



4-H Update



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*Newsletter deadline is the
third Tuesday of the month.*

Time is Running Out.....

Last Day for **NEW 4-H CLUB** Signup AND
NEW 4-H MEMBER Enrollment is
March 16th



Youth enrolling after this date will not be eligible to participate in the County Fair in their project areas. They can participate in the County Fair in at least one of the following: **4-H Open Contests, Presentations or Educational Displays** and **MUST** do so (along with the 4-H Record Book requirement) in order to obtain a County Fair 4-H armband pass.

Returning 4-H Members and Clubs should already be enrolled.

Returning 4-H Members may ADD additional projects until the March 16th deadline.

(Leaders, if you have a returning member who did not get his/her enrollment in by January 15th, he/she might POSSIBLY be able to join - please have them contact Chris in the OSU Extension Office 476-6613.)

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What is a little more than 5 months away, is eagerly awaited by all our 4-H youth and seems to arrive too quickly for the adults?

You guessed it --- the

2009 Josephine County Fair!

Why mention it at this point in time? Because the fair theme has been revealed and it's time to work on those drawings illustrating that theme.

This year's Josephine County Fair theme is:

Wagon Wheels to Space Mobiles.



If you are interested in submitting artwork that could potentially become the logo for the County Fair listen to KAJO/ KLDR during the early part of March for the contest details.

4-H County-Wide Activities

For all 4-Hers and their families
To help increase overall
4-H participation and camaraderie.

JUDGING JAMBOREE

Thursday, March 5th

at 7:00 p.m., Ext. Aud.

For all 4-Hers - in all projects!

Decisions, decisions, decisions!!! How do you make the best choice? Come learn the basics of judging and see how to uncomplicate those seemingly difficult decisions.

CINCO-DE-MAYO CARNIVAL

Saturday, May 2nd

A possible **FUNDRAISER** for all 4-H
Clubs and Divisions!

If you are looking for a FUN fundraiser consider coming to this event and setting up a carnival booth. Contact Maria Flores 541-761-4316, Brittney Elmore 541-226-2610 or Carlie Myers 541-659-7997 for more details and to reserve your space.

BOATNIK PARADE FLOAT Mtg

A Float? Yes, A FLOAT!

The 4-H Leaders' Association Council and Committee Members are excited to see our county 4-Hers come together to design and decorate a 4-H float for the Boatnik Parade. Keep your eye on this space for the time and place and come join in the excitement of representing our projects and programs to the county!

BOATNIK PARADE

Saturday, May 23

Grab your club T-shirt
and join the parade!

We would like representation from every club!
Your participation will help to demonstrate the diversity of 4-H opportunities available.



4-H YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

March 5th @ 5:30 p.m.

OSU Extension Auditorium



ATTENTION: To every 4-H Club in Josephine County - PLEASE send a minimum of one Jr. Leader representative to this meeting - more is even better! The agenda will include Boatnik Float, County Fair planning and helping with the Judging Jamboree. Call Chris 476-6613 for further details.

**Help your youth become involved in this area
of 4-H Leadership!**

4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

And Division Meetings

April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

OSU Extension Auditorium

**NOTE NEW
START TIME**

Agenda Items for **April** include:

- Financial Basics for your club
- Compost fundraiser at Spring Garden Fair
- 4-H Float for Boatnik Parade

Beef Business



**Beef Pre-Fair: Monday,
April 13th 6:30—8:30 p.m.**

Flyers and instructions will be distributed to each
beef club.

Dog Doings



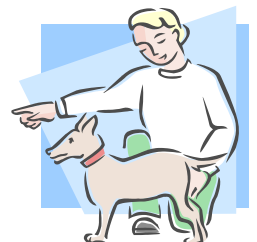
Show-N-Go

Date: Saturday, April 4th &

Saturday June 13th (Rally)

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Schroeder Park



NO COST

Great opportunity to practice for fair with your dog.

Horse Happenings



NEXT Division Meeting:

Thursday, April 2nd, Ext. Aud.,
following the Leaders' Association meeting

Agenda Items for **April** include:

- Additional Program updates - judges, dates, places, times for events

Please have a representative from every club that offers the horse project attend these meetings!

**Horse Possession Deadline is
May 1st**

Horse Forms Deadlines

**4-H Horse Registration,
Copy of Lease Agreement,
Horse Jumping Certification,
Ground Training Certification, and**

Owner Trained Certification forms are available in the OSU Extension Office. Each horse must have a 4-H Horse Registration form on file. The other forms must also be submitted if you are pursuing those disciplines. If you are leasing a horse you must devise your own lease!

A generic sample is available in the OSU Extension Office.

All of these forms are DUE by May 1st -- BEFORE would be better!

Also Due May 1st Horse Sponsorships

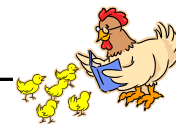
Each club is responsible for a \$25 sponsorship per club member enrolled as of March 16th. These funds are used to help offset the costs of our youth exhibiting at County Fair. Please help make sure these sponsorships are turned in on time so that purchases can be made in a timely manner.

Saddle Bumpers Open Show

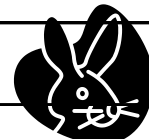
Saturday, April 11th @ 8:30 a.m.
Jo. Co. Fairgrounds

Show Sheets are available in the OSU Extension Office.

Poultry Pickins



Rabbit Rumors



Sheep Sharings



Poultry, Rabbit and Sheep Field Day

Saturday, March 14th

OSU Extension Auditorium

9:00 a.m. - noon

There will be presentations, hands-on activities and information galore, especially showmanship in all three species. Other possibilities are: how to dress for showmanship, wool spinning, visit with a veterinarian, how to cook lamb (taste test as well) and how to make a halter. (What does a poultry halter look like?) Refreshments will also be available to purchase.

All 4-Hers are welcome. You do not have to be enrolled in the sheep, rabbit or poultry project to participate. Come learn about some "new to you" projects and "expand your horizons".



Sheep and Swine Breeders

The OSU Extension Office is compiling its breeders' list. If you plan to have market hogs or lambs to sell, please contact Lorena @ 476-6613. If you have animals to sell, this is one list you want to be on!



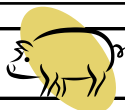
4-H Spring Horse Classic

April 24-26 @ Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center,
Albany, OR

If you are an Intermediate or Senior and are interested in competing at this year's event in any of the contests available contact Chris 476-6613 or Dawn

Davis ➔ **NOW!!!**

Swine Stuff



NEXT Division Meeting:

Thursday, April 2nd, Ext. Aud.,
following the Leaders' Association meeting

Agenda Items for April include:

- Pre-Fair details
- Fair pictures
- Other items as needed

Swine Field Day Saturday, March 7th

Door Prizes

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration
OSU Extension Auditorium

You must be registered by 9:00 a.m. to be eligible for the grand prize drawings and you must stay the entire day.

Swine Field Day Program Focus:

SWINE PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS

**Bring your 4-H swine project workbooks
and records!!!!**

All of the presentations and information shared during this event will help you complete your advancements for your swine project. You will leave with at least 1 advancement completed. You could complete up to 5, so remember to bring your project workbook!

Parents: You NEED to attend with your child as you are the ones who purchase the feed and make other purchasing decisions.

Refreshments and lunch (new food menu this year) will be available for purchase.

➔ **ADDED BONUS:** Bring **3** cans of food to donate to the Josephine Co. Food Bank and not only will you receive a discount ticket to use toward your lunch purchase but you can also add a community service item to your 4-H records!

**THREE Grand Prizes for a certificate
toward the purchase of a hog
(2 - \$125, 1 - \$100).**

Door Prize Drawings Throughout the Day

The recipient of the *Alison Armstrong Jr. First Year Swine Member Award* will also be announced.

Auction Project Announcements

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For ALL Auction Animal projects

As of Sept. 30, 2008 a new Federal Law requires all animals sold for harvest and those that could potentially be harvested (even if they will currently be used for breeding) have a COOL (*Country Of Origin Labeling*) affidavit signed by the seller at the time of sale. Therefore, when you purchase your animal make sure the seller provides you with a signed COOL affidavit which clearly states the country of origin of the animal. Keep a copy of this document in your record book. It is a good idea to make 1-2 copies of this completed affidavit. The original should accompany the animal at the time of sale. If you produce your own auction animal or sell them to other 4-Hers you are required to sign a COOL affidavit at the time of sale.

For further information call Chris at 476-6613.

Auction Animal Possession Deadlines

Animals must be in your possession and daily care by these dates

Beef: April 1st

Sheep: May 15th

Swine: May 15th

Are You Buying an Animal From OUT OF STATE?

Any animal coming into the state of Oregon requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and an import permit. These documents can be acquired from an accredited veterinarian and should be provided by the seller. Although helpful in preventing the spread of disease the issuing of these documents does not ensure that the animal in question is completely free of disease. Stress, weather, environment, cleanliness and other factors can affect health.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The 290 lb. MAXIMUM WEIGHT for an AUCTION HOG is now RECOMMENDED NOT RESTRICTED!

Older 4-H Youth Opportunities - Int. & Sr.

SWOJLA Leadership Retreat **March 25 - March 27**

@ Siskiyou Field Institute, Selma, OR

- Open to 4-H members in grades 7 to 12
- Meet, train and have fun with 4-H members from Curry, Jackson, and Klamath counties
- Cost will be around \$100 (Leaders' Association will reimburse up to half the cost, but no more than \$60, after you attend.)
- Local activities may include: photography, shooting sports, geo-caching, Capture-the-flag, games, movies and a hot dog roast
- Short trips could include (additional cost): Wild-life Images, Great Cats World Park, bowling, movie @ Southgate Cinema or Movie Six
- Learning session possibilities: Flash Judgments[©], Real Colors[®], ice breakers and club games, public speaking, interviewing, 4-H Record Books and College applications and essays.

If you are ready to step outside your normal 4-H projects and activities and spend some time with youth from other counties, come join the fun at this year's retreat. Call Chris 476-6613 for more information and to reserve your spot. Payment and activity selection will need to be made by March 13th.

4-H Summer Conference **June 24-27 at OSU in Corvallis**

Registration begins May 1, 2009

Summer Conference is an opportunity for over 300 4-H members, grades 7-12, to travel to Corvallis, explore campus life, make new friends, and have a lot of fun. While there, participants attend classes on a wide variety of subjects such as last year's trip to the coast to learn about marine life, rifle, knitting, greek life, and a tour of OSU.

The conference begins with an engaging speaker and after dinner fun activities begin. Thursday and Friday are full of classes, a community service project, and more fun evening activities including a pool party and a dance. The conference is capped off with a closing brunch Saturday morning.

The cost for this fun adventure is \$200.00 with Jo. Co. 4-H Leaders' Association reimbursing you up to \$100.00, after you attend.

4-H Volunteer and Youth Trainings/Workshops

LAST ONE OF THE YEAR! **New 4-H Volunteer Trainings** **Monday, March 16th**

Call the OSU Extension Office 476-6613 for the time and to sign up. This last training will take place in the OSU Extension Auditorium.

Adults interested in becoming 4-H volunteers can obtain an application packet from the OSU Extension Office. The application must be completed and submitted before attending the training.

Primary leaders will be asked to describe the duties of the new volunteer.

Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training **April 17-19**

Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center

Archery Pistol Rifle Shotgun Hunting

If you are interested in participating in any discipline in this fast growing project area (and new for Jo. Co. 4-H), contact Chris 476-6613 **ASAP** and obtain an registration form in the OSU Extension Office.

Registration deadline is Saturday, March 14, 2009

4-H Ambassadors

Being an Oregon County or State 4-H Ambassador is an honor bestowed upon 4-H members who have been a part of 4-H for at least two years and are in grades 9 - 11 during their year of application. 4-H Ambassadors are young people looking to take that next step in developing their leadership skills. An application and attendance at 4-H Summer Conference Ambassador training is required. If developing your leadership skills and helping our 4-H program grow are important to you, contact Chris 476-6613 and pickup your application in the OSU Extension Office.

(Application deadline is Friday, May 22nd in the County Office.)



Applause!!! Applause!!! Applause!!!



Congratulations Advancer

Jest Kiddin Round

Forest Andres-Beck, Swine 1, Step 1,2,3
Lindsay Andres-Beck, Swine 1, Step 1,2,3
Lindsay Andres-Beck, Goat 1, Step 1,2,3

Community Service Recognition

Apologies to:

- **North Valley Livestock** for the error in the listing of their community service last month. They did not visit the residents of Royale Gardens Health and Rehabilitation Center but rather made and delivered Christmas Cards to the residents. They also provided Christmas cards to all the folks who are provided meals through Foods & Friends! WOW that's a lot of writing. Good Job!

Welcome New Volunteers

Jennifer Ferguson, SSB

Welcome New Clubs

Bullseye, Chris Names, Primary Leader
S.E.T. on Tech, Sue Hunt, Primary Leader

Livestock Judging

Congratulations to Animal Affair Livestock Judges!

Jasmine Petrie (Sr.), 367
 Lauren Still (Sr.), 378
 Shannon Hubbard (Int.), 299
 Adrianna Still (Jr.), 340.5

Communications

One of those important skills we hope youth will develop while in 4-H is that of communications. To that end the "old" area of **Presentations** has been renamed **Communications** and expanded to include: Presentations (demonstrations and illustrated talks, public speaking and impromptu speaking), Educational Displays and Videography.

New materials are being developed for all three areas of **Communications**. The materials for **Presentations** have been completed and are listed below. **Educational Display** materials will consist of a publication detailing what is required and a judge's evaluation sheet. These should be available by the first week in March. The **Videography** materials will include information on Story Boarding, which is very important for a good quality video, as well as an evaluation sheet for judging the videos. These should be available by the end of March.

Communications project materials currently available for members and leaders are:

Presentations

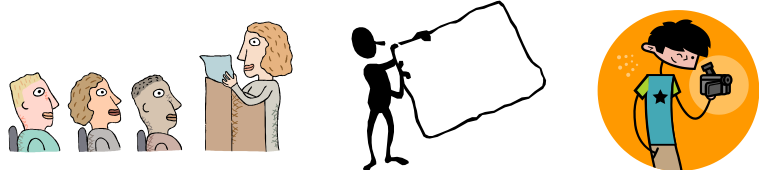
- Introduction to Presentations (211-200A)
- Types of Presentations for 4-H Competitions (211-200B)
- Parts of a Presentation (211-200C)
- Steps in Planning a Presentation (211-200D)
- The Mechanics of Presenting (211-200E)
- Preparing and Using visual Aids (211-200F)
- Top Ten Tips for a Successful Presentation (211-200G)
- Presentation Brainstorming Activity (211-001)

Contest Materials available:

- Evaluation sheet for demonstrations and illustrated talks (211-001)
- Evaluation sheet for public speaking (211-002)
- Evaluation sheet for impromptu speaking (211-003)
- Judging 4-H Presentations (211-004)

All the above materials are available in the OSU Extension Office or on the Oregon 4-H website at:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/presentations>.





March 2009 4-H Citizen of the Month Celeste Gretz

Beginning her third year as a 4-H Volunteer in Rogue Valley Pork Choppers, Celeste's knowledge of horses and livestock for the most part is unnoticed except to the kids and adults with which she works. "She is the glue that holds Rogue Valley Pork Choppers (equine and swine) together", says Brad Gretz, Primary Club Leader.

Whether helping 4-Hers with their projects or their records, she's always there with encouragement and a smile. Unknown to most, Celeste grew up in 4-H and became a key member of her very successful college livestock judging team. Celeste has volunteered to share that knowledge with our livestock judging team.

THANK YOU, Celeste

for all you do for your club and our county!

4-H Citizen of the Month Award: Written nominations and a picture are due in the OSU Extension Office the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

High School Senior Pictures Needed

Please bring a hard copy to the office or e-mail a digital photo to the OSU Extension Office (lorena.becker@oregonstate.edu) by Wednesday, May 6th. Pictures will be used for the office bulletin board **and** your Senior Award. Hard copy photos will be returned to you.

Need Help with your Records???

4-H Record Book training, including Advancements
Schedule a time for your club or several clubs by calling
Sue 476-6613 in the OSU Extension Office.
It's never too soon to be working on your record books.

ONLY 4+ months until record books
are **DUE** for Fair.
Not much time left!

Announcements

FREE

30 rabbit cages w/feeding dishes
Call Kim 244-1203

Gem & Mineral Show

Fri. - Sun., April 24-26, 2009

@ Jo. Co. Fairgrounds

FREE Admission on Friday!

Call Terry 476-8299 for more info.

For your clothing projects -
We Have a Serger
and two sewing machines.



4-H Sewing Project Leaders, check it out!

Check with the OSU Extension Office to use them for club projects or for those 4-H members who do not have access to a sewing machine for their 4-H projects.

In case you forgot or didn't know in the first place -

**We Have TWO Digital
Camera Kits!!!**



4-H Photography Project Leaders,
check it out!

Check with the OSU Extension

Office to use them for club projects or for those 4-H members who do not have access to a camera for their 4-H projects.

FEBRUARY

**M&M/Star Bursts/Snickers
Award Winners:**

Dakota Harris, Denise Ferguson -
Great JOB!

You found some hard ones!



Remember: The first person to find and report a "My Mistake" wins the M&M award, "Sue's Blunders" wins the Star Bursts award or "Sue's Silly Slips" wins the Snickers award. Look for misspellings, dates, grammar, etc. You can call any time and simply leave a message at ext #107.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills

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Open during the noon hour.



Agriculture, Family and Community Development, 4-H Youth, Forestry, and Extension Sea Grant programs. Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Josephine County cooperating.

The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

Calendar of Events

(Add this information and these dates to your Josephine County 4-H Calendar)

March

- 5 4-H Youth Council Meeting, Ext. Aud., 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Judging Jamboree, Ext. Aud., 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Swine Field Day, Ext. Aud., 8:30 a.m. registration
- 14 Sheep, Poultry and Rabbit Field Day, Ext. Aud., 9:00 a.m. - noon
- 16 **DEADLINE NEW ENROLLMENTS AND PROJECT ADD/CHANGE**
- 16 **NEW 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING, Ext. Aud. -- LAST ONE!**
- 25-27 SWOJLA Leadership Retreat, Selma, OR

Planning for April

- 1 **DEADLINE** for possession of animal for beef auction project
- 2 4-H Youth Council Meeting, Ext. Aud., 5:30 p.m.
- 2 4-H Leaders' Association & Division Meetings, Ext. Aud., 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Dog Show-N-Go, Schroeder Park, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Saddle Bumpers Open Horse Show, 8:30 a.m., Jo. Co. Fairgrounds
- 13 Beef Pre-Fair, Jr. Livestock Barn @ Josephine Co. Fairgrounds, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 17-19 Oregon 4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training, Redmond, OR
- 24-26 Spring Horse Classic, Albany, OR
- 25-26 4-H Compost Fund Raiser, Spring Garden Fair @ Josephine Co. Fairgrounds

Looking forward to May

- 1 **DEADLINE** for possession of animal for horse project
- 1 **Due:** Horse Registrations, leases, other forms, etc. **ALSO** Horse Sponsorships
- 2 Cinco-De-Mayo 4-H Carnival
- 7 4-H Youth Council Meeting, Ext. Aud., 5:30 p.m.
- 7 4-H Leaders' Association & **MANDATORY AUCTION PROJECT MEETING** & Division Meetings, Ext. Aud., 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Boatnik Parade
- 25 Office Closed - Memorial Day

OSU Extension programs will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with physical or mental disabilities. Our location is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need particular accommodations, please call our Extension Office at 541-476-6613 at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

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