Club Meeting Idea

Our office has received a set of DVD discs and FHS video tapes that focus on horsemanship skills to help you ride safely. The programs are sponsored by Weaver Leather and Downunder Horsemanship. Not all portions of the program may follow the 4-H contest guide, but the information is still useful for discussions at club meetings.

Clinton Anderson is the host, and he teaches skills relating to:

- \*checking your horse before you begin to ride
- \*fitting tack to your horse
- \*the one-rein stop
- \*guidelines for safe tying.

Check this out if you need a club meeting idea.

## Recycle Your Fair Ribbons

If you have been collecting fair ribbons, and wondering how to put them to use, we may have an idea to help. Kim Mathews shared an idea on how to make gift pockets out of your old ribbons.

A copy of the plans can be made available to you by contacting the Extension office. The article describes how to make the gift pocket, and gives ideas on what kinds of gifts work well and how to personalize the gift.

## Trailer Spaces For County Fair

If you have not initiated the process for reserving a trailer space during the fair, you need to call the fair office and get the details on what needs to be done. The procedure has been changed, so please call and make certain you are meeting the requirements for this year.

The fair office phone number is 572-2002. If you have questions regarding the process, the next fair board meeting is January 18.

# FEBRUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4-H Club Enrollments Due	2	3	4 4-H Home Ec. Project Trng. Poultry Clinic, Josephine Co.	5
6	7	8 Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Fair Board Meeting 7	16 New Leader Orientation 2 or 7 p.m.	17	18	19 County Horse Judging
20 4-H Leaders Open Horse Show	21 SWOJLA Board Meeting Junior Ldr. Mtg. 7 p.m.	22 4-H Leader Meetings	23 24 25 Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum, Sacramento			26
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## Clubs Needed For Upcoming Events

Spring is coming soon, and club displays will be needed for our annual 4-H IN THE MALL activity, set for Saturday, March 5. We need to have displays, members and activities for the public. Please watch for the sign-up in the next edition of the Monitor.

The Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. If you have businesses that are regular contributors, please make contact with them now and then follow-up with a packet closer to the event. Clubs can also make items, donate items, or provide services as ways to raise funds for the county leaders association.

Set those dates, and start making plans at your next 4-H Club meeting.

## 4-H Fair Book Edits Needed

Locate that 2004 copy of the county Fair Book, and look through the notes and questions you have written in the margins. There were surely some things that could use additional clarification or update. If you have suggestions or corrections, please send them to the office now. We need to start the wheels in motion for 2005.

## Donor List and Award List Revisions

If you have been waiting to be a 4-H award donor, now is the time to share your desire. We are looking for donors and we are accepting new award ideas.

If you have an idea for how to recognize and activity that currently has no donor, it could be arranged that the award and your donation match up nicely.

Donors can be individuals, businesses, 4-H clubs or community groups who support 4-H club work.

## Project Ideas

Jacob Adamson is in need of space for his 4-H rabbits. In order to make that happen, he is willing to share his wealth with others. He has 4 Holland Lop bucks that need to find homes as 4-H projects.

This includes three 6 month old and one 18 month old. The 6 month olds come in broken blue, broken tort and tort. The 18 month old is a broken blue.

For more information on these potential projects, call Jacob at 266-8164.

## Gifts Of Green, and Other Colors:

There are plush, green animals available for gifting your friends, just stop by the office and let Rhonda or Roberta show you the complete line. If green doesn't fit, try a candle of a different shade, they come in a variety and the prices are great.

## Gun Locks Are Here



Jonathan Martz has a supply of gun locks that were donated to us for distribution.

If you, or someone you know, needs a gun lock or two please stop by and pick them up.

The locks are designed to secure guns in a fixed position, or to disable a gun that is not in a fixed position. If you have guns in a cabinet, the lock provides one more level of security to keep the gun there. If guns are not stored in a secure place, the lock can be installed to prevent the gun from firing. The locks are free of charge and available for the asking.

## Home Economics 4-H Leader Trainings Planned For February 4 & 5, 2005

Patricia Dawson is coming to Coos County on Friday evening and Saturday, February 4 and 5. If you are enrolled in the Home Economics projects or are a leader of these projects, please plan to attend.

This workshop is designed to help you and your members prepare for skill contests, judging contests and interview judging. If you have members enrolled in foods, clothing, home environment or child development, this training is for you. Members are also invited to attend and ask questions, complete the activities and better prepare for activities associated with the Coos County 4-H Fair.

Please help make this a worthwhile trip for Patricia. It could be a great way to have a club meeting planned and delivered. Bring the entire club and learn the secrets of success from an agent with the tools to make it happen.

## Helmet Reminder For Horse Clubs

Just a reminder, that anytime you are working with 4-H members who are riding or driving an equine, they must be wearing an approved helmet. It is the responsibility of club leaders to notify members and families of this requirement, and follow through with it at 4-H events.

## Horse Judging and Hippology Contests Set For February 19

The county 4-H Horse Judging Contest will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 19 at Family Four Arena. Classes will include feed judging and identification, tack identification, questions, oral reasons and classes of halter and performance. All performance classes (showmanship, equitation, trail, etc.) are judged against the standards set in the 4-H Contest Guide. Conformation classes are judged on the soundness and breed type of the animals represented. Information on judging can be found in the newly printed PNW Horse Judging Manuals.

Members will also be given a separate activity to rank them for participation in the state Hippology contest. Questions for this contest will come from the 4-H Horse Project Book, and will focus on the skills needed to properly fit a horse with tack for a specific class. The section on Hippology will be designed with multiple choice questions and one short answer situation. There will be no team problems in the county contest.

Intermediate and senior members are eligible to represent Coos County at the Spring Horse Classic to be held April 22-24 in Redmond. Members are able to enter the Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Public Speaking and Presentation contests. Members are discouraged from entering more than one of the team contests due to the difficulty in scheduling all events.

## Auction Committee Set To Meet

The Coos Youth Auction Committee will hold a monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building.

This will be the first meeting of 2005 and will be a time to finalize plans for the steer weigh-in set for Saturday, March 12. Be sure to highlight this date on your calendar, since it is much earlier than other years.

Reminder about steers: They must be properly castrated and healed prior to the weigh-in. They must be dehorned and healed prior to the weigh-in. They need to be manageable with a halter and lead rope. They should be in the 650-850 weight range, depending on frame size and breed.

Weighing will be done from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on March 12.

## Junior Leader Events

Several junior leaders are attending the leadership retreat, and other opportunities are available for participation as well. Help is needed during the records workshop at 1 p.m. on January 17 and help will be needed at the Valentine Dance at Sunset Middle School on Friday, February 11.

The next meeting of the Junior Leader Club will be Monday, January 31 at 7 p.m. in the Extension conference room.

## 4-H Leaders Association To Meet Jan. 25

The monthly meeting of the leaders association and 4-H committees is planned for Tuesday, January 25 beginning at 6:15 with the executive board meeting, 6:45 general meeting and 7:45 committee meetings. The committee meetings are in need of participants and leadership. If clinics, contests and special recognition are going to be part of each project area, help is needed to make this happen.

Livestock members have traditionally scheduled clinics during the winter, but none have been planned. The small animal committee is holding the date of April 16 for a clinic and show, but judges have not been secured. The horse committee has made plans for the annual leaders association horse show on February 20, but help is still needed to operate the cook shack. All clubs are encouraged to prepare items for the cook shack, and all clubs are invited to help with sales sometime during that day. All proceeds support Coos Co. 4-H.

## Tax Time For 4-H Leaders

4-H volunteer leaders need to take time to compile their records for 2004 and place them on top of the pile for tax filing. Volunteers are eligible to receive tax credit for expenses directly relating to their time and work with 4-H. Documented mileage, meals, lodging and hours devoted to the program are all reportable. The main item needed is your documentation of the claim. If you did not get this completed in 2004, set up a system now for 2005.

## Beacon Of Light Into The Future: 2005 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum

The 2005 Leaders Forum will be held in Lincoln City and will be co-hosted by Lincoln and Tillamook County 4-H Leader Associations. A typical forum includes leaders and members from 30 or more counties and provides a full schedule of project teaching and sharing.

Registrations are due March 25 and the forum is slated for April 8-9. Packets will be available from the Extension office in January. The cost for registration is \$35. This is a great opportunity to join 4-H leaders and staff from around the state, and see the upcoming State President at work. Barbara Bates is taking on the leadership role for the State 4-H Leaders Association, and our attendance in Lincoln City would certainly show support for her efforts.

## Camp Counselors Needed

If you would like to serve as a camp counselor during 4-H Summer Camp, please contact our office and get your name on the mailing list. Further information regarding recruitment of campers and training for counselors will be mailed to those who indicate an interest.

## Save Hay Strings & Plastic Feed Bags

The project will continue in 2005, so please save those colorful hay strings and plastic feed sacks for the junior leader club. All items are recycled by Agri-Plas, a center in Salem. Please remove the hay, mud and manure before dropping them off for us.

## Oregon 4-H Scholarships For 2005

If you are considering college in the fall of 2005, please read on. The Oregon 4-H program offers scholarships for members and all graduating seniors are invited to apply.

Application deadlines vary, so check the details on the following website:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu>

If you plan to apply, please make an appointment with me to review your materials and application. Each year we have incomplete packets that could have been improved with a short meeting.

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30	31 Junior Leader Club 7 p.m.					1
2	3	4	5 Vet Science Club Mtg. 6:30	6	7 SWOJLA Retreat in Charleston, OIMB	8
9 SWOJLA	10	11 Workshop with Fair Board	12 4-H Screening Committee Meetings, OSU	13 4-H Leaders Ex. Board Mtg.	14	15
16	17 OFFICE CLOSED Records 1 p.m.	18 Fair Board Meeting 7 pm	19	20 New Leader Orientations 10 am or 2 pm	21	22 County Horse
23	24	25 4-H	26	27	28 Art	29



# Agent Notes



Happy New Year, and I hope you all enjoyed the change in routine that November and December offer us. It seems that my time shifts dramatically from work to family, and that my participation at events increases rather than declines. It was a good Christmas, Santa remembered that I always need power tools and farm equipment, and new towels for clean up before heading to town.

As usual, timing is everything. The fan that helps circulate the limited heat coming from the oil furnace beneath the metal grate in the living room chose not to work on those days that the temperature started at 20 degrees. When the smell of furnace oil, not warmth, greets you in the evening, you know right off that something is wrong. I figured it out and did the usual belly flop by the heat source to investigate what I could do before the expert arrived in two days. There was a little magic in the movement of the electrical cord, turning the switch on and off, checking the area with the flashlight, and depressing the reset button. By doing that series of events and turning on the overhead fan, the smell of oil was fairly well gone by the time I got back to the house.

The cooler temperatures are very invigorating in the morning, especially when I zip from barn to barn on the 4-wheeler. It does clear the mind of any thoughts. Lately, the big challenge has been keeping water in the tubs for the sheep and hoping that the sun will start thawing the pig waterer before they decide to chew on the hose. For most life outside, water comes by noon.

The first lamb is on the ground and looking like a real show prospect. He has that great triangle shaped head, black nose and hooves, weighed 17 pounds, and started looking for milk before he was 15 minutes old. If he starts gaining weight on the usual average daily gain, he will weigh about 175 pounds for the late August shows.

I hope all of you with breeding projects are enjoying the excitement of calves, lambs, kids, foals, and other new babies. They are all so very much in need of play time that it takes me about twice as long to get the feeding done. Enjoy them now, they will grow and become a little less willing to play.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

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