Dear 4-H Families,

Thank you to everyone that worked so hard to Save Polk Extension!!! The measure did pass and Polk County 4-H will be here next year and hopefully for many years to come. The next steps have already started which are talking with the commissioners about the new tax district and talking about a needs assessment in all extension programs. We would like to have input from you, 4-Her’s and families, as to how we can make our 4-H program work the best for your needs.

We do have some very sad news to share with you. Our staff chair, Dr. James Hermes will be leaving Polk County June 30th. Besides his being the Poultry Specialist, he has taken on more teaching assignments and will be the head advisor of the Animal Science Department at OSU. We want to say congratulations for this great opportunity and a BIG “Thank You” for over 6 years of service to Polk County as our staff chair. The announcement of the new staff chair will be coming shortly.

County Fair is a time for fun, being with old friends, making new friends, showing what you have learned and accomplished in 4-H in the last year, and learning more through your Fair experience. Make this year the best ever.

**4-H Fair Entry Deadline is Wednesday, July 7th.** Fairbooks are available online this year @ [http://www.co.polk.or.us/fair](http://www.co.polk.or.us/fair)

Please plan accordingly to get your Entry Forms in before the deadline. We have enclosed two Entry Forms in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Judi Peters
4-H Youth Development Faculty
**Pre-Fair News**

**Pre-Fair 4-H Horse Show**
Polk County Fairgrounds, Saturday and Sunday, July 10th & 11th. Entry forms are due to Carol Harris by Wednesday, July 7th.

**Pre-Fair Opportunity for 4-H’ers Entering Food Contests and Presentations**
If you are planning on competing at County Fair in the Food Preparation and/or Mini-Meal Contests, do we have an opportunity for you!

Because so many of our 4-H’ers have a hard time scheduling their Food Contests around the livestock shows, we have set up a Pre-Fair day for those youth to compete in front of the Fair judge on **Monday, August 2nd**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going until about 5 p.m., in the 4-H Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Sign-up is first come-first served, so if you are showing livestock at Fair, and want to get your Foods Contest(s) out of the way, sign up for a time slot right away. Remember, there is a $5 entry fee (payable when your turn in your entry form) for each Food Contest, Presentations and YESS. The $5 is refunded once you have completed the contest.

**Fair Clean-Up:**
Call Tina at the Polk County Fair Office for dates and times.

**Fair Set-up:**
Each area is by appointment with the barn superintendent of that animal area.

**County Fair News**

**Deadlines:**
The 4-H Fair Entry Deadline is Wednesday, **July 7th**. All required forms must be completed and received in the Polk County Office of the OSU Extension Service by 5:00 p.m. Please print neatly, and be sure to write down all the required info, as the examples on the entry form show. Be realistic. Do not enter exhibits you will not be completing. Pam is working with an old, un-supported Fair management program. If it is overloaded and crashes there is no way for us to get help for it and continue with any County or State Fair entries/computer work. **FAX number: 503-831-2578**

****Remember to:
* Turn in your completed 4-H Entry Form
* Submit a Stall, Pen and/or Cage Reservation Card for each species
* Sign up for a time to meet with a static exhibit Judge on Monday, Aug. 3
* Sign up for contest times and pay a $5 entry fee for Food Contests, Outdoor Cookery Contests, YESS & Presentations. Your $5 fee is returned after you complete the contest or presentation.

**Fair Premiums**
*Premium money (Blue ribbon = $1.50, Red ribbon = $1.00, & White ribbon = 50¢) is provided by the Polk County Fairboard. Cloverbuds (pre-4-H’ers formerly known as Adventures) are not judged competitively, and do not receive premiums for their Rainbow ribbons.
Fair Decorations:
4-H Clubs should be planning how they will decorate their stalls, pens, and cages for this year’s Fair theme – “Barnyard Party.” Be sure any 4-H logo’s you use meet the national rules and regulations regarding color, position, and appearance.

Passes & Camping:
4-H’ers must enter a 4-H Exhibit to receive a free bracelet pass to get into the Polk County Fair. Pass bracelets can be picked up at the 4-H Building when 4-H’ers are bringing in their Exhibits prior to the start of Fair. Parents can purchase a season pass for $15, or a day pass is $8. Adult passes are purchased from the main Fair office.

There will be camping at the Fair for youth who are exhibiting animals. Campsite reservations can be made starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 30th at the Fairgrounds office. Cost is $55 for a campsite. See a Fairbook for more details.

Helpers Needed
Enclosed is a Helper Form for a variety of ways you can help make the Fair happen. We need help moving out to the Fairgrounds, checking in exhibits, clerking for judges, bringing goodies for the judges lunch on Monday, setting up the 4-H Building on Tuesday, and helping in the Horticulture area on Wednesday and Thursday. We also need help with transporting exhibits to State Fair. We can’t do it without the help of many volunteers. Please don’t assume that “someone else” will volunteer. We need lots of volunteers to make County Fair and State Fair happen for our 4-H’ers

Educational Displays:
Exhibiting an Educational Display at the County Fair is an excellent venue for communicating the valuable things you have learned from your involvement in 4-H. The exhibit may be a poster or a three-dimensional display. Individual exhibits are limited in size to 30” wide, 24” deep, and 36” high. The exhibit may include pictures, models, diagrams and actual articles. Each display must be accompanied by an explanation to the judge. 4-H members can enter up to eight educational displays, one in each of the following classes: Animal Science, Home Economics, Expressive Arts, Natural Resources, Horticulture, Engineering, Citizenship/Leadership & Other. A Club display may also be entered. See Fairbook for complete details.

Contests at Fair:
Now is the time for 4-H members to consider preparing for and entering a special contest at the County Fair. Check the Fairbook to learn about special awards and how to prepare for the following contests at Fair: Presentations, Food Contests, Outdoor Cookery Contests, Young Entrepreneur and Monster Cookie, Fashion Revue, Floral Arranging, Small Animal Judging, and Livestock Judging.

**Changes: Check the fair book for the different contests this year in fashion revue, foods and presentations. Some new fun things to try.

Explanation Cards/Judges Information Forms
Static Exhibits usually require that an Explanation Card be attached to qualify the exhibit for judging. Certain contests also required that information forms be filled out and given to the judge when the contest begins. Be sure to check your Fairbook to see what is required for each of your exhibits. Forms are available at the Extension Office.
**Vaccinations Needed:**
Cats, dogs, dairy and beef animals all have specific vaccinations that are required in order to show at the County Fair. Dog and Cat 4-H’ers should receive a letter regarding vaccinations required when you turn in the Fair Entry Form. Poultry Disease (Pullorum-Typhoid) Testing will be conducted at Fair after judging has taken place. As required by Oregon law, all exhibition birds must be tested.

**Live Animal Award Applications**
The Live Animal Award is a great way for 5th – 11th grade 4-H’ers to start a new project or expand an existing one. Live animal awards include: a market Hog, and a Holstein heifer Dairy Calf. The Application form and supporting story are due in the Extension Office by Wednesday July 14th. Applicants will need to sign up for interviews. Information and application forms are available at the Extension Office.

**Other help needed during County Fair**
County Fair requires many hands (as well as heads, hearts, and good health) in order to ensure this event runs smoothly, timely, and leaves all who participated with warm fuzzies. Please volunteer to help as a clerk, helper, setting up or doing most anything during Fair. We need your help! A few hours is all we are asking for. We promise not to overwork you!

**Junior Superintendents Needed**
All areas in the barns and exhibit building need Jr. Superintendents. Teens with a willingness to serve and help are needed during the Fair. Call and ask the different superintendents if you can help them.

**Les Schwab Scholarship**
Applications are now available for the Les Schwab $500 College Scholarship. All 4-H and FFA Senior members that have market projects may apply. Applications must be received in the Extension Office by July 14th. Pre-scheduled interviews will be held later at the Extension Office.

**Polk 4-H Leaders Association College Scholarships** – Due July 7th
All 4-H Seniors may apply. Contact the Extension Office for the applications and more information.

**Congratulations Graduates!**
~ Congratulations to the following Polk County 4-H’ers who graduated from high school this year. We wish them much success in their future endeavors:


**Congratulations!** 2010 Oregon State Parks and Fair Scholarship winner is Jesse Peters, from Monmouth. - $1,000
State Fair News

State Fair Clerking Opportunities
Leaders and teens, do you know about this great learning opportunity that happens only one day a year? Some 5,000 exhibits are judged by 80 of the best 4-H judges in the state on that day. By assisting as a clerk, the volunteer leader/teen learns what the judge is looking for and how to improve their work with 4-H members who exhibit.

Be a 4-H Volunteer at the Oregon State Fair
State Fair 4-H Staff are looking for clerks to assist judges on Tuesday, August 24th, starting at 9 a.m. Both leaders and older youth are welcome to serve as clerks for the whole day. Also needed are helpers to receive exhibits on Monday, August 23rd, starting at 9 a.m.; to display exhibits on Wednesday & Thursday, August 25 and 26 at 9 a.m. If you know of interested volunteers who would like to assist, please have them email mona.easley@oregonstate.edu or call Mona Easley at 541-737-1327.

Opportunities are being planned for the older youth who want to be involved with State Fair beyond showing or entering contests. They assist the 4-H State Fair Staff with tasks of all types. They may also spend some time staffing the 4-H Information Desk to share their knowledge about joining 4-H and answer questions for the Fair visitors who tour the building.

In the 4-H Exhibit Building there are several types of opportunities which will give 4-H’ers the experience of leadership at the state level and the fun of helping/being at Fair even if they are not exhibiting.

Here are some of the possibilities:
Chair or co-chair an exhibit area; Chair or co-chair a contest; Assist someone else who has volunteered to chair; Clerk for a judge on Judging Day; Assist for a day or more with day-to-day operations in the 4-H Department

If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions, please contact Sara Miller at the State 4-H Office at (541) 737-4444, or email her at: sara.miller@oregonstate.edu Lunch will be provided on Tuesday, August 25th and a free State Fair admission pass will be furnished for each day you volunteer.

Take Down Party
On Labor Day we will help take down exhibits at the State Fair 4-H building. We will have a pizza party for those helping. Approximate time 8:00pm-11:30pm. If you are interested in helping, contact Judi Peters.

Entering Exhibits for State Fair
Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers with static (non-animal) exhibits, that are selected to go on to State Fair do not have to do a State Fair entry form. We’ll take care of it for you. An info slip on how the exhibit gets to and from State Fair will be attached to State Fair qualified exhibits. Be sure to read it carefully.

Horticulture exhibits are selected for State Fair by the Judge. Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers must fill out a State Fair entry form, which is due in the 4-H Building by 6 p.m. Sunday of County Fair.

If an Intermediate or Senior 4-H’er decides to go on to State Fair, with their Livestock, including Horse, they must complete a State Fair entry form. Horse entries are due by 6 p.m. Saturday of County Fair, and Livestock by 6 p.m. Sunday.

State Fair 4-H Entry forms will be available in the 4-H Building during County Fair. Both the 4-H’er and a parent must sign the form.
State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The State Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the Marion County Fair on Saturday, July 10, 2009. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the contest beginning at 9 a.m. All participants will place 9 sets of animals (beef, sheep and swine). They will be asked to evaluate performance data for some classes. The contest may also include one class of meat goats. There will be one questions class and seniors will give 3 sets of reasons, while intermediates will give 2 sets.

Alternates entered as individuals will compete for individual honors only. Counties who are unable to fill a team may combine with another county to form a combined team that will compete for team honors at the state contest by indicating that on the registration form. The champion team will be eligible to represent Oregon at the National 4-H Livestock Judging contest at the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville. If you are interested in being on the Polk County Team, call or email Judi at the Polk County Extension Office by 5 p.m. July 5th.

Lost

The Extension Office is missing two items. Please let us know if you have them as we need to get them back for use at Fair and meetings.
Large, green & white “4-H In Action” vinyl banner and Slide Projector

General News

Hall of Fame Nominations
The Hall of Fame nominations are due June 30, 2010. This is your opportunity to nominate a volunteer or former faculty member who has made a significant impact on the Oregon 4-H program, its members or leaders. Nomination forms are at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-hall-fame-0 Contact: Helen Pease

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH
For those of you who have aeronautics or robotics programs running, you might look into the young eagles program. http://youngeagles.com/ Their mission is to provide a meaningful flight experience – free of charge – in a general aviation aircraft for young people (primarily between the ages of 8 and 17). It is a resource worth checking into.
Contact: Sarah Cofer

Junior Master Gardener Day Camp
June 16-18  Wednesday-Friday  9:30-3:00  PCFG and Dallas Arboretum
Youth in grades K-5th
Cost: $25.00
Youth will explore the outdoors. They will make a compost, study aquatic insects, crafts, visit a museum, do a community service at a retirement home and much more.
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/camp or call 501-931-2578

4-H Wild West Camp  July 19-23  Monday-Friday
Youth Grades: 4th–7th  Cost: $215
This camp provides outdoor recreational activities in horse riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, digital photography, outdoor cookery, crafts, natural science, Native American Arts and more. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend this camp.
Two special tracks at camp:  * Leadership track for 8th-9th grade  * Horse track
Info available at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/ or by calling (503) 623-8395
**Summer Conference**  
June 23-26  OSU Campus  
Cost: $200  
Fun classes, games, activities and living in the dorms on the OSU campus. Meet other 4-H members from across the state.

**Oregon 4-H Adventure (on the road) Camp**  
July 8th – 9th Thursday-Friday  
Youth Grades: 5th-7th  Cost: $25  
This year the trip will take all 5-7th grade 4-Hers up to the North coast area of Oregon. We will go to Astoria, the Columbia River Maritime Museum, Fort Stevens, visit the Tillamook Forest Center and other fun things. Space is limited, sign up soon.

**Linn-Benton Community College Livestock Judging Clinic**  
July 6th and 7th  
This year’s clinic will focus on the importance of oral reasons and the necessary classroom time to establish an effective foundation. Discussions on industry trends in beef, sheep, goats and swine. Classroom instruction, hands on evaluation experience, progressive terminology, and sample reasons from past and current LBCC Livestock Judging Team members and lunch on Wednesday.  
Open to youth and adults. Two day event.  
Cost: $50.00 per person  
Pre-registration by June 25th  
Call Clayton Weber at 541-917-4768  email at weberc@linnbenton.edu

**Work on livestock judging skills at regional camp**  
4-H and FFA members are invited to gain more experience in Livestock Judging, with an emphasis on oral reasons, in Jerome, ID. The Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp is $75 per participant. There is a livestock judging contest following the camp as well. Contact Cindy Kinder at 208-934-4417.

**Meat Goat opportunities and awards**  
4-H members are encouraged to check the websites of the Cascade Boer Goat Association and the Oregon Meat Goat Producers. Both offer scholarships and awards for youth producers and lists of local shows and workshops. Next up is the Red White and Boer Show July 3-4. Contact: Korinna Rinehart  rjayan@msn.com

**Toxophilite 4-H Archery Club**  
Meeting in Dairy Barn at Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.  
June 10 & 29, July 13 & 26  
**Polk County 4-H Rifle Club**  
Meeting in Dairy Barn at Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.  
June 2 & 14, July 8 & 19  
The Archery & Rifle clubs will not meet again until October, at the earliest.

**April Round Bare Bow**  
Grade 4  Abby Miller – 11th, Monica Szczepanski – 20th, Brian Thompson – 22nd  
Grade 6  Kyle Miller – 2nd, Ty Stutzman – 9th, Peter Maybey – 17th  
Grade 7  Lyric Spivey – 15th  
Grade 8  Kalon Schmidt – 3rd  
Grade 9  Drew Dyer – 2nd, Cathryn Maybey – 15th  
Grade 10,11,12  Emily Crowe – 5th, Kelby Schmidt – 8th, Emma Miller – 10th, Jacque Szczepanski - 14th  
Freestyle  Grade 4, 5, 6  Cody Tilgner – 21st, David Rhodes – 36th,  
Releases  Grades 7, 8, 9  Corbin Kirkman – 13th, Nathan Thompson – 27th
**Willamina 4th of July Parade**
Contact The West Valley Wranglers for more information about joining them during the 4th of July activities and parade in Willamina.
Teresa Hubbard email: gthubbs@embarqmail.com

**Independence 4th of July Parade**
Join 4-H as they participate in the parade. Call Elena Pena

**Summerfest Parade**
One of the highlights of the summer is Dallas's famous **Summerfest Parade**! What a fun time for all! This year’s parade is on Saturday, July 31st. I would love for any 4-H club to consider entering the parade to show off 4-H to the public. It is a great way to show our animal projects or remind folks of the upcoming fair! Entry forms are available at the I-O newspaper office, the Dallas Chamber of Commerce office, the Dallas Aquatic Center or online at [www.dallasoregon.org](http://www.dallasoregon.org)

**Right up My Alley**
4-H is working with the cities of Monmouth and Independence in a Community Service Project. They each have an alley that needs cleaning up. All 4-H youth and families are invited to help in this great project. Contact: [Judi.peters@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Judi.peters@oregonstate.edu)

**Club News**
Remember to email your club news and photos to: [Judi.peters@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Judi.peters@oregonstate.edu)

**State Dairy Judging**
4-H Leader - Daryl Eash of Monmouth  
4-H Coach - Stacy Eash of Monmouth
The Polk County team received 3rd Place overall as the Senior team representing Polk County at the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held May 3 at OSU in Corvallis. Counties from across the state participated.
Individual Placings  
Juli Peters--6th place  
Elaine Horton--8th place  
Braedon Black--10th place  
Emma Miller--12th place  
Jesse Peters-- 16th place

Pictured: Jesse Peters, Braedon Black, Emma Miller, Juli Peters

**Polk County Bounty Market**
Polk County 4-H has committed to help with set-up and take down for the Thursday Bounty Markets held on the County Court House lawn in Dallas from 3:00pm-7:00pm. We need your help to fill up the dates in July and August. Any club or individuals can help and sign up for a time. You may sell crafts, food or anything at the 4-H booth. Call Laurie Smith or the Extension Office. A great way to make that extra money for camp, supplies or needed items.
Zachary Odegard was our special reporter for these activities. Thank you so much!

Relay for Life

On May 22 and 23, members of the 4-H Achievers and the Small Animal Express, braved the rain and the wind to participate in the 10th annual Polk County Relay for Life. The Relay for Life is a 24 hour walk/fundraiser that benefits the American Cancer Society. We had a lot of fun! Our camp sites were next to all the other youth teams like the Dallas FFA, a first year team that the 4-H Achievers helped recruit.

There were many activities throughout the day: there was a Mr. Relay contest where the men dress up like ladies and try to raise money, the survivor lap was very uplifting, and I think the luminary ceremony brought a tear to everyone’s eye. Myself, my mom and Nora Solvedt were part of the committee this year, and Nora and I got a pie thrown in our face from one of the teams participating in the on site fundraisers. Speaking of fundraising, once again the 4-H Achievers were the top youth fundraising team raising over $2,000.00 for ACS.

Credit should be given to our wonderful team captains, Hannah Buluza from the 4-H Achievers 4-H Club and McKenzie Dyer of the Small Animal Express 4-H Club.

It was so much fun and we hope to recruit other 4-H teams for next years Relay. If you are interested, please contact Zachary Odegard at linksoflove2hope@yahoo.com.

Youth Voice/Youth Action

Zachary Odegard who recently attended the Youth Voice Youth Action summit in Portland, is still looking for club members to join his Youth council. Youth council is a group of kids who will get together and discuss the issues that are affecting the youth in our community. They will have the opportunity to voice their concerns to our own city councils and to the county commissioners. He is also building a facebook page: Polk County Youth Voice Youth Action, where kids can voice their concerns. At this time, it is extremely important that we, as kids, get our voices heard regarding the budget cuts in our schools, and to the county commissioners regarding the recent passage of the tax service district. Just because it passed, it does not mean we are out of the woods yet, we still need to make sure we get the right commissioners that care about what happens to the Extension Services and 4-H. For help in building the web page or to become a member or mentor for the Youth Council please contact Zachary Odegard at 503-623-8991. This is an all county project, not just 4-H.

Dallas National Guard troop 162.

As many of you have already heard, back in October, our Dallas based National Guard was deployed to Afghanistan. I strongly believe in supporting our troops, and had asked other 4-H groups to write letters and send hard candies, individual drink mixes, and fruit snacks to the troops. I have even participated in “Operation Love Boxes” where I went to Salem and helped pack over 600 care packages for the Oregon based troops that are on deployment over seas. After attending one of these events in November, I learned that it was very cold in Afghanistan and managed to get a donation of 150 pairs of gloves from American Glove Company to ship to Afghanistan. I also held a Ugo’s pizza fundraiser where I raised over $200.00 for the 162 engineer company, this money will be used to help family members back at home and to put on their 4th of July Picnic for family members. These soldiers are very busy, clearing roads for the safety of other troops, and I know it can be discouraging when you don’t get a letter back. I have been writing since November and just recently received a letter from CPT commander Bob Baca. The letter stresses the importance of supporting our soldiers, and keeping the community aware of the sacrifices our soldiers make. I want to thank 4-H Achievers and the Outdoor “N” More 4-H club for helping me in writing letters to the 162, but I am still looking for other clubs to help with the cause. If you or your club is interested in writing a letter, please contact me at linksoflove2hope@yahoo.com. I will be shipping more care packages on July 6th and can use donations of hard candy, individual drink mixes, fruit snacks, and word puzzles, and the letters written to the soldiers. You can drop your donation off at the extension office or call me for pick up. Thank you! Your help would be greatly appreciated by me and our soldiers.
To the 4-H Family:

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

The Polk Count Extension Office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-5:00pm.

Additional Fair Entry Forms are available on the Polk Website.  
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/

Online Polk County Fair Book:  
http://www.co.polk.or.us/Fair

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