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## 21st Annual 4-H Spaghetti Feed and Auction a Success

Three hundred and fifty Coos County residents turned out for a night of good food and family fun on April 5. The proceeds from the evening's dinner, silent and oral auctions go to the Coos County 4-H Leaders Association and will be used for 4-H educational activities in Coos County during 2008. We certainly appreciate Jim Mahon volunteering his time again this year as the auctioneer. We'd also like to extend a big thank you to all of the 4-H clubs and individuals who volunteered their time for set-up, clean-up and other tasks to help the event run smoothly. It wouldn't have been possible without everyone's help!



## Auction Sheep, Goat and Swine Weigh-In: Apr. 12

Where: Fairgrounds—Lower (S) end of Clarno Building (food court area)

When: New Times! 10-11 sheep and goats, 11-12 combo of animals, 12-2 swine

Members should be enrolled by the weigh-in date and have their project in their possession. 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.

## Coos County 4-H Tack and Show Clothes Swap: May 17

4-H families from horse, small and large animal science project areas are invited to the first annual tack and show clothes swap at the Extension office on May 17, 9am—4pm. This is a chance for 4-H'ers to sell (or swap) last year's out-grown show clothes for ones that will fit this year. There are two options: 1) your club can call the office to reserve space at the swap, to sell (or swap) items and keep all proceeds for club activities. Or, 2) you can donate used items to the 4-H Leaders Association, they will sell (or swap) them. These items can be dropped off at the Extension office between now and May 16.



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## Junior Leader News

### Camp Counselor Training Weekend: Apr. 18-20

Counselors have two camp opportunities this year: Myrtle Crest Sixth Grade Outdoor School, June 4-6 and 4-H Camp July 7-11. You can apply to be a counselor at either or both this year.

For counselor training, we are trying something new this year. Training will be offered in a weekend retreat format—the evening of Apr. 18 through the morning of Apr. 20 at Camp Myrtlewood. And, Curry County counselors will join us for the training.

If you are in grades 7-12 and are interested in being a camp counselor, please call the Extension office or email [elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu) for an application form and to register for the training. The training will cost \$30 per person, to cover meals and lodging.

### Congratulations 2008 4-H Scholarship Recipients

The State 4-H Recognition Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 4-H Scholarship and National 4-H Congress Competition. The committee met in March and reviewed over 90 scholarship and 34 congress applications. All of the 2008 applicants deserve special recognition for their excellence in academic achievement and involvement in 4-H. National 4-H Congress finalists will participate in personal interviews with the State 4-H Recognition Committee during the OSU 4-H Summer Conference June 25-28.

Congratulations to **Becky Soules**, Coos Cnty. who received the OM Plumber Scholarship!

### OSU Summer Conference

OSU 4-H Summer Conference will be June 25-28 in Corvallis, OR. Registration opens May 1. Forms and details are located on the state 4-H webpage at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu>. Partial scholarships will be available from the 4-H Leaders Association.

### Spring Horse Classic Teams

Ten Coos County 4-H members will represent Coos County at the Spring Horse Classic in Pendleton, OR, Apr 18-20. Team members include: Kaitlyn Altenbach, Chelsie Baker, Sharon Fore, Brittany Glines, Lois Hannah, Brenna Hurley, Taryn Hurley, Natalie Hutcheson, Carrie Plouff and Hannah Swenson.

They will be competing in horse bowl, hippology, horse judging and public speaking. Team coaches are Melissa Bates and Shelly Swenson. Good luck team!

### International Exchange Ambassador Programs

The application and interview process is completed for the 2008 4-H International Exchange Ambassador Programs. Oregon delegates to Japan include: Ben VanGilder, Sherman County, Ashley English, Crook County, Natalie Ross, Klamath County, Kristi Robinson, Crook County, Madison Munn, Crook County, Gabe Alvarez, Crook County, Kitty Earl, Coos County, Ian Lusby, Deschutes County, Jake Neilson Tussing, Clatsop County.

The Oregon delegate to Costa Rica will be Sarah Worthing, Crook County. Melanie Johnson, Klamath County, will be the Oregon delegate to Australia. Sara Gray, Benton County, and Kat Barnum, Sherman County, will be the Oregon delegates to Finland. The orientation process began in early February for these summer 2008 programs. Congratulations to all!

### Oregon Delegates Receive National Scholarships

Three of Oregon's outbound 4-H international exchange delegates to Japan were selected to receive national scholarships to help fund their summer experience: Kristi Robinson, Crook County, **Kitty Earl, Coos County**, and Ashley English, Crook County.

### Animal Science Project Record now available online!

A Word file for 4-H Animal Science Record for Junior Members (4-H 1001R) is now available on the EESC 4-H website. <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/4-h1001r.doc> Other project records that are fillable online include My Permanent Record (4-H 033R) and 4-H Horse Record (4-H 130R). More project records will be available online in the next few months. In the meantime you can still find forms on our county site.

Leader News

**Next Leaders Meeting: Apr. 22**

6:15 Executive Committee  
 6:45 General Leaders Meeting

The horse leaders and foods leaders will meet following the general leaders meeting.

**County Fair, July 22—26,  
 Theme: Under the Big Top: A Community Celebration**  
  
**State Fair, Aug. 22—Sept. 1, Salem, OR,  
 Theme: Only in Oregon**

**Positive Youth Development Study Update**

Oregon 4-H is partnering with National 4-H Council and Tufts University to participate in the National 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. The study is entering its 6th year, and early results are indicating that 4-H does a particularly good job of helping youth develop into healthy and contributing citizens. To date, the study does not include any 4-H youth from Oregon, but we would like to change that!!!

This year, the study will look primarily at youth who are in the 10th grade- but we can also include 8th and 9th graders as well. Letters of informed consent were sent to parents of 4-H members in this age group in late January. This consent needs to be signed and returned to the State 4-H office. Once consent is received, county 4-H agents will work with the youth to set up a time to complete the survey.

A word about the survey: because of the complex nature and national scope of the study, the survey is quite long (36 pages). It will take youth about 90 minutes to complete. The study is trying to establish the impact of 4-H on positive youth behavior, but in order to do so, it needs to ask about risk behaviors as well (such as substance use and sexual behavior). We want to be sure that parents and youth understand the complete nature of the survey. Please know that these types of questions are very common in the world of adolescent research and that this survey has been used with thousands of youth without any problems. Questions about the study can be directed to Mary Arnold, 4-H Youth Development Specialist (541) 737-1315 or Roger Rennekamp, State 4-H Program Leader (541) 737-1737.

**Courtesy Announcements**

18-year-old bay Thoroughbred gelding, approx. 16 hands, pastured, no shoes, good on trails and roads, comfortable around kids, comes with all tack. For more info call Sherri Buchanan at 572-5986 or 404-3719.

Rescue horse needs TLC—8-year-old sorrel gelding, gentle, not broken, approx. 16 hands, would make a great club service project. For more info call Julie Harris at 572-2558.

5-year-old Paint gelding, 15.3 hands, named Cooper, bathes, loads, hauls, ties, lunges, has leads and very smooth gaits. He is a forward mover, looks great going English or Western, started over fences, excellent trail horse, great western pleasure. UTD on shots including WNV. Great 4-H prospect for a youth ready to take the next step and put on the finishing touches. \$3500 OBO. For more information call 572-0491 or 541-698-6116.

4-year-old registered paint gelding - started under saddle, excellent at showmanship free lease to 4-H; 3-year-old registered paint stud colt - will be gelded soon - not much work done - great manners, very willing to learn, excellent temperament, free lease to 4-H or \$1000 to approved home only, for more info call Katelyn 541-260-1311 or Matt 541-404-2654

9-year-old Appaloosa mare, great 4-H project, needs confident rider. For more info call Tanna at 266-0160 or 297-1501.

New saddle, never used, 12-inch western cordura saddle, black with silver conchos, adjustable, \$200. For more info please leave a message for Lael Akers at 266-7101.

Young Arab horse available to good home, ideal for a high school age youth with several years of horse experience. For more info call Joanna Todd or Helen Franklin at 756-1480.

**Local Horse Show Dates**

SWOHA	April 26- 27	Rock-N-Riders	June 15
Hauser Dune Riders	May 25	Oregon Outlaws	June 21 and 22
Sumner Buck-A-Roos	May 31	Burton Prairie Wranglers	June 28

## 2008 Foods, Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting Contest Changes

To give everyone more time during the week before fair, we are trying something new this year with our home ec contests. The foods contests will be in May and June. Clothing, knitting, crocheting fashion review, and off the rack contests will be in July on the usual day. See details below and call the Extension office or email [elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu) if you have any questions. Details will be mailed to foods leaders in April and will be discussed at the April leaders meeting.

### May 17, Home Ec Room, Millacoma Intermediate School, Coos Bay

Favorite Foods and Table Setting Contests

### June 14, Extension Office

Food Prep and Mini Meals Contests

Foods Skills Contest

Food Judging Contest

### July 15, Extension Office and Davenport 4-H Building, Fairgrounds

Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting Skills Contests

Clothing Judging Contest

Fashion Revue and Off the Rack

## State Fair Older Youth Opportunities

Although the snow is still flying and thoughts of Oregon State Fair are more of a "sunshine event", now is the time that opportunities are being planned for the older youth who want to be involved with State Fair beyond showing or entering contests. They may apply to be a Teen Staff member to stay in the dorm free, receive \$15.00 per day for food, and assist the 4-H State Fair Staff with tasks of all types. They may also spend some time staffing the 4-H Information Desk to share their knowledge about joining 4-H and answer questions for the fair visitors who tour the building.

In the 4-H Exhibit Building there are several types of opportunities which will give them the experience of leadership at the state level and the fun of helping/being at fair even if they weren't chosen to represent their county at a contest or show.

- **Chair or co-chair an exhibit area**
- **Chair or co-chair a contest.**
- **Assist someone else who has volunteered to chair**
- **Clerk for a judge on Judging Day for static exhibits on August 19 or during fair for a contest.**
- **Assist for a day or more with day-to-day operations in the 4-H department.**

If you are interested in more information about any of these positions, please call the Extension office or email [elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elissa.wells@oregonstate.edu).

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# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Spaghetti Feed & Auction
6	7	8	9	10	11 Oregon Leaders Forum	12 Lamb, Goat, Swine weigh-in
13	14	15	16	17	18 Spring Horse Classic	19 Counselor Training Weekend
20 Spring Horse Classic Counselor Training Weekend	21	22 Leaders Meeting 6:45	23	24	25	26 9-2 4-H Petting Zoo at Empire Lakes, Commission on Children & Families Fun Day
27	28	29	30 Paperwork Due for Auction sheep, goats & swine			

# May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Small Animal Spring Show  Horse Jumping Clinic
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 4-H enrollment deadline  Animal Science project possession deadline	16	17 Foods Contest & Clinic  4-H Tack & Show Clothes Swap
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Hauser Dune Riders horse show	26 Memorial Day Holiday — Extension Office Closed	27 Leaders Meeting 6:45	28	29	30	31 Sumner Buck-A- Roos horse show

**Where Is She Now? Coos County 4-H Alum: Ryan Eberlein**

By Ryan Eberlein

My name is Ryan Eberlein and I am a sophomore Equine Industry/Business major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX. I have been a varsity member on the WT Equestrian Team for two years and have been a point earner both individually and for the team. I compete in Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences and am considered a NCAA athlete. We compete in IHSA (International Horse Show Association) and have been champions numerous times. Both our Western and Hunt Seat teams qualified for Nationals last year, this was the first time that the Hunt Seat team had ever qualified.

The equestrian team at West Texas A&M University is very competitive and it is a honor to be a part of. Without my past experience both in 4-H and Oregon High School Equestrian Teams I would never have been as competitive and knowledgeable as I am now. 4-H taught me things that will be with me for the rest of my life. I started riding when I was 13. I joined the Rock N' Riders horse 4-H club before I purchased my first horse. My 4-H leader Julie Kramer assisted me in finding a horse that I could learn to ride on, so that I would not go out and buy something that was unsuitable for my novice riding level. Her help lead me to Boo, who we still own today and will until he dies.

At the time Boo was a 23 year old Appaloosa gelding who had every rib showing, scars everywhere and was up to his knees in mud cribbing on a fence. I knew right then he was the horse for me! My mom wasn't so sure, but Julie insisted that he was a great horse. Boo was the best equine investment we ever could have made. Riding him gained me many high points, blue ribbons, championships but most of all he taught me more than any other horse could have. He is still being shown and gamed some by my younger sister, but most of all he is my mom's trusty companion. There are times that I think she loves him more than me, but that is beside the point.

If I had not become a member of 4-H my family would have never acquired Boo, who is always the trusty steed to fall back on and take care of my mom. I also gained a lot of knowledge through 4-H that has helped me in my equine classes at WT. I am one of the top students in my equine classes, because of the knowledge I acquired during my five years in 4-H. 4-H also helped me to develop my leadership skills. I was the president and oldest member of the Sumner Buckaroos 4-H club for two years and I would not change that opportunity for anything. I am much more comfortable when I am put into a leadership position now and I realize that I must set a good example for those younger than me.

The last thing that 4-H did for me was it taught me how to give back to my community. In the Sumner Buckaroos horse 4-H club I helped to put together and participate in community service activities like taking animals to Inland Point Assisted Living every year. Not only was this a lot of fun, but the older members of our community really appreciated us. 4-H taught me how to work for what I wanted and that things weren't going to just be given to me. If I really wanted something I would have to study or practice for it.

Overall, participating in 4-H is something that I would never change. I had a ton of fun and learned so much. It also made it easier for me to get into college, fund college and excel in college. The background in horses that it gave me is something that I will use for the rest of my life, but most of all the friends I made will be friends for life. Thank you Mama Amber!

<b>Upcoming Clinics &amp; Shows in Other Counties</b>		May 10:	4-H Dog Fun Match, Tillamook Co 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & ARBA Rabbit & Cavy show, Astoria
April 19:	Rabbit & Cavy Show, Hillsboro Dairy Judging Contest, Tillamook Horse Biomechanics 2-Day Seminar, Glide	May 17:	4-H/Open Horse Show, Yamhill Co
April 26:	Open Horse Show, Yamhill Co	May 31:	Marion Co. Horse Leaders Show
May 3:	Open Horse Show, Clackamas Co	June 25-28:	OSU 4-H Summer Conference
May 10:	4-H Gaming Show, Benton Co	June & July (several weeks)	Operation Purple 4-H summer camps for youth of parents in the military.



# AGENT NOTES



Dear 4-H Families,

It was great to see so many of you at the annual 4-H Spaghetti Feed and Auction on Apr. 5. Thank you for your generous support of 4-H. And, please help the 4-H Leaders Association and me extend thanks to local business and community members for their generous support as well.

Spring is here and it's time for all kinds of 4-H educational programs. You'll find information for these events in this edition of the Monitor. Please be sure to mark event dates and paperwork deadlines on your calendar, so you don't miss anything. If you have questions, please call us at the Extension office.

Take care,  
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent

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