



Protected Under
18 U.S.C. 707

MONITOR

Coos County OSU Extension Office

Ohlsen Baxter Building

631 Alder Street Myrtle Point OR 97458

Phone: 541.572.5263 FAX: 541.572.5963

Email: joann.mast@oregonstate.edu

Website: <http://osu.orst.edu/extension/coos>

MARCH 2004

NUMBER 164

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. Final plans are being made at the monthly junior leader meeting, with registrations available at the March leaders association meeting.

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 Needs Support

The Coos County 4-H Leaders Association is holding its annual fund raiser on Saturday, April 3, at the Coquille Community Building. The day will include Bingo, Silent Auction, Oral Auction and Spaghetti Dinner. Please plan to participate in part or all of the activities. A sign up of jobs for club members to do has been started, and if your club has not committed, now is the time to contact Rhonda at the Extension office.

Packets have been distributed to club leaders, explaining how to approach businesses, secure auction items and sell dinner tickets in advance. If you need more window signs, tickets or receipts, please let us know.

What kind of donations are needed? Any item that could be useful to an adult or child has the potential to sell. Art work, coupons for dinners, handmade gifts, animals, load of rock, fencing supplies, wood stove, used autos, etc., all have the potential to sell.

If you are in need of a meal, come support the 4-H program and feed the family for \$14 or feed yourself for \$4. This is an all you can eat dinner, with spaghetti, salad, bread and a beverage. You can also top off the meal with a dessert from the pie sale. All of this, and an auction!

Auction Items Needed March 25

In order to print the sale catalog, and inventory all sale items, you are asked to drop off all items to the Extension office by March 25.

In This Issue:

Intermediate Retreat	Page 2
Camp Counselors	Page 2
Regional Programs	Page 3
Community Service	Page 3
Horse Judging	Page 3
Spring Horse Classic	Page 3
General News	Page 4
Project Possibilities	Page 4
4-H Fair Awards	Page 5
Older Youth	Page 5
Duck Race	Page 6
Calendar	Insert
Small Animal Auction	Insert
Calendar	Page 7
Agent Notes	Page 8

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

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. 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 feet. One parking space is

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.

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.

Recycle 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.



Camp Counselors To Meet

The first meeting of the Camp Counselors will be Sunday, April 18 at 2 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

SWOJLA Intermediate Retreat

All students in grades 7-10 should have received a letter inviting them to take part in the 2004 SWOJLA leadership retreat. Members will travel to the State 4-H Conference Center on Tuesday, March 23 and take in a variety of activities at the center, and Salem and Portland. We will return Friday, March 26.

If you plan to attend, please submit your form and payment this week. We will be making the final plans for this activity on March 12, so registrations received after that date may not be accepted. There are several parts of the retreat that must be reserved in advance, so numbers are essential.

Join your friends and spend some time together during spring break. This activity may be the one that helps you decide events that will strengthen your project work or the direction our county program needs to head. Don't let someone else report about the fun and learning that took place, be a part of this program and be ready to share you

Auction Animal Program Hosts Clinic, Provides Update On Changes

Junior leaders enrolled in the county livestock projects planned and facilitated a clinic for members in the animal auction program. Activities were held at the Ohlsen Baxter Building on Saturday, February 28, with a group of about 30 joining together to discuss beef, sheep and swine projects. Participants had an opportunity to talk about selecting project animals, providing a feed program, beginning tips on training and fitting, discussing quality assurance issues, and learning about changes in the program guidelines compiled by the Coos Youth Auction Committee. New project books are available, and if you are interested, secure a copy from the Extension office.

Discussions such as the one outlined by the Quality Assurance pyramid and learning parts of project animals were also important to this training.

- | |
|-------------|
| Genetics |
| Selection |
| Housing |
| Feeding |
| Handling |
| Training |
| Health Care |

Topics listed above make up the core of the Quality Assurance Health Program for producing meat animals. If you are not familiar with how these items affect your success in the auction project, take time to read through the project book and ask questions.

Regional 4-H Programs

- Saturday, March 13: Lamb Field Day—Josephine County Extension
9 a.m. registration: Demonstrations, Equipment Swap, Frame Scores, Feed Programs, Vaccinations, etc.
- Monday, March 22: Cooking Workshop with a Professional Chef & Table Setting Tips. 2–4 p.m. Josephine Co. Extension
- March 23-26: SWOJLA Intermediate Retreat, State 4-H Center
- Sunday, March 28: Best of the West project Lamb & Pig Sale
10 a.m. preview—1 p.m. Sale. Jackson County Expo
- Saturday, April 10: Sewing/Clothing 4-H Judges and Leaders Training
9 a.m. in the Extension Auditorium, Josephine County
- Saturday, April 3: OSU Judging Clinic and Project Animal Sale
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis 10 a.m. start
Lamb and Pig Sale 1:00 p.m.
- 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 23-25: Oregon 4-H Spring Horse Classic, Linn County, Albany
- 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.

Wooden Saddle Racks Available

Are you in need of a wooden saddle rack that is designed to be mounted on the wall? Could you use a set of 10 or 12? There are racks available from Rock—N—Riders 4-H Club, and you may be the one that speaks first and gets to take the pick. Contact Melissa Hermann for details and to find out how to secure these saddle racks.

4-H Work To Be Published In 2006

National 4-H Calendar

Two opportunities are available to 4-H members interested in submitting work to the National 4-H Council. The first is entry in the National 4-H Council's Annual Photo Contest. Eligible photos must have won awards at the state or county fair from 1997–2004. Deadline for entry is March 15, 2004.

Winning photos will be displayed at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD, and on the 4-H website. Photos will be gallery mounted and framed, and engraved with the photographer's name for the National 4-H Conference Center display.

The second opportunity is by telling us how "4-H Changed My Life!" Your story might be featured in the 2006 Calendar. If it is, you will receive a free gift certificate for the 4-H Source Book, the official catalog of the National 4-H Supply Service. Deadline for submission is April 30, 2004. This contest is open to 4-H members, leaders, volunteers and parents. Get the word out, there must be a writer among us.

These contests may be great ways to get club members involved in a special project, or to be recognized for participation in a National 4-H Contest.

Spring Horse Classic

Coos County 4-H members have the opportunity to represent our local program at the Spring Horse Classic in several ways. We may enter individuals and teams in presentations, individuals in public speaking, teams in horse bowl, horse judging and hippology. If all qualified members decide to participate, we would be represented in nearly all of these categories.

The area that is still to be determined is public speaking and presentations. If you have an interest in taking part in public speaking, team or individual presentations, plan to give your talk at the March 30 4-H leaders association meeting. There will be no additional time to present, since registrations are due at the state office by April 2. Get your ideas together and be on the agenda at

2004 Horse Judging

Scores are added up, and the following results highlight the efforts of horse project members who participated in the county judging contest.

Seniors: Alyssa Fortune, Sailee Clemens, Lupe Torres, Deanna Russell, Denise Benson, Misty May, Kelsey Swanson and Emily Inskeep.

Intermediates: Rachelle Crockett, Katlyn Shaw, Amanda Athorne, Charlene Ramsey, Allison Dexter, Danielle Crockett, Karley Swanson, Ashley Willis, Nicole Johnson, Ashley Quackenbush, Mayona Woodlief, Jeremy Dement, Annie McFarland and Samantha Anthony.

Juniors: Lois Hannah, Hannah Swenson, Hannah Francis, Kaitlyn Altenbach, Rochelle DeBlock, Jalina Hanson, Whitney Shelton, Valerie McNulty and Jenna Frederick.

The listings are in order of high to low for each age group. The top four individuals in the intermediate and senior divisions are eligible to represent Coos County at the Spring

Clubs Needed To Support Community Service Efforts

A variety of projects are being coordinated by Coos County 4-H and by 4-H Clubs in Coos County. Check out the list, and ask for details on any or all that you may be willing to support. The local food banks are still in need of food items—donate to your local choice. Plastic baling twine and plastic feed sacks are needed for the junior leader project—keep them clean, dry and deliver them to the Extension office during one of your trips in. Inland Point assisted Living in North Bend is in need of 4-H clubs to spend time with the residents. A club might want to share projects they have made, small animals they use in 4-H, or tell about trips or experiences they have had recently. St. Jude's Children's Hospital coordinates fund raising efforts throughout the United States, and we have joined in this year with a benefit trail ride on May 1. If you have a horse, or access to a horse, and want to join others for a ride on May 1, watch for details in the next Monitor.



New Leader Orientation Set For March 13

Time is running down for attending a new leader orientation. The only weekend training is coming on Saturday, March 13 at 1 p.m. in the Ohlsen Baxter Building. If you have parents that plan to become leaders in your club, or if you are considering starting a new club, this training is the first step to getting started. Please plan to attend.

Tracy Baune Joins Extension Staff

Tracy Baune has joined our staff, serving as the Home Horticulture and 4-H School Enrichment agent. Stop in and introduce yourself, Tracy will be helping with summer camp, leadership activities and the Master Gardener program. She is a recent graduate of OSU, with degrees in agriculture education and biology. Tracy will be attending 4-H events and working closely with youth in grades K-12.

Johnathan Stalcup Working On Outdoors Project—Seeks Help

Eagle Scout projects are community based projects that assist in the completion of current plans or develop new sites for use by the public. Johnathan Stalcup is going to be working on the City of Myrtle Point Interpretive Trail at the top of Maple Street, and is looking for a little help. He will be constructing display areas that will be used to provide information about the hiking trail and the recently renovated project site. If you enjoy building, clearing, moving debris, etc., contact Forestry Educator, Jonathan Martz for more information.

4-H Sewing/Clothing Judges and Leader Training

Regional trainings for judges and leaders working with youth in the 4-H clothing project have been scheduled for March 27 in LaGrande, April 3 in Salem and April 10 in Grants Pass. All trainings begin at 9:00 a.m. and have a \$10 registration fee. The fee includes the training and a salad bar lunch. The registration deadline is March 22, and forms are available at the Extension office.

Thanks To Peter Larsen and the Coastal Critters

Forestry Educator Jonathan Martz found a group of 4-H members to assist him in creating signs for the Forestry Interpretive Trail located above the city of Myrtle Point. The Coastal Critters Club used basic woodworking skills and hand tools to help Jonathan finish the job. The next step is getting the signs in place along the interpretive trail.

Auction Committee Edits Program & Project Book

A new edition of the 4-H/FFA Animal Auction Project Book is available at the Extension Office. Copies will be on hand at the meeting, March 9, and during the annual weigh-in of livestock in March and April. All members and leaders are encouraged to read the program guidelines and become familiar with the changes for 2004.

Changes that affect the animal production portion of the program include:

- Minimum weight for steers will be 1,000 pounds at the fair weigh-in.

- Project hogs must weigh between 215 and 280 pounds at the fair weigh-in.

Changes that affect members in the program include:

- Attendance at the auction project meetings during the fair—Friday & Saturday mornings.

- Assistance during the sale.

- Ability to submit written reports on the fairgrounds.

- Thank You notes for buyers.

These and other edits can be found by reading through a copy of the project book. This new edition is identified by the gray cover.

Homes Needed:

An adult, black and white, male rabbit is in need of a home. He is friendly, litter trained and large, not dwarf. He can be secured by contacting Roger, 269-5336.

Three horses are looking for a home, preferably where they can stay together and receive the care needed to keep them happy. Two are four year old fillies and one is a mature, twenty something year old Morgan mare. They are blanket broke and have their own turn-out blankets. The fillies are a dark chestnut Quarter Horse and a palomino Quarter Horse/Percheron cross. \$500 takes them all. For more information, call 759-2795.

If you are in need of a horse to lease, a 14 year old Arab mare may be the answer to your needs. She can be checked out at Family Four Stables, and by contacting Sharon, 347-2308. This horse has been trained for trail and reining and may be a good prospect for purchase at the completion of a lease.

If you are in need of project animals, contact the Extension office for help. We may have a list of producers and animals they have available for sale. This can be an extensive request, with projects ranging

Sponsors Needed For 4-H Fair Awards

Do you consider sponsoring a 4-H award each year, and then forget to ask about how to go through the process? Now is the time, and here are some awards that have been supported in previous years but are in need of a donor for 2004. If you have a desire to be sponsor, please contact the Extension office.

High Point Swine Exhibitor*
 Best Outdoor Cookery Skill Contest, Jr., Int., Sr.
 CH and RC No Bake, Bar or Drop Cookie
 CH and RC Rolled, Filled or Shaped Cookie
 CH and RC Quick Bread, Muffin Method
 CH and RC Quick Bread, Biscuit Method
 CH Intermed. Pigeon Showman*
 CH Senior Pigeon Showman*
 CH Intermed. Small Animal Showman*
 RC Intermed. Small Animal Showman*
 Best of Show—Cut Flowers*
 High Point Container Garden, Sr., Int., Jr.
 RC Intermed. Dairy Showman
 CH Novice Dairy Showman*
 CH Senior Dairy Showman
 CH Intermed. Dairy Showman

Sponsorships are \$20 per award, and are presented as trophies or cash, depending on the category. In the past, the awards marked with an * have been trophies.



Last Call For New 4-H Awards

If you plan to sponsor a new 4-H award, or one that has not been included in the 4-H awards and recognition program, please do that now. The Fair Book is nearing completion.

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.

State 4-H Program Leader To Finish Final Year in Oregon

It started with a Shorthorn heifer in 1957, when Jim Rutledge became a 4-H member. It has continued from that level of commitment to serving as a 4-H agent, area coordinator, specialist, and program leader.

Dr. Rutledge plans to retire at the end of 2005, and return to Oklahoma where he has grandsons ready to become full time Cloverbuds. His last 33 years have been devoted to promoting and designing 4-H programs, and now he will have a chance to truly see the 4-H program touch the heart.

Thanks to his leadership during the last ten years, the 4-H program has extended to new audiences and doubled in size. 4-H is more than youth development, more than club meetings, more than animal auctions and more than kids at summer camps, day camps and after school programs, it is what the community and leaders

Host Families Needed

Katherine Cranston is in search of a few more host families for students visiting Oregon this summer. Japanese and Korean students will be spending six week in July and August, and your help is needed in finding homes for a full group in Coos County. Every other year, we try to host 5-10 students and a chaperone. Each student needs a host family, and Katherine is still searching for a few more participants.

Give her a call, or contact the Extension office for more information.

Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum

Each year, the Oregon 4-H Leaders Council sponsors a forum for 4-H leaders throughout the state. This year, Barbara Bates is representing our region, and helping design activities for the Friday evening portion of the forum. Your attendance and support of this event would be great for Barbara and for the entire council. The forum will be in Stayton, April 16-17.

Older Youth Leadership Opportunity

Eight older youth, grades 10-12, are needed to serve a one year term on the Oregon 4-H Leaders Association Executive Council. All counties are encouraged to make nominations. Youth will serve at two meetings, one in the fall and one the following spring. Interested youth need to contact their Extension agent and submit an application. All forms are due March 30.

4-H Ambassador applications are also due March 30. If you have an interest in becoming a 4-H Ambassador, please request an application or print one from the state 4-H website. You may need help in completing the application, so please allow time for questions.

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.



4-H Shotgun Invitational

April 3, the Madras Trap Club will be the site for the 2004 4-H Shotgun Invitational. This event is open to all 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H Shotgun project. The cost per participant is \$15, which includes 100 targets at 16 yards.

Classes include novice, junior, intermediate and seniors. Prizes will be awarded to the top two shooters in each class.

For more information and directions on reaching the event, contact Shirley in the Extension office. The requirements for each shooting class is listed, as is the equipment needed by participants.

If this may be a project for you in the future, a trip to Madras might be very helpful in getting you started. Keep this and other shooting sport projects in mind when you make your plans for 2005.

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.



Market Chicken & Rabbit Registration Form 2004

4-H and FFA members who plan to take part in the small animal meat pen project of the Coos Youth Auction Committee need to enroll by April 15.

Dates To Consider:

Thursday, April 15: Complete and submit the lower portion of this form. Secure a copy of the updated Auction Animal Project book.

Sunday, April 18: Meat Rabbit Clinic and Breeding Day—Coos Co. Fairgrounds
If you need to lease a meat rabbit doe, have a doe bred to a quality meat buck, or learn more about this project, plan to attend.
Activities begin at 2:00 p.m.

May 3: 4-H enrollments are due for members planning to exhibit at county fair.

Saturday, May 15: S.W. Oregon Spring Clinic—Coos Co. Fairgrounds
This is an opportunity to take part in clinics and learn details of the small animal projects.

Thursday, May 20: Start Date for Auction Rabbit Pens.

Friday, June 4: Chick pick up—Start Date for Auction Poultry Pens.

June-July: Watch for weigh-in dates for small animal projects.

Return the lower portion of this form to the Extension office by April 15 to confirm your participation in the small animal auction project.

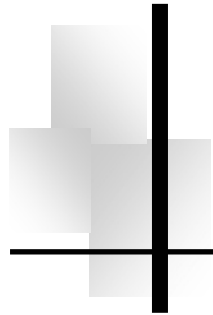
Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Club _____

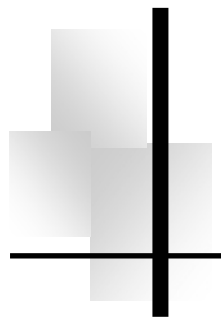
Check the items that apply to you and your plans:

- 1. I plan to raise a pen of market chickens for the 2004 auction program.
- 2. I plan to raise a pen of market rabbits for the 2004 auction program.
- 3. I need to lease a meat rabbit doe and have her bred at the April 18 clinic.
- 4. I plan to use my own doe, but would like to have her bred on April 18.
- 5. I have a meat rabbit buck that I am willing to provide for breeding does on April 18.
- 6. I need to order chicks for my market chicken project, and will pick them up and pay for them on June 4.
- 7. I will raise my own chicks and arrange to have them wing banded on June 4. Chicks for this project must not be more than 3 days old on June 4.
- 8. This is my first year in the small animal auction project.



MARCH 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6 4-H Mall Displays 9-6	
		Extension Leadership Meeting, Corvallis					
7	8	9 Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm	10	11 4-H Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm - office	12	13 New Leader Orientation 1 pm—office	
14	15 Junior Leader Meeting 7 pm Conf. Room	16 Fair Board Meeting 7 pm Location: TBA	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Auction Steer Weigh-In 10—1	
		SWOJLA Intermediate Retreat: State 4-H Center, Salem					
28	29	30 4-H Leader Association Meetings	31	* Deliver all Auction Items to the Extension Office by March 25.			



APRIL 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Spaghetti Feed, Bingo, Auctions Coquille
4	5	6	7 New Leader Orientation 10 or 2	8	9	10
11 Easter Sunday	12	13 Auction Com- mittee Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15	16	17 Auction Lamb and Hog Weigh-In
18 Camp Coun- selor Training 2 pm.	19 Junior Leader Meeting 7 pm Conf. Room	20 Fair Board Mtg. 7 pm. TBA	21	22	23	24 OSU Tour by Collegiate 4-H
25	26	27 4-H Leader Association Meetings.	28	Know Your State Government, Salem		29-30 April 29-25: Spring Horse Classic, Linn County
				29 New Leader Orientation 2 or 7 pm	30	



Agent Notes



Did everyone find time to take advantage of that extra day in February? I'm sure some of you reminisced about activities from previous Leap Days, but probably nothing could compare to this year, with the day falling on Sunday and including the Oscar celebrations. If you were born on a leap day, Happy Birthday. It must be quite a celebration when you are only able to receive recognition every four years.

Lambing is winding down at the Southern Oregon Romney barn, and it can't come soon enough. This has not been an easy, low stress year. I have visited with the veterinarian on several occasions, made more than one trip to the burial pit, and found out once more that I am still learning the basics of feeding, managing and delivering lambs. At one point, my successes were less impressive with forty ewes than my brother's results with over three hundred ewes.

To further highlight my ignorance, I attended the sheep program provided by our Extension Sheep Specialist, Jim Thompson. He provided a great deal of information on incorporating scrapie resistance into sheep flocks. This gave me a whole new direction to focus, taking some of the pressure off the inability to get a ewe from the bred phase to the lamb raising phase. To further challenge my practices, our livestock agent, Amy Peters, spent time explaining the need to provide adequate nutrition to pregnant ewes. Her focus was on planning a ration that would keep the ewe and lambs healthy, leading to the preferred outcome of a ewe with a nice set of twins, providing an adequate milk supply to keep them healthy and happy. As in the past, I will file this information and try my best to apply it next year.

The planning phase for this year is over, and we are now moving through the list of activities that the county 4-H program supports. If your club is not taking advantage of the opportunities to get involved in clinics, contests and public events, you need to encourage your group to get motivated. There are enough activities planned to keep you busy for most of the year.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Oregon State University Extension Service offers educational programs, activities, and materials without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, disability, and disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Oregon State University Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Agriculture, Family and Community Development, 4-H Youth, Forestry, and Extension/Sea Grant Programs, Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Coos County Cooperating. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

MONITOR

Coos County OSU Extension
Ohlsen Baxter Building
631 Alder St. Myrtle Point, OR 97458