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## 4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting Set For September 28

The annual meeting of the Coos County 4-H Club Leaders Association has been called for Tuesday, September 28 at 6:45 p.m. in the conference room of the Ohlsen Baxter Building in Myrtle Point. Items of business will include the election of officers for the 2004-05 project year, meetings of the program committees, work on the annual calendar for 2004-05, and recommendations for contests, programs and judges for the 2005 county fair.

The slate of officers for the upcoming year has been started, but nominations will be taken from the floor prior to voting on the 28th. If you have an interest in serving as an officer, committee chair, or special project coordinator, please step forward and take the leadership role.

President:	Anita Vandervelden
Vice Pres.:	Rhonda Fischer
Treasurer:	Dell Willis
Secretary:	Rhonda Wiley
Fair Board Rep:	Phyllis Love
Youth Reps:	Alyssa Fortune Heather Wiley
Directors:	Mary Sell Laura Fortune Mary Aeronodon Becky Mack

Committee Positions:	
President & Secretary:	Horse Livestock Sm. Animals Home Ec. Fine Art Nat. Res.

Special Projects:	
	4-H Mall Displays Judging Contests Community Events Spaghetti Feed & Auction

## Upcoming 4-H and Youth Events

- Sept. 7: Back To School Excitement
- 8: State Fair Exhibits Ready For Pick-Up
- 9: Extension Advisory Council Meeting
- 10-12: Beef Clinic and Sale, Lane County Fairgrounds
- 11: Bandon Cranberry Festival & Parade (Rita Riggle)
- 14: Coos Youth Auction Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 15: 4-H Record Books Due For County Medal Program  
Recognition Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 18: Bay Area Fun Festival Parade (Anita Vandervelden)
- 21: Livestock & Dairy Development Meeting, OSU
- 22-24: Extension Annual Conference, OSU
- 24: Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame Luncheon & Celebration, OSU
- 25: Myrtle Point Harvest Festival & Family Natural Resources  
Day, Fairgrounds (Rhonda Fischer)
- 25: Fall Classic Livestock Judging Contest, Jackson Co. Expo  
Registrations due September 21, payment required
- 28: Annual Meeting: Coos County 4-H Leaders Association
- Oct. 1: Nominations for Oregon 4-H Leader of the Year Due
- 3-9: National 4-H Week
- 3: Recognition Dessert for 4-H members and leaders  
4-H pins, county medals, appreciation awards  
2:00 p.m. potluck dessert, Ohlsen Baxter Building

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National 4-H Week Activities: October 3-9, 2004  
Invite new members to join you and your 4-H club.

## Llamas Available For 4-H Projects

If the llama project is of interest to you, but you don't have a llama, please read on. Several animals are being made available for use as 4-H projects, with no purchase expense included. The owner is wanting to find individuals to provide care and keep these animals in condition to be handled and shown.

The available animals are all about 4 or 5 years of age, and two of the females have young cria (both female) at their side. The cria are ready to train, and need time to get used to you and the halter.

This may be a great beginning project, the adult llamas are halter broken, and ready to be handled and shown. If you think this is something you want to do, please contact Kay Hodge, 267-0958, for more information.

## Starter Projects Awarded

Three beef and one sheep will be added to the 4-H project list year, as members use funds from the animal Starter Project program to purchase breeding animals. Julia Scolari was awarded \$200 to use toward the purchase of a registered ewe of her choice.

\$400 grants were presented to John Bussmann, Ben Jernsted and Kyle Deming. The grants will help each member secure a breeding beef animal and start their 4-H beef herd. All animals must be purchased by November 15, and visits will be made by the starter committee to review the progress of each animal. Successful completion of the project allows each member to take full ownership of the animal they have purchased.



## 4-H Family Dessert Ohlsen Baxter Building 2 p.m. October 3, 2004

Don't miss the annual recognition program for leaders and members enrolled in the 4-H program during the 2003-04 project year. The awards program will be held on Sunday, October 3, at 2 p.m. The location has changed, moving the event to the Ohlsen Baxter building conference room.

All leaders are encouraged to attend, and be recognized for their years of service as 4-H leaders and special project coordinators. 4-H members who turn in record books for review by the recognition committee will also be presented county medals or special awards for their outstanding efforts.

This is a potluck event, but the list is limited to desserts. Share those wonderful recipes for cakes, pies, cookies, truffles, etc. Ice cream, plates and silverware will be provided by the 4-H leaders association.

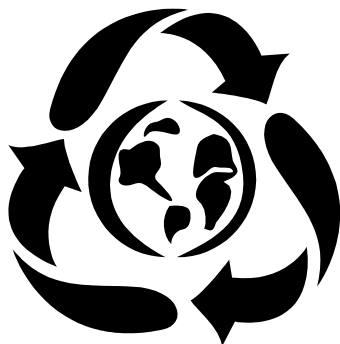
This event will kick off National 4-H Week, and the celebration of 100 years of 4-H in Oregon.

## 4-H Leaders Association Is Looking For Leaders

The Coos County 4-H Leaders Association will be holding its annual meeting on Tuesday, September 28. With the annual meeting comes the annual election of officers. The slate is in need of filling, with the following positions being vacant for 2004-05:

- President
- Vice President
- Youth Representatives (2)
- Members At Large (2)
- Fair Board Representative
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All positions, except Fair Board Representative, are one year appointments with maximum terms of two consecutive years. Be brave, be bold, take an office to



## First Delivery Dropped At Agri-Plas

The back of the pick up was stuffed full of hay strings and plastic feed bags before I left for Salem on August 26. The drop was made, and the pile of colorful strings extended several more feet after our deposit was left. Agri-Plas will not run out of plastic to recycle for another day or two.

I plan to take the remainder of the stash to Salem on Tuesday, on my way to pick up your exhibits at the state fair. The collections have gone well, and many people have indicated a desire to see the project continue. This will be decided at one of the first junior leader meetings of the year. If you have a preference, please let us know.

Thanks to all of you that collected plastic during the winter, spring and summer. Your donations of clean sacks and strings were greatly appreciated.

## New Leader Orientation

New leader orientations will be held on Wednesday, September 29 at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The training is designed to assist adults interested in starting a 4-H club, or assisting with an existing group. The orientations are scheduled for two hours, but vary in length with the size of the group and the number of project areas represented. Anyone planning to work with youth, as a leader or assistant to an enrolled leader is encouraged to complete the training and become enrolled in the 4-H program.

## Club Enrollment Materials Available

Enrollment packets for the 2004-05 project year will be available at the September 28 meeting of the 4-H Leaders Association. Following the meeting date, packets can be secured at any time. The first new leader training of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 29 at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

## Junior Leader Club To Set Meeting Times

4-H members in grades 7-12 are encouraged to become involved in the older youth club that focuses on leadership, regional and state events, helping new and younger club members, and sharing skills with others. Enclosed in this newsletter is a short survey for older youth to complete and return. The survey will be used to plan meeting dates for 2004-05 monthly meetings. Please share your ideas and thoughts.



## Community Festivals Offer Opportunity To Highlight 4-H Projects and Clubs

Now is probably not the right time to ask, but would your club like to have a display at one of the community festivals or parades? Each September, three of the four weekends of the month are filled with community festivals. The kick-off is the Cranberry Festival in Bandon, followed by the Bay Area Fun Festival in Coos Bay, and then comes the Myrtle Point Harvest Festival.

Each community offers a variety of events, booths, parade options, methods of promoting programs and highlighting work done throughout the year. These events are great places for 4-H clubs to secure new members, promote a variety of projects, and display projects made for the fair. It is also a place to have petting fairs, answer questions and introduce youth and adults to the options available through 4-H.

School Enrichment is also a worthy topic at these events, since it is designed to bring 4-H back to the community through the classrooms of the students attending the events. Interested? Please call me.

## Auction Project Update

Members who sold animals in the Coos Youth Auction Committee sale should be well on their way to the completion of this project. If you sold an animal or pen of small animals your final tasks are:

Submit your completed Summary Report to the Extension Office by August 10 (Tuesday).

Send a Thank You note or two to your buyer. A list of buyers is in the mail to you.

Attend the September 14 meeting of the Coos Youth Auction Committee to receive your check.

Thank committee members, parents and leaders who have helped you with this project.

Make plans for 2005—it is never too early to locate producers or upgrade breeding programs.

## Natural Resource Day Set For September 25

Bring the family, and spend the day. Scheduled as part of the Harvest Festival, this activity will help family members realize the importance of Natural Resources to the Pacific Northwest. Sessions will be scheduled from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., and will be interactive, educational and fun. All activities will be conducted in the Davenport Building on the Coos County Fairgrounds. There is no cost to attend.

## Harvest Festival Is Looking For Participants

The Myrtle Point Harvest Festival is being sponsored by the Coos County Fair, with activities and booths displayed throughout the fairgrounds on Saturday, September 25. If your club has an activity, display, or enrollment information to share, contact the fair office, 572-2002, to become part of this event. The hours are short, there are many things happening, and the community will participate.

## Setting Club Goals

Each fall, 4-H clubs become rejuvenated and ready to start the year with a clean slate and a list of priorities for the year. This is what makes the program attractive to so many youth and parents. The challenge is to keep the momentum and review the goals on a regular basis.

Taking time now to record and prioritize club goals can make a big difference in the support members give the club and the successes they receive from being in the club. Have members brainstorm ways the club can reach their goals, and still have time to introduce new members to the basic skills they need. Having older members partner with new members, using videos or guest speakers to provide new information, reviewing the activities announced in the newsletters, and putting together reminder sheets from the project books are all ways to keep members interested in their 4-H projects.

Set goals, elect officers, have members work together to create and plan activities that are of interest to them. Be the coach,

## 4-H Joining County Drama Tour To New York City

Do you have an interest in touring New York City, attending Broadway shows and taking part in a drama workshop? You could be part of a group of students, grades 7-12, who will be taking this all in during Spring Break 2005. A deposit of \$99 will reserve your space, and the final payment of the \$1,743 cost is due on January 15.

Fund raising has been on-going for several months, with car washes and bottle drives heading the list. Each participant receives a portion of the money earned, and it is credited to their account. A raffle is being conducted during the month of September, with proceeds to be divided between all students who help sell tickets and/or secure items for the raffle.

The tour is being coordinated by Kathleen Zappelli, art and drama teacher at Sunset Middle School. She made arrangements with School Tours Of America to plan and design this trip for students with an interest in art, travel, sightseeing, etc. The tour price includes air fare and round trip transportation from Coos County to the airport selected, lodging, all meals, security, licensed guides, insurance coverage, two Broadway shows, a drama workshop and additional activities as planned by School Tours Of America.

Youth and adults are welcome to join in, if currently in grade 7 or above. The goal is to have a group of thirty students and the adult chaperones and parents. For more information about this New York City tour, call Kathleen Zappelli, 572-3094 or email: soromney@harborside.com.

Information can also be secured at the Extension office. I am joining the tour, and hope to have a great Spring Break showing 4-H members some of the highlights of New York. If you are even mildly interested, please stop by for information or give me a call.



### Lost Item Pile Is Large

Quite a large pile of clothing and other belongings has accumulated in our office. If you are missing that favorite sweatshirt, tee shirt or pair of shorts, it may be in the pile. Please take time to check it out the next time you are in the Extension office.

### Cavies For 4-H Projects

If you have a need to expand your cavy project, or an interest in starting a cavy project, call 347-4851. You may find that this project is a great way to learn to care for animals, and learn more about the 4-H program in Coos County. What is a cavy? A cavy is a guinea pig, and it needs to live indoors and have a social life with you or other cavies.

Contact our office for more information on this and all 4-H projects.

### Accept The County 4-H Challenge: Enroll New Members and Add New Projects

Each fall the offer is made to enroll new members, but keep the old and expand your experiences by adding additional projects to your enrollment.

As an incentive to learn more about the 4-H program, plan to arrive early for the 4-H Leaders Association meeting on October 28. New curriculum materials will be displayed that introduce a variety of projects that have been upgraded in the past few years. This will give you an idea of what is available for members, and what might be needed to get the project up and running.



### State Leader of the Year Applicants

Coos County is in need of a name to submit for the 4-H Leader Of The Year award. It has been a while since our county was recognized, so please submit names that you think are worthy of recognition at the state level. Applications are due in the state 4-H office by October 1. Don't delay.

### Small Animal Cage Lost During Fair

If you arrived home with a new to you small animal cage, the owner of the cage would like to meet you. Missing from the small animal barn is one 16" x 12" carrying cage, with tray. Lettering on the tray should say CHASE or GOLDEN.

If you find this cage, would you please call 888-4689, and make arrangements to return it to the owner. Thanks for any help you might be able to provide.



### Help Needed At Ag Safety Program

Friday, September 17, is the day that elementary students from Myrtle Point gather at the fairgrounds for a day of information. This program is one of several school enrichment activities planned by Extension, and it includes a rotation of six classes that focus on agriculture, safety, animal care and the materials available for teachers to use throughout the year.

Help is needed to present information at each of the stations, or to assist with activities planned by the instructors at the stations. If you have time, energy and desire, please contact our

# Natural Resource Opportunities For Members and Leaders

## 2004 Youth Wildlife Art Contest Information

The NRA is now accepting entries for its 2004 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest, the 17th in the annual series, is open to students in grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children). NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 1, 2004.

Entries may be submitted in one of four categories, based on school grade. Category I includes grades 1 through 3. Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Call (703) 267-1531 if you need to confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible.

Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.). Submissions should be on good quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for the image are 8½" x 11" or 11" x 14"; matting is optional. Entries need not be framed.

Composition must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from an existing photograph or work of art will be disqualified.

Entries must arrive at NRA by October 1, 2004, and must be accompanied by a brief statement signed by the student's parent, guardian, or teacher attesting to the originality of the work and verifying the artist's grade level as of October 1, 2004. In addition, the artist's name, home address, phone number, age, and grade must be printed on the back of the entry or on a note attached to the back of the entry.

Entries will be judged on effort, creativity, anatomical accuracy, and composition. First place winners in each category will receive \$100. Second and third place winners will receive \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Send entries to: NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NRA assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves all rights to reproduce entries. The immediate families of NRA staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to (703) 267-1531.

August 30, 2004

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Benton County OSU Extension Service (541) 766-6750

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL WILDLIFE HABITAT PROJECTS

Do you know the difference between a mason bee and a mason jar? How about a scrub jay and a scrub brush? Have you always enjoyed nature, but felt you wanted to know more? Now is your chance to learn about our abundant wildlife and share that knowledge with children, your local school and community.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program. 4-H Wildlife Stewards are trained volunteers working in partnership with public and private organizations to assist students and teachers in developing, using and sustaining wildlife habitat sites on school grounds. A habitat site is an area on or near school grounds that invites wildlife and provides hands-on learning opportunities for students and teachers.

Applicants must complete an application, complete the weekend training course, and be willing to provide 50 hours of volunteer service to a 4-H Wildlife Stewards Member school. Training includes landscape design, native plants, wildlife habitat, cultivating stewardship in children, curriculum lessons, project management and more.

The fall 2004 class will be held on October 8, 9, and 10 at the Oregon 4-H Conference Center east of Salem. The cost for training, materials and lunches is \$89.00. Overnight accommodations (including breakfasts) will be an additional \$56.00 per person for the weekend.

4-H Wildlife Stewards is a Master Science Educators Program of OSU Extension through funding of the National Science Foundation. Contact the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program at the Benton County OSU Extension Service office at 1849 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street Corvallis, Oregon at 541-766-6750 to receive further information and an application.

# September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
		4-H Exhibitors At The Oregon State Fair				
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>State Fair Exhibits Return</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Ext. Adv. Council Meeting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Bandon Cranberry Festival</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Record Books Due Mtg. 6 pm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Myrtle Pt. Ag Safety Program</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Bay Area Fun Fest. &amp; Parade</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Myrtle Pt. Harvest Festival</b>
		OSU Extension Annual Conference, Corvallis—JoAnn				
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>4-H Leaders Mtg. 6:45 pm</b>	<b>29</b> <b>New Leader Trng. 2 or 7</b>	<b>30</b>		

# October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Awards &amp; Budget Mtg. 2 p.m.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	National 4-H Week Activities, Presentations, Displays					
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Auction Committee Mtg. 7:30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Fall Steer Sale—Roseburg</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>New Leaders 10 or 2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Spooktacular Horse Show</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>4-H Leaders Mtg. 6:45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
			National 4-H Agent Conference, Oklahoma City			
<b>31</b>						



## Agent Notes



It's back to school already! How fast time passes for those students and teachers that move from the routine of the ringing bell and notes for homework to the less structured ringing of a later alarm clock and a few days of rest and relaxation. Although some of you fit the above description, many 4-H members find that the day school ends is the day that a truly hectic schedule begins. Projects need to be finished, plans need to be made, and record books need to be found and updated. Then, after the fair, the transition begins again. There may be a day or two of relaxation, but it is interrupted with state fair, sport teams, projects at home, family vacations or part time jobs. Enjoy your return to school, and take advantage of the many options you have to participate, serve as a leader, and learn new information.

August was unusual for me this year, I did not exhibit at the state fair. I am nearly always rushing from county activities to Salem and back, and trimming sheep until fairly late into the night for several days in a row. This year, the rush did not happen, and the sheep were happy to stay in the pasture and prepare for the fun of winter—baby lambs.

We are finally getting some improvements done at home, so my extra time has been devoted to thinking about what to do next, and actually spend a day or two working on a patio and making changes to a shop that is being built. When finished, these new additions, and the fence and wall, will make the house look so tacky it will be on the list for upgrading.

I was quick to get the irrigation going, and it was well coordinated with the rain. Pastures are looking green again, and not just where the thistles are growing. This was all well timed, just as I received the notice from the power company that the rates would be going up. If only I had been on schedule with this project, the pipe would be going back to the pile soon, and the new rates would only apply for a day or two.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, 4-H Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

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