Coastal Futures Project Featured at OSU Community Youth Development Summit

The Coastal Futures Forum was held at the end of November.

The main issue that arose was lack of safe, fun activities available to youth in the community; so the team decided to address it by planning “Community Fun Nights” for Myrtle Point and Coquille.

The Coastal Futures team is now putting their plan into action! They wrote a grant proposal and are working on plan details.

Several members of the team— Rachelle Crockett, Katelyn, Rhonda and Heather Wiley— had the opportunity to represent the Coastal Futures program at a Community Youth Development Summit held in Corvallis on December 15th.

The summit featured youth-focused community development programs being conducted across the state. The Coastal Futures program had the honor of being showcased along with nine other programs!

CHARLOTTE’S WEB AND 4-H!

December 15th was the premiere of the motion picture version of beloved children’s story, Charlotte’s Web. 4-H was featured in the movie, so it was a great opportunity to showcase 4-H and the movie.

Coos County 4-H teamed with the Pony Village Mall Theater to host a coloring contest for K-6th grade students. The judges had a very hard time selecting winners out of a total of 146 entries, but were able to narrow it down to 2-3 winners for each age division.

The winners are:
Kindergarten: Harlee, Myrtle Crest
Kali, Myrtle Crest
Grades 1-2: Jaden Arbuckle, North Bay
Colt Bessey, Powers
Maggie Boone, North Bay
Grades 3-4: Owen Brown, Myrtle Crest
Ivy Metzgus, Myrtle Crest
Grades 5-6: Sadie Blanton, Powers
Angeline Brown, Harbor Lights

All winners received a gift certificate for one movie. Look for the winning pictures, featuring Wilbur and Fern, on display at the Pony Village Mall Theater. They are a very colorful way to celebrate 4-H and the opening of the Charlotte’s Web movie!
Next Leaders Meeting: Plan to Attend
Feb. 27, 6:45 pm
Coos County Extension office

Horse Leaders will also meet Jan. 23, 7:30 pm
at the County Planning Department
Conference room in Coquille

February Jr. Leaders Meeting &
OSU Info Session

The February Junior Leaders meeting will be Feb. 3
from 11-1 at the Extension office. Please join us if
you are currently enrolled as a junior leader for your
club, or interested in becoming one this year.

The OSU Collegiate 4-H Club will be
there to teach leadership activities.

After the meeting, the OSU Collegiate
4-H Club will offer an OSU information
session from 1:15—2:15. If you are
interested in someday attending OSU,
this is your chance to ask questions!

We held our first junior leader meeting of the year on
Jan. 6. Junior leaders and adult leaders from several
clubs joined us to learn about youth-adult partner-
ships and how they strengthen your club.

We also discussed service project ideas and made
plans to continue and expand plastic recycling.

Getting Involved in State 4-H Activities
Easier than Ever!

There is a new "common application" for youth
interested in participating on committees for
Know Your State Government, Summer Conference, Project Development
and State Fair.

If you are interested call
the Extension office at 572-
5263 for an application.

Natural Resource Days

4-H is teaming with several local Natu-
ral Resource agencies to host the 2nd
annual natural resource days field trips
at South Slough National Estuarine Re-
search Reserve.

We are looking for leaders to assist
field trip instructors while the fifth
grade classes participate in the activities.

There will be six stations during the field trip.
Students will learn about: historical perspectives,
tree measurements, plant identification, elements
affecting tree growth, soils, and wildlife.

It is sure to be a lot of fun. If you are interested
in volunteering please call me at 541-572-5263 or
email elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu
4-H Leader Survey

One of my duties as the Coos County 4-H Agent is to provide training, support and on-going communication with 4-H leaders. Below is a short survey to help me gather ideas of how I can best do that.

Please answer the following questions and return this survey by Feb. 2 to: OSU Extension Service Coos County, Ohlsen Baxter Building, 631 Alder St, Myrtle Point, OR 97458. Thank you for your assistance!

We currently hold monthly 4-H leader meetings. Do you attend them? Yes  No
Why?

Are they worthwhile? Yes  No
Why?

Recently we have discussed meeting less often. Would you like to continue with monthly leaders meetings? Yes  No

Would you rather meet less often (as listed below): Yes  No
Feb  Apr  June  Sept  Nov

Or, please circle the months when you’d like us to have leader meetings:
Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  June
July  Aug  Sept  Oct  Nov  Dec

Currently, we offer project leader meetings after the general monthly meeting. The horse project leaders are the only ones that meet at this time. Would you be interested in attending meetings for other project areas? Yes  No

If yes, how often? Monthly  Quarterly  Other: __________________________

What project area? __________________________

Are there additional training topics you would like me to offer?

Other comments / suggestions?
Coos County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Minutes

The 4-H Leaders Association meeting was called to order by Mary Ludington at 6:48 on November 28, 2006.

The flag salute was led by Youth Representative, Julia Scolari.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as written. (Dell/Anita)

Treasurer's Report: Clarification of some budgeted items was made for new leaders. A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report with the change as noted. (Shirley/Dell)

Fair Board Report: There was no Fair Board meeting in Nov.

Correspondence: Thank you card from 1 award recipient read.

Guest: No guests in attendance

Old Business

The Junior Leader’s meeting reminder slip was handed out. The location has been changed to the Davenport Bldg. at the Fair Grounds on December 9th. Between 2 and 4 pm they will be learning some of the local native species used to make holiday center pieces.

Discussion on Elissa having been to meetings with 4-H agents across the state and polled the agents as to how often their Leaders Association meets. Only two others met monthly and the others felt that often was not necessary. The board tentatively set meetings on Feb, April, June, September and November. This will be brought before the Leader’s Association for their input. A motion was made to accept this schedule with other meetings being added in if needed. Horse leaders will continue to meet monthly and will discuss meeting in Coquille on months the Leaders Association does not meet. (Phyllis/Carolyn)

Coastal Futures Forum was held on 11-19-06 and did not garner a large turnout probably due to very bad weather. The group is looking into activities that children can do after school with the Coquille Community Bldg being one location they are checking out.

New Business

The yearly letters were sent out by the Extension Office to organizations that help support 4-H activities, especially Camp Myrtlewood. Heather Wiley who is assisting the 4-H agent in the office put these packets together and mailed them out.

- Christmas in Coquille will be on December 15th and is looking for volunteers with animals. The Country Kids will be bringing a goat, sheep and a donkey. It is a great free community event and everyone is invited.
- Myrtle Point Lighted Parade will be on Saturday December 9th. Is there any interest in 4-H’rs doing a lighted float. Our parking lot will be the staging point for the parade.
- Forms are available for “Oregon 4-H Older Youth Opportunities”. This is for those youth that would like to participate on one or more state committees. Committees include state learning events: Know Your State Government and Summer Conference. State Management Committees: State Fair Board of Trustees, Oregon 4-H Foundation, Inc., Oregon 4-H Leader’s Assoc. Executive Council, and the 4-H Outreach/Latino Committee. State Project and Program Development Committees in all of the program areas.
- Upcoming SWOJLA Leadership Retreat 2007. January 12-14, 2007 at the Kellogg Spring Camp in Oakland, Oregon. Cost $90 with the Leaders Association offering scholarships to cover half the cost.

Other

Cricket Soules spoke about one of her members who has become a Teacher’s Cadet and this was directly related to skills she has learned in 4-H.

The next meeting will be February 26, 2007
Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm

Submitted by: Shirley A Bower, Secretary

Leader News

It's Time to Think about Scholarships!

If you are an 11th or 12th grader and are interested in more information about 4-H Scholarships and the application process, please call Elissa at 572-5263. Most of the 4-H Scholarship applications are due Mar. 1.
Dog Project Equipment Revision

The dog development committee recently revised the equipment section of the contest guide to read as follows:

You will need a fabric or leather leash about 6 feet long, with a bolt or spring snap on one end and a loop on the other end.

Dogs must wear properly fitted collars. Collars with prongs or spikes on the inside or outside, electronic collars, or special training collars (such as a haltie or gentle leader), are not permitted. Nothing shall hang from the collars.

Consult the 4-H State Fair book for additional equipment guidelines at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/events/state_fair.html

The new language allows us to potentially allow new equipment that becomes available without updating the contest guide every year.

Equipment should always provide control for the member. As always, a properly adjusted flat buckle collar or slip collar is always appropriate.

Yamhill Co. 4-H Events

Here are some events taking place in Yamhill county to keep in mind for the upcoming year:

January 27    “Let’s Start the Year off Right” Horse Clinic, limited spots
February 24   4-H Critter Romp (rabbits, cavies, poultry, cats & dogs)
March 31      “Fun and Frolic” 4-H/Open Horse Show
May 5         “Crazy Ribbon” 4-H/Open Horse Show

2007 4-H Summer Conference & National IFYE Conference

2007 is a big year for the 4-H Summer Conference as it will be held in correlation with the National IFYE Conference.

Both conferences will be taking place June 26th-30th at Oregon State University.

There are many fun, educational workshops and activities planned for both conferences. This will be a great opportunity for intermediate and Senior members!

More information coming soon!

Design a T-Shirt Contest

The 4-H Summer Conference is holding a contest for the design of their 2007 t-shirt.

The design must include the 4-H clover emblem and the words of the theme:

“One World, Many Faces: 4-H Summer Conference at OSU 2007”

Entries are due February 1st, so get creative!
8TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST HORSE FAIR AND EXPO

Coming to Albany, Oregon in March, the 8th annual Northwest Horse Fair and Expo will feature renowned clinicians and presenters:

* Charles Wilhelm presenting his “Success Through Knowledge”
* Patrick Hooks on Working Ranch Horse & Reining
* Julie Goodnight’s “Communicating Clearly With Horses & Riders”
* Ruben Villasenor presenting Horsemens’s Western Dressage
* Anna Jane White-Mullin returns to discuss Hunters & Jumpers
* Craig Stevens on Classical Equitation / Dressage
* Nicole Carswell with Gaited Horses
* Kirby Tuntland & Dan Myers bring back sessions for Drill Teams.

Also attending the expo, “The Horse Show Live” with Rick Lamb presented by Wahl Clippers will be appearing daily with live interviews and presentations.

The three-day equine exposition offers clinics, lectures and instruction in a variety of disciplines, a commercial expo featuring the latest innovations in the equine industry as well as entertaining equine demonstrations representing breeds from around the world. The Northwest Horse Fair & Expo is an excellent opportunity to improve your horsemanship skills whether you’re a beginner or expert rider. The line-up of diverse clinicians ensures that riders of any discipline will learn new skills to improve their riding and enjoyment of their horse. This Expo is designed to meet the needs of the expert as well as the beginning horse enthusiast.

NEW this year, Sunday, March 25th is 4-H Day. Admission is free to any 4-H member with their 4-H membership card. Watch for more details to be announced including a featured clinic for 4-H members by Julie Goodnight and a special presentation for 4-H leaders.

The Northwest Horse Fair and Expo, presented by Sundowner /B & V Enterprises, opens its run on Thursday evening, March 22nd with a special extended session, watch for details to be announced. Then the full Expo opens Friday, March 23rd at 10am at the Fair and Expo Center in Albany with a complete schedule of educational clinics, entertaining demonstrations and informative lectures running throughout the weekend. Always a crowd favorite, you won’t want to miss the Equine Extravaganza on Friday night.

4-H Survivor Camp

The annual 4-H Survivor Camp is hosted by Union County 4-H, February 16-18, 2007 at Camp Elkhanah, near LaGrande, OR.

Union County is offering a survivor-style camp for adventurous 8th-12th grade 4-H members who are starting to think about the challenges of life after high school.

The camp will feature outdoor challenges, learning survival skills, a scavenger hunt, a tribal council and new friends to be made! You’ll learn about renting apartments, paying bills, budgeting, cooking, resume building and interview skills, and more!

Cost: $60. Scholarships are available. The registration deadline is January 31st, so be sure to contact the Extension office at 572-5263 and sign up for this fun adventure!
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- **Feb 2007**
- **National Bake for Fun Month**
- **National Cherry Month**
Parents Can Help in 4-H Programs

To Gain Parent’s Cooperation-
* Visit the parents of all your members.
* Ask parents to help.
* Praise and give thanks freely.
* Help members to entertain parents.
* Talk with parents about 4-H work.

What Parents Can Do-
* Hold meetings in their homes.
* Help with project work.
* Serve on Committees to help plan and conduct events
* Share special talents and skills
* Encourage record keeping
* Help members get to meetings

Parents Can Receive Satisfaction
When They-
* See children grow from 4-H experience.
* Learn new skills and knowledge.
* Meet new friends and families.
* Contribute to the growth of others

Methods To Recognize Parents-
* Give praise and say thank you.
* Provide a public recognition of parent’s efforts
* Have a special event for parents.
* Encourage members to recognize parent’s efforts.

Using Parent’s Skills-
* Supplements your abilities.
* Provides varied and enriched activities.
* Gives parents an opportunity to help in all phases of the program.
* Gives parents an opportunity to learn about 4-H

Leaders Need To Know-
* Physical and mental limitations and capabilities.
* Social or religious habits which might influence programs.
* Special abilities and interests.
* Family situation.
* Other demands on the member’s time.

Inform Parents + Ask Parents = Parent Cooperation

A GOOD 4-H MEETING

I. Business-15 min
   Call to order
   Opening with pledges
   Roll Call
   Introduction of guests
   Minutes and correspondence
   Treasurer’s report
   Reports of committees
   Old business
   New business
   Announcements
   Adjournment

II. Program or Education-45 min
   Demonstrations by members
   Judging or project lesson
   Opportunities to learn by doing
   Guest speakers,
   Films
   Special tours
   Group activities

III. Recreation or Refreshments-30 min
   Games
   Skits
   Plays
   Parties
   Songs, etc.
   Snack or lunch
Dear 4-H Families,

I hope this newsletter finds your family healthy and happy as we begin 2007! We have lots of fun 4-H activities planned for this winter, so you are sure to find something for everyone.

Last Saturday we held the first junior leaders meeting of the year. It was a fun and energetic group who made lots of plans for leadership trainings and community service projects they would like to do this year. Please encourage 4-H’ers grades 7-12 to consider becoming a junior leader for their club and participating in this group. The junior leaders will meet monthly at various times and dates, to fit as many schedules as possible.

This spring Coos County is teaming with Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties to host the annual Oregon Leaders Forum on Apr. 13-14 in Central Point. You will want to mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. There will be a variety of workshops and field trips—as well as an opportunity to network with 4-H leaders and junior leaders from across Oregon. We are in need of volunteers to help with event logistics and to teach workshops. If you are interested in either, please contact me. Workshop proposals are due to the State 4-H Office on Jan 15.

Happy New Year!
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent