20th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction: Apr. 21

Our annual fundraising event will be upon us this month. Each year all the clubs do a great job at securing items for the oral and silent auction, helping to prepare and serve the spaghetti dinner, bussing tables, and / or setting up and cleaning up.

We look forward to this being another successful year for the Spaghetti feed. Leaders, please sign your club up for a job, either at the next 4-H leaders meeting or call the extension office. Right now it looks like we are in need of servers and clubs to help with clean up and tear down. Let’s continue to visit with local businesses about donating items and/or attending the Spaghetti Feed and Auction. With everyone’s help, we can make this another great fundraiser!

Oregon 4-H Green Ribbon Campaign
RAISING AWARENESS OF THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN OREGON

In April, Oregon 4-H is launching a campaign to raise the awareness of the public to Oregon’s 4-H program. The goal of this campaign is to cover Oregon in green ribbons!

Attached to your copy of this month’s Monitor is a green ribbon. Please attach this ribbon to the antenna of your vehicle for the month of April to show your support of 4-H.

If you need more ribbons for additional vehicles or if you would like ribbons to distribute, please contact the Extension office.

Horse Project Possession Date Change: Apr. 13

All horse 4-H’ers will need to be enrolled in the horse project and have possession of their project animals by Apr. 13. Note that this date is earlier than the May 15 possession date for other animal science projects. The date has been adjusted so that we are in compliance with state 4-H requirements—90 days prior to county fair.
Next 4-H Leaders Meeting is April 10th

We will mainly be discussing the Spaghetti Feed and Auction. Leaders, please sign your club up to help at the Spaghetti Feed and remember to round up those donations!

Following the leader’s meeting at 6:30, the Horse Leaders and Auction Committee will have separate meetings beginning at 7:30.

2007 4-H Summer Conference

Summer conference is a chance for 4-H members from all over the state to come together at OSU to make new friends, take advantage of interesting classes offered and have fun! This year’s conference will be held June 27th-30th, 2007. A flyer with more information will be coming in the future.

There will be many fun, educational experiences offered from a tour of the OSU dairy barn, dog agility courses, acting classes, cooking, and much more. There is something for everyone at summer conference!

You will also have many chances to expand your leadership skills with 4-H county ambassadors training, state ambassador team, know your OSU and National 4-H congress.

Don’t forget to add this awesome 4-H event to your summer to-do list!
Twine Recycling Is Back

The Junior Leaders are trying to get the twine and plastic feedbag recycling project off the ground once again. This effort is worthwhile, but we need clubs to volunteer to monitor the recycle bins and make arrangements to get the items to the Extension office for storage.

There is a possibility of pickup during the year or a volunteer can deliver to Corvallis or Salem. Please contact the Extension office if your club will be able to help with this project.

A minimal amount of time involved and this is good for the environment and a good community service project for clubs or individuals. The Junior Leaders will work to get the bins out as soon as there are volunteers.

Camp Counselors Needed

If you have a desire to spend the week at Camp Myrtlewood this summer and are too old to be a camper be a counselor. Camp counselors from grades 7 to 12 are needed. There are classes to teach, campers to watch and fun to be had.

Contact the Extension office to get signed-up. You will receive notice of the next training and can join in planning the fun for camp. July 9 to 13 are the dates to mark on your calendars.

Camp Nurse and Lifeguard Needed

If someone you know would be available to spend the week at Camp Myrtlewood in July the positions of nurse and lifeguard are open. Contact Elissa if you know of someone interested.

2007 Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum: Apr. 13-14

Registration due date is nearing!

The 2007 Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum is being held in Central Point this year, at the Crater High School. All 4-H leaders and junior leaders are invited to attend. This event is hosted by the Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Coos counties.

Our very own junior leaders are putting on a workshop, so be sure to come support them. Many other fun and educational workshops will be offered, as well as a great keynote speaker, C.W. Smith, who will be talking to us on leadership in crisis.

The registration fee is $35 before April 2nd or $40 after. The fee includes a tri-tip barbeque, Saturday celebration, breakfast, box lunch, and more. For a registration packet, contact the Extension office.
Project News

Spring Horse Classic

Spring Horse Classic will be here soon! Klamath County will be hosting us this year, April 27-29. All information regarding SHC is on the state 4-H website at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/events/horse_classics.html

The instructions for registration, including what forms are needed, are on the SHC landing page. Registration forms may be printed for each individual event, or there is a link to print all forms together. Registrations are due in the State Office, with payment, by April 6, 2007.

Also, volunteers are needed to help put this event on. Coaches and parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer their time. Volunteer application forms can be found on the website as well.

Fund-Raising Opportunity

Industrial Steel and Supply Company, Inc. has generously offered to donate $5.00 for every cubic yard of bark sold by their company this summer. This is will only be You Haul, Decorative Bark Sales at $20 per cubic yard. Donations will be made to the designated Coos County 4-H Club, upon the purchaser’s request.

Industrial Steel is located at 526 Virginia Avenue in North Bend. They are open Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. This fundraiser will run from June thru August of 2007. The 4-H club with the most designations will receive an additional $50.00 donation from Industrial Steel to be used for the 2007 year.

The company has a list of the Coos County 4-H clubs and will keep a tally during the summer. Be sure and tell people to mention YOUR club by name when purchasing their bark this year. If you have any questions please contact Debra Peterson at 756-5141.

Weigh-in Coming up!

Auction pigs, lambs and goats will be weighed in on April 14th at the fairgrounds. The lambs and goats will weigh between 10 AM and Noon. The Swine will weigh between 1 PM and 3 PM. Those who wish to participate in the auction with any species need to be enrolled in 4-H under the proper project division promptly and have their project animals in their possession by the weigh-in date.

- Pigs can be either barrows or gilts, be born after January 1st, and barrows must have been castrated at least 15 days prior to weigh-in.
- Lambs may be either ewes or wethers, be born after January 1, and wethers must be castrated at least 15 days prior to weigh-in.
- Goats may be either does or wethers, must be under one year of age and have milk teeth with no break in the gums, and wethers must be castrated at least 15 days prior to weigh-in.
- Goats and lambs need to be on halters and lead ropes.
**National 4-H Calendar Contest**

The National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2002-2007) to create the 2009 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2007 through November 2007 and also posted on our web site.

To get more info on this contest, visit:

http://www.4-hmall.org/Calendar/PhotoContest2009.asp

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**Enter the “Wonders of Oregon” Art Contest**

The Oregon State Fair is putting on a coloring contest. They invite elementary and middle school students to design a postcard and high school students are asked to come up with a design for a t-shirt.

The winning design will be rewarded with gift bundles and gift cards to Bi-Mart for their entire school.

The winning elementary and middle schools will receive a $500 gift card and 30 gift bundles, including free admission to the State Fair as well as discounts for fair events. The winning high school will receive a $1000 gift card and similar gift bundles.

The theme is “Wonders in Oregon.” Students may interpret the theme in any way they would like to represent Oregon. Students may work on the assignment alone or in teams. Artwork may be any size, any shape and any media.

Entries must be received by April 15, 2007. Winners will be notified by May 5.

Send artwork to:

**Oregon State Fair & Expo Center**

**Attn: Bev Young**

**“Wonders of Oregon” Art Contest**

**2330 17th Street NE**

**Salem, OR 97301**

Please include full name and age of student, name of school, and name and work number of school principal with each entry.

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**Oregon Fryer Commission 10th Annual Youth Pen of Fryers Contest**

Youth, under the age of 20 are invited to participate in the 2007 pen of fryers contest. The contest is held June 9th at the Polk County fairgrounds where the pens of fryers will be judged. Also, fun activities such as poultry Olympics, games, and a barbecued chicken lunch are on the agenda.

Interested participants must send in a registration form along with a $10 registration fee by March 26th. Chicks for the contest will be available April 21st on the OSU campus. Each contestant will receive 15 chicks and go on to present the best three in the contest. The total purse for the contest is $3,350 which will be distributed in 24 cash prizes, ranging from $50 to $500 savings bonds.

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**Small Animal Members**

Mark your calendars for May 5th and get ready for Spring Show. Dogs, rabbits, cavies, poultry and pigeons are all invited. There will be clinics to work on showmanship, dog agility classes and a judge for small animal conformation.
Project News

Meat Goat Project Animals Available
Dec. ‘06 full blood and % blood boer goats for sale. Great for county fair projects. Have been vaccinated and wormed. Goats will be ready to go late February, located in Silverton area.
Contact Lisa Hynes: 503-873-3761

Auction Pigs for Sale
York/Hampshire/Duroc x-breds.
Jan and Feb birth dates.
Contact Joel Klein: 572-0391

Registered St. Croix Ram Lambs
Good blood lines. Will be ready to go April 1st. $100 each.
Call Pete Larsen: 347-2089

3-4 year old male Holland Lop rabbit looking for a home.
very sweet tempered, house raised and gets along great with kids, cats and dogs.
call Monique Reynolds 290-3548

Great Sheep Projects Available
3 Coopworth lambs born 1/07-$60 each
Registerable Romney lamb born 2/07-$100
Registered Romney Ram born 1/07-$100
These lambs will be ready to go in April

Also, there are several ewes for sale.
2 year old Registered NC Romney-$200
4 year old Registered Romney-$150
4 year old Coopworth (ST. CH. x-bred wool)-$150
1 year old Registered Romney-$150
10 year old Registered Romney-free to good home
Gaylene Adamson: 266-8164
cell: 217-8396

Selling Pigs and Hogs
Weaned Pigs for your 4-H project or future dining pleasure. Butcher Hogs ready to go now. Great for the grill this summer. Call Scott at 297-7914 or leave a message at 347-9819.

2 one and a half year old, pet Nigerian goats. Looking for good homes with 4-Hers.
Rhonda 396-5786

Chicken coop and carriers available
Scott McAleer
267-5140

Free to good home:
1 year old chocolate lab.
For more info call Nancy at 347-3814

Two Llamas are living in the Coos Bay area that are in need of a new home (or homes).
• Merry is a 4 year old female, never bred.
• Levi is a 7 year old gelding that may have guard potential.

These are not show quality, but would make good project animals. Both free to good homes. Call 888-5487 if you are interested.
Upcoming Sales

OSU Animal Sale
Sunday, April 1, 2007
Location: OSU Livestock Pavilion, Campus Way and 35th Corvallis, OR
After 11:00 a.m.   Animal Viewing
12:30 p.m.       OSU Swine Unit Project Pig Sale (50 head expected)
1:00 p.m.         Consignor Project Lamb Sale (40 head expected)

Please call Clint Sexson if you have any questions regarding this event. His phone number is 541-737-1897 and email address is clint.sexson@oregonstate.edu

Oregon’s Best Project Pig Sale
Saturday, April 7, 2007
Location: Polk County Fair Grounds, Rickreall, Oregon
10:00 am         Animal Viewing
Noon               Project Pig Sale (200 head expected)
from the following producers:
    Wendte Farm – Cornelius, OR
    Walt & Gayle Burke – Gresham, OR
    Muddy Mountain Farms – Newberg, OR
    Lee & Lisa Letsch – Dallas, OR
    Eddie Miguez – North Powder, OR
    Joe Sonka – Myrtle Creek, OR
    Sandy River Show Pigs – Sandy, OR
    Jim & Frances Evans – Roseburg, OR
    Bierma Farms – Canby, OR

Please call Mike Wendte if you have any questions regarding this event. His phone number is 503-628-0798 and email is WendteFarm@aol.com

Champions Choice Project Sale
Saturday, April 14, 2007
Location: Culver, OR
After 11:00 a.m.   Animal Viewing
1:00 p.m.               Consignor Project Lamb Sale (40 head expected)
Consignor Project Pig Sale (20 head expected)
from the following producers:
    Hull’s Club Lambs
    May Show Lambs
    Malott Sheep Company
    Fallsen Show Lambs
    May Show Hogs
    Ramsey Show Hogs

Please call Justin Hull (541) 149-3021 or David Malott (541) 410-3715 if you have any questions regarding this event.

It is kitten season and people are looking for new homes for pets. There is an opportunity to obtain a female cat, up to four weaned kittens or a four month old Siamese cross that all need homes. There is contact information at the Extension office if anyone is interested.
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News From Camp Myrtlewood

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from the camp staff with our 4-H Summer Camp confirmation. If anyone is interested please contact the camp at:

Camp Myrtlewood
49658 Myrtle Creek Rd
Myrtle Point OR 97458
(541) 572-5307

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well and creatively alive!

We are very grateful that the new kitchen building, as well as the new walls and roof of the dining hall are up and looking beautiful! We are now working on decks and kitchen details.

The Building Fund is depleted, so we are hoping to sell more memory/honor bricks ($35) for the patio next to the wonderful new universal access path. The proceeds will go toward finishing up the interior of the kitchen and dining hall.

Sincerely,

John and Margaret Jones / Camp Managers
Agent Notes

Dear 4-H Families,

I hope that you had a great spring break and are re-energized for the last few weeks of the school year.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Apr. 21, at the Coquille Community Center at 5:30 pm for the annual 4-H spaghetti feed and auction! Please contact your 4-H leader or the Extension office to find out what you can do to volunteer before and during the event. This is a premier opportunity to enjoy good company, good food and to show your support of 4-H.

Other April 4-H opportunities include events throughout Oregon: the Oregon Leaders Forum in Central Point, Know Your State Government in Salem, and Spring Horse Classic in Klamath Falls. Look for details inside this newsletter.

Happy Spring!
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent