Focus Groups to Take a Hard Look at Deschutes County 4-H

With the blessing of the Deschutes County 4-H Leaders’ Association, the Deschutes County 4-H program is inviting sixteen people, representing a diverse cross section of the community, to participate in the first of its kind exploration into the future of 4-H in Deschutes County.

Both youth and adults will come together in November, under the guidance of Drs. Mary Arnold and Marilyn Lesmeister, to answer some tough questions. Two focus groups will be convened. Group One will consist of people familiar with the 4-H program. Group Two will be made up of people not so familiar with 4-H, yet they have a good understanding of the needs of youth in the county.

Some of the questions they might be asked are:

1) How do you see the changes taking place in Deschutes County affecting the young people growing up there?

2) What are some ways that youth programs can capitalize on the changes taking place?

3) What types of programs can showcase the value of young people to the community?

4) How might existing 4-H programs be modified to accommodate a broader array of youth interests?

5) What opportunities exist to collaborate with schools, business, and other youth organizations?

The 4-H program in Deschutes County is a great one. The leaders are true youth development volunteers and the members have of the best and brightest minds in the county. The results of the focus groups will aid the program in defining the future and how the program will proceed into that future. If the program is great now, imagine how much greater it can be with a clearer vision of its role in Deschutes County. Dljw
### DESCHUTES COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

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*All meetings are at the Extension office unless otherwise noted. Project committee meetings are open to all leaders,*
4-H Recognition Night
Saturday, December 2, 2006 ~ 6 pm

Things to Know about this Year’s Recognition Dinner

1) If your club wishes to reserve a table at this year’s Members’ and Leaders’ Recognition Dinner you may do so. To reserve a table you can contact Gay Demmer at 548-6088. Remember, each table seats eight. A reserved tag, with your club’s name, will be placed on its table. Once the club has been assigned a table, there will be NO switching since it will effect a change in other reserved tables. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The front tables will be first, then the sides, and finally the back. Every effort will be made to see that every club wanting a table has one. If clubs arrive without reserving a table they are welcome to choose any table that does not have a reserved sign.

2) Set up time: If clubs wish to have their table judged, please have it decorated between 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 2, 2006. This year’s judges are going to be very strict as to the judging time! Waiting to decorate tables later in the day throws off the schedule for the banquet start time.

3) Table coverings will not be provided. Club will be responsible for their own decorating needs.

4) Drawings: The Junior Officers encourage all of the leaders to make sure that they are re-registered as a leader for the 2006-2007 4-H year. Once again, items have been donated to be given away throughout the evening. So, get to the Extension office and re-register, you could win a prize! (You must be present to win! If you leave early, you can't share your tickets with someone else, sorry!) 

5) Theme: “Days of Swine and Roses”

6) Ushers: These ladies and gentlemen will have a list of club table locations and will be glad to show you to its location. Leaders will also need to check in with ushers upon arrival to receive a ticket for the drawings.

7) Desserts: Every family attending please bring a dessert of your choice. djw

Recognition Dinner Theme Selected

“Days of Swine and Roses” is this year’s theme. What a clever theme. Clubs won’t have to look too hard to find table decorations. Use whatever is left over from fair décor. Parents, members, and leaders this night is for you. It is a way to celebrate the end of a successful year and usher in a new one. You don’t have to receive a medal or award to be able to attend. This night is for everyone.

Clay Penhollow will be on hand again to provide attendees with a wonderful pit roast dinner of ham, and potatoes. We will recognize special friends of 4-H and honor our members and leaders for their accomplishments.

Please plan to sit at individual tables though. When tables are pushed together several seats are lost. See the additional article on information regarding this event in this and future editions of the Over the Clover newsletter.

Please also take the time to fill out the RSVP and return it to the office by Friday, December 1. We sure don’t want to run out of food for this special event. djw

Several clubs have already RSVP’ed. Don’t be the last to eat! Call Kim (389-6607) today or send in your reservation form.

Business and Individual Friends of 4-H

There are several very deserving individuals and businesses that help the 4-H program do it great work. Who better to nominate them than you? Please send your nominations to david.white@oregonstate.edu or call 541-548-6088.

During its meeting on Monday, November 6, 2006, the Executive Council of the Deschutes County 4-H Leaders’ Association will select one individual and one business from the names submitted. djw
4-H Recognition Night

Members’ and Leaders’ Recognition Dinner
Saturday, December 2, 2006
Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center
North Sisters Building
6:00 PM

The ____________________________ 4-H Club will be attending the Dinner. Total number of people attending: _______ Number of tables (seat 8) requested: _______

Please return on or before Friday, November 24, 2005 to: Members’ and Leaders’ Recognition Dinner, 3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756. Or, email david.white@oregonstate.edu with your RSVP.

D.C, 4-H Leaders’ Association Adult and Youth Board Positions Open

Nominations will be accepted during the Recognition Dinner for all youth positions. The Leaders’ Association needs a few good youth to run for these positions.

The Leaders’ Association Executive Committee advises the 4-H staff and manages the business functions and assets of the Association. Without the backing of the Association, scholarships, event funding, equipment purchases, educational supplies, and many other support systems would suffer.

There are a lot of qualified youth in the Association. Won’t you think about running? Your commitment is small. Your impact on 4-H program is tremendous.

Current Nominees include:
Eric Steensen, Youth President
Shay Dodd-Perry, Youth Vice President
Need Nomination, Youth Secretary
Need Nomination, Youth Treasurer
Sarah Pick, Adult Secretary

D.C. 4-H Leaders’ Association Needs YOU!

Have you wanted to get more involved in the “inner workings” of the Deschutes County 4-H program?

Have you wanted to have a say in executive and administration decisions?

Want to help set the pace for the local organization?

Want to help out where you can?

The Deschutes County 4-H Leaders Association is looking for an adult Secretary to serve a two-year term beginning in January. The duties would include:

- Attending and participating in executive committee meetings, every two months
- Taking and providing accurate minutes in a timely fashion
- Helping with any necessary association correspondence
- Enjoying a great group of folks focused on “making the best better” in Deschutes County.
Enrollment Fees

4-H Fees are the same as last year: $5 Administrative Fee; $7 per project fee (up to max. of $28); $10 per family (not optional) for Over the Clover newsletter.

Forms are available at the Extension office or online at:  http://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/Over_the_Clover/forms.php

Enrollment is required before participation in 4-H events or activities.

Did You Know?

4-H teens working with adults to teach younger children, teens who are junior leaders of their 4-H club, teens who participate in public speaking and speak to others on behalf of 4-H, and teens who serve on planning committees, councils, and boards:

- care more about others
- have a desire to contribute to others
- have higher self-esteem and use positive coping skills

Source: Dr. Mary Arnold, 4-H Extension Specialist
What’s Up?

Lost and Found
4-H Orienteering Club

Here's your chance to get together with a group of 4th grade and up students who are interested in maps and compasses, as well as some day hikes to apply what they've learned.

The club will meet in a classroom setting once every 6 weeks followed by a field trip during the following Saturday. There will be required assignments available on-line between classes.

All club communication, schedules, and associated files will be internet based at a membership only Yahoo group so internet access is a prerequisite for the class.

There is a fee for membership in the 4H program, the 4H newsletter, map supplies, and fair participation.

Please contact Dan Hohman with any questions. lostandfound4h@gmail.com

Cascade Wings
4-H Aeronautics Club

Do you have a high school student that has always been interested in airplanes? Have you noticed that they're always looking up in the sky when an airplane flies over?

We're forming a 4H club that will take students through a simulated flight training program. We'll be using the same material that they might use if they were taking flight lessons down at the local airport.

The program will include a classroom setting once every 6 weeks, using DVD training videos, as well as a time for questions and discussions.

During the 6 weeks between classes, there will be required assignments available on-line as well as scheduled one on one simulated flight training using Microsoft's Flight Simulator software.

The class will culminate in an optional "real" introductory flight at the local airport with a certified flight instructor.

All club communication, schedules, and associated files will be internet based at a membership only Yahoo group so internet access is a prerequisite for the class.

There is a fee for membership in the 4H program, the 4H newsletter, training materials and accessories, and an additional fee for the optional introductory flight costs.

Membership in the club includes a 6 month membership in the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association as well as their monthly training magazine.

Please contact Dan Hohman with any questions: cascadewings4haeronautics@gmail.com

Boot & Buckles
Michael Hopp
Molly King
Melissa Lundy
Tefna Mitchell
Tenele Pies
Cody Smith
Ellisse Steed
Tiffany Stevens
Callie Totten
Terrebonne Troopers
Nolan Van Nevel
Daniel Wambaugh

Your record book/scrapbook is in our office. Please make arrangements to pick it up as soon as possible. Thank you!

It is often hard to distinguish between the hard knocks in life and those of opportunity.

Frederick Phillips
What’s Up?

Record Book and Scrapbook Judging Results

Congratulations to all who turned in their record books and scrapbooks for judging! Here are the champs in all categories.

**Record Books**

- Home Ec:
  - Jr Ch—Amy Conklin
  - Jr Res Ch—Emily Roundtree
  - Int Ch—Elizabeth Hohman
  - Int Res Ch—Chelsea Conklin

- Livestock:
  - Jr Ch—Shelby Pick
  - Jr Res Ch—Sean Young
  - Int Ch—Leslie Hunt
  - Int Res Ch—Michelle Young

- Small Animal:
  - Jr Ch—Rachel Freshour
  - Jr Res Ch—Anna Zerger
  - Int Ch—Courtney Acarregui
  - Int Res Ch—Kimberly Shanahan
  - Sr Ch—Kimberly Wesseler
  - Sr Res Ch—Emily Stokes

- Horse:
  - Jr Ch—Parker Moore
  - Int Ch—Casey Long
  - Int Res Ch—Michelle Gant

**Scrapbooks**

- Club Champion & Grand Champion ~
  - Terrebonne Troopers

- Club Res Champion & Res Grand Champion ~
  - Bend Rabbit Raisers

**County Medals**

- Chelsea Conklin—Leadership
- Miriam Creach—Fashion Revue
- Michelle Gant—Horse
- Elizabeth Hohman—Citizenship & Fashion Revue
- Michael Hopp—Dog
- Christy Mosier—Bread

County medals will be presented at the Recognition Dinner December 2nd as well as the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards for Record Books and Scrapbooks.

Be sure to be there!

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**2006-2007 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Deschutes County 4-H Leaders’ Association. Any and all matters related to the function and administration of the Association take place at these meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of odd numbered months. Youth officers meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Executive Council starting at 7:00 p.m. The September, January, and July meetings are exceptions due to Fair Board Meetings, Labor Day, the New Year, and Independence Day. djw

November 6, 2006
January 8, 2007 ~ March 5, 2007 ~ May 7, 2007
July 9, 2007 ~ September 24, 2007
What’s Up?

Need Info
From Graduates

Congratulations to graduates! High school graduation is such an awesome accomplishment, you all deserve recognition. This year, I would again like to honor our seniors at the member and leader recognition night in December.

At our annual “end of year” presentation, I would like to have a portion celebrating this year's graduated seniors. In order to do this, I need photos! Could you please take the time to take a couple photos of your senior with or doing one of their 4-H projects or something else they enjoy? Then, mail them to me, I can scan and return it to you or you may scan it and Email it to me. If you prefer to submit their graduation picture or another special photo of the graduate together with family or friends, 1-5 photos is perfect. This is really their moment and I would prefer it be a photo(s) of their choice.

I would like to have photos by October 15. Please be sure to include names and date of photo. In addition, a little biographical information about the 4-Her would be cool. What their future holds and/or what 4-H means to them, or anything special they may wish to relay. Thanks for your help in making Saturday, December 2nd a special occasion. ccb

Mail or drop off photos to:
Deschutes County Extension
Candi Bothum
3893 SW Airport Way
Redmond, OR 97756

Submit Articles to the OTC

I would like to encourage clubs, leaders and volunteers to submit articles for publication in the newsletter. You are the expertise in our program and we want to hear from you. We also want to know what your club is up to. You don’t have to be a great writer, we'll edit for you! Submit your articles by the 20th for publication in the next month’s Over the Clover. ccb

WE NEED GALA PHOTOS

Any 4-H member who would like to submit a photo to be auctioned at the Gala needs to have a 4x6 photo and the negative to Paty Jager at the 4-H Extension office by December 1st.

These are the categories we are looking for:

Animals, Landscape, Floral, Seasons

Six photos will be picked for the Gala Auction by a panel. pmj

High Desert 4-H Summer Camp

The High Desert 4-H Camp conducted by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry was a hit again for campers and their families. A date in June is being considered, but has not yet been booked for 2007. Look to the January edition of the Over the Clover for the latest details.

Campers of the past have raved about the quality of programs and exceptionally fun times. Registration brochures will be available in the Extension office in January. You can ask that a brochure be sent to you.

The registration fee is expected to be $190. There is a deposit requirement. A portion of the fee is non-refundable. The Deschutes County 4-H Leaders’ Association provides partial scholarships to enrolled 4-H members. There are only 25 spaces available again in 2007. djw

Who Needs Wood?
We Need Wood!

If you or someone you know has some good hardwood of which they are willing to part, the 4-H program will be more than happy to pick it up. Each year the Buyers’ Barbecue and the Recognition Dinner require a lot of wood to make the coals. Without a good bed of coals Clay Penhollow is not able to perform his wizardry. Call 548-6088 or email david.white@oregonstate.edu if you can help out. djw
What’s Up?

4-H Junior Leader Training – November 28; 6-8pm; Crook County 4-H Clover Club

New state junior leader project books have been published and will help you better understand the Oregon 4-H Junior Leader Project. Materials include a member handbook and adult leader guide that explain what the junior leader project is, what junior leaders do and how life skills can be enhanced through this project.

If you are an intermediate or senior 4-H member (grades 7th - 12th) and would like to be a junior leader in your club, please bring your 4-H leader and attend this training.

Please pre-register by November 22 by calling the Extension office, 447-6228. If you are interested by cannot attend training on this date, please let us know; if there are enough people we will schedule another training.

DC4HLA Convenes Two Focus Group

In response to stakeholder and clientele input, the Executive Council of the Deschutes County 4-H Leaders’ Association plans, at my request, to convene focus groups to look toward the future of 4-H programming in Deschutes County.

The population of K through 12 grade youth in Deschutes County is well above 35,000. If 4-H is to keep pace with this fast growing sector of the county’s citizens, then it becomes the 4-H program’s responsibility to develop a strategic plan to address capacity, funding streams, programming, and other initiatives.

If you have questions, comments, or issues for the Executive Council regarding the focus groups, please feel free to direct them to Heather Wester, President DC4HLA at 541-549-9606, heatherw@bendbroadband.com; or Emily Stokes, Youth President DC4HLA at 541-548-6531, stokedane@aol.com. Djw

Photo ID’s are More than Worth the Price of Admission

Those of you re-enrolling as leaders or moving from Junior to Intermediate or from Intermediate to Senior will need to get new photo ID’s for the 2006-2007 program year. The same is true for all those entering into an approved new volunteer role within the 4-H program.

If you lost one and are not moving into a new age level and need to replace the slippery little thing, it will cost $5.00. Make sure you get the ID taken care of during the allotted time. Look for upcoming dates in future editions of the Over the Clover newsletter.

Remember, leaders and members failing to get the ID will be required to purchase daily or season passes to the 2007 fair. Djw

CAT 4-H Anyone?

I have had a few inquiries about doing 4-H with cats. There is curriculum available and we need a leader. Anyone interested in becoming a leader or joining the cat project should contact Candi or Paty at: 548-6088 or Candi.Bothum@oregonstat.edu. Ccb

Every one minute you spend in planning will save you at least three minutes in execution. Crawford Greenwald
Idea Fair Needs Your Help!

I need a couple of volunteers to help make contacts for idea fair instructors. Please give me a call and let me know what you can help with. ccb

Finally …

So it wasn’t as bad as we thought!

Lori Schneider and I took 8 4-H kids from La Pine representing horse, beef, swine, rabbit, sewing and cooking to serve cookies at the Symphony on October 22
Michael Lytle, Clinton Lytle, Dallas Wilson, Charisa Bates, Chrystal Bates, Kristen Russell, Danielle Schneider and Rachel Schneider all signed up to do their community service but were slightly dragging their feet wondering…what exactly are they really going to be doing? They found out that in 2 hours they would put table clothes on tables, put cookies on trays, fruit on trays, make lemonade, straighten things up and be ready for the people to come during the intermission. Since the tables were ready with about 15 minutes to spare we asked if we could slip in the back to listen in on a bit of “culture” that most of these kids have never experienced. We found out that regardless if we were given the okay we’ve learned, thanks to a “nice” lady who took us aside and pointed out this little bit of etiquette, that we do not enter when the music is playing☺. Oh well, we always have room to learn something new! During intermission within 15 minutes Kristen’s table was one of several that looked like it had been ravished by wolves with only a few crumbs remaining it was an obvious sign that the bakers at Cookie Camp had done a good job baking! After the people had finished their goodies and returned to their seats. These great kids jumped in to clean up and head home. I recall hearing many of them say….okay, that wasn’t so bad after all! So 4-Hers, keep in mind this is community service/fundraiser for 4-H project is actually a lot of fun and it only took 2 hours☺. Kathy Russell

What’s Up?

A West Nile Update from the State of Oregon

October 20, 2006

A bird found in the Bend area has tested positive for West Nile virus, public health officials in Deschutes County and Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) report today. "The bird is the first sign of West Nile virus (WNv) in Deschutes County this year."

"This is the first indication that West Nile is present in the Bend area," said Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Deschutes County Program Manager, "Oregonians need to get in the habit of protecting themselves from mosquito bites, because West Nile virus is here to stay."

Editorial Note…

As you may be aware, West Nile can be found in humans, birds, and horses….vaccines are available for horses; check with your veterinarian for the best time to vaccinate in your area. ccb

Have the Courage to Take the Lead

Pioneers are special people. “First” is always difficult. We don’t know that things can be done, that dreams can be fulfilled, that great accomplishments can be realized until somebody takes that first step. Geraldine Neckiman

Superior Tractor & Equipment

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A great leader is not necessarily one who does the greatest things. He is the one who gets the people to do the greatest things. Ronald Reagan
**What’s Up?**

**OTC Labeling Schedule**  
**Help Needed**  
We need for clubs to sign up to Label the *Over the Clover*. We ask clubs to donate their efforts to label the newsletter. Contact Gay or Candi to schedule your exact day. Here’s the schedule so far.  

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- Thursday, June 21st 2007 in Redmond  
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If you know that you will not be able to make any of these dates, contact the office and set up an appointment prior to July 9th.  

**There will be no exceptions.**

**Fairgrounds Service**  
As most of you know, the fairgrounds continues to allow us meeting space at no charge. Instead, we try to provide volunteer labor at different times throughout the year to “payback” the use they allow us. I would like to continue our volunteer service this year. I would like to schedule clubs to come and spend 2-4 hours just doing whatever they need done. It could be a weekend or a day off of school. Members may pull weeds, pick up trash, wash off chairs, sweep, or any number of other tasks. I would very much appreciate every club who participates in events at the fairgrounds to take the time to contribute at the fairgrounds. You pick the day and I’ll work it out with operations. All clubs must come with at least 1 adult and I prefer 1 adult to every 6 youth, more if they’re all junior level members. So, if you’ve done fair, fashion revue, livestock show, a meeting or a horse show, please schedule and fill out the following form and turn it into Candi at your earliest convenience.

**Fairgrounds Service Sign Up**  
Name of Club ___________________________ Name of Leader or Contact Person _________________
Phone ___________________ Email ____________________________
How many youth are coming? _______ How many adults? _______
What are the ages of the youth who are participating? ___________________________
When would you like to come and help out? ___________________ Times ___________________________

Send this form or Email this information to Candi at 3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756 or Email at Candi.Bothum@oregonstate.edu
What’s Up?

4-H Photo Identification

My thanks are extended to the Pilliods, Sarah and Shelby Pick, Teen Staff and others who stepped forward to help take pictures when needed. It was greatly appreciated.

There were several issues with the computer program this year. A major tragedy ensued and resulted in several files being unceremoniously lost to cyberspace when the program crashed. I appreciate the patience everyone showed during this time.

None the less, there were still quite a number of 4-H’ers and leaders who lingered on the edge of being too late for photos. Baring any computer malfunctions next year, the process will remain the same. Photos will only be taken during the following events:

- Idea Fair
- Skills Contest
- Presentations
- Beef Weigh-in
- Swine, Sheep, Goat Weigh-in
- Fashion Review
- Horse Fair

There will be no other opportunities to get an ID. If you fail to get your photo taken at any one of these events, you will need to purchase a season pass to get into the 2007 Deschutes County Fair.

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Start Thinking About Scholarships

If you are a college-bound senior, now is the time to think about scholarships from the State 4-H Program. These scholarships are offered primarily through the Oregon 4-H Foundation which was founded in 1957 to support the Oregon 4-H program and senior 4-H members as they move from the 4-H program into the next stage of their personal development.

All graduating seniors are invited to apply. Application deadlines vary. Most are due to the Extension office by March 1, 2007.

Please give me a call for a packet of information. You can reach me at 548-6088 x7953 or by using e-mail, david.white@oregonstate.edu.

djw

Photo Identification Takers Needed

If there are senior 4-H’ers or adults willing to take on the responsibility of taking 4-H photo identifications during the 2006-2007 4-H year, please contact Dave White at 541-548-6088 or e-mail to david.white@oregonstate.edu. You need not take on the responsibility the entire year. Just helping at one event makes a tremendous difference. Your help in this important task is greatly appreciated. Djw
Adults Resolving Child Sexual Abuse in Community

(Parents, Members, and Leaders: This is sensitive and disturbing information. I chose to include it since the Over the Clover newsletter is meant to educate and inform. djw)

Experts estimate that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthdays. The greatest risk to our children doesn’t come from strangers but from our friends and family—93% of all victims know their abusers.

A child’s safety is an adult’s job. Children are often taught how to keep themselves safe from sexual abuse—and that’s important for them to learn—but that’s no substitute for adult responsibility.

We make sure our children wear seat belts. We walk them across busy streets. We store toxic household cleaners out of reach. Why, then, would we leave the job of preventing child sexual abuse solely on children?

*Darkness to Light* training for Adults is being offered by the KIDS Center in conjunction with a coalition of tri-county partners. They are spearheading a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training and outreach program in Central Oregon. This national research-based program, called *Darkness to Light*, educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Twenty-seven trained facilitators from across Central Oregon are available to conduct 3-hour *Darkness to Light* trainings throughout Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties. The 3-hour interactive training program is motivational and compelling. It calls participants into personal responsibility for the safety of children, while at the same time appreciating their fears and concerns.

The training program is appropriate not only to systems that serve children directly, but also to individuals and businesses that want to respond to the epidemic nature of the problem and its impact at all levels of society.

Upcoming Sessions:
Saturday, Oct. 21 9am-Noon
Saturday, Nov. 18 9am-Noon
Saturday, Dec. 2 9am-Noon
*Training held at Rosie Bareis Campus “Sanctuary”, 1010 N 14th Street, Bend*

*Darkness to Light* is a tri-county initiative implemented in partnership with the following organizations: *Crook County Health Department, Deschutes County Health Department, Jefferson County Public Health Department, Crook County Juvenile Department, Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice Department, Jefferson County Juvenile Department, Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office and the Central Oregon Battering and Rape Alliance (COBRA)*

Are you interested in *Darkness to Light* training for your organization, business, community group, youth leaders, parents group, or for yourself as a concerned adult?

Contact: KIDS Center Prevention Program
Phone 541-383-5958 or email jbailey@kidscenter.info
*Minimum suggested donation: $15 per training participant. No interested group or individual will be turned away because of lack of funds.* Hilary Welsh
AmeriCorps HOPE Member
Over the Clover Café Schedule for the 2007 Deschutes County Fair

Sign your club up now!

Do not fear fair is not here. But, the OTC Café schedule is. Now is a good time to sign your club up for a shift in the OTC Café. Each morning shift needs 3 adults and 6-8 youth. Each lunch shift needs 4 adults and 7 youth. The dinner shift needs 4 adults and 6-8 youth.

Don’t wait until the last minute to fill a spot. If it were not for the Café, the Leaders’ Association would not have been able to provide scholarships for KYSG, OSU Summer Conference, HDLR, Camp, Japanese Exchange program, College Scholarships, and much more. Djw

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Cinnamon Roll Day Camp

You had a blast last year. Another camp is being scheduled for 2007. Gary and Karen Moss, the OTC Café managers, are going to hold cinnamon roll day camps again. The time is yet to be determined. If you have an interest in learning how to make these famous rolls, enjoy the company of good friends, and don’t mind a little flour in your hair, give Dave White a call to get on the list for this fun day camp. djw

OTC Café Committee Meeting Schedule

Those people willing to help with the Over the Clover Café are encouraged to attend the following committee meetings:

- Tuesday, May 8, 2007
- Tuesday, July 10, 2007

All meetings will be held at the North Sisters Building starting at 6:30 pm. Your help with this major fund raising enterprise is gratefully appreciated. Djw
CHARACTER COUNTS!


Deschutes County 4-H is a member of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. Early in 2006, I sent surveys to clubs. The surveys returned were added to the national data base. These are the results of the nationwide survey of youth. Please read the data. They tell an important story. djw

Attitudes about Ethics, Character and Trust

Young people are almost unanimous in saying that ethics and character are important on both a personal level and in business but they express very cynical attitudes about whether a person can be ethical and succeed.

- **Importance of Character and Trust.** Virtually all high school students (98%) said “It’s important for me to be a person with good character.”
  - 98% believe that “honesty and trust are essential in personal relationships.”
  - 97% said “It’s important to me that people trust me.”
  - 83% say “It’s not worth it to lie or cheat because it hurts your character.”

- **Ethics in the Workplace.** Though their cynical attitudes about real world ethics has undoubtedly been influenced by highly publicized business scandals in the past few years, young people still believe ethics is important in the workplace: 94% said that “In business and the workplace, trust and honesty are essential.”

- **Goodness More Important Than Wealth.** Eighty-nine percent (89%) agree that “Being a good person is more important than being rich” (though twice as many males disagree with this statement than females (11% v. 6%).

- **Role Models.** Despite a growing concern that young people lack positive role models, 82% say that “most adults in my life consistently set a good example of ethics and character.”

- Though one justification for the rampant cheating is the pressure put on youngsters by parents, the overwhelming majority (90%) say that their parents or guardians “always want me to do the right thing, no matter the cost” Only 7% say that their parents “would rather they cheat than get bad grades”

**Self-Appraisal.** Despite admissions of high levels of lying, cheating and theft, high school students maintain a high self image of their character and ethics both in relative and absolute terms.

- 92% say they are “satisfied with my own ethics and character.”
- 84% expected that half or more of all the people who knew them would list them as one of the most ethical people they know.
- 74% say, “When it comes to doing what is right, I am better than most people I know.”

**Cynicism**

Despite consistently expressing positive and ideals-based attitudes about the importance of ethics and character and the role their parents and teachers play in encouraging them to do the right thing, a very high proportion of young people reveal corrosive cynical attitudes about what works and doesn’t in the real world.

- 59% agreed that, “In the real world, successful people do what they have to do to win, even if others consider it cheating” (65% males, 54% females).
- 42% believe that “A person has to lie or cheat sometimes in order to succeed” (50% males, 33% females).

More than one in five (23%) believe that “People who are willing to lie, cheat or break the rules are more likely to succeed than people who do not” (30% males, 16% females).

**Conduct**

Widespread and deep youth cynicism often reflects itself in a rationalization process that nullifies ethical judgment and condones conduct that is contrary to stated moral convictions. Thus, the same youngsters that speak of the importance of ethics, character and trust, frequently lie, cheat and even steal without much guilt or hesitation.

- 82% admit they lied to parent within the past 12 months about something significant – 57% said they lied two or more times.
- 62% admit they lied to teacher within the past 12 months about something significant -- 35% said they lied two or more times.
- 33% copied an internet document within the past 12 months -- 18% did so two or more times.
- 60% cheated during a test at school within the past 12 months – 35% did so two or more times.
- 23% stole something from a parent or other relative within the past 12 months – 11% did so two or more times. In 2002, 28% admitted stealing from a parent or other relative.
- 19% stole something from a friend within the past 12 months – 7% did so two or more times.
- 28% stole something from a store within the past 12 months – 14% did so two or more times.
Register Now for the 2007 4-H High Desert Leadership Retreat

It’s not too late to be the first from your club or home to register for this highly anticipated annual event. Use the registration form in this edition of the *Over the Clover*. Early registration can provide significant savings.

The schedule of events has not been set. Some of the things being thought about are: What Fork Do I Use First?, Dating is Not a Game, New Directions for Central Oregon 4-H, Flash Judgments, High Desert 4-H Challenge Course, and many other exciting workshops. Not to worry, MRE’s are not on the menu. Of course, there will be plenty of time to socialize and enjoy the amenities of the Eagle Crest Resort.

Mail registrations to: **HDLR, PO Box 1251, Redmond, OR  97756**

*One person per registration form, please!*

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### 2007 4-H High Desert Leadership Retreat

Register by*:          Price/Participant

- December 11, 2006       $110.00
- December 12 through 22, 2006     $130.00
- December 23, 2005 through January 5, 2007    $160.00
- Deposit per youth to hold space and price        $  50.00

*$25 is non-refundable

Total: ____________

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Name

Address

City, State, Zip          County

Phone: Home                Work                Cell

Gender: M  F          Grade: 7  8  9  10  11  12          Adult Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL

I would like to room with: __________________________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________

Method of Payment: _______Check _______Visa _______MC

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Outward Bound Applications

Five of your peers made the commitment to test their resolve and accepted scholarship to attend an Outward Bound Program in 2006.

They are part of a unique group of people who have challenged their strengths and conquered some of their fears. They spent 22 or more days in the wilds exploring the some of Oregon’s pristine wilderness and rivers.

If you think you have the right stuff to work as a team player, endure what nature has to throw at you, and experience a once in a life time opportunity, then I need to hear from you before January 1, 2007.

I will be applying for full ride scholarships with Outward Bound only if I have high school age 4-H’ers interested. Call 548-6088 or email david.white@oregonstate.edu if you are interested.
dwj

Tim Kennedy Becomes the Newest Member of the Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team

I recently attended a National 4-H Shooting Sports Training in Salida, Colorado. The training program has taken a slight shift in its approach to teaching. The focus is now more youth centered. In the past, state trainers were trained to teach leaders. Little emphasis was placed on teaching new leaders how to actually work with youth.

The five days in Salida was a lot of fun and I met people from across the country. The people in Colorado have a great shooting sports program. Colorado had 2,330 4-H members qualify for its state fair shooting matches. I am eager to help the Oregon 4-H Shooting Sports program reach this same notoriety.

The 4-H program in Deschutes County offers several different disciplines such as: Rifle, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun. Unfortunately, the program doesn’t have anyone to lead Archery or Muzzle Loading.

If you have an interest and knowledge in helping youth learning how to safely handle and shoot fire arms, the program needs you.

The road we need to travel to catch up with Colorado is a long one. It may take Oregon awhile to catch up with this benchmark, but I can guarantee you and I will have a ton of fun trying to get there.

You can contact any one of the following people to learn more about the Deschutes County 4-H Shooting Sports program: Dave White at 541-548-6088, Tim Kennedy at 541-788-5600, Doug Creach at 541-388-0686, or Paul Moore at 541-322-8917.
tk and djw

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey
Noodles, Needles & Stuff

Dates to Remember

2006
Fri, Nov 10  Fashion Show at Stone Lodge Retirement Home, 2pm - 4pm
Sat, Dec 2  Leader Member Recognition Dinner, North Sisters bldg. 6 pm
Sat, Dec 9  Warm up America, Extension office, 1pm – 5 pm

2007
Sat. Feb. 3  Cookie Camp, OTC café, all day
Sat. Feb. 10  Idea Fair, DCFE, all day
Tues. Feb. 27  Home EC/Expressive Arts leaders meeting
Sat. Mar. 10  Gala Fundraiser, Bend Senior Center 6pm
Sat. April 7  Presentations, DCFE
Tues. April 24  Home EC/Expressive Arts leaders meeting
Sat. April 28  Cookie Camp, OTC café, all day
Fri. May 4  Food & Clothing skills contest, noon—6 pm, Hugh Hartman School, Redmond
Sat. May 5  Food & Clothing skills contest, 9 am—7 pm, Hugh Hartman School, Redmond
Thurs. May 17  Knitting/Crocheting skills contest, 4pm—8 pm Extension office
Thurs. June 21  Record book check, NS bldg. 5:30—8:00 pm
Tues. June 26  Home EC/Expressive Arts leaders meeting
Mon. July 2  Record Book Check, all communities, 5:30-8:00pm
Fri. July 6  Record Book Check, Redmond & Bend, 5:30-8:00pm
Tues. July 10  Fashion Review Judging, TBA
Mon. July 30  Exhibits to fair!

* denotes change of time or place

MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST

The 2006 Oregon Make it Yourself with Wool Contest is Saturday, December 2, 2006 at The Resort at the Mountain in Welches, Oregon.

The Make It With Wool Contest is open to all ages, pre-teens to adult. Each contestant must utilize their skill and creativity to construct a wool garment or outfit made of wool or a wool blend with a minimum of 60% wool. The competition includes modeling the garment/outfit for judges, as well as the judging of the garments construction.

Contestants compete in separate age categories, with the winner in the Junior division (ages 13-16) and Senior division (ages 17-24) receiving an expense paid trip to compete in the National Make It Yourself with Wool Finals sponsored by the American Sheep Industry Women in San Antonio, Texas, January 25-27, 2007.

Complete contest rules and entry forms are available from program Director Maureen Krebs, in the office of the Oregon Sheep Growers Association in Salem, (503) 364-5462, or your local county Extension office. Entry forms must be submitted to the Program Director by November 15, 2006.

What do these six words mean to you?
Trustworthiness ~ Citizenship ~ Fairness ~ Caring ~ Respect ~ Responsibility
Noodles, Needles & Stuff

Warm Up America

If you are working on squares for the Warm Up America afghans keep making them! If you haven’t made any yet – it’s a good way to practice your new knitting and crocheting skills.

We will sew the squares together on December 9th from 1pm—5pm. Paty will have refreshments and hot apple cider. Come enjoy the fun and help out a good cause! pmj

Crocheting Patterns for Warm Up America Squares

Materials: Worsted-weight acrylic yarns
Gauge: 9 stitches = 2 inches
Finished size: 7” by 9”
Hook: Size G crochet hook or size necessary to obtain gauge

BASIC SINGLE CROCHET

Chain 30 for the foundation chain.
Row 1: Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 and turn your work.
Row 2: Working under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn.
Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9”. Fasten off.

BASIC DOUBLE CROCHET

Chain 27 for the foundation chain.
Row 1: Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain of the foundation row. Chain 2 and turn your work.
Row 2: Double crochet in each stitch across the row. Chain 2 and turn. Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9”. Fasten off.

SHELL STITCH

Chain 31 for the foundation chain. (This stitch requires multiples of 6 chains plus 1.)
Row 1: Work 3 double crochets in the 4th chain from the hook. *Skip 2 chains. Single crochet in the next chain. Skip 2 chains, then work 5 double crochets in the next chain.* (You've created your first shell.) Repeat the sequence of stitches between the asterisks (*) across the row, ending with skipping 2 chains and 1 single crochet in the last chain. Chain 3 and turn your work.
Row 2: Work 3 double crochets in the 1st single crochet. *Work 1 single crochet in the center double crochet of the next shell, work 1 shell of 5 double crochets in the next single crochet.* Repeat the sequence of stitches between the asterisks (*). End with 1 single crochet on top of the turning chain. Chain 3 and turn your work.
Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9”. Fasten off.

Ribbons & Awards

It has been brought to my attention that not everyone involved in 4-H has a grasp of how the ribbons are distributed and what warrants an award.

Blue, red, and white ribbons are given to 4-H members for their projects based on how well the exhibit follows the criteria for that specific project area. In the clothing project there is a pamphlet given to all leaders and members called “Measuring Up”. This publication is what a clothing judge uses to determine if a garment is worthy of a blue, red, or white ribbon. A blue ribbon means the work has little to no mistakes, a red means there are more mistakes, and a white ribbon means the 4-H member needs to improve their skills considerably.

After everything has been judged, the blue ribbons are re-evaluated and a champion ribbon is given to the best blue in each category and a reserve champion may be given to a “second” blue. Then, if it has been determined a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion ribbon will be given in the project area, all champions are again considered for these ribbons.

Awards beyond the ribbons are determined by the Awards committee and can be found in the back of the County fair premium book. pmj

If it is desirable that our children be kind, responsible, pleasant and honest, then those qualities must be taught—not hoped for.  

James Dobson
Noodles, Needles & Stuff

Suggestions for 4-H Clothing Projects

*I put this in the OTC every year, and it is something that needs to be followed to bring success to the 4-H clothing members.*

**First Year** – Use simple patterns. NO zippers, pleats or set-in sleeves.

Suggested items: apron, scarf, wrap skirt, pull-over top, garment with a casing (either elastic or drawstring) sleepwear, skirt, shorts, pull-on pants.

**Second Year** – No zippers or set-in sleeves. Garment with casing and elastic or casing with drawstring or folded waistband with stitched in elastic.

Suggested items: Pullover top, sleepwear, skirt, pull-on pants or shorts. Garment with an attached facing such as a vest, jumper, pullover top or simple dress.

**Third Year** – Garments should demonstrate skill in pattern/fabric coordination, handling straight and curved shapes, uneven lengths or fasteners such as buttons and buttonholes or zippers. These skills may be used: Attached waistband or folded waistband with stitched-in elastic, easing, gathering, or attached ribs, a stabilized seam to prevent stretch of knitted fabrics or stitching to retain stretch in seams of knitted fabrics. Such as: simple dress, skirt, top, shorts, pants, robe.

**Fourth Year** – These are skills that may be used: top stitching, ruffles, placket, pleats, waistband, darts, fly front, zipper, machine buttonholes, patch pocket, collar, set-in sleeves, cuffs, yoke or interfacing.

**Fifth Year** – Previous skill plus: Tab fronts, Insets, complex seam finish, pockets (bound, shaped, pleated, or welt), handling stripes, checks, or plaids, bias detailing, front blackest, pleat construction.

**Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Years** – anything that has not been covered in the previous years. Would like to see members work on some tailoring.

New Pyramid Information

There are three new pyramid information sheets in the office. Foods & Nutrition leaders get them first, however, anyone who wishes one, can come by and pick them up. They are good informational tools as well as worksheets to teach youth how to eat right.

Committees have become so important nowadays that subcommittees have to be appointed to do the work.

_Laurence J. Peter_

Record book Checks

As you all know, 4-H record book checks before fair are mandatory if a 4-H member intends to exhibit at fair. We have set up a schedule and 4-H leaders have volunteered their time on the following days to check record books. There will be **NO** record books checked after the last official check date. If books are not checked by July 10th, the 4-H member will have to appear before the grievance committee to determine their level of participation at fair.

The dates for Record book checks are:

- Thursday, June 21st 2007 in Redmond
- Monday, July 2nd 2007 in all communities
- Friday, July 6th 2007 in Redmond & Bend
- Tuesday, July 10th 2007 in Redmond

If you know that you will not be able to make any of these dates, contact the office and set up an appointment prior to July 9th. hvc

There will be no exceptions.

To me success means effectiveness in the world, that I am able to carry my ideas and values into the world—that I am able to change it in positive ways.

_Maxine Hong Kingston_
Important Livestock Dates to Remember

2006
Wed Nov 8  Steer Selection—Picking the right calf; 6:30-8 pm; Extension Office

2007
Thu Jan 18  Auction Meeting; 6:30 pm; Extension Office
Mon Jan 22  Lamb Selection—Picking the right market lamb; 6:30-8 pm; Extension Office
Mon Jan 29  Feeding My Steer—Determining what and how much to feed and why; 6:30—8 pm; Extension Office
Mon Feb 26  Livestock Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm; NSister
*Sat Mar 3  Beef Weigh-In; 9-11 am; DCFE
Thu Mar 15  Auction Meeting; 6:30 pm; Extension Office
Sat Apr 14  Beef Education Day; 9-3 pm; DCFE (Tentative time & place)
Mon Apr 16  Livestock Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm; NSister
Thu May 10  Auction Meeting; 6:30 pm; Extension Office
Tue May 15  Sheep & Swine Weigh-In; 4-8 pm; DCFE
Tue May 15  Goat Weigh-In; 6-8 pm; DCFE
Mon Jun 18  Livestock Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm; NSister
Thu Jun 21  Auction Meeting; 6:30 pm; Extension Office (If necessary)
Thu Jul 12  Auction Meeting; 6:30 pm; Extension Office
Mon Sep 17  Livestock Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm; NSister
Thu Sep 27  Auction Meeting; 6:30 pm; Extension Office (Dinner at 6 pm)
Mon Oct 15  Livestock Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm; NSister

*red denotes changed dates

Educational Class Opportunities
To Help Improve Your Experience and To Supplement the Idea Fair

All Classes will be at the Deschutes County Extension Office conference room from 6:30—8:00 pm.

Steer Selection:  Wednesday, Nov 8, 2006
Learn to pick the right calf, why and what to expect from the producer

Lamb Selection:  Monday, Jan 22, 2007
Learn to pick the right market lamb for your budget, why it’s a good choice, and what your expectations may be for producers.

Feeding My Steer:  Monday, Jan 29, 2007
With weigh-in less than a week away, this is a good time to understand how much and what to feed your steer, what results you can expect and how to feed for the best possible finish with your budget.

You MUST pre-register for each class. You can pre-register by emailing or calling Candi or sending in the form below. There will be no charge, however, it’s extremely important, if you sign up to come, you actually attend and also that you pre-register, so if we don’t have enough, we can cancel and we’ll know who to contact. Thanks for your courtesy in this matter. ccb

Livestock Class Registration

Name ___________________________________
Email ___________________________________
Best contact phone _________________________

I wish to attend the following classes (circle all that apply)

Steer Selection  11/8
Lamb Selection  1/22
Feed My Steer  1/29

Mail to: Deschutes County Extension Service (4-H)
3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756
# Small Animal

## Important Small Animal Dates to Remember

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**Dog Leaders Needed & Wanted!**

If you have ever considered leading a 4-H dog club, now is the time to step up to the plate!

Additional clubs are desperately needed in Bend and Redmond. Potential members have already had to be turned away.

Call Paty or go on-line to get your paperwork started. It’s not too soon to get organized. Thanks!!

**Meeting Schedule for Dog Group**

- Wednesday, January 3rd, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 7th, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 2nd, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 5th, 6:30 pm (Post-fair meeting)

These meetings are all located at the Extension office unless otherwise notified. Please read your email immediately before you come. Weather and other circumstances have caused cancellations. djw
Q. What is avian influenza?
A. Avian influenza (AI) -- the bird flu -- is a virus that infects wild birds (such as ducks, gulls, and shorebirds) and domestic poultry (such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese). There is a flu for birds just as there is for humans and, as with people, some forms of the flu are worse than others.
AI viruses are divided into two groups based upon the ability of the virus to produce disease in poultry: low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).
LPAI, or “low path” avian influenza, naturally occurs in wild birds and can spread to domestic birds. In most cases it causes no signs of infection or only minor symptoms in birds. These strains of the virus pose little threat to human health. LPAI H5 and H7 strains have the potential to mutate into HPAI and are therefore closely monitored. HPAI, or “high path” avian influenza, is often fatal in chickens and turkeys. HPAI spreads more rapidly than LPAI and has a higher death rate in birds. HPAI H5N1 is the type rapidly spreading in some parts of the world.

Q. What are the differences between seasonal flu, avian influenza, and pandemic influenza?
A. Seasonal (or common) flu is a respiratory illness that can be transmitted person to person. Most people have some immunity, and a vaccine is available.
Avian influenza is caused by influenza viruses that occur naturally among wild birds. The HPAI H5N1 variant circulating overseas is deadly to domestic fowl and can be transmitted from birds to humans. There is no human immunity to HPAI H5N1 and no vaccine is available.

Pandemic flu is virulent human flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness. Because there is little natural immunity, the disease can spread easily from person to person. Currently, there is no pandemic flu.

Q. How can people become infected with avian influenza?
A. Although the HPAI H5N1 virus does not usually infect people, more than 240 human cases have been reported since 2004. Most people who have become sick or died from HPAI H5N1 have had extensive, direct contact with infected poultry. Broad concerns about public health relate to the potential for the virus to mutate, or change into a form that could easily spread from person to person, a characteristic that could result in a human influenza pandemic. There is no evidence that this is occurring. Strains of AI that have been detected in U.S. poultry, including LPAI and HPAI; have caused no known human illnesses.

Q. Can you get avian influenza by eating chicken, turkey or other poultry products, or by handling meat from an infected chicken or turkey?
A. There is no evidence that anyone has become infected with the HPAI H5N1 virus by eating properly prepared and cooked eggs and poultry.
Properly prepared and cooked poultry is safe to eat -- you have the power to protect yourself. Eating properly handled and cooked poultry and eggs is safe. Cooking poultry to an internal temperature of 165°F kills the AI virus as it does other bacteria and viruses. Cooking eggs until they are firm throughout kills the AI virus. AI is not transmissible by eating properly prepared and cooked poultry and eggs. If HPAI were detected in the United States, the chance of infected poultry or eggs entering the food chain would be extremely low because of the rapid onset of symptoms in poultry as well as the safeguards in place, which include testing of flocks, and Federal inspection programs.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO): “The World Health Organization reconfirms that, when
poultry products are safely handled and properly cooked, humans are not at risk of acquiring H5N1 infection through food.” Instructions for safe handling and cooking are printed on every package of chicken and turkey sold in the United States.

No chickens or turkeys known or suspected to be infected with the HPAI H5N1 strain are processed for sale as raw meat in the United States.

Q. What can I do to ensure the safety of the poultry that I eat?

A. Cooking poultry, eggs, and other poultry products to the proper temperature and preventing cross-contamination between raw and cooked food is the key to safety.

You should:

• Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling raw poultry and eggs;
• Prevent cross-contamination by keeping raw poultry and eggs away from other foods;
• After cutting raw meat, wash cutting board, knife, and countertops with hot, soapy water;
• Sanitize cutting boards by using a solution of 1 tablespoon chlorine bleach in 1 gallon of water;
• Use a food thermometer to ensure poultry has reached the safe internal temperature of at least 165°F to kill foodborne germs that might be present, including the AI viruses;
• Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm. Casseroles and other dishes containing eggs should be cooked to 160°F; and
• Use either shell eggs that have been treated to destroy Salmonella by pasteurization or another approved method, or pasteurized egg products for recipes that call for eggs that are raw or undercooked when the dish is served. Some examples of these kinds of dishes are Caesar salad dressing and homemade ice cream. Treated shell eggs are available from a growing number of retailers and are clearly labeled. Pasteurized egg products are widely available.

Q. Do we have avian influenza in the United States?

A. LPAI naturally occurs among wild birds. Evidence of LPAI H5N1 has been found in wild birds in the United States in recent years and is not closely related to the more severe HPAI H5N1 circulating overseas. HPAI has been detected three times in U.S. poultry: in 1924, 1983, and 2004. No human illness resulted from any of these outbreaks. The 1924 HPAI H7 outbreak was contained and eradicated in East Coast live bird markets. The 1983-84 HPAI H5N2 outbreak resulted in humanely euthanizing approximately 17 million chickens, turkeys, and guinea fowl in Pennsylvania and Virginia to contain and eradicate the disease. In 2004, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed an HPAI H5N2 outbreak in chickens in Texas. The disease was quickly eradicated thanks to close coordination and cooperation between USDA and State, local, and industry leaders. HPAI H5N1 has NOT occurred in the United States.

Q. What happens when there is an outbreak of AI in the United States?

A. The policy of the poultry industry and the government is to eradicate the disease as quickly as possible by destroying any flocks in which the highly pathogenic virus is found. The animals are all humanely euthanized and disposed of through environmentally sound methods.

In the event of an HPAI outbreak in the United States, USDA would work with states and industry to respond quickly and decisively following these five basic steps:

• Quarantine – restrict movement of poultry and poultry-moving equipment into and out of the control area;
• Eradicate – humanely euthanize;
• Monitor region – broad area of testing;
• Disinfect – kills virus; and
• Test – confirm that the poultry farm is AI virus-free.

Q. Why is it necessary to destroy all the birds in an infected flock?

A. Like all other living things, viruses continue to change and evolve. It is possible that the viruses that cause mild avian influenza could evolve into a more dangerous form. This is apparently what happened in Pennsylvania in 1983 and 1984, when a low-pathogenic strain turned into a highly pathogenic strain. Flocks are killed to prevent the virus
Q. What is done to protect people in the event of an outbreak?
A. The people involved in destroying flocks wear gloves, masks, and protective clothing. People who have no reason to be on a farm involved in the outbreak are kept away.

Q. What is done to protect healthy animals and prevent the spread of disease?
A. Poultry companies and farmers practice strict “bio-security” at all times, and it is heightened during any avian influenza outbreak. Bio-security practices are precautions taken to minimize the risk of introducing an infectious disease into an animal population. These practices include hosing down trucks and equipment carrying feed, personnel wear protective clothing and plastic boots and go through footbaths, farmers stay away from community gatherings, and farmers generally keep their farms locked down until the problem has passed. For more information about protecting poultry from avian influenza, visit http://www.usda.gov/birdflu.

Q. How is HPAI H5N1 being kept out of the United States?
A. The United States has multiple lines of defense against HPAI H5N1:

Wild bird monitoring: The U.S. government, in partnership with the states, regional Flyway Councils and academic institutions, has an extensive national interagency wild bird monitoring program to screen for HPAI H5N1. Thousands of samples have been tested in Alaska, where migratory North American birds commingle with migratory Asian birds during the spring breeding season. To date, more than 13,000 wild migratory birds were sampled for HPAI H5N1 in Alaska. HPAI H5N1 has NOT been detected in any of the Alaska samples. As the southerly fall migration begins, sampling and testing for HPAI H5N1 also is being conducted throughout the lower 48 states and Hawaii. This wild bird monitoring program serves as an early warning system for any possible introduction of the HPAI H5N1 virus in North America via migratory birds.

Import Restrictions: USDA maintains trade restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products originating from countries and/or regions where the HPAI H5N1 strain has been detected in commercial or traditionally raised poultry. USDA regulations require that import permits accompany properly sanitized poultry products, such as raw feathers. Additionally, USDA has increased its monitoring for illegally smuggled poultry and poultry products through an anti-smuggling program in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection.

USDA quarantines and tests live birds imported into the United States to ensure that they do not have any foreign animal diseases such as the HPAI H5N1 virus. All imported live birds and returning U.S.-origin pet birds (except from Canada) must spend 30 days at a USDA quarantine facility where they are tested for the AI virus before entering the country.

International assistance: USDA is working closely with international organizations such as the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization to assist HPAI-affected countries and other countries with disease prevention, management, and eradication activities. By helping these countries prepare for, manage and eradicate HPAI outbreaks, USDA can help to slow the spread of the virus. Some efforts include:

- Training sessions for veterinarians and poultry disease experts from H5N1-affected and at-risk countries to teach testing protocols.
- Professional expertise and funding to help the FAO in Rome develop a new Crisis Management Center, to respond rapidly and effectively to avian influenza outbreaks in poultry worldwide.
- Assistance to H5N1-affected countries, including laboratory equipment, reagents, and sample shipping containers to bolster AI testing and diagnostic programs.
- In collaboration with FAO and OIE, USDA has deployed expert scientists, veterinarians, and animal health emergency managers to H5N1-affected countries to test and diagnose AI; advise on surveillance and vaccination programs to protect poultry; and advise on emergency contingency plans.

Surveillance: USDA works with Federal and State partners and industry to monitor U.S. bird populations. Surveillance is conducted in four key areas: live bird markets, commercial flocks, backyard flocks, and migratory bird populations. Extensive testing occurs in live bird markets and commercial flocks. Additionally, birds that show signs of illness are tested. Through a backyard flock bio-security program, USDA encourages backyard and small poultry producers to strengthen bio-security practices in order to prevent the introduction of AI into...
their flocks. Bio-security refers to practical management practices that help to prevent diseases. USDA recommends that owners of backyard flocks follow these six tips to prevent poultry disease:

- keep your distance (restrict access to your property and your birds);
- keep it clean (clean and disinfect your clothes, shoes, equipment, and hands);
- don’t haul disease home (if you have been near other birds or bird owners, clean and disinfect poultry cages and equipment before going home);
- don’t risk disease from your neighbor (do not borrow lawn and garden equipment, tools, or poultry supplies from other bird owners);
- know the warning signs (sudden increase in bird deaths, sneezing, coughing, nasal discharge, watery or green diarrhea, lack of energy, poor appetite, drop in egg production, swelling around the eyes, neck, and head, and purple discoloration of wattles, combs, and legs); and
- report sick birds (call your local or State veterinarian, or USDA toll-free at 1-866-536-7593).

Q. Is it true that the type of intensive animal production practiced in the United States contributes to the development of avian influenza?
A. The modern type of animal production used in the United States is actually more protective of birds and their health than more traditional systems. In the United States, chickens and turkeys are usually raised in enclosed buildings called growout houses. More than 20,000 chickens or 4,000 turkeys are placed in a single building. Yet the health of the poultry flocks today is probably better than it has ever been. This is because of improvements in poultry housing, selective breeding for disease resistance, protection from potential disease carriers such as wild birds and continuous health oversight by poultry veterinarians. In contrast, the “village chickens” in Southeast Asia are raised in the traditional manner that has changed little in hundreds of years. They are fully exposed to the environment and to potential disease carriers, and they have minimal or no access to veterinary medical care.

For more information, visit http://www.avianinfluenzainfo.com
For U.S. government avian flu information, visit http://www.avianflu.gov

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Horse’n Around

Horse Calendar ~ 2006

2006
Nov 14  TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
2007
Jan 9   TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
Jan 10  WED  Horse Bowl, JRs ONLY, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
Jan 18  THU  Horse Bowl, INT & SRs, only, Extension Office, 6:30 pm
Feb 10  SAT  Idea Fair; DCFE
Mar 13  TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
May 8   TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
Jul 10  TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
Jul 21  SAT  Dressage & Ground Training Fair Competition, Place TBA
Jul 26-28 THUR-SAT Horse Fair
Jul 29   SUN  Horse Awards Banquet, 6 PM
Sep 11  TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
Sep 14-16 FRI-SUN 4-H Trail Ride, Three Creeks Horse Campground (Out of Sisters)
Nov 13  TUE  Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM

NEW Project Books Available Soon!

The new PNW 4-H Horse project book will be available by the end of the year. Books cost the leaders’ association $10 each, and are available to all members included in their project fees. We would like to provide 1 project book per family—and ask those who leave the program and don’t expect to return, to return the books for use by another family.

While these new project books will likely NOT be used for our county Horse Bowl contest, they WILL be used as a source for the state horse bowl contest….so get yours when they arrive! ccb
Horse Bowl

What It Is

Horse bowl is a fun event that involves youth of all ages answering questions about horses for points. Juniors play against juniors and intermediates and seniors against other intermediate and senior members. A moderator (adult leader or parent) asks questions related to your 4-H horse materials, then as quick as you know the answer, you “buzz” in….like jeopardy, with answers instead of questions. Horse bowl is one of the most educational events we provide. It recognizes youth who spend some time reading their materials and improving their horsemanship knowledge.

As a judge, numerous times I have asked youth where the “cannon bone” is? Or how much water does an average horse drink? Or what is a “coggins test?”….often, they don’t know the answer. It’s our job as horse leaders to educate these 4-Hers about horses; not just how to ride, but give them knowledge they can expand and share throughout their life time. Horse bowl is an outstanding place for this to happen. It’s fun for parents too, I’ve learned a ton of stuff listening to horse bowl questions.

In addition to being a fun and learning experience, it’s also a contest. A county, state and national contest. Members compete at the county level and intermediates and seniors who qualify compete as a team at the state level and the senior winners at the state level can go to Denver to a national contest. Last year our intermediate team took first in the STATE!

The Contest

The Junior Horse Bowl Contest is:
Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
at the Extension Office in Redmond

The Intermediate & Senior Contest is:
Thursday, January 18, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo
North Sister building in Redmond

Spend some time with your 4-H materials and join us for horse bowl. Questions will come from the contest guide and the project book for juniors. The majority of intermediate and senior questions will come from the contest guide and the project book, however, some questions will also come from the other materials. (dressage, jumping, ground training, judging manual) ccb

Trail Ride Successful
In Spite of Snow and Low Turnout!

We had a fun time at the 4-H trail ride at Dry Creek Horse Camp out of Prineville. The weather Friday was cool, but the weekend cleared up and left us with a sunny warm ride Sunday morning. We had a great night Saturday evening playing campfire games, roasting marshmallows and listening to a little guitar and harmonica playing. Richardson, Henry, Hayden, Vollertsen family and friends braved the weather to have one last horse-outing before summer ended. Next years ride was voted to be at Three Creeks Horse Camp. We will try again and hope that no early snow hits us again. Put it on your calendar now: September 14-16, 2007

Submitted by: Tahnee Hayden

Horse’n Around

Horse Judging
2006/2007
West Nile Virus

West Nile is a mosquito–borne virus that was first detected in the United States in 1999. The virus, which causes encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, has been found in Africa, Western Asia, the Middle East, the Mediterranean region of Europe, and, most recently, in the United States.

Mosquitoes acquire the West Nile virus (WNV) from birds and pass it on to other birds and animals. While humans and horses may be infected by the virus, there is no documentation that infected horses can spread the virus to uninfected horses or other animals. Migrating birds appear to play a role in spreading the disease.

U.S. History

On September 14, 1999, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) isolated a virus from neurological and other tissues of flamingoes and trampans (pheasants) from the Bronx Zoo and crows from the New York City area. Samples of the isolated virus were sent to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for identification. On September 27, 1999, CDC officials announced that the isolated virus was very similar to that of WNV, previously seen in the Western Hemisphere. CDC later confirmed the virus as West Nile and connected it to an encephalitis outbreak that killed 7 people and infected at least 55 others in the New York City area in 1999. The virus has since been identified in horses, mosquitoes, or wild birds in all 48 continental States and the District of Columbia.

Because the virus is transmitted by mosquitoes, it has the potential to affect livestock and poultry. In 2003, more than 5,181 equines in 48 States were diagnosed with cases of West Nile equine encephalitis.

Clinical signs of WNV infection in horses include ataxia (stumbling or poor coordination), depression or apprehension, weakness of limbs, partial paralysis, muscle twitching, or death. Fever is not often observed.

Although the role of commercial poultry in maintaining or transmitting the virus is not thoroughly understood, no clinical signs have been reported in U.S. poultry. According to scientific literature, chickens can develop a short–lived infection, but clinical signs are not seen.

Federal Actions to Protect Agriculture

Any horses showing clinical signs of severe encephalitis in an area without previous equine cases that year and where other common causes such as rabies can be ruled out, will be investigated by APHIS’ Veterinary Services (VS) program as having a potential foreign animal disease. VS uses reliable diagnostic tests for WNV and is on the lookout for virus activity across the United States.

USDA’s Agricultural Research Service has conducted WNV inoculation studies with turkeys. NVSL did the same with chickens and studies were conducted with horses at the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC). Only chickens showed the likely potential to produce enough of the virus in their blood to infect mosquitoes. Each species developed antibodies after being inoculated and encephalitis was not observed in any of the animals.

VS continues to treat all situations where birds show neurological signs as having the potential for hosting a foreign animal disease. Such a response allows NVSL to rule out exotic poultry diseases, such as Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza, before testing for WNV.

The CDC, the U.S. Geological Survey’s National Wildlife Health Center, and APHIS are cooperating to survey the virus in a wide range of wild birds. This Federal working group, in conjunction with relevant State agencies, gathers and analyzes surveillance data to determine the extent to which the virus may be distributed in mosquito and bird populations in the United States.

How You Can Protect Your Animals

You can decrease the chances of your animals being exposed to WNV by decreasing their exposure to adult mosquitoes. The best way to do this is by removing any potential sources of water in which mosquitoes can breed. Dispose of any water–holding containers, including discarded tires. Drill holes in the bottom of containers that are left outside. Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis. Turn over wading pools or wheelbarrows when not in use, and do not allow water to stagnate in bird baths. Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not in use and be aware that mosquitoes can breed in water that collects on your property; mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days. Thoroughly clean livestock–watering troughs on a monthly basis. Local mosquito–control authorities can help in assessing the mosquito–breeding risks associated with your property.
Horse'n Around

Jefferson Co Horse Leaders
Open Play Day
November 18, 10 a.m.

Classes include barrels, pole bending, key race, figure 8 race, flag race, and ride a buck. Everyone is invited to participate.

Awards will be presented. Entry fees are $6 per class or $25 all day. Entry forms are available on-line or at the Extension office.

For more information, contact Karen 546-3185, Tanya 546-6923 or Sue Ellen 475-6633.

A West Nile Update from the State of Oregon

October 20, 2006

A bird found in the Bend area has tested positive for West Nile virus, public health officials in Deschutes County and Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) report today.

"The bird is the first sign of West Nile virus (WNv) in Deschutes County this year."

"This is the first indication that West Nile is present in the Bend area," said Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Deschutes County Program Manager, "Oregonians need to get in the habit of protecting themselves from mosquito bites, because West Nile virus is here to stay."

Editorial Note…

As you may be aware, West Nile can be found in humans, birds, and horses…vaccines are available for horses; check with your veterinarian for the best time to vaccinate in your area. ccb

Many thanks to all those who brought horses, took reasons, were group leaders and who just helped made this year’s horse judging successful. Thank you! ccb
Classifieds

English Lop Junior Rabbits from Champion lines. These are very gently loving rabbits that make excellent pets, 4-H and show rabbits. Litters born 8/21 and 9/8. Pet Quality from $20. Show quality $45-60 with pedigree. Tan Junior Rabbits from champion lines in black and chocolate. These are very playful rabbits that would make excellent agility rabbits, 4-H and show rabbits. Litters born 8/19 and 9/7. Bucks and does all show quality $40 - $50 with pedigree. Call Courtney at 389-0140 or abundantears@hotmail.com

Bend Spay & Neuter Project has barn cats for adoption. They are from feral cat colonies, and have been spayed/neutered and received vaccinations. They make great mousers!!! If folks are interested, they can contact us at info@bendsnip.org, 541-617-1010. More info at www.bendsnip.org. We also have tame, indoor kittens available for adoption.

Oly is a gorgeous 1/2 mini 1/2 welsh pony, This little guy is a head turner, He took my daughter to State for OHSET in In Hand Obstacle Relay, He does in hand trail, once in the ring he is all business. Showmanship/halter, He has been ground driven in complete harness, and Has been put in front of the cart a few times and is coming along well. He is easy to handle, bathe him, body clip him, stall him he doesn't complain. He is a special guy. He has wonderful action for carting. He loads and hauls quietly, and is awesome for the farrier. Loving home a must. Asking $800.00 Please contact Samantha or Lysa Watkins 541.771.8343 or at watkins@machmedia.net Oly is located in Hermiston, OR

Remember ... All members and leaders must re-enroll for 2006-2007.

4-H/General Publications

Change your links!
The move to a new server means the catalog has a new Web address: (http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/)

4-H youth publications
Oregon 4-H youth publications currently are NOT listed in the catalog. We are working closely with the State 4-H Office and our programmers to incorporate these items soon. In the meantime, county offices should refer to the monthly Available Series Report from the Department of Extension and Experiment Station Communications (EESC) to find out about available 4-H materials. Note: Numbered-series 4-H youth development materials that are available online temporarily can be downloaded from:

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/

Other 4-H materials are available on the State 4-H Office web site.

Much thanks to ALL the volunteers—Leaders, families, members, fair directors, and anyone else who participated. Thanks for a great fair!

How about photography?
Photography is a terrific complimentary project. You can use your other project as material for your photos AND it’s a life skill; everybody wants to be able to take great photos. Sign up to be a leader or participate in a photography club now...or simply add it to your existing club—bring in a few experts and imagine the fun things you’ll learn! ccb

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