

# Cloverpatch April/May 2009



Extension Service  
Lane County

OSU Extension Service-Lane County 4-H Program

950 W. 13th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402

Mon-Thurs; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-5 p.m.

541-682-4243; <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h>

## CALENDAR

### April '09

1	5 p.m.	Horse Leases due into office by 5pm.
2	6 p.m.	Auction Committee Mtg - Auditorium
6	6 p.m.	Horse Project Committee Mtg - Auditorium
11	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Camp Counselor Training, part I
13	5:30 p.m.	Small Animal Committee Mtg - Conference Room
13	6 p.m.	Teen PAC Mtg. - Auditorium
13	7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg - Auditorium
25	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Swine Weigh-In - Livestock Building, Fairgrounds, ~Swine Contact: Wendy Elkins, <a href="mailto:winkee5@hotmail.com">winkee5@hotmail.com</a>
25	3 - 6 p.m.	Sheep/Goat Weigh In - Livestock Building, Fairgrounds, ~Sheep Contact: Paige Boyce, <a href="mailto:fabsix@aol.com">fabsix@aol.com</a> ~Goat Contact: Autumn Caulkins, <a href="mailto:audijeanspygmygoats@live.com">audijeanspygmygoats@live.com</a>
27	6 p.m.	Fair Committee Meeting (Superintendents)

### May

2		Foods Workshop (need minimum of 10 participants, RSVP 682-7305)
4	6 p.m.	Horse Project Committee Mtg – Auditorium
11	5:30 p.m.	Small Animal Committee Mtg - Conference Room
11	6 p.m.	Teen PAC Mtg. - Auditorium
11	7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg – Auditorium
16	TBD	Camp Counselor Training, part II
29-31		Horse Pre-Fair – Contact Mandi Hanson for more information, 541-688-2247 or by email at: <a href="mailto:a_hanson123@hotmail.com">a_hanson123@hotmail.com</a>

## MISCELLANEOUS

### NOTE FROM CAROLYN

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Please take a few moments to read your 4-H *Cloverpatch* newsletter so that you can be well informed of upcoming programs and events. Leaders – *please* make an effort to take time at your club meetings to share the contents of this newsletter with your members – we want everyone to be “in the know” about Lane County 4-H!

Wishing you a wonderful spring!

*Carolyn*

### BUDGET UPDATE

The latest information on the OSU Extension Service—Lane County budget is as follows:

- 4-H has met OSU’s local fundraising requirement of \$50,000 for the 2009-10 budget year. This amount, combined with fundraising from other Extension programs and reserve funds, will keep all existing programs active through December 1, 2009.
- Extension has asked Lane County commissioners to continue its “rent forgiveness” during the 2009-10 budget year, which would keep all existing Extension programs active through March 1, 2010.



- Extension has asked Lane County commissioners to provide \$244,000 in operating funds during the 2009-10 budget years, which would allow Extension the time it needs to develop a stable portfolio of funding sources, remove itself from the county general fund, and resume making rent payments to the county in 2010-11.
- Funding shortfalls at the state level may compound Extension's current budget challenges. The state's May revenue forecast should provide greater clarity on how it will affect Extension's programs in Lane County.

### **CONGRATULATIONS BRETT DEEDON AND AMBER LENGELE!**

4-H member, Brett Deedon, is a winner of the 2009 State 4-H Scholarship Competition! He will be awarded a \$4,500 Martha MacGregor 4-H scholarship to attend Oregon State University. The scholarship recognizes excellence in academic achievement and involvement in 4-H.

4-H member, Amber Lengele, has been chosen as a candidate for the National 4-H Congress Recognition Award. She will be interviewed by the Statewide 4-H Recognition Committee at Summer Conference who will select the finalists.

Both of these 4-H members are being recognized for their outstanding participation in the areas of 4-H leadership, community service, communication and projects.

### **IT WAS MURDER, AND IT WAS FUN!**

On February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, guests were treated to the interactive dinner theater production of *Our Town Picnic*. 4-H members, their families, and friends all came together to make the production a huge success!

- Over 100 people attended over the two nights.
- More than \$1,500 was raised to help the 4-H program.
- Eleven clubs participated, by performing, donating items, being part of the set/production crew, and preparing the wonderful meal.
- The X-Team and Horse of Hearts each won \$100 for their club.
- Great fun was had by all!



Of the kids who participated in the performance, some had acted before, but for several, this was their first experience. They learned that a person can step out of their comfort zone and find that they have skills they didn't know they had! All of the kids, parents, leaders, and friends who helped make this production possible deserve a big thank you. Among them are:

- The actors: Cody Thom, Kyla Henninger, Jordyn Voltz, Kelly Makinson, Zach Todd, Lara Seybert, Jared Roe, Lindsey Makinson, and Paisley Makinson.
- The writer, directors and producers: Kelly Makinson and Devonne Maxey.
- The production/set crew: Bonnie Roe, John Roe, Larry Todd, Emma Roe, Madison Todd, Debbie Cushman, Mckenzie Popp, Trevor Lammers, Caroline McKenzie, and Cathline Popp.
- The dinner crew: Delice Catering (Wendy Elkins, owner), Wendy Elkins, Jenna Morgan, Kaitlin Keeney, Dawn Keeney, Robert Stitt, Lawrence Gable, Yumi Sakatao, Jennifer Elkins, Kristine Maxey, and Kaity Reed.
- The Santa Clara Grange, Angie Weed from Azure Salon, and Peggy Thomas.
- Larry Todd and Teri Tourville for video and photography.
- The following 4-H clubs: Rock – N – Roll Riders, Horse of Hearts, Krazy Kidz, Little Bit O' Chaos, Some Bunnies, X-Team, Club Chaos, Barnyard Buddies, Savvy Stars & Stripes, T-Bone Beefers Cattle Club, and Adventures in Digital Photography.

If you missed the production, you missed a night of great food, good fun, and killer entertainment! We are considering another production in the fall – be on the lookout for an opportunity to participate!



Support 4-H  
Donate to the  
**Caring Clover  
Campaign**



100% of your donation will go directly  
to the 4-H Youth Development  
Program in Lane County

### CARING CLOVER

The "Caring Clover" cards are in the Extension office for your club to pick up. They are packaged in lots of 50. We need every club to participate in this fundraiser! The cards are to be sold for a minimum donation of \$1. Make sure that you have a sharpie pen to have the donor write their name on the card.

When you have sold out of your cards, please bring all the ones that have been filled out with names, to the Extension office. We are taping them to all the windows for display.

For the club that raises the most money with the Caring Clover Cards your club will be awarded a \$50 cash prize. For more information, please contact Kelly Makinson at: [kelly.makinson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kelly.makinson@oregonstate.edu).

### NOMINATE

***Do you know a business or Individual that has been a huge supporter of 4-H?*** If so, nominate them for the Lane County 4-H Leaders' Association Contributor Award. This award is given annually to individuals and business that have gone the extra mile to help our kids and the program to "make the best better." For more information contact the 4-H office or a Leaders' Council member.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### STILL LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS!

Interested in spending a fun week in the beautiful Eola Mountains in Salem, OR as a volunteer camp counselor? Become a wonderful part of a child's life by applying to be a 4-H Camp Counselor. Our overnight camp starts Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 3, 2009. Counselors would need to be available beginning Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Becoming a counselor is a competitive process, not everyone that applies, gets selected, but the training is a GREAT experience! You will need to attend the next two leadership trainings, Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and May 16, 2009, time to be determined.

***Volunteer Camp Counselor applications should be brought to the training on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.*** If you have any questions, please e-mail the Camp Director, Stuart Ramsing at [stuart@theramsings.com](mailto:stuart@theramsings.com).

### LANE COUNTY 4-H CAMP

The 2009 Lane County 4-H Summer Camp will feature canoeing, swimming, fishing, arts & crafts, a chance to make new friends, and much more! Youth completing grades 3-6 may attend the week-long, overnight camp that takes place Monday, June 29– Friday, July 3 at the Oregon 4-H Center in Salem. ***Campers do NOT need to be a Lane County resident or a 4-H member to attend.***

Registration fee is \$225 and includes lodging, meals, transportation from the Extension Service to the Oregon 4-H Center and return, and all camp activities. ***Registration deadline is Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.*** There are a limited number of partial scholarships available for first time Lane County participants. Registration forms will soon be available (check back often) at [extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h/summer\\_camp](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h/summer_camp) or at the OSU Extension Service - Lane County office, 950 W. 13th Avenue in Eugene.



Lane  
County  
4-H Camp  
Spread the  
Word!

### FOODS WORKSHOP

Join us on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (tentatively 10 a.m.) to learn how to be successful in the Foods Contest in June. We require a minimum of 10 participants for the workshop to be held. For more information and to RSVP contact the 4-H office by Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## SOMBUNNY'S LANE COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

The Somebunny's Lane County 4-H Club is hosting a Small Animal Show on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Trent School in Pleasant Hill. It's their annual club fundraiser. Health check will be at 7:30 a.m. with the show beginning at 9 a.m. Cost is \$7 for 5 animals (includes showmanship) and \$1 for each animal extra, if registered by March 28<sup>th</sup>. After that, there is a \$3 late fee. You may also register at the door. For the Cloverbuds, showmanship is only \$3.

Bring a rug to show your animals on. All animals must be in leak proof cages and pass health check exam. They are supporting a dress code of long sleeves and long pants. For more information contact Teri Pilaczynski at 541-953-5245.

**Costume Contest  
Come and play  
dress up!**

**Snack Bar  
Door Prizes  
For Sale Area**



## BEEF CLINICS

The Beef Mini-clinic will be held at Sly Farms (83727 Dale Kuni Road, Cresswell) on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.'ish. Beef kids, bring your project animals for a weigh-in and have a chance to walk them in a ring with other members and their animals. This will provide you with the opportunity to practice showmanship. It's also great to see how the older members really pitch in and help the younger kids.

Also, in May, Mother's Day Weekend, there's a Beef Show down in Roseburg at the Fairgrounds. That's a great one to go to if one wants to get a good study of proper showmanship. Usually about 80 kids or so attend with their animals. It's a long day, but can learn a ton. We'll send more information when we receive it.

## SUMMER CONFERENCE

**June 24-27, 2009** on the beautiful OSU Campus. Registration fee is only \$200 (many counties cover all or part of this cost). **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; just a few classes from last year include a marine trip, rifle, knitting, Greek life, and a tour of OSU.

Members arrive on campus early Wednesday afternoon, either through their own transportation or on the summer conference charter buses (available to more distant counties for a small fee). The conference begins with an engaging speaker and then fun activities in the evening. Thursday and Friday are full of classes, a community service project, and more fun evening activities including a pool party and a dance. The program is capped off with a closing brunch Saturday morning where new ambassadors and national congress delegates are announced. Shortly before noon everyone packs up and heads for home.

## EARTH DAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

Here s a web link, <http://www.nature-watch.com/cgi-bin/naturewatch/index.html>, for resources and ideas (to celebrate Arbor Day and Nature Watch that can help young people make an INDEPENDENT choice to do something that expresses their GENEROUSITY, and helps them feel like they BELONG to their community, while they MASTER skills to organize an event, motive others and feel good about their involvement.



## CELEBRATE YOUTH ART MONTH – ENTER THE ANNUAL AITC CALENDAR CONTEST!

It's easy to enter the AITC Calendar Contest and it is a great classroom activity. The theme for the contest is Oregon agriculture. Students K-6 can enter their original artwork until May 15, 2009. Complete instructions can be found on the AITC website at <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.



### **4-H SCIENCE OF ENERGY KITS ARE HERE!**

Don't miss an opportunity to check out these kits for your class room, home-school or for a student needing a really FAB science fair project or for all of those who are just plain curious about how energy works! Here are just a few of the things you can discover:

- Can potential energy be changed to kinetic energy and how can rubber balls help us find out?
- What reaction between two common kitchen ingredients absorbs heat?
- Can we use radiant energy for power?
- Can we produce electric with an apple?

If you are interested in checking out the kit, just call the 4-H Office at 682-7305.

## **HORSE**

### **YOUTH HORSE PRE-FAIR 2009**

Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30

Open Gaming –Sunday, May 31

Lane County Fairgrounds - 796 West 13th Ave – Eugene, OR

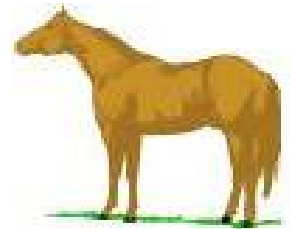
*This event is sponsored by: Lane County 4-H Horse Committee*

**Pre-Fair Entry deadline is Thursday, May 21, 2009**

Contact Mandi Hanson for more information, 541-688-2247 or by email at: [a\\_hanson123@hotmail.com](mailto:a_hanson123@hotmail.com)

### **HEY 4-H HORSE LEADERS AND MEMBERS!**

The Oregon 4-H program is ready to begin a statewide study of 4-H horse leaders and members. Horse leaders and members over age 13 from our county will be randomly selected and invited to participate in the study. This is one of the first research projects in the country to look at the impact of participation in horse 4-H on youth. Mary Arnold, 4-H youth development specialist at OSU, will be leading the study and she is very excited about getting underway. The results of this study will be groundbreaking in 4-H!



**BUT!!!** The study can't happen without your help. Selected leaders and parents of 4-H members will be receiving invitations to participate in the mail. Look for the invitation in early March and follow the instructions to participate. Parents will need to sign permission forms for youth to participate, and the surveys will be completed on-line.

The survey is quite detailed, which will help us gain in-depth understanding of the 4-H horse program. But that also means it will take some time to complete, so please plan on 30 minutes to complete the survey. Thanks in advance for your participation! If you have any questions please contact Dr. Arnold directly at (541) 737-1315. Please plan to complete the survey as soon as possible, and **THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP!!!!!!**

### **HORSE NEWS: 4-H AND OHSET**

4-H and OHSET have reached the following cooperative agreement:

Both organizations agree that many participating youth belong to OHSET and 4-H. Both programs have unique opportunities for high school youth and can operate complementary to each other with a small amount of communication; this communication will allow youth the benefit of both programs.

### Identified Challenges:

- The 4-H 90-day rule. Not allowing other high school equestrian athletes to ride or share horses for the purpose of OHSET competition can create a hardship on a team/athlete who qualifies for the state competition. The state competition is usually the third week in May and can be closer than 90 days to some county fairs.
- Scheduling. OHSET has eight districts and each requires three district meets. Many of the participants in OHSET and 4-H activities are the same. County 4-H staff and District chairs need to work together to avoid major conflicts when possible. Additionally, the 4-H Spring Horse Classic (SHC) is during the OHSET season and meet conflicts with SHC have created significant challenges.
- Year-round drill teams. As 4-H begins to allow county programs to have 4-H drill teams, there is concern that this may simply be an avenue for OHSET drill teams to practice year-round.

### Solutions

- The 4-H 90-day rule. Oregon 4-H will allow an exception so that other OHSET athletes may ride a 4-Her's horse for the sake of practice and OHSET state meet competition. This exception is only valid through the end of the OHSET State Championship Meet.
- Scheduling. OHSET District Chairs will identify the county 4-H staff responsible for horse programming in their district, and will communicate with them in order to make every possible effort to avoid scheduling important county horse events at the same time as district meets. Spring Horse Classic will continue to be on the same general dates as in the majority of previous years, the **fourth** weekend in April. Of course, all of this depends on the ability to get facilities (for both 4-H and OHSET) on days not infringing on the other's event.
- Year-round drill teams. It will remain the duty of OHSET coaches and District Chairs to determine if OHSET teams are practicing outside of their season. However, establishing a relationship with county 4-H staff, as stated above, will allow opportunity for 4-H staff to let District Chairs know if they have a 4-H drill team that appears to be all OHSET members from one team.

### **OTHER HORSE NEWS**

The state Ranch Horse curriculum is still in progress. To date, we have drafts of the following sections: General Information, Ranchmanship, Working Ranch Horse, and Ranch Horse Trail. You may request a copy of the drafts by contacting Roberta Lundeberg at the state office. (The final manual will include sections on Roping and Cow Working plus a glossary.) Also, please make sure you are using the newest online version of the PNW Horse Contest Guide. On the last line of the last page, it should say "Revised August 2008."

## **YOUTH FAIR**

### **NOTE FROM PHOTOGRAPHY SUPERINTENDENT, DENISE STURGILL**

Photography Members,



As you start taking pictures to be exhibited at 4-H Fair, be sure to remember that you can only exhibit in the classes you enter (you may enter up to 4). **THERE WILL BE NO SWITCHING CLASSES AFTER THE EXHIBIT ENTRY DATE!!** The only exception is if a judge determines a photo should be changed to another class.



**2009 4-H/FFA  
Youth Fair  
July 11-July 18**



Note  
changes!!

## SHEEP, GOATS & SWINE – SAME DAY WEIGH-IN

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Livestock Building on the Lane County Fairgrounds

Swine: 8 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Sheep and Goats: 3– 6 p.m.

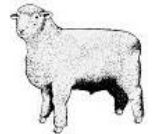
Swine Contact Person: Wendy Elkins, [winkee5@hotmail.com](mailto:winkee5@hotmail.com)

Sheep Contact Person: Paige Boyce, [Fabsix@aol.com](mailto:Fabsix@aol.com)

Goat Contact Person: Autumn Caulkins (formerly Baker), [audijeanspygmygoats@live.com](mailto:audijeanspygmygoats@live.com)

### GENERAL WEIGH-IN & REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

1. Up to three (3) animals per member can be weighed-in for an individual member
2. **OR** one (1) animal per individual member plus the following number of family/facility back-ups. One (1) back-up animal for family/facility of 1 member, up to (two) back-up animals for family/facility with 2-4 members, and up to three (3) back-up animals for family/facility with five or more members. If a member has an individual back-up, they are not eligible for a family/facility back-up.
3. Market animals must be owned by the member on weigh-in day, but may be transferred to another
4. 4-H/FFA owner only during the replacement period. Official notice of transfer must be recorded and reported to the 4-H office before the replacement date expires.
5. Members who choose to replace their animals based on information received at the weigh-in day (too light, too heavy, etc.), may do so according to the following schedule:
  - a. A “Request for Replacement” must be made and a weigh-in time arranged by calling the 4-H office.
  - b. Beef, Goat, Sheep & Swine project animals must be replaced, weighed-in and tagged within **two-weeks** of the **original** weigh-in day. If your animal is over or under weight; replacements must be made within the replacement time period to be eligible to show in the Market Class.
  - c. Lambs must weigh between 50-110 lbs. by SPRING WEIGH IN to be eligible for the Market Lamb class. If lambs meet spring weigh-in requirements, lambs must weigh between 105-185 by Fair to be eligible for the Market Lamb class.
  - d. Goats must weigh a minimum of 65 lbs. by Fair to be eligible for the Market Goat class.
  - e. Swine must weigh between 220-300 lbs by Fair to be eligible for the Market Hog class.



### C.O.O.L.

The State 4-H Office has determined that 4-H participants of **market** steers or heifers, lambs, swine and poultry projects are required to comply with the following United States Department of Agriculture program. The following is information about Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

- 1) What you need to do as a 4-H member.
- 2) Some background information on COOL.
- 3) Some resources for more information.



### Compliance for Lane County 4-H Participants

1. **Lane County 4-H members will be e-mailed the COOL affidavit form. This affidavit form will also be available when you arrive at spring weigh in with your market animal.** This affidavit form states the origin of your market animal. It is the same affidavit that is accepted by the livestock industries and the United States Department of Agriculture. Lane County 4-H members will need to turn in a signed affidavit with their fair entry forms by the fair entry due date of June 1, 2009.
2. You will need to keep records to verify the statements on the affidavit you sign. This would include any affidavits you received with the animal and other records to help verify your claims should an audit take place. Lists of suggested records, many you already keep, are available from the 4-H office or off the websites listed below. They should be retained for at least one year.

\*\* If you purchase or are gifted your market animal, you **MUST** obtain from the seller an affidavit that states the country of origin of the animal.

## STATE FAIR

### STATE FAIR BOOK NOW ONLINE

The 2009 4-H State Fair Book is now online and ready for use if you need to refer to it while you prepare your county fair book. It can be found on the 4-H State Web site at:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/state-fair>.

Please tell your volunteer leaders, parents and 4-H members that this information is available to them as well. At least 50% of the 4-H members and families that come to Oregon State Fair say they had no idea it exists, or where to find it and what information they need to know to participate at State Fair. The explanation cards, score sheets and judge's information sheets for exhibits/contests are also updated and posted. Score sheets are excellent teaching tools for leaders to use with their clubs so the members know what criteria will be used to judge exhibit/contest.

### STATE FAIR NEWS FOR HORTICULTURE LEADERS AND MEMBERS

4-H Horticulture project members who grow herbs will be interested in the changes that have been made in the 2009 State Fair Book. You may read all the details on the Web page: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/HortHerbs09\\_1.pdf](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/HortHerbs09_1.pdf).



The Horticulture Planning Committee has been trying for several years to change the requirements regarding the herb tables in the *Michigan 4-H Guide to Herb Gardening Project* (4-H 1516). The herb tables are a resource for suggestions of which herbs to grow for the herb project, but not all herbs on the list are readily available in Oregon, especially in small localities.

Therefore this year horticulture members and leaders may use the tables as a list to choose from if they wish, but there will be **no requirement for junior, intermediates or seniors to make choices from any specific table**. Basically, any herb may be exhibited with the understanding that intermediates need to include one new herb each year and seniors need to include two new herbs each year.

We hope that this change will allow members grow herbs that are available in their area and those that grow well in their part of the state/climate.

## PUBLICATIONS

### NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The **4-H Dressage Manual** (4-H 1311, PNW 608) has been revised, and is now available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/>. This revised manual replaces previous editions that are currently being used in counties.

The following **fair and contest related items** are now available online only:

- 4-H 0103, [4-H Exhibit Tag](#)
- 4-H 0108, [4-H Judging Placing Card--Blue](#)
- 4-H 0109, [4-H Judging Placing Card--Ivory](#)
- 4-H 0110, [4-H Judging Placing Card--Salmon](#)
- 4-H 0115, [Herdsmanship Award--Blue](#)
- 4-H 0116, [Herdsmanship Award--Red](#)
- 4-H 0117, [Herdsmanship Award--White](#)

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