Family Fun Project is underway!

Mark your calendars and come join the fun! November 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Madras Fire Station. We will have free pizza, pop and ice cream.

Our Jefferson County Volunteer Firefighters have some fun activities planned plus a chance to learn about home and car safety for the holidays. Bring your child’s car seat to have them checked for proper installment in your vehicle and come with a healthy appetite and anticipation for a fun family time!

See you at the Jefferson County Fire District #1 Madras Station (located 765 S. Adams Drive)
on November 22!

On Tuesday, October 21st, members of Jefferson County 4-H and the community, with visitors from Deschutes County, joined in wishing Rebecca Mills well in her future endeavors. As you probably read in last month’s newsletter, Rebecca has moved to Oklahoma to join her husband, Aaron.

Rebecca, Good-luck in your future!

Please be aware that Recognition Night has been post-poned and will be re-scheduled in January or February.
**General 4-H News**

**Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum**
The Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum will take place this year in Denver, Colorado. The date has been set for February 25—March 1, 2009. All information and registration form is available online at: http://colorado4h.org/wrlf09/ Early Bird registration is due December 1, 2008 and needs to be postmarked by that date.

**High Desert Leadership Retreat**
The 4-H High Desert Leadership Retreat will be held Friday, January 16 through Monday, January 19th, 2009 at Eagle Crest Resort. If you like condo living, swimming, sports and meeting new friends, this Retreat is for you. Some of the workshops include: COLORS, Access 4-H, Challenge & Adventure, Theatre, Dance and much more. There will be youth attending from Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Gillian, and Wheeler counties, and the Warm Springs Reservation.

If you need information about scholarships either call or stop by the Extension Office.

**Portland Trailblazers 4-H Night**
The Trailblazers organization offers discounted tickets to people affiliated with the 4-H program for a special “4-H Night” game. The game will be held Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the Rose Garden and will be against the Phoenix Suns. For more information about this event visit the State 4-H website at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/

**After School Activity**
On October 28th there was a “Pumpkin Painting activity at the Extension Office. Mr. Smith, Madras High School Art Teacher, discussed how to draw different kinds of faces and talked about the primary colors, which youth were able to mix to paint their pumpkins.

The next activity will be held on January 20th, 2009. If you are interested in learning more about Scrapbooking, you will want to call the Extension Office at 475-3808 to sign up!

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**2008 National Youth Science Day**
Jefferson County Middle School sixth graders had the opportunity to participate in the 2008 4-H National Youth Science Day. Rebecca Mills and Jill Eveland visited Margee O’Brien’s classroom at the middle school on Thursday, October 9th. The nationwide experiment involved an experiment with hydrogels that had been extracted from disposable diapers. Each group dissected a new diaper by removing the gauze-type top layer of the diaper. The cotton liner was shaken and a powder hydrogel was collected from the liner of the diaper. One teaspoon of the powder was added to an empty cup. It was then combined with ¼ cup of water. The powder in the cups formed a gel that practically filled the cups. Results from the observations during the experiment were added to the data collected by students from all over the United States.

Rebecca informed students of the uses of these hydrogels in agriculture. Local farmers have used hydrogels in their irrigation water to apply it to their soil. The polymers help in retaining a soil’s moisture. Polymers can be manufactured artificially or extracted from corn.

The students enjoyed the hands-on science experiment. Many questions were raised as to the uses of polymers and the results of their uses. Students wondered about the recycling effect of used disposable diapers in landfills. It is the result of 4-H projects such as these that show the way that 4-H is expanding and reaching out to a broader educational base.

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**4-H SET**
Science, Engineering & Technology

Competition is heating up between the teams and generally speaking our robots are built and now it’s a mad race to get as many missions accomplished as possible before the December 6th competition day date.

Work on our presentation project is underway and each team has some exciting ideas and research done to back the ideas. Through the weeks the teams have developed better team spirit and are working better together.

The Mountain View High School Robotics Team will be running a workshop to help out our teams. The workshop will run, Saturday, November 8th from noon till 3:00 p.m. This is a great time for team members to come in with their robots and/or questions.

Dates to Remember:
- November 8th — Robotics workshop at Mountain View High
- December 6th — Competition Day! FLL Tournament in Bend

If you have any questions about the workshop or competition day, please contact Heidi or Jill at the Extension Office at 475-3808.
**Project Area News—Recruitment, Enrollment**

**Club Leaders**
With the beginning of a new 4-H year, we (Heidi and Jill) would like to offer to come out to visit your club and help with getting the enrollment forms together, we can bring with us project materials that you might need for your club. We will be calling to see if there is a time we can set up to visit.

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**Jefferson County Paw Prints**
Are you interested in having a 4-H Dog Project? Jefferson County Paw Prints 4-H Club is having their first meeting of the new 4-H year on November 12th at 6:00 p.m. They will be signing up new members, going over club rules and talking about a Christmas fundraiser. Please give Jennifer Dobkins a call at 541-771-6499 for location directions.

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**Country Cousins**
Country Cousins 4-H Club will be having a reining trainer and a horse chiropractor come over. The reining trainer will be there on November 22, at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in having a lesson, please call Kris Roberts at 546-8355 for more information. Also, the Club still has openings in the Porcelain Doll Project. Call if interested the doll project will be starting in November.

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**Community 4-H Club**
There will be a planning meeting for adult volunteers of the Community 4-H Club on November 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference room. If you have knowledge and skills in the areas of: cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, photography, art, scrapbooking and would be willing to share those skills with youth, come to this meeting.

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**Baa’d Oinkers 4H Club**
Baa’d Oinkers 4H Club, located in Culver, has openings in our club for kids interested in livestock projects (sheep, pigs, steers & goats). We are also a horse club involved in ranch horse, gaming & showing events. Our club includes members at all levels. If you are new to 4-H or new to doing a livestock/horse project, we can help. If you are an experienced 4-H'er, we will help you find new challenges and interests. If you are looking for a fun & enthusiastic club, give one of our leaders a call. Co-leaders: Kelly Jacobsen at 541-408-7918 & Treana Henley at 541-777-0234.

**Important information about club fundraisers**
A year ago it was announced that Jefferson County 4-H clubs would no longer be allowed to do raffles as a club fundraiser. This information came from the National 4-H Council and was based on their fact sheet called “Raffles, Lotteries, Gaming and 4-H” (see http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs-raffles%2001-23-07.pdf) where it mentions that raffles, lotteries, and games of chance are “discouraged, but not forbidden”. This fact sheet also mentions that the involvement of 4-H in games of chance should be given careful consideration because the funds raised should always be to further the educational efforts of the program and proper procedures for reporting of income should be carefully followed.

In October the Executive Council revisited the idea of allowing clubs to do raffles. Procedures were discussed of how to make sure any group doing a raffle would be complying with appropriate standards as well how to hold the clubs accountable for reporting the income made from these fundraisers. It was decided that clubs would be allowed to do raffles and club leaders would be held responsible for proper record keeping.

A new form will be available at the Extension Office for clubs interested in conducting a raffle. Also, as a reminder: all clubs interested in doing a fundraiser must first fill out an Intent to Fundraise Form prior to the 3rd Monday of the month. In the absence of a 4-H agent the Executive Council will be approving all Intent to Fundraise forms. The Executive Council meets on the 3rd Monday and will approve/disapprove the forms at that time.
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Please be aware that this newsletter (with links included) is available on the Jefferson County 4-H Website

Important Dates to Remember

November
Thursday 6th  Horse Leaders Meeting  6:30 p.m.  Ext Office
Saturday 8th  Robotics Workshop noon to 3:00 p.m.  Bend
Tuesday 11th  Livestock Leaders Meeting  7:15-8:45 p.m.  Ext Office
Wednesday 12th  Community Club 4-H Planning Meeting  6:30 p.m.  Ext Office
Thursday 13th  New Leader Training  6:30 p.m.  Ext Office
Monday 17th  Executive Council Meeting  7:00 p.m.  Ext Office
Saturday 22nd  Family Fun Night  6:00 p.m.  Fire Hall
Thursday 27th  Thanksgiving—Extension Office closed

December
Saturday 6th  FLL (First Lego League) Tournament all day event  Bend
Stay posted for meeting dates
Thurs-Fri.  25-26  Extension Office Closed

January
Fri-Mon, 16-18th—High Desert Leadership
Retreat, Eagle Crest Resort
Saturday, 31st—Idea Fair, Deschutes County

If you have not picked up your premium check, remember to pick them up by December 31.