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4-H Project Dates To Remember

Clubs currently enrolled must update their enrollment by Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Members currently enrolled need to update their enrollment by Tuesday, February 1, 2005

All members must be enrolled by Monday, May 2, 2005 to participate in summer activities & contests

All new clubs must be entered and members enrolled by Monday, May 2, 2005

All project animals for 4-H must be purchased or have a lease form on file by Monday, May 2, 2005

Auction project participation begins with the weigh-ins on the dates listed below:

Steer project: Saturday, March 12, 2005 (fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Lamb project: Saturday, April 23, 2005 (fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to noon)

Hog project: Saturday, April 23, 2005 (fairgrounds, 1—3 p.m.)

The Coos County Fair dates have been confirmed, and the schedule will return to a Tuesday through Saturday fair for the public, July 26-30. Our schedule will run from Sunday, July 24 through Sunday, July 31 (the release day for exhibits). Add these dates to those fresh calendars and planners that come at year's

***4-H Enrollment
Packets are ready for
clubs that were active
in 2003-04.***

New Leader Orientations Set

If you have parents or other adults interested in assisting your 4-H club, they need to attend an orientation before they begin to serve in a leadership role. The next trainings are set for Wednesday, November 17 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. and Tuesday, December 28 at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

4-H Record Keeping Workshops Set

Clubs, members or leaders wanting information on how to complete 4-H records are encouraged to join me and junior leaders in Coos Bay or Myrtle Point on the following dates.

Wednesday, December 29 is the meeting in Coos Bay. We will plan to meet at Sunset Middle School at 1:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to work with the records on-line, and be provided information on where items should be placed in your record book.

Monday, January 17, the same workshop will be offered at the Ohlsen Baxter building in Myrtle Point. We will use the public computer area and conference room to work through the process of keeping 4-H records in order.

In the time between now and the clinics, locate those notes and scraps you have been stashing away and get them ready for entry on the proper pages of your records.

Junior Leaders To Meet on Mondays

The surveys are back, and the junior leader meetings will be on Monday. I have reserved the third Monday of the month, at 7 p.m. for this group to gather.

If you are 4-H member in grades 7-12, and have an interest in learning skills used to motivate yourself and others, this may be the place for you. You do not need to be a junior leader in your 4-H club to attend this monthly meeting and help with activities planned by the group.

Our next meeting is set for Monday, November 15, at 7 p.m. in the Ohlsen Baxter Building, 631 Alder St., Myrtle Point.

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Archery & Outdoor Club Members Needed

If you enjoyed archery at 4-H Camp, why not add it to your list of 4-H projects for 2004-05? Shirley Bower is looking for members, at least five, that would have an interest in meeting, learning and shooting. Meetings will be held in the Myrtle Point area, and the club will be open to youth in grades 7-12.

Jonathan Martz is wanting to get a club started that will focus on outdoor activities. This might be hiking, learning about wildlife and trees, overnight camping and outdoor cookery. Jon is ready, he just needs several of you to make this experience complete.

To get the details, contact Shirley or Jonathan at 572-5263.



Starter and Award Animal Visits Scheduled

Members who have received award animals or cash awards to purchase animals will have an opportunity to share information about their projects with the Starter Committee. Site visits will be made November 20 or 21, and a schedule has been sent out.

If you received a Starter Award, and have not purchased your animal, it is time to start shopping. All animals need to be in the possession of the award winner by November 15.

You Could Visit the Amazon Rainforest

K-12 teachers and environmental educators can win a \$1,000 scholarship to travel to the Amazon and work with scientists in one of the most diverse environments in the world. The Amazon Rainforest Workshop for Educators is scheduled July 5-14, 2005, is a professional development opportunity for teachers to experience a 1/4 mile canopy walkway and visit the indigenous people who call the rainforest ecosystem their home. The first of three scholarships will be awarded January 8. For more information about this opportunity, select GRANTS at:

4-H Outdoor Adventures Project Materials Added To List Of Club Options

The new curriculum pieces for this project may refresh interest in some of the great learning that takes place in the outdoors. Our 4-H program uses many of these pieces during 4-H Camp, but then they sit and wait for use the next year. Why not consider adding this project to some of the topics your members already take on?

There are three levels of learning which focus on outdoor activity, but also assist students in developing the life skills or relating to others, making decisions and communicating with others. The basic program is:

- Level 1: Hiking Trails
- Level 2: Camping Adventures
- Level 3: Backpacking Expeditions

We have these materials in the office and just need you to come forward and help get a group started. Jonathan Martz is ready to assist.

Coos Youth Auction Committee Elects Officers For Upcoming Year

The annual meeting of the Coos Youth Auction Committee was held on Tuesday, October 12. During the meeting, elections were held and the following people have assumed offices:

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| Chair: Dave Scolari | Swine Superintendent: Eric Wiley |
| Vice Chair: Kevin Rood | Sheep Superintendent: Kaarina Scolari |
| Secretary: Debbie Helms | FFA Advisor: Mike Sanders |
| Treasurer: Rhonda Fischer | 4-H Agent: JoAnn Mast |
| Member at Large: Chris Bussmann | |
| 4-H Youth: Ben Jernstedt | |
| FFA Youth: Meagan Helms | |
| Small Animal Superintendent: Rita Riggle | |
| Beef Superintendent: Fred Messerle | |

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.

Annual Horse Bowl Clinic Set—Dec. 30

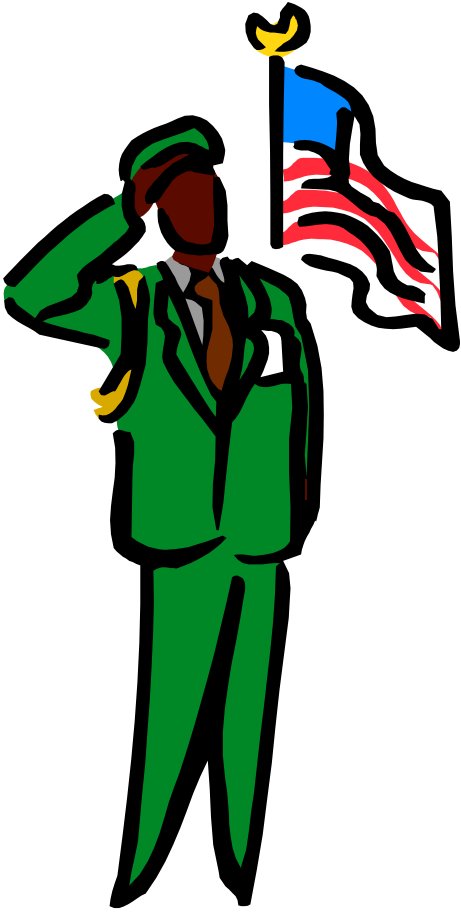
4-H members that want to test their knowledge of information in the horse project materials need to attend the clinic on Thursday, December 30, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The clinic will be the place to learn about the county contest set for January 22. Rules, types of questions, use of the buzzer board, and scoring will all be included during this workshop.

This clinic will be held in the Extension conference room.

OSU Hands On Is Newly Revised

Jonathan Martz and Tracy Baune have recently completed the new edition of the Hands On teacher's catalog that lists a variety of materials available to you for club meetings, special events or home schooling. Stop by and take a look at all that awaits your discovery. Teaching kits are checked out on a no fee basis, so the risk is inexpensive and all you can do is learn.



Veteran's Day poem was written by Brittney Morris and read during the assembly at Sunset Middle School on November 9.

Veteran's Day Poem

An old and crippled man,
 Sitting by a door,
 Thinking about the horrors,
 The horrors he's seen at war.
 He remembers himself hiding,
 Hiding behind a hill,
 Then he saw a bomb go off and saw his friend get killed.
 He still finds himself going,
 Going to the sink,
 To try to wash his hands he thinks that are still bloody from those weeks.

Sometimes he prays, for those alive and those are dead,
 And hopes they don't have these awful thoughts, inside their very heads.

Then he remembers the joy,
 The joy when he came home,
 How he hugged his wife so tightly,
 His wife, his very own.

He's glad for what he did, he's glad for what he's done,
 Now he can answer all the questions,
 The questions from his grandson.
 Now listen to the words,
 The words I have to say,
 Don't take Veteran's Day for granted,
 Not just some holiday.
 It's a day people have died,
 Have died for you and me,
 They did it so that we could live our lives, so free and happily.

4-H Developmental Committees Need Volunteers

If you have an interest in serving on one of many state 4-H committees that review the project curriculum, contests and class guidelines, please come by and secure an application.

The state committees meet twice each year, and make recommendations to the specialists and program leader for Oregon 4-H. The application is brief, but must be forwarded from our office.

National Congress, November 25-30

Oregon delegates are heading to Atlanta, Georgia for the 2004 National 4-H Congress. Coos County is not sending anyone this year, but there could be one or two of you on the trip next year if you start to collect your thoughts and paperwork. Work should begin early in 2005 if you want to apply to be a representative from the state of Oregon next year.

Websites To Wander

4-H Virtual Forest provides youth with an interactive Web-based learning experience that introduces the concepts of forest management to young people ages 9-13. On this page you can find user's guides, activity sheets and additional resources.

www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtual_forest/

For information on the care of Christmas Trees, and how to keep your home safe with a tree inside, check out the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association website. www.nwtrees.com

For events and activities around Oregon, check out the state 4-H site, <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/>

Ag in the Classroom materials make great lessons for 4-H club meetings, youth groups or home school lessons. Check out their information at: <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>.

State 4-H Scholarships—might you be eligible? Check the information on the website and then make an appointment to discuss the application process. <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu> and click on Scholarships.

Workshop Proposal 4-H Leaders Forum

If you or your 4-H club would like to present a class during the Oregon Leaders Forum, start the process by completing a proposal form. The forms are available at the Extension office, and take only a few minutes to complete. Topics vary from foods to animals and natural resources, and can be intellectual, interactive or include a series of activities you have found to be successful.

Alyssa Fortune Stays With Youth Council

Coos County has a representative on the Oregon 4-H Youth Council, and she is keeping busy with public relation activities. This month, Alyssa had an article in the monthly newsletter for 4-H Youth staff. She highlighted a variety of ways older youth can get involved in 4-H and reminded those counties that are not represented on the council to find a delegate and send them to the spring meeting.

Club Fund Raiser

Local Avon representative, Janelle Metzgus, is offering to provide group fund raising activities for local organizations. If your club has an interest in selling Avon products, and raising funds for your club, please contact Janelle directly. She can be reached at 572-5247 or jmetzgus@yahoo.com.

Janelle provides the fliers for sales and there is no pre-payment required before the group begins to sell.



Club Meeting Presentation

If your 4-H club is meeting during the winter school break, Lupe Torres may be the answer to your club educational piece. Lupe is looking for audiences willing to listen to her speech on West Nile Virus. Each time she does the presentation, she receives more input on what she might do better prepare for the national contest in Denver. If this seems a suitable topic, and you are meeting in December, give Patty Torres a call and see if you can be added to the speaking list.

It is great to have a member from Coos County participating in the Western Regional Horse Round-Up in Denver again. The last time our county sent delegates was in 1991, when I coached the state Horse Bowl Team, and our team presenters from Coos County (Beth Peterson and Truly Floyd) made it to the national contest. Beth and Truly are still in the area, but their names and roles have changed.

Home Economics 4-H Leader Trainings Planned For Early 2005

I have made initial contacts with two presenters to help us plan activities for our food and clothing clubs. Patricia Dawson, 4-H agent in Umatilla County, is working to find a date when she can come to Coos County and share her curriculum with leaders and members. I am also contacting two of our judges to see if they will be able to create a workshop that can be done on March 5, while we are doing our displays in Pony Village Mall. I will have these dates confirmed soon, so if you have preferences for days or dates, please let me know.

Club Financial Reports Needed Now

If your club raised funds in 2003-04, you need to submit the report to Rhonda Fischer. She can not complete the leader association report until all reports are in. Your help is needed to allow for proper reporting. Thanks.

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.

Learning Labs, Videos, Publications all Available For Check Out at Extension Office

If you need ideas for club meetings, please stop by the office and see if we can't help fill your need. The leaders association purchased learning labs for animal science projects, we have resource videos and publications used by all agents, and the school enrichment borrow boxes are filled with activities for youth. If you are not able to have educational sessions at your club meetings, please come by and see if we have a person, video or kit that can help you.

Club Thank You Cards For The Holidays

Thank You notes from clubs and members are always nice, but why not take time to send your club sponsors a Thanksgiving, Holiday Season or New Year's card? A little reminder that they are appreciated is always welcome.

Also, remember to reward your donors and sponsors by doing business with them throughout the year. They will much more willing to provide those 4-H discounts and raffle items if they see you on a regular basis.

Include a club photo with those cards, and you will be impressed with the results.

Health Care For 4-H Breeding Projects

Please take time to help your 4-H members realize the necessary feed and health care requirements for animals that are bred and preparing to give birth. Winter and early spring is the time that we see many great projects fall apart. Help in learning about vaccination programs, additional nutritional needs, and adequate shelter from the weather and predators will have a big impact on member's success.

Photography Projects Start Now For 2005

If your club does not have a reporter or historian, they may want to find a photographer in the group. Each year, many clubs miss out on entering the club photo displays or putting together club educational displays because they have not taken pictures during club activities. Offer this option, and see if there is a youth in your club willing to capture the action in 2004-05.

4-H Project Needs and Ideas

Experienced Arabian mare needs new home. She is in good health, is perfect for a beginner rider, is current on all vaccinations, has been ridden English and Western, does some jumping and is safe for trail riding.

Call 756-5560 for more information.

We have a need for laying hens. Contact the Extension office if you have young hens that are willing to produce eggs for a little while longer.

Pigeons for 4-H projects. Primarily rollers, but limited pairs of Indian Fantails, Archangels and Ice Pigeons. Call 759-3772 to check on colors, ages and how to add this project to your list.

Two female dogs, must remain together. They are both Cocker Spaniel and Yellow Labrador crosses, weighing 50 pounds each. They are excellent with kids of all ages. Both are crate trained, house broken and up to date on all vaccinations and flea treatments. They have been through two years of 4-H training and are almost 3 years old. They are both spayed and tattooed. They come with crates, beds, toys and food on hand. Please call to make an appointment to see these great dogs.

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

Vet Science Club To Meet November 30

The county-wide vet science club is set to begin meeting for the winter of 2004-05. We hope to have meetings in November, December, January, February and March. The plan is to visit sites that allow for discussion and observation of animals, as well as view newly purchased videos to help us better understand our role as care providers for our project animals.

Our first meeting will be at Shelley Road Stables, hosted by Danielle Crockett. To find the stables, drive to Coquille and turn into the heart of downtown from the highway. When you reach 2nd Street, turn right and continue until you reach the stables. This will take 5-10 minutes, and several series of hills and corners.

Sheep & Company Hosts Hollywood Dreams Halloween Party

4-H members in the Sheep & Company 4-H Club sponsored an evening of fun and memories for Hollywood Dreams participants on Friday, October 29.

Club members helped with various activities centered on the Halloween theme, including a dance and spookhouse of thrills. Photographs were taken, and participants had an evening of fun coordinated by the members of Sheep & Company.

Japanese Exchange: Outbound Option

If you have an interest in traveling to Japan with the 4-H program, you need to drop by and see me. Applications are available at the Extension office and need to be completed now for travel during the summer of 2005.

November 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 SWOJLA Board Mtg. 11 a.m.	12	13
14	15 Junior Leader Meeting 7 p.m.	16 Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.	17 New Leader Orientation 2 or 7 p.m.	18 College of Ag Science Mtg. Corvallis	19	20 Starter Project Visits
21 Starter Project Visits	22	23 4-H Leader Meetings 6:15, 6:45, 7:45	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Vet Science Club 7 p.m.				



Agent Notes



The season of holidays and family gatherings is upon us. Halloween is a memory, but Thanksgiving and a variety of early winter events are just around the corner. School schedules will start to show the impact that a shortened school year has created, as one day holidays become four day weekends, and two week breaks stretch toward twenty days. This would be the case in our county, and others affected by reduced school funding. Larger districts and communities will probably not get the advantage of longer breaks and an earlier release for summer.

My travel to Oklahoma City and back was quite routine. The sheep traveled fine and I was able to find food, fuel and lodging without needing to back up. Since the truck I was towing was on a dolly, my ability to throw it in reverse was limited. I was quite impressed with the new home for my sheep, but did have some "Tornado Alley" thoughts as I drove away and left them in Kansas!

The team of agents from Southwestern Oregon did arrive in time to do our seminar, and it went well. We did not have a "standing room only" crowd, but we did create some discussion and have plenty of time to walk them through our slides and handout. We set the learning bar fairly low, hoping that they were able to learn one new idea during the presentation. The awards and recognition banquet featured a theme of the region, titled the 'Oil Baron's Ball'. The theme was also reflected at the gas pump, where you could buy regular unleaded gas for \$1.69 a gallon. That was the best I found during the trip, and my average price at standard brand stations was \$2.13.

One little glitch along the way was the change from day light time back to standard time. As I passed through two time zones, and had the adjustment back to standard time, it became a bit of a brain teaser. Since the staff at the motels had not bothered to adjust the clocks, I had to double check as I entered the room. My truck clock remained on Pacific Day Light time, and my watch was undergoing changes several times. The best device for time keeping was my cell phone. It adjusted itself as I changed time zones, but it was not quite smart enough to take in to consideration the day light time factor.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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