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You're Invited to the Fall Awards Potluck!

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2pm
Davenport Building,
Fairgrounds



The 2006 4-H year is coming to a close. Come celebrate a great year with fellow 4-H families!

The Leaders' Association will once again provide meat and roasted corn-on-the-cob. Families should bring a dish to share, their own table service, and beverages.

County Medal Applications and Record Books Due Sept. 13

To be eligible for county medals and record book awards at the awards & recognition potluck, members need to:

- fill out an application
- get a leader's recommendation and signature
- turn in their application and record books at the Extension office **by 5:00 pm Wednesday, Sept. 13**

A copy of this application is enclosed in the Monitor. Leaders also received copies of them in the mail.



Thank You 2006 Coos County Fair Pig Scramble Donors:

Coos County Fair
G 3 Ranch #1
John Griffith
Helen Gross
TD Guerin Ranch
Russell James Trucking
L.A. Logging
Leep Sawmill
LTM Incorporated
C Dean Mason
Myrtle Point Rotary
S/W Ranch
Single Tree Construction
Umpqua Bank



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Camp Lost-N-Found

Please come by the Extension office to pick up items!

Misc:

- HP Photosmart Camera
- 2 disposable cameras
- Cabin group photos
- Stationary—small pink notebook
- Greeting cards
- Flashlights—blue, turquoise, black
- AC adapter (plug)
- Ball cap—Camo RFP-Coquille
- Sun visors—pink, red
- Sleeping bag—blue w/ green plaid
- Blankets—tiger, Lil'Brats
- Skort—pink/orange floral 8
- Bikini—blue & pink striped 7
- Dress—cotton, button-down, blue & white striped

Towels:

- Pink, Lavender, blue/green, Purple, red/orange

Hooded Sweatshirts:

- green M, lt grey XL, Louisville Slugger dk grey, gold XS

Shorts:

- navy 12/14, sage green 14/16
- maroon M/L
- blue green 8
- lt blue 7
- lt pink 7/8
- bright pink 10/12
- blue green floral 8

Shoes:

- pink tennis shoes, pink/gray sandals, single black flip-flop, single blue denim tennis shoe

T-shirts:

- pink/blue tie-dye (M)
- pink bad kitty
- teal green tank-top
- orange (Caressa)
- white N Bend Bulldogs Mini Cheer Team
- white w/ VG wrestling logo
- blue heather w/ thin chest stripe
- navy blossom Gulch Panther
- navy Quicksilver w/skateboard
- navy long-sleeve w/buttons

Junior Leader News



Fall Junior Leader Training: Date To Be Announced Soon

A training will be held this fall for current and potential new junior leaders. The training date will be announced at the September leaders meeting and in the October newsletter.



Coastal Futures Project: Join the Team!

A group of Coos County 4-H members and leaders attended the Coos / Curry Coastal Futures Project training in Gold Beach Aug. 4-5.

At this training, the team learned skills for working in youth and adult partnerships as well as skills for hosting public forums. **The training team started plans for hosting a public forum at the Coos County Fairgrounds in October.**

The topic of the forum will be "Coastal Futures: Challenges and Opportunities facing youth in coastal Oregon Counties."

Ideas generated from the discussion at this forum will be incorporated into community service projects. The team will be able to apply for grant funds from the National 4-H Foundation to complete the projects.

We need to have one more planning meeting to finalize details for the forum and plan advertising. If you are interested in helping with this project, call the Extension office and we will make sure you receive information about the next planning meeting.

If you are interested in more information about this project or becoming part of the team, please call or email Elissa at the Extension office.



Leaders News



Thank You Japanese Exchange Host Families!

The 4-H Japanese exchange for 2006 is now a fond memory and the six Japanese delegates have returned home to share many stories about the people they met and things they did while they were in Coos County. I would like to say thanks to everyone who helped make the Japanese delegates stay in Coos County special.

I would like to thank every 4-Her who welcomed the delegates with a "hello" or a smile at the Coos County fair.

I would also like to thank the Hauser Dune Riders for taking time out of their busy post fair schedule to take the kids on a trail ride. Having an opportunity to ride a horse is a dream for the Japanese kids. I know they will remember it forever.

Lastly I want to thank our wonderful host families who opened up their hearts and homes. Thanks to the Beneke, Earl, Halmark, Larsen, Morris and Soules families. Many lifelong friendships were made this year!

Thanks to you all, we had a wonderful Exchange this summer!

Katherine Cranston
4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator



Fall New Leader Trainings: Four Options

Oct. 4, 10-Noon or 6:30-8:30 pm

Nov. 7, 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm

If you know people who are interested in becoming a 4-H club leader, please have them contact the Extension office for more information. They will need to register for one of the four fall New Leader Trainings.



Time to Re-Enroll your 4-H Club

Remember that to continue to participate in 4-H, you will need to enroll your club members and leaders for the new 4-H year that starts this fall. **Enrollment packets will be handed out at the September leaders meeting—please be sure to have a leader from your club attend.**

Next Leaders Meeting: Plan to Attend

Sept. 26, 6:45 pm
Coos County Extension office

Coos Co. Leaders Association Funds Available to Leaders Attending Out-of-Town Trainings

Leaders and junior leaders who are interested in attending an out-of-town 4-H training or event, may submit a request to the Leaders Association for resources to assist with trip expenses.

Just write a brief proposal explaining what program you would like to attend, how many leaders will be attending, and outline the expenses.

Turn the proposal in at the Extension office. Elissa will send the proposal to the Leaders Association executive council and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



Small Animal News

State Vet's News Release: We Need Your Help to Create a Voluntary Inventory of Backyard Bird Owners

August 30, 2006... Unlike Oregon's commercial poultry industry, the exact number and location of so-called backyard flocks and their owners is unknown to state officials. There may be thousands of flocks of non-commercial domestic birds throughout the state, and the State Veterinarian would like to know where they are in the event of an avian influenza outbreak. That's why **the Oregon Department of Agriculture has set up a voluntary online inventory and asking backyard bird owners to come forward with basic contact information.**

"We're developing a list of locations for all non-commercial bird flocks in the state— as many as we can find," says Dr. Don Hansen, State Veterinarian with ODA. "This information will be used by ODA to give bird owners early warning about avian influenza and to locate at-risk flocks as quickly as possible to stop an outbreak."

As part of a national surveillance program, Oregon continues to test wild birds for any trace of avian influenza, specifically looking for signs of the highly pathogenic H5N1, or Asian strain, of the disease. There has been no detection of the Asian strain in North America. However, low path H5N1 has been reported in a pair of wild mute swans in Michigan earlier this month. This low path strain has been detected several times in wild birds in North America and poses no threat to human health. Because officials are looking, it would not be surprising to find additional cases of the low path bird flu in the U.S., even if it isn't the feared strain found elsewhere in the world. ODA would like to reach everyone with domestic poultry should a warning be necessary.

"If high path H5N1 shows up in either wild or domestic birds in Oregon, there will be an increase in surveillance and an inspection of surrounding flocks to try and control the infection as quickly as possible," says Hansen. "Because of that potential, we need to know where the birds are located."

If the virus is detected in an area of Oregon, contact information collected from the online inventory will be used to warn bird owners to



take extra precautions to keep their flocks from becoming infected. In a perfect world, high path H5N1 will not come to Oregon and the inventory information will never be used. **ODA simply wants to be prepared and be able to help protect domestic birds.**

"We are preparing for any possibility the Asian strain of avian flu will arrive," says Hansen.

Information provided to ODA by non-commercial poultry owners will be kept confidential. The voluntary information requested includes name of bird owner, address, phone number, e-mail address, and the total number of birds.

The inventory is found on ODA's Web site: <http://oregon.gov/ODA/AHID> <<http://oregon.gov/ODA/AHID>> . The link is located under the heading "Avian Influenza." Information can also be submitted over the phone by calling ODA's Animal Health and Identification Division at (503) 986-4680.

"We want to emphasize that participation in supplying information is absolutely voluntary," says Hansen.

Biosecurity information directed at owners of backyard flocks has been developed. Getting it into the hands of those owners is not always easy, especially when their whereabouts are unknown. The inventory would allow ODA to provide outreach and specific messages to the targeted audience.

"We are trying to keep common sense into the biosecurity approach," says Hansen.

Safety Tips for Backyard Bird Owners

Enhanced biosecurity practices include restricting access to birds. Backyard bird owners should allow only people who take care of the birds to come in contact with them. Caretakers should not be in contact with other flocks prior to arrival. They should first wash up, change into clean clothes, and clean their shoes.

People who have birds of their own should not be allowed to have direct contact with the flock. Efforts should be made to protect flocks from having contact

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with wild birds and migratory waterfowl.

Keeping backyard flocks in a screened area is a good way to help prevent contact with wild birds, especially with any possibility of avian influenza being introduced. Borrowed bird equipment— including poultry cages or cardboard egg cartons— should be avoided.

Signs of Infectious Poultry Diseases

The other key message is for backyard bird owners to know the warning signs of infectious poultry diseases. Early detection of signs is important to prevent spread of the disease. Flock owners should not wait to report suspicious signs of disease or a high rate of unexpected death in the birds.

Symptoms include:

- Sudden increase in bird deaths in the flock
- Sneezing, gasping for air, coughing, and nasal discharge
- Watery and green diarrhea
- Lack of energy and poor appetite
- Drop in egg production or soft, thin-shelled misshapen eggs
- Swelling around the bird's eyes, neck, and head
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs (specific for avian influenza)
- Tremors, drooping wings, circling, twisting of the head and neck, or lack of movement

Sick birds should be reported to ODA by calling (503) 986-4680. While the biosecurity information may have added importance due to avian influenza, it also applies to a host of bird diseases.

A backyard biosecurity brochure is available by contacting ODA. Information is also printed in Spanish.

Meanwhile, the online inventory of backyard bird owners is now operational. ODA does not expect everyone to volunteer and participate. If at least a major portion of the unknown population comes forward, the contact information could be critical in helping control a poultry disease Oregon hopes to never see.

Master 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Workshop On-line

October 28-29 Grant County

Registration is now online for the fall shooting sports leader training. Please be aware that **the deadline is October 6**. We must process all the registrations and order meals and materials prior to NAE4-HA conference.



The spring shooting sports training will be offered in conjunction with the Leader's Forum in Jackson County.

Counties are reminded that the fees for the workshop are completely non-refundable and non-transferable. At each training there is at least one volunteer who does NOT attend and whose fees were pre-paid by a leaders association.

Ask your volunteers to pay the fee and reimburse them if they actually attend. If you choose to pre-pay for your volunteer and they do not attend your leaders association must take the loss.

Educational Materials for Avian Flu

Over the past year or so, FFA has been working with the Biosecurity for the Birds Campaign, which is orchestrated through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at USDA.

As part of this campaign, they have developed educational materials about how small poultry owners can prevent the spread of avian influenza.

Materials are provided for free to participating organizations. The site is at www.AIFairs.org.

There are also two new (free) pamphlets available in the Extension Office lobby:

- "Avian Influenza and Biosecurity," ODA
- "Backyard Biosecurity Practices to Keep Your Birds Healthy," USDA



Livestock News

WSU LAMB 300 Short Course

Oct 5-7, 06, Pullman, WA

Washington State University Extension and Animal Science Departments in cooperation with the Washington State Sheep Producers Association (WSSP) are excited to announce that the first *WSU LAMB 300* short course will be offered October 5-7, 2006 at the Pullman Campus.



WSU LAMB 300 will be a three-day hands-on workshop designed for progressive individuals involved with the sheep industry. **The course will focus on teaching producers (regardless of the size or type of operation) how to produce and market quality lamb and lamb products.** Participants will learn how environmental, nutritional, genetic and managerial factors contribute to meat quality.

Participants will also learn how meat quality factors influence the price producers receive for lamb and lamb products marketed through various outlets. This program will increase ones understanding of lamb meat quality and marketing, enabling participants to make informed decisions to improve profitability, competitiveness and wholesomeness of the food products they are producing. The course will feature nationally recognized speakers in the area of lamb production and marketing.

The registration fee for *WSU LAMB 300* is \$150 per participant, which covers all meals, materials and parking arrangements. Hotel accommodations will be the responsibility of the participants. The course is limited to 32 participants and will be available on a first-pay, first-serve basis. **Registration deadline is September 8, 2006.**

More information and registration forms are available at the Coos County Extension office or on the WSU Central Animal Agriculture web page at <http://animalag.wsu.edu> under Upcoming Events.

You may also contact Jan Busboom, WSU Meat Specialist, (509)335-2880, busboom@wsu.edu; or Sarah M. Smith, Area Animal Science Educator, (509)754-2011, Ext 413, smithsm@wsu.edu.

WSU Sheep Extravaganza Program

October 7, 06, Pullman, WA

This is a one-day program for adults and youth interested in producing, marketing, and showcasing high quality lamb and lamb products. **It will present the latest information on marketing lamb, pasture and production management, and producing youth livestock projects.** The program is sponsored by Washington State University Extension and the WSU Animal Science Department, in cooperation with the Washington State Sheep Producers Association (WSSP).



Program participants will be able to choose from one of three separate tracks that meet their educational needs and interests. Each track will feature nationally recognized speakers and industry leaders.

Track 1 will focus on environmental stewardship, establishing and rehabilitating pastures, fencing options, and sheep health and nutrition. Track 2 will feature an in-depth discussion of processing and marketing lamb and wool products, the National Animal Identification Program, and food safety issues pertaining to lamb. **Track 3, targeting youth producers and 4-H and FFA parents and leaders, will give participants an overview of the sheep industry, as well the most current information on selecting, feeding and showing market lambs and breeding stock.**

The registration fee for the *WSU SHEEP EXTRAVAGANZA* is \$35 for the first participant, and \$15 for each additional family, 4-H or FFA member for **registrations postmarked by September 20th**. The registration feed includes lunch.

More information and registration forms are available at the Coos County Extension office and on the WSU Central Animal Agriculture web page at <http://animalag.wsu.edu> under Upcoming Events.

You may also contact Mark Heitstuman at (509) 243-2009, heitstuman@wsu.edu; or Sarah Smith at (509) 754-2011 Ext. 413, smithsm@wsu.edu.

Horse & Natural Science News

2006 Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judges' School

Oct. 6-8, 06
Red Lion and TRAC
Pasco, WA

Sponsored by Washington State University and Oregon State University. Registration fee: \$275.00.

The 2006 Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judges' School **brings together judges, prospective judges, and 4-H Leaders** who want to learn more about 4-H horse judging and the development of youth in the 4-H program.

The schedule and registration form are available at the Extension office or online at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/>

What can you expect to learn from the school?

- Have the opportunity to learn and refine your skills in both English and Western riding, inclusive of fitting and showing, equitation, pleasure, games, trail, driving, jumping, etc.
- Focus on youth horse shows as an educational event
- Learn about 4-H youth horse programs and have the opportunity to be a potential judge
- Observe show classes and show ring procedures
- Develop the skills necessary to evaluate 4-H horse programs
- Meet with 4-H horse judges from throughout the Northwest
- Upon completion of the training and testing program, you will be placed on a preferred Oregon and Washington 4-H Judges' list

Horse Clubs Work Party



Sept. 17, 12—2 pm
Fairgrounds

We need to paint the new jump poles before winter! Wear work clothes, bring brushes (if you have some handy) and join the fun. Also, bring a change of clothes for the awards potluck. The work will go quickly with lots of people. Any questions? Call Barb Bates 756-6510.

2006 Oregon 4-H Forestry Field Day & State 4-H Forestry Contest

Sept. 30, 06

Field Day: 9:00—Noon, Lunch & Cross-Cut Saw Demo, Contest: 12:30—5pm

Location: Oregon 4-H Center, Salem, OR

Sponsored by the Oregon 4-H Program & the Oregon Forest Resources Institute

What: This family event involves learning and demonstrating skills in Tree Identification, Tree Measurement, Compass and Pacing, Topographic Maps and a written Forestry Exam. Self-study materials for all events are posted on the State 4-H Office website at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu>.

Who: Youth grades 4-12. The State 4-H Forestry Contest is open to all youth.

Youth grades 10-12 will be competing to become members of the Oregon 4-H Forestry Team. They will study together to prepare for participation in the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, which is held in West Virginia in July each year. Funding for state team member's Invitational participation will be determined by the counties with participating youth and may require some fund raising by youth participants.

For registration info and a map, go online to: www.oregon.4h.center.org. Registration fee: \$4.00. Lodging at the 4-H Center cabins is extra.



Bulletin Board



Fair Court Contest

Sept. 30, 06, Fairgrounds
Applications are available at the

Pet Roosters Free to Good Home

- 2-yr-old black Sexlink
- 1-yr-old Araucana

Both are gorgeous. Are pets, not for processing. For more info call Margherita Zimmerman at 266-0691.

Wanted: Gooseneck Trailer

If you have a 4-horse gooseneck trailer that you'd like to sell, please contact Sharon at 396-3380 and leave a message.

Bunnies Free to Good Home

3 young bunnies free to a good home. For more info call Jim and Teddi Underhill at 269-9080.

Horse for Sale or Lease

2 1/2 year old sorrell, 14 hands, well mannered, available for sale (\$800) or lease as a project horse. For more info call Linda Decker at 396-5277.

Sheep and Goats for Sale

Several registered Romney ewes for sale:

- Yearling, white
- Yearling, black
- 3-year-old

And, a full family of Nigerian Dwarf goats are also available. For more info call Gaylene Adamson at 266-8164.

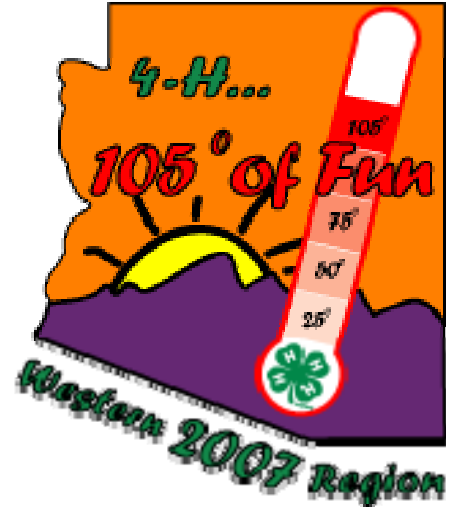
2007 Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum

Here is the latest information on the 2007 Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum. I will pass along more information as I get it.

4-H...105° of Fun!
Phoenix, Arizona
January 11-15, 2007

Early-bird registration by
October 1, 2006: \$270

Lodging: \$129 + tax



Sheep for Sale

Here's your chance to purchase open class award-winning ewes from the 2006 Coos Co. Fair:

- Registered Hampshire ewe lamb that won Reserve Champion
- 2-yr-old Hampshire producing ewe (from Charles & Wanda Daughtey) that won Supreme Champion

For prices and more info call Amy Bolduc at 404-7983.

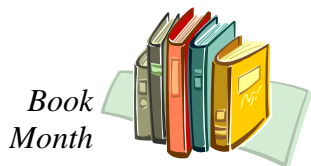


Filly For Sale

Young filly (born 6-26-06 in Bandon) available for sale. Would make a great project.

She is named Samira, is really friendly and curious, could be weaned at the end of Dec or in Jan, and could be registered with the HAHA (Half Arab Horse Assoc.)

Sire is a gray registered Arab and Dam is QH unregistered bay. She might very well gray with age and should mature at 15 hands. For more info call Linda at 541-347-9007.



Sept 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	Labor Day  Extension office Closed	4	5	6	7	State Fair Exhibits ready for pick up at Extension office  Cranberry Festival
10	11	12	 Record Books Due	14	15	 5th Annual Mounty Round-Up
17	18	19	20	21	22	 Harvest Festival
24	25	Leaders Association 6:45	27	28	29	 State 4-H Forestry Contest



Cookie Month

Oct 2006



Spinach Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 PNW Horse Judges' Training, Pasco WA	7
 National 4-H Week! 						
8 PNW Horse Judges' Training Pasco, WA	9	10 Auction Committee 7:30	11	12 Exec. Comm. Budget Meeting 7:00	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Leaders Association 6:45	25	26	27 State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Oct 27—29	28
29 State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Oct 27—29	30	31  Happy Halloween!				



AGENT NOTES



As summer comes to a close, several thank-yous are in order. Thank you to all of the leaders, junior leaders, members, parents, 4-H staff, and community members who pitched in to help make Camp and County Fair successful events! You all make a great team! I especially appreciated your patience and assistance with everything since it was my first couple months on the job.

Speaking of thank yous—4-H'ers, if you haven't yet written and mailed thank you cards for the special awards you received at fair, please do so soon. It's important to let award donors know how much you appreciate their generosity.

On Sept. 17 we will gather to recognize and celebrate our 4-H achievements during the past year. Be sure to join us for this special occasion (details on the front page). We could use a few volunteers to help us with set-up and decorations for the event—if you're interested, please call the Extension office.

I've also learned that September is the month for festivals in Coos County—Cranberry, Bay Area Fun, Harvest, etc. These community events are a great way to share your club's activities and promote 4-H. Please consider participating with a 4-H activity booth, display, or parade entry. Give me a call for more information.

I'm also looking for ideas and people willing to help promote 4-H during National 4-H Week, Oct. 1-7. Think about what your club could do—newspaper articles or letters, radio spots, flyers, classroom visits, you name it. Let's make sure everyone in Coos County knows what 4-H is all about!

Thanks again,
Elissa Wells, 4-H Agent

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