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ID SYSTEM TARGETS 4-H YOUTH

State agriculture officials are urging 4-H youth with large animal projects to register their livestock premises with USDA/ODA as part of the national animal identification system. "We are targeting [4-H] because there are families with one or two head of livestock that may feel they don't need to be part of this larger animal tracking program," said Oregon State Veterinarian Don Hansen. "But the fact is they should."



The registration program is designed to help officials track the movement of animals if there is ever an outbreak of disease in Oregon. Premise registration is one step in a national system of livestock registry that is being phased over several years. After registering your premise, you will be given an ID that is specific to your project. Once the project is in full swing, all of your animals will be marked with your ID. In about three years, officials hope to be able to use the number to track movement of livestock from owner to owner, to fairs & shows, as well as other transfers.

Because 4-H animals come into contact with so many other animals at county and state events, they can pick up and spread diseases easily and across relatively long distances. Livestock agent Amy Peters recommends registry. "We don't want to have a situation like in Washington when 400 calves had to die needlessly. If they had been properly identified, the one suspect calf would have been the only one sacrificed. If you take the time to register now, if an emergency arises, trace-backs will be easier for everyone and more animals will be spared."



Oregon
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of Agriculture

The State of Oregon has asked 4-H members to voluntarily register their premises before USDA/ODA officials make their official requests for registry. Registration is a simple, 4-step online form: www.oregonid.org.

For more information, please visit: www.oregon.gov/ODA/AHID/animal_health/national_id.shtml.

FACE-LIFT FOR THE MONITOR

You may have noticed the sleek new 2006 version of the monitor—now on letter-sized paper. This edition is smaller, easier to handle, and saves on ink and paper, but still has all the same great information and announcements of local and state-wide events.



GENERAL HUGH SHELTON NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The General Hugh Shelton National Student Leadership Scholarship application is available for high school students. The scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per year (and renewable), plus an annual \$2,500 stipend for external leadership experiences such as study abroad.

Visit http://www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/scholarships/nsls_application.htm for a description of the scholarship, criteria and the application. **The application deadline is November 5, 2005.**

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECTS

Show your creativity by making history come alive in an exhibit, documentary, paper, or performance. By producing one of these projects, you have opportunities to win awards and scholarships, as well as learn about your history. If you are in grades 6-12, you may enter the contest in either the junior (grades 6-8) or senior (grades 9-12) divisions. You may participate individually, or as part of a group of up to five students. Public, Private & Home Schools are welcome to participate. For more information, visit <http://nationalhistoryday.org/>.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OREGON STUDENTS

Seniors—looking for scholarships? Wondering how to get started on your search? A great place to start is: www.getcollegefunds.org. On this site, sponsored by the *Oregon Student Assistance Commission*, you'll learn how to pay for college, manage your debt, and apply for scholarships. Another useful site is the commission's own website: <http://www.osac.state.or.us/index.html>.

Juniors, Sophomores & Freshmen - just because you aren't graduating this year doesn't mean that you can't start getting ready now! A little hunting now saves you time & energy in the future.

TEEN INK

Teen Ink invites student submissions of art, poems, stories, essays, editorials, and reviews of movies, books, colleges, and Web sites for publication in its magazine. The author of any manuscript or artwork selected for publication receives a free copy of the issue containing his or her work and a Teen Ink pen and note pad.

For more information, visit their website (www.teenink.com) or email: editor@teenink.com.

Works may be submitted online or sent to Teen Ink, P.O. Box 30, Newton, MA 02461.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS / STATE RESUME

Senior 4-H members who are interested in applying for state 4-H scholarships and National 4-H Congress are asked to submit a State 4-H Resume as part of the application process. The State 4-H Resume application process allows 4-H members to:

- Demonstrate their growth over the time they have been in 4-H
- To highlight the things that best demonstrate their success in 4-H
- To show the difference their 4-H work has made in the lives of others

The development and use of the State 4-H Resume is considered an important part of the preparation a young person needs to be successful in the world of education and work. The State 4-H Resume is similar to a personal portfolio, a collection of information about one's self that is often used in college and job applications. The use of personal portfolios has become an essential component of demonstrating one's experience and ability, both in education and in the career and business world. For State 4-H Resume info/instructions visit: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/recognition/Preparing_Your_State_Resume.htm

If you plan on applying for 4-H scholarships, you'll need to have your 4-H Resume in tip-top shape. Your 4-H Resume is equivalent to your record book—remember the *Top-10 Reasons to keep a Record Book* list last month? For a list of state 4-H scholarships, visit: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/State%20Scholarships.htm>









ASSOCIATION OF OREGON LOGGERS




The AOL scholarship competition is a \$1,500 grant awarded annually to an Oregon high school senior who is accepted in a four year college or university education program in a forest resources production field of study. The college must be accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

For more information or to download an application, visit: http://www.oregonloggers.org/non_member.htm

NOVEMBER 2005

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6	7	8	9	10	11  <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12
13  <i>Children's Book Week</i>	14	15 New Leader Training 10:30 am or 6:30 pm	16	17 Budget Meeting 6:00 pm	18  <i>Great American Smoke-out</i>	19
20  <i>Games & Puzzle Week</i>	21	22 Leaders' Meeting 6:45 pm	23	24  <i>HOLIDAY</i>	25 <i>EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED</i>	26
27  National 4-H Congress (Nov 24-29)	28	29	30	31		

DECEMBER 2005

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Notes From The Leaders Meeting 10-25-05

Sea Horses Raise Money For Holiday Gifts

Bandon Sea Horses 4-H Horse Club will be selling wreaths as a fundraiser after Thanksgiving. The money raised will help buy gifts for names on a Tree of Giving. This is something their club has done for several years and is a great Community Service Project for all involved. Just call Marianne Kristensen at 347-3870 or Patti Torres at 572-3071 to ask about sizes, prices and to PLACE your order. What a great way to start your Holiday decorating and help with such a worthwhile project. You may also place your order at the next Leader's meeting November 22nd.

Japanese Exchange Program Still Going Strong

The Japanese Exchange Program is still up and running according to Cricket Soules. The Out-bound Program applications are due in January per information Cricket received from coordinator Katherine Cranston. This is an every year happening. Cricket stated that when you compare the cost of this trip to similar opportunities it really is a bargain. Becky Soules is available to speak to any 4-H club or other group about her experiences in Japan during the summer of 2005.

There will also be Inbound kids from Japan coming this year and host families will be sought starting in early spring. If you are interested please contact Katherine at 396-6987 or call the Extension office.

Leukemia Victim Named Rodeo Queen

At a recent rodeo event in Albany 5 year-old Kennedy Brooke Duval was named the "Rodeo Queen". Kennedy had always dreamed of a chance to ride in a rodeo and the event planners helped make that dream come true. Patti Torres was there and shared the story of Kennedy and her family. There has been little or no insurance available since her diagnoses and this is the absolute worst type of leukemia for a child to have. The mother has had to quit nursing school to care for Kennedy and the father was out of work at the time she was diagnosed. Patti is hoping to collect donations to help the family. There is an account set-up at Wells Fargo Bank and any donation would be greatly appreciated. For more information there is a website: www.courage4kennedy.com, the user name is Bean (Kennedy's nickname) and the password is pickle (one of her favorites). If you have additional questions about what you can do to help Kennedy and her family please contact Patti Torres at 572-3071.

Horse Bowl Guidelines

Copies of the Oregon 4-H State Horse Bowl Guidelines and Procedures that were adopted in January of 2005 are now available at the Extension office. If you would like a copy of this hand-out please stop by or contact the office.

Starter Project Visits Scheduled

The first visits of the Starter Committee are scheduled for Friday, November 11th. JoAnn Mast, Rhonda Wiley and Sue Powrie-Smith will be on the road once more from Lakeside to Myrtle Point visiting with the members and their new animals. The Port Orford llama visit will be conducted by Larry Blount. Written reports will be due shortly after the visits. Second and third year Nelson Colt Award winners will be receiving visits and be filing reports also.



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NEWS RELEASE FROM THE FAIR OFFICE TRAILER SPACE RESERVATIONS FOR FAIR

TRAILER SPACES AGAIN THIS YEAR WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

DO NOT ASSUME YOUR SPACE WILL BE RESERVED FOR YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE HAD IT LAST YEAR. IT IS UP TO YOU TO CALL, FAX OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOU A SPACE.

RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2006 OR AFTER. AS MONDAY THE 16TH IS A HOLIDAY, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BUT WILL BE OPEN TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY. MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND STATE IF YOU WILL BE USING A TENT, CAMPER OR RV. LENGTH OF RV IS A MUST WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

YOU CAN CALL US AT 541-572-2002, FAX YOUR REQUEST TO 541-572-2097 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE WE OPEN AT 8 AM. IF THE MACHINE IS FULL CALL BACK TUESDAY. TO MAKE IT FAIR, SPACES WILL BE ASSIGNED AFTER ALL MESSAGES AND FAXES HAVE BEEN GONE THROUGH. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 160 SPACES AVAILABLE.

A FORM WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY THE END OF THE WEEK YOU CALL IN OR THE FIRST PART OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK AND IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO HAVE IT RETURNED WITH PAYMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS TO THE FAIR OFFICE. IF FOR SOME REASON YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A FORM WITHIN 2 WEEKS CALL US AND WE WILL SEND OUT ANOTHER FORM.

THANK YOU,

DOG FLU IN PORTLAND

A case of canine influenza, dog flu, has been confirmed recently in the Portland metropolitan area. Dog flu is a new, highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that causes respiratory infection **only among dogs**. It is believed to have jumped species from horses to racing dogs in Florida and has been spreading in kennels and racetracks throughout the United States. The symptoms can look like the common disease "kennel cough," because coughing is the most common symptom. However, dogs with canine influenza are usually sick for longer periods (several weeks), and are more likely to have a fever and nasal discharge, and to develop pneumonia. Most dogs develop the milder form of the disease, but some require hospitalization and intensive care. The fatality rate is about 1 to 5 percent.

Advice from a local veterinarian

Dr. Joe Snyder of the Myrtle Veterinary Hospital in Myrtle Point & Coquille, says, "Don't panic." He doesn't think that the dog flu is going to make a huge impact on Coos County in the immediate future. "Use common sense, take good care of your dog and avoid exposure to dogs from out of town."

What to do if your dog gets sick

Call your veterinarian if your dog develops a cough. In addition, if your dog is coughing, **do not** take it out to locations where it might infect other dogs. Keep your dog home until it is well, or as directed by your veterinarian. Wash your hands well after handling any sick dog before touching your own dog. Currently there is no vaccine against canine influenza; however veterinary researchers at the University of Florida and Cornell University are working on developing one. The Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccine does not protect dogs against the flu. Check with your veterinarian to make sure your dog is up to date on all recommended vaccines and use caution where dogs congregate — dog daycares, parks, and kennels.



Are humans and other animals at risk?

No. People can not catch the dog flu. Horses, cats, and other animals are not at risk either.

More information

Consult with your veterinarian or visit <http://www.oregonvma.org/petowners/canineinfluenza.asp>.

NEW ARBA STANDARDS

The new 2006-2010 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders' Association *Standards of Perfection* book has just been issued. This book covers all recognized rabbit and cavy breeds.

It also contains a wealth of information that can be useful for your rabbit or cavy project. The Pacific Coast Rabbit & Cavy Breeders' Association will be placing an order for them on

Friday, November 18th. If you purchase this book with the PCRCBA, it will cost \$12.00 instead of the regular \$15.00. To order your copy, call Rhonda at 572-5263 by 5pm on Thursday, November 17. The books should be available in early December.





Agent Notes



I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief drive for Make a Difference Day. Thanks to our volunteers, the 4-H Junior Leaders will be sending 40 backpack "kits" containing a folder, a spiral notebook, loose-leaf paper, packs of pens & pencils, crayons, scissors/glue, and a 4-H toy. The backpacks were made by the 4-H club *Sew On & Sew Forth*.

In addition to the backpacks packed with supplies, the St. Landry-Evangeline United Way will receive \$172 in donations as well as:

- 25 combs & brushes
- 100+ bottles of shampoo & conditioner
- 100+ bars of soap
- 50 bottles of lotion
- 100+ toothbrushes
- 25 tubes of toothpaste & 50 boxes of dental floss
- Face wash, barrettes, make-up, nail polish, & other first aid & personal hygiene items
- Toys, games, cards and books
- 100 packs of paper & notebooks
- 50+ folders
- 5 3-ring binders w/ accessories
- Thousands of pens & pencils
- Home office supplies, craft items, candles, stationery, flashlights
- Pet collars & toys
- School uniforms, socks, underwear & baby clothes

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the 4-H clubs, schools, churches and individuals who donated time, energy and money to the cause and made our relief drive such a resounding success!

~ Hannah

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