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Spaghetti Feed & Auction Need Help and Support

April 2 is not far off, so your help now in securing items for the annual auction is important. Clubs are encouraged to find items for the oral or silent auction, help with preparing the spaghetti dinner, serve food for the public, bus tables, help set-up and clean-up. If your club has a special request, call Rhonda and get your name on the list.

The junior leaders will be coordinating the Bingo, beginning at 3 p.m. We are in need of prizes for Bingo, and have decided on small potted plants. If you would like to provide plants for this use, please let me know.

This year, we add one more piece to the evening, the drawing for the 4-Wheeler. If you have not made an effort to sell tickets, now is the time. The drawing will be held at 8 p.m. and the lucky winner will have a new Honda to add to their purchases. Sales have been taking place since early in 2004, so this should result in a great fund raiser for the 4-H Leaders Association.

If this is an event you have not attended, be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 2. All activities take place in the large auditorium of the Coquille Community Building. Food, fun and fund raising all in one!

Date Change For 4-H In The Mall

Be sure to reserve space for your club display at Pony Village Mall. The date has been changed to Saturday, March 12. The registration form is enclosed in this edition of the Monitor. All junior leaders are invited to assist with an informational and interactive display that will allow the public to learn about our programs and check their skills at Jeopardy and The Wheel. Complete and submit the form in this issue.

Calling All Camp Counselor Candidates

Our list for older youth interested in serving as camp counselors is very short. If you have even a mild interest, please call our office and have your name added to the list. Counselors need to be in grades 7-12 and enrolled in the 4-H program. 4-H Summer Camp is scheduled for July 12-16.

Oregon 4-H Judicial Conference

April 14-16, youth enrolled in 4-H will have an opportunity to experience the intricacies of Oregon's judicial system. Participants will learn about the Oregon court system, how laws affect teenagers, and participate in Mock Trials. An overview of the conference is included in this Monitor, and a full packet may be reviewed at the Extension office or requested for mailing. For questions about this conference, contact our Oregon Youth representative, Alyssa Fortune. Registrations are due March 4 at the Coos County Extension Office. A chaperone is needed for this event, so contact me if you are available.

Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum

The registration for this leader training is included. If you want additional information about the classes being offered, come by the office and check it out or request a copy be mailed to you. This annual event brings 4-H leaders from around the state together to share project information and ideas. Several of our county projects started with an interest created at this event.

Clinics and Horse Shows

A variety of clinics and shows are included in this newsletter. If you need additional information about any of the events, call the Extension office and talk with Rhonda. Most of the horse shows do not require pre-registration, so the time schedules should be enough. If you are in need of something to do, please read on!

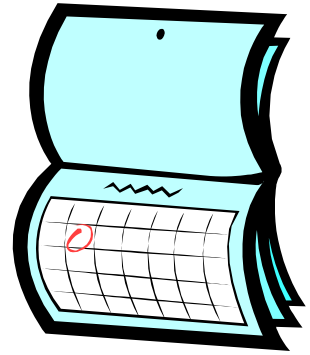
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4-H Events Around The State

- February 19: Yamhill County Critter Romp
Showmanship & Conformation Classes for Rabbits, Poultry, Pigeons, Cavies and Cats
Show forms available at the Extension Office
- February 21: SWOJLA Board Meeting, Jackson County, 11 a.m.
- February 23: Ambassador and Scholarship Applications due in Coos County 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
- March 22-24: Ag Tour of Columbia River Gorge Area
- March 22-25: SWOJLA Spring Break Out Retreat, State 4-H Center
- 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 23: Young Dairy Farmer's Contest, Judging Contest
- May 2: State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest



County Events in February & March

- Feb. 4 & 5 Home Ec. Training
- Feb. 16 New Leader Training
- Feb. 19 Horse Judging
- Feb. 20 Open Horse Show
- Mar. 12 4-H Mall Displays
- Mar. 12 Auction Steers Weigh
- Mar. 14 New Leader Training
- Mar. 26 Beef Clinic



4-H Leaders Executive Board To Meet

The executive board of the 4-H Leaders Association will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Please make an effort to attend if you have been elected to this board. This will be the final planning meeting for 4-H in the Mall and the Spaghetti Feed & Auction.

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 February 15. Meetings are held in the Coos County Annex building in Coquille. Contact the fair office for times.

Petting Fair - April 30

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.

"If The Dead Could Talk"

Becky Soules has selected a project of interest to few among her peers, but one that has some historical significance for our county. Becky has received a \$500 Do Something Grant to continue work on learning about early settlers buried in Pioneer Cemetery across the street from Marshfield High School.

Becky plans to use the grant to continue interpretive work to share with others. We discussed audio tapes, but I don't think that will happen.

Valentine Pictures At Sunset Dance

If you would like to assist with taking pictures at the Sunset Middle School dance on Friday, February 11, please contact me. It requires a group of about five to get the job done. Help is needed collecting money, taking pictures, using the computer and printer and cropping the final product.

Health Rocks Curriculum Offered As After School Program

Tracy Baune, Erin Jernstedt and Alyssa Fortune have been trained to present the Health Rocks curriculum to students in Coos County. They are currently involved with twenty students at Myrtle Crest School, providing an after school program that focuses on healthy choices, healthy decisions, and ways to determine if change is needed.

Students receive direct instruction, have time for interactive games and demonstrations, hear from guest presenters and work on individual projects. The goals of the program include allowing older youth to mentor and facilitate programs, provide skills for decision making, provide opportunities to understand how choices can affect a person's health, and to have a safe and fun learning environment.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4-H Club Enrollments Due	2 Fair Board Workshop	3	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">4-H Home Ec. Project Trng. Poultry Clinic, Josephine Co.</div>	5
6	7	8 Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30	9	10	11 Dance at SMS— Pictures	12
13	14	15 Fair Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	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 Staff Chair Mtg. OSU	22 4-H Leader Meetings	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum, Sacramento</div>	24	25	26
27	28 Junior Leader Mtg. 7 pm	Resumes for Ambassador Program and State 4-H Scholarships are due in the County Office February 23, State Office March 1.				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Animal Health Coos Grange Sply
6	7	8 Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm	9	10 4-H Executive Board Mtg. 7	11	12 Steer Weigh 4-H Displays in Mall
13	14 New Leader Orientation 10 or 2	15 Fair Board Mtg. 7 pm	16 Awards & Rec. Mtg. Salem, 9:30	17	18	19
20	21	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">Ag Business Tour—Columbia Gorge Area</div>	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">SWOJLA Int. Spring Break-Out: Salem & Portland Area</div>	24	25	26 Beef Project Clinic 11 am
27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">SW Region Evaluation Meeting: Coos Co.</div>	29	30	31		

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.

County Horse Bowl Contest Results

Horse project members participated in the county contest on Saturday, January 22. Participant numbers were down, but the success with the questions was good. There were 7 junior members, 12 intermediate members and 5 senior members taking part in the contest.

Top placing intermediate and senior members will be invited to represent Coos County at the Spring Horse Classic, scheduled for April 22-24 in Redmond.

Results of the Contest—Listed in order of placing:

Seniors: Rachele Crockett, Alyssa Fortune, Deanna Russell, Denise Benson, Ashley Quackenbush.

Intermediates: Ashley Brugnoli, Danielle Crockett, Allison Dexter, Brittany Clewell, Brenna Hurley, Samantha Hannah, Crystal Herman, Julianna Baker, Ashley Willis, Katlyn Shaw, Lois Hannah, Shelby Moody.

Juniors: Hannah Swenson, Taryn Hurley, Whitney Shelton, Kaitlyn Altenbach, Breanna Bishop, Alexis Dressell, Jenna Frederick.

Upcoming Events For Horse Project

Check the bundle of inserts in this edition of the Monitor. There are a variety of local and regional 4-H events for your participation. If you need additional information call the Extension office.

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 & Older Youth Events

Please take time to look through the brochure highlighting the Oregon 4-H Judicial Conference. This program provides an opportunity many people never realize. When a group is registered, we can coordinate transportation and identify a chaperone for our group.

The February Junior Leader Club meeting has been moved to the last Monday of the month, February 28. This will be a great time to finalize plans for spring events and decide on activities that we might want to plan as a group. Money is available for the club to use, but ideas need to be presented.

Senior level members—if you are interested in submitting applications for the Oregon Ambassador program, National 4-H Congress, or the 4-H scholarship program you need to be started on the process. The forms are on-line, and help is available by calling and making an appointment with me.

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.

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.

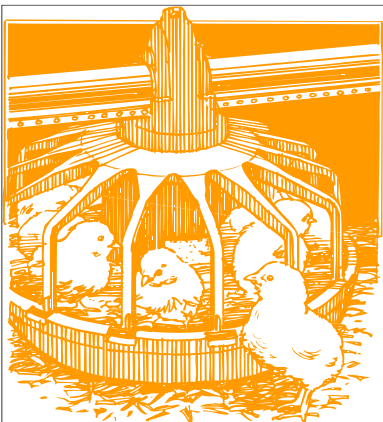
Beacon Of Light Into The Future: 2005 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum

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 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 enclosed.

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.



Feed & Health Care To Be Covered on March 5

Coos Grange Supply is hosting a spring animal health program at the store on Saturday, March 5. Feed and nutrition clinics will be held, and members in the market project may want to stop and talk about special programs Coos Grange Supply is supporting. Watch for special advertising in the local media for times and topics.

Beef Skills Workshop

Learn the basics about the 4-H Beef Project, with junior leader Heather Wiley. Heather is planning a program for Saturday, March 26 that will refresh the memory of experienced beef members and help new members get started.

There will be information about the breeds, terminology that identifies your project animal, general health care, halter training tips, measurements to help you determine the weight of your animal—without the scales, discussions about feeding programs, and the options available to beef members in our county.

This workshop will include the use of materials in the Beef Learning Lab, Judging Videos, and newly purchased Vet Info curriculum pieces. This is a program appropriate for all member, leaders and family members.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building, Myrtle Point. If you have ideas to share for this program, please contact Heather.



Calling All Bakers

The annual 4-H Leaders Horse Show is coming up on Sunday, February 20. To help sales at the cook shack, club members are asked to bake items that can be offered for sale. Cookies, cakes, rice krispy treats, candy, and other items that can be packaged for individual sale are needed. If you have time and talent, please consider baking or making a few items.

The finished product can be delivered to Family Four Arena on Saturday during the horse judging contest or Sunday during the show. If that is not possible, call the office to make connections for delivery. Thanks.

Horse Judging Prep

The following classes will be part of the judging contest on February 19:

2 year old Quarter Horse geldings
Older Appaloosa geldings
Tennessee Walking Horse mares
Western Equitation
Trail
Hay Quality

Feed and Tack Identifications
Questions relating to breeds, contest guidelines, soundness.
Hippology Contest:

Scores from halter classes, hay, feed identification, additional questions and one problem.

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 dates marked on your calendar.

May 1 Due Date

Reminder that all 4-H project animals must be purchased or leased by May 1, 2005. Animals secured after this date are eligible for entry in open class only.



Agent Notes



The weather has certainly been wonderful. The mud is barely deep enough to create a concern, and the animals that usually huddle inside the barn are stretched out in the field, soaking up the sun and using grass to supplement their hay and grain. It is unusual, but not a negative thing.

We recently celebrated the retirement of Art Poole, the commercial horticulture agent who has served Coos and Curry counties for thirty years. Art has worked with the cranberry producers, Easter Lily growers and small farm owners interested in other small fruits and ornamentals. He has had an impressive career with Extension, and was recognized for this work by colleagues and cooperators.

Spring break is coming soon, and many of you will be participating in 4-H activities, trips with your family, or time spent at home. Our county 4-H program certainly is offering up a variety of things to do. The intermediate level members have a chance to attend the Spring Break-Out retreat, high school aged members may want to participate in the agricultural tour that will highlight businesses along the Columbia Gorge, and livestock members are encouraged to participate in the Beef project clinic planned and delivered by Heather Wiley. In addition, 4-H is being represented in the Drama Tour to New York City. Quite a diverse set of activities, all planned for one week of the year.

January was a very quiet month for me, with few exciting tales to pass on. It is unusual for me to have a whole month pass without something odd, funny, or out of the ordinary occur. Maybe this is an omen of things to come, where life becomes simple and it takes quite a jolt for me to find humor or embarrassment. But, then again, this is newsletter number 175, and if it has taken this long for me to run out of recent events to describe, I am probably still ahead of the average person.

We have enrolled a few more clubs this week, so hopefully most are accounted for and now we are working on new clubs and finishing up the registration of all members. If you have youth you think are going to become part of your club, please encourage them to complete their enrollment forms and submit them to the office.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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