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Spaghetti Feed & Auction Funds Support County 4-H Program

Another successful fund raiser has been coordinated by the 4-H Leaders Association. Funds raised during this evening will benefit 4-H members and leaders. Scholarships for camp, leadership retreats, state and national contests will all be possible because of the efforts of clubs who helped. Thanks to those securing items for the auctions, helping with Bingo, setting up tables and chairs, decorating, serving dinner, selling tickets, busing tables, helping with the auctions, assisting in the kitchen, cleaning up and bidding throughout the evening, the entire event was a success.

Income from the evening includes:

- \$ 276.50 from Bingo
- \$6,350.00 during the Oral Auction
- \$ 867.81 on the Silent Auction
- \$1,096.30 from dinner ticket sales
- \$8,590.61 Total before expenses



In addition, this year the evening income was enhanced with the drawing of the winning ticket for the Four Wheeler donated by Coos Grange Supply. \$3,000 in ticket sales have been added to the monies collected from the other events, bringing the total of evening to \$11,590.61.

Special thanks to Ed and Maryanne Kreutzer, who provided time, energy and leadership in the kitchen and in providing the raffle. Their dedication to the local 4-H program is greatly appreciated.

4-H Summer Camp Plans Begin

Plans are starting to come together for 4-H Summer Camp. The dates are reserved, July 11-15 and the first meeting of potential camp counselors is set for April 16. Enclosed in this edition of the Monitor is a flier requesting additional information. Please share this with someone not enrolled in 4-H, so they will receive the same information you will have in the next Monitor.

Summer camp is for students who have completed grades 3-6, and are ready to experience time away from home in the cabins of Camp Myrtlewood. You do not have to be a 4-H club member to attend camp, but it is more fun if you are. Camp counselors are older youth, enrolled in 4-H, who want to help you have a great time at camp.

Camp counselors set the tone of camp, since they spend more time with campers than anyone else, and help plan the activities their cabins will be doing during free time and when skits, talent and relays become part of the camp day.

4-H Summer Conference Brochures Mailed

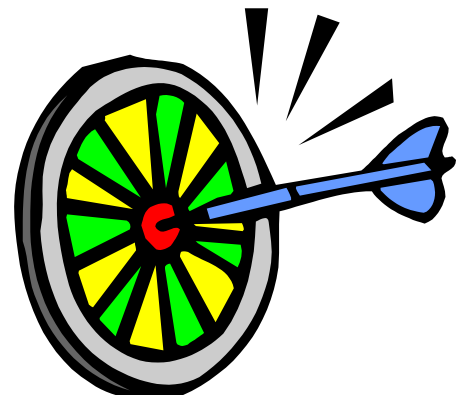
4-H members in grades 7-12 are encouraged to take part in the 2005 Summer Conference at OSU. This is a great time to meet 4-H members from around the state, learn about state-wide committees for 4-H members, become familiar with the OSU campus, and attend classes that are of interest to you.

Brochures were mailed to each currently enrolled member in grades 7-12. The applications are due in the Coos County office on May 11. Registrations that are received by May 11 will be eligible for a \$100 scholarship from the 4-H Leaders Association. Late applications will be accepted, but the full \$160 must accompany the registration.

We are in need of a chaperone or two to make this event possible. If you have a desire to spend June 22-25 in Corvallis, assisting with the supervision of the Coos County delegates, please contact the Extension office with that urge to serve.

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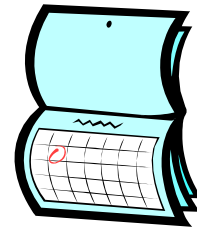
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**Are You On Target With
Your 4-H Projects?**

4-H Events Around The State

- April 8-9: Oregon 4-H Leader's Forum, Lincoln City
- April 9: Oregon Fryer Commission Pen of Fryers Contest Chick Pick Up. Pre-Registration Due in state office March 15.
- April 14-16: Oregon 4-H Judicial Conference, Salem
- April 16: Paws in the Rain Dog Show, Tillamook County Fair grounds.
- April 17-23: National Volunteer Week—Highlight Your 4-H Leader
- April 22-24 Spring Horse Classic, Redmond
- April 23: Young Dairy Farmer's Contest, Judging Contest
4-H Family Forest Field Day, State 4-H Center, Salem
- April 30: Pooch Raw Raiders 4-H Club Show N' Go Dog Clinic
Schroeder Park, Grants Pass, 9 a.m.
- May 1: All 4-H animal science projects must be owned or leased
- May 2: State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- May 7: OSU RingMaster Classic Heifer & Project Steer Show
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- May 7: Dog Pre-Fair, Josephine County Ext. Auditorium, 9 a.m.
- May 8: LBCC Beef Show, Benton County Fairgrounds
- May 11: OSU Summer Conference Registrations Due
- May 28-30: Camp Clean Up at Camp Myrtlewood, Bridge



County Events in April and May

- Apr. 10 Starter Program Visits
- Apr. 16 Spring Show & Clinic
Myrtle Mounties 4-H
Play Day, Family 4
Camp Counselor Mtg.
- Apr. 17 Auction Project Clinic
for Small Animals
- Apr. 23 Pig & Lamb Weigh-In
Barrel Club, Train's
Arena, register 9 a.m.
- Apr. 30 4-H Display & Petting
Fair, John Topits Park
- May 2: Final Day To Enroll In
4-H: New Clubs and
all members.
- May 8: Coos Co. Mounted
Sheriff's Posse Schol
arship Ride, Riley
Ranch, 11 a.m.
- May 28-30: Camp Myrtlewood
Clean Up Days
- May 29: Hauser Dune Riders
4-H Show, Riley
Arena, 8 a.m.
- June 11: Sumner Buckaroos
Horse Show, Family 4
- June 18-19: Rockin' Riders 4-H
Show, Fairgrounds,
8 a.m. registration
- June 25-26: Oregon Outlaws
Horse Show, Fair-
grounds, 8 a.m.
- July 9: Burton Prairie Wran-
glers Horse Show,
Fairgrounds. 8 a.m.



Dog Clubs Invited

4-H Dog Clubs and members are invited to participate in the June 18 "Doggie Olympics" sponsored by Pacific Cove Humane Society. All events will be held at the North Bend High School football field and track. All activities are scheduled for Saturday.

Clubs are being asked to participate in the Parade of Champions—dogs only; present mini-clinics on various topics (10-15 minutes); provide demonstrations for the public (showmanship, obedience, trick, free style, agility) or have a hands-on activity for people attending the event.

Please contact the Extension office, or Linda Newman (396-6909) for further information or to

Petting Fair\Fun Run

If your club has project animals that like affection and attention, they may be good candidates for an event on April 30. Coos County Children's Advocacy Center is hosting a family day at John Topits Park, and 4-H has been invited to provide one of the activities.

Alyssa Fortune is serving as the contact and coordinator for a petting fair in the park on this day. If you would like to help work with families, and share you animals and knowledge about them, please sign up. Contact Rhonda at the Extension office to confirm your interest.

A 1.0 mile fun run for kids, 3.1 mile run for youth and adults, and a 1.0 mile walk will also be part of the activities at John Topits Park. Ribbon awards will be provided for top finishers. Applications are included in this edition of the Monitor.

A Family Bar-B-Que will also be part of the activities planned for the

Know Your State Government Judicial Conference Set For April 14-16

Coos County 4-H will be represented at the Judicial Conference by Peter Wilson, Alyssa Fortune, Danielle Crockett and Teckla Wilson, adult chaperone. A meeting with Representative Wayne Krieger has been confirmed, and our group will be prepared to discuss the budget needs of Extension and 4-H during this time. A request has also been made to meet with Representative Arnie Roblan. The schedule for this program is filled, with activities planned in Salem and Corvallis.

Dates To Know, If Fair You Go!

- May 1: Must be enrolled in 4-H projects with fair exhibits
Must own or have a lease form on file for all animal science projects.
- June 6: All 4-H Fair Entry Forms Due (forms in fair book)
- July 1-16: 4-H Record Books Collected

APRIL 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD. April 1-6					Spring Show Entries Due	Spaghetti Feed & Auction,
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			OSU Day at the State Capitol		Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum, Lincoln City	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm	New Leader Orientation 2 or 7 pm	Ext. Advisory Mtg. 7:30 pm		Spring Show Camp Coun.
				KYSG Judicial Conference, Salem		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Small Animal Auction	Junior Leader Meeting 7 pm	Fair Board Mtg. 7 pm				Lamb & Hog Weigh—In
National Volunteer Week: Recognize Your Club Leaders				Spring Horse Classic		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SHC Redmond	Staff Development Staff Surgery	4-H Leader Association Mtgs. 6:45				4-H Petting Fair, Coos Bay

MAY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Final Day To Enroll in 4-H. Lease Forms					State Dairy Judging Contest
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Junior Leader Meeting 7 p.m.	Fair Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	Start Date: Auction Rabbit Pens		State 4-H Camp Training, Salem	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Camp Counselor Meeting 2		4-H Leader Meetings 6:15, 6:45				
29	30	31				
HDR Show, Riley Arena	Office Closed					

Get "Fired Up" About Forestry!

Oregon 4-H is developing a Forestry Invitational, open to all 4-H youth grades 5-12, and all youth interested in forestry. The purpose of the Invitational is to help youth develop an understanding and appreciation of the importance of conserving forestland as a source of products, benefits, and services necessary for quality living. 4-H and the Oregon Forestry Invitational provide opportunities for youth to learn citizenship and leadership skills, as well as practical forest management skills. These skills help young people be prepared to not only own forestland, but to deal with environmental issues in the future.

The 2005 Oregon Forestry Invitational pre-contest training will be held at the "4-H Family Forest Field Day" on April 23, at the 4-H Center near Salem. Those attending will join in fun and family activities as well as learning about tree identification, tree measurement, compass/orienteering, and insects and diseases. Participants will have the opportunity to compete in a written 4-H Forestry Contest and 4-H Seniors will have opportunities to be selected to represent Oregon at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational in West Virginia. For more

County Fair Dates Around The State

Baker County Fair	July 29 –August 6
Benton County Fair	August 2–6
Clackamas County Fair	August 16–21
Clatsop County Fair	August 2–6
Columbia County Fair	July 20–24
Coos County Fair	July 26–30
Crook County Fair	July 13–16
Curry County Fair	July 28–31
Deschutes County Fair	August 3–7
Douglas County Fair	August 9–13
Gilliam County Fair	September 1–4
Grant County Fair	August 3–7
Harney County Fair	September 6–11
Hood River County Fair	July 27–30
Jackson County Fair	July 19–24
Jefferson County Fair	July 27–30
Josephine County Fair	August 16–20
Klamath County Fair	August 11–14
Lake County Fair	September 1–5
Lane County Fair	August 16–21
Lincoln County Fair	July 14–17
Linn County Fair	July 21–24
Malheur County Fair	August 3–6
Marion County Fair	July 7–10
Morrow County Fair	August 17–21
Multnomah County Fair	July 29–31
Oregon State Fair	August 25–September 5
Polk County Fair	August 11–14
Sherman County Fair	August 30–September 3
Tillamook County Fair	August 10–13
Umatilla County Fair	August 9–13
Union County Fair	August 3–6
Wallowa County Fair	August 6–13
Wasco County Fair	August 18–21
Washington County Fair	July 28–31
Wheeler County Fair	August 9–14
Yamhill County Fair	July 10–17

Project Ideas

Chihuahua Puppies, male and female brindle. Shot, dewormed and ready to go. Valerie 888-4870
 Performing and racing pigeons. Pairs and individual birds. 572-3094 and 572-3426.
 Male llama, silver-black-white in color. Registration papers available. 888-4870.
 Looking for show quality rooster. Please call 267-7105, Cora.



Relocating for employment, need to find homes for pigeons and doves. I have ringneck doves, rollers and high fliers. These are great birds that need a home soon. Please call

OSU Beef Show

Saturday, May 7, 2005 the RingMaster Classic heifer and project steer show is at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Entries due April 27.
 For details, <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/>

Sumner Horse Show Date Is Changed

The show date for the Sumner Buckaroos Open Horse Show is Saturday, June 11. Please make this change on your schedule of Horse Events.

The show will be held at Family 4 Arena. High point exhibitors in performance and gaming will receive saddles appropriate to their events.

For more information about this 4-H sponsored show, contact Toni, 266-0387 or Amber 290-8930.



Trails Skills Clinic, Trail Ride and Campout Has Been Cancelled

The trail events scheduled for April 10 and May 14-15 have been cancelled. Please contact a leader of the Myrtle Mount N Mounties for information related to refunds on registrations and a possible change in date for this event.

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.

The forum is slated for April 8-9. Packets are available from the Extension office, and include a complete listing and description of classes. 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. The basic schedule and registration form is available at the Extension office.

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.

The first meeting of the group will be Saturday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.

4-H Hall of Fame

Think about who you could nominate for the State 4-H Hall of Fame in 2005. The information relating to nominations is enclosed and must be submitted to the Coos County office by May 10. Applications are then forwarded to the state 4-H office in Corvallis.

Lambs & Hogs To Weigh On April 23

If you have not located a lamb or hog for the Coos Youth Auction Program, you best get movin'. The weigh in for these animals is Saturday, April 23 at the Coos County Fairgrounds.

Lambs will be weighed from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and hogs will weigh from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. or finished.

Be sure to sign in and pick up a number when you arrive. This gives you a place in the order for weighing and allows you to move forward in the line.

Review the auction project rules, making certain your animals meet all criteria for the weigh in. No recent castrations or tail docking will be accepted, and all castrations must be complete and well healed. Lambs need scrapie tags, especially if purchased from a non-family member.

Small Animal Clinic Set For April 17

This is the annual clinic to discuss the health of breeding does, enter the lottery for a buck, and hope that the buck you win appreciates the doe you own. If you need health information or a mate for a day, plan to arrive for a 2 p.m. start in the rabbit barn on the



Enrollments Due

May 2 is the final day to enroll members in existing clubs and start a new club. In order to start a new club, adults must complete enrollment forms and attend a new leader orientation.

In addition to enrolling, members in the animal science projects must also own or lease their animals by this date. If animals are secured after May 2, they can be exhibited in open class only.

New Leader Trainings

The final opportunity to receive the new leader training is Wednesday, April 13 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building. The next opportunity to receive this training will be late in 2005.

State 4-H Horse Camp Planned

During the past three years, the state 4-H horse camp has been held at the State 4-H Center west of Salem. This year, the event is moving to central Oregon. Amy Davis, Extension Agent in Wheeler County, will be taking the lead for the camp, which will be held outside of Prineville in the Ochocos.

The camp will include a series of workshops and plenty of riding. The date has been set, June 17-19. Camp fliers will be sent to county offices soon, so get the

4-H Leaders Set Date For Constructing and Painting Risers

A work party in the Davenport building on Sunday, May 22, will focus on building risers to display static exhibits and painting portable displays used in the Davenport building during the fair. If you have time and an interest in painting or building, please plan to attend. This would be a great club project for those groups enrolled in Home Economics, Expressive Arts, Engineering, Natural Resources and Horticulture.

The projects being done provide the space for exhibiting your work during the fair. Please call Rhonda at the Extension office, or Anita Vandervelden, leader association president, for details.



Agent Notes



About the time you think you need to check the water system, the system is overwhelmed. That is what happened last week, when the need to move livestock from the fields to the foothills became apparent. The 9-10 inches of rain certainly changed the appearance of the pastures throughout the county. We did need rain, although 2 or 3 inches at a time may have been more useful.

I had the opportunity to do a little travel by air during spring break, and that has reinforced my preference for driving. It is amazing to me that you can give people a smaller seat, with no leg room, positioned next to a stranger, offer no food, and a continuous supply of hot, recycled air and they will pay for this luxury travel. Another real benefit of this form of transportation, when traveling as a group, is that your group can occupy all of the seats in the rear of the plane. There are advantages, such as being right next to the restrooms and having time to gradually pull yourself from the seat when it is time to ask your legs to spring into action. The other advantage was traveling all night, and being able to arrive for a full day of activities on the east coast. The people up front, where the seats reclined, might have been ready to go, but I was more ready for a few hours of sleep. For the return trip, we were able to do activities until mid-afternoon and then head out for a night flight home.

Driving has so many advantages. You can drive as far as you feel like, stop when you need fuel, wave to people as they pass you, change music or radio stations, talk on the phone, enjoy the scenery, read the map, listen to books on tape, and even talk with passengers if anyone will travel with you. You also have control of where you eat, sleep, pull over to take a break, and whether or not to try the shortcuts described to you by locals. There is also the anxiety of whether or not you will arrive at your destination on time. You have the best prepared, computer generated driving guides, but sometimes the unknown can become a bit unsettling. I have not followed the suggested route from my house, which indicates I should head east and use the Coos Bay Wagon Road from Lee Valley to Roseburg, and then look forward to interstate travel. Sometimes you need to give a little false information to the computer to get the desired results!

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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