



4-H Fourthoughts

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H | OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

May—Aug 2017

From The Educator...

Dear Wonderful 4-H Families and Friends,

Our landscape is changing from winter to spring. I love feeling the warm sunshine on my back, the beautiful sights of delicate pear tree blossoms, and the smell of fresh cut green grass and barn smells.. This is my favorite season. Spring is a time marked by rapid change and growth. I hope you take a little extra time to nurture this potential in our 4-H youth over the next 4 months. Every 4-H adult volunteer has the capacity to help 4-H members grow in marvelous ways. If you are actively teaching or managing a club project area – I thank you for your commitment. And if you are a volunteer who does not have a teaching role but would like to make more of an impact, please reach out to me. There are a variety of ways I can put your talents to good use in the 4-H program.

Have you ever thought – wow, my family and kids are awesome?! You should. And I think you should share that incredible spirit with a foreign exchange student from Japan for 4 weeks this summer. I recently attended the Oregon Japanese coordinator meeting and learned no one from our county is hosting a foreign exchange student from Japan this year. Our county has so much to offer our international community. By becoming a host family, you can make a lasting impression on another child's life AND teach your own children about compassion and global citizenship. The application process is pretty straight forward. Or if you are interested in international travel/world education please consider becoming an International exchange or Japanese exchange program coordinator. If this looks like fun, contact me!

I hope all of our 4-Her's are thinking about showcasing their talents at the county fair this year. While competition is optional for 4-H participation and requires following special rules, it sure is inspiring to see your hard work. Oh yeah, and SHARE what you learned during the face-to-face interview judging (that is my favorite part). I will be "judging" the Cloverbud projects this year and plan on creating a sweet display that represents the interests of our youngest members. Cloverbuds can bring 4 different entries so pick up a Fair brochure or check our website for entry details. Other things new for this year's fair include: special topic entries titled, "Stories of Southern Oregon" (Communications project), a dress code for 4-H events, a Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Skill-a-thon, and the adult volunteer re-enrollment deadline of April 30th.

I have some great summer community service opportunities for YOU! Adults –I could really use some camp chaperones. Youth and teens –I am preparing a 4-H library outreach series titled, "The Martian: Bring Mark Back Home." It is a science series that encourages youth to use science, intuition, and strategy to guide Mark through critical decisions and problems. This will be held at the White City Library on many Monday afternoons this summer. I also think it would be cool to have a 3-day Cloverbud day camp and maybe even some "Robotics to the Rescue" days. If these ideas sound good to you, teens and adults are encouraged to help me plan and run these events. Sara Shelton, Molly Curry, and I talked to several families at the Pear Festival YMCA Open House who were interested in joining 4-H specifically because we offer a variety of programs, including Robotics, Science and the Arts. Let's have a good time this summer learning and loving being done with another school year!

Take care,
--Lena



Lena's Children: Agatha (10) and Elwood (13)



Required Upcoming Fair Registration

Spring Fair Registration | | May 17, 2017 | | 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. | | Extension Auditorium

This is required to show at spring fair. You must submit your fair entry form (which can be found on the Jackson County 4-H website under “Forms” or at the Extension Office) along with your science records for any spring fair animals.

Summer Fair Registration | | June 20, 2017 | | 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. | | Extension Auditorium

Similar to the spring fair registration, this registration is required to compete in any projects or contests at the summer fair. The fair registration form is the same form used for spring fair. You are also required to submit project records. For those unable to make it into the office, we will have an exciting new way to enroll! For more information, stay up to date on your Monday Morning Minute over the next few weeks.



New Leader Enrollment Deadline

In order for us to maintain better records of who is working with our youth and who will be able to receive a wristband at fair, we have put in place a new leader enrollment deadline. To receive a wristband at fair, leaders must be enrolled on 4hOnline by **April 30, 2017**.

Your Chance To Be A “Test Pilot Pioneer”

We have an exciting opportunity for a few clubs to try online fair enrollment, document uploads and payment all without having to come to the Extension office for registration day. Many counties in Oregon have been doing this process for years and the feedback is astoundingly positive. Since this will be our first year trying this, we are requiring that interested clubs contact Kim Skomerza at Kimberly.skomerza@oregonstate.edu and she will give you details on how you, as the club leader, can enter your club members or instruct them how to enter online.

Project News—Animal Science

Weigh-in times:

Weigh-in is required for market animals to show at fair. Once you weigh your animal, the animal cannot leave the fairgrounds until they are sold (the scales are located between the Barker and Krouse Barns at the Expo). **There will be no weighing back-up animals this year. The animal you weigh is the animal you show, whether or not they make weight.** If your animal does not weigh-in between the designated weight ranges (hogs: 230 lbs-280 lbs; lambs: 110 lbs-150 lbs; goats: 65+ lbs; cattle: 1,000+ lbs with a 1.5+ lbs gain per day since field day), you will be able to show in showmanship and a feeder market class. You will not be able to sell your animal in the auction; you are responsible for finding a buyer for your animal after fair. You cannot haul out your animal until the designated haul-out times. The weigh-in times are as follows (all weigh-in times are final and will not be extended or changed for any member):

Lambs: June 2, 2017, 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Hogs: July 10, 2017, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Steers: July 12, 2017, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Goats: July 12. 2-17, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Animal Science Continued

Haul In/Out Times:

Market animals will haul-in to fair during their weigh-in hours. If the scales close at noon, please do not haul-in at 11:45 am as it can take time to get your animal from your trailer to its pen to the scales. Bring in your trailers through Gate 5 at the Jackson County Expo and follow instructions from there to get your animals where they need to be. For specific haul-in times, please see the Exhibitor Handbook.

If you do not make weight or you receive a white ribbon (**reminder:** white ribbon animals are not eligible to sell in the auction; you are responsible for finding your own buyer at the designated release times), you are responsible for hauling your animal off the Expo fairgrounds. For specific haul-out times for open and 4-H animals, please see the Exhibitor Handbook. If you are showing in open, you are still required to abide by 4-H haul-out times. Please contact Kim Skomerza with questions at kimberly.skomerza@oregonstate.edu.

Herdsmanship

Reminder: If you have a barn space, your club will be judged on herdsmanship throughout fair week. Herdsmanship is meant to help us make sure 4-H is reflecting a good image to the public walking through the barns. To get a good herdsmanship score, keep your area clean and picked up (animal feces removed from pens, fresh bedding, clean food pans, organized tack area, no trash sitting around, aisles kept clean and not cluttered, etc.).

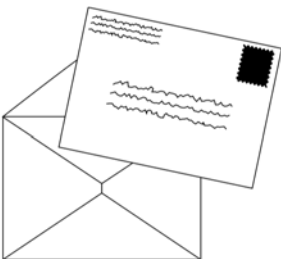


Buyers' BBQ and Entry Tickets

Before each auction, a BBQ is held meant to thank individuals and businesses who bought animals the previous year. Every year, a letter with 2 BBQ and fair entry tickets are sent to buyers from the past year; however, we do have a number of BBQ and fair entry tickets available for potential buyers. If you know someone interested in being a buyer, ask them to contact you with their full mailing address. You will then contact the Extension Center 7 days before the auction with this address so we can send them tickets. You are limited to 5 new buyers per member.

Buyers' and Thank You Letters

If you are selling a market animal, we highly recommend writing buyers' letters prior to fair. For more information on an upcoming seminar on marketing your animals, see page 7. **Thank you letters are required to receive your check.** Checks become available roughly a day after the auction at the 4-H/FFA office at the Expo (near the Barker Barn) for hogs, beef, and goats. Checks for lambs will be available at the Extension Center following the auction. Thank you letters should be at least a page, hand-written, and sincere (remember, you are selling your animal for significantly more than they are worth, and your buyer still bought it). Bring it to the office in an unsealed, addressed, and stamped envelope to be reviewed in order to receive your check.



Dog Rally at Spring Fair

Dog Rally | | June 4, 2017 | | Times TBA | | Jackson County Expo

Rally consists of thirteen different stations with maneuvers the handler and dog must work through together. There is a timed element to the competition, but this will only seriously come into play if there is a tie. Since this is our first year offering Rally, it will only be allowed at the Novice level, which means all components must be done on-lead. For more information, talk to your dog leaders.

Project Notes For Fair



Horticulture

Horticulture projects this year will be required to fill out an explanation form to compete at fair. You can pick up these forms at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center and bring them in with your plant on July 8, 2017, to be judged during the static exhibit judging.

Videography

Are you interested in a free, basic class about filmmaking? Did you know that you can enter your videos in a competition even if you're not in a film-making club? Sign up for our June 10, 10am-noon class and try out your film-making skills. You will need to bring a cell phone that you can use for videotaping (camcorders are okay, too) and an idea for your film. **Please RSVP by May 26.** We need at least six people for the class. If you have already made a film that you would like to enter into the fair, you can get help with that entry at fair registration (see page 2). RSVP to Sara Shelton at sara.shelton@oregonstate.edu.

What is Piggybacking?

What is it? It's entering things you've made or done into the fair, even if you're not in a club for that skill.* As long as you're in a club of some kind, you are eligible to enter our contests (see the January-March edition of the Fourthoughts for a comprehensive list of contests). Besides the contests, you can also enter all sorts of projects from bug collections to photography to knitting to examples of things you've done on the computer (art, posters, spread sheets, etc.) and more! It's fun to take your very best art work from the school year and enter it in the fair. Who knows, your entry could go end up at State Fair! If you would like to enter items into the fair and aren't quite sure how to do it, bring your item and come to registration day on June 20 and we'll help you.

* Hogs, steers, lambs, goats, horses, LEGO Robotics, and shooting sports cannot be piggybacked.

Display Your Club's Activities With a New Contest!

We have a new contest between clubs. This involves creating an education board on a 20X 30 inch foam core board that tells the viewer what your club does. Make it fun and interesting, creative and dimensional, use pictures, items, and explanations. This fun competition has a \$75 prize for the winning club and a few more prizes for runners up. See the 2017 Exhibitor Handbook for details.

Can't Make Face-to-Face Judging for Static Exhibits?

If you are competing with a static exhibit (photography, sewing, horticulture, etc.) which will be entered on July 8, 2017 at the Padgham Pavilion at the Expo and you are unable to be there in person to talk to the judge, you must fill out an explanation form. These can be picked up at the Extension Center or you can find them on our website.

If you are exhibiting at fair with a VIP parking pass, you can drive back to the barns until 9:30 a.m. to bring in ice chests and equipment. After 9:30 a.m., you must be parked in the sandlot. Vehicles with the wrong parking pass will be towed.

Our 4-H Family

PICK UP AN EXHIBITOR BOOK WITH UPDATED RULES AND ENTRY NUMBERS AT THE EXTENSION CENTER OR LOOK FOR IT AROUND TOWN AT BUSINESSES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

What is a Cloverbud?

A Cloverbud is a member in 4-H who is too young to be a competing member. Cloverbuds are between the ages of 5 and 8 years old as of last September 1. The 4-H year takes place from October 1—September 30, i.e. this 4-H year is October 1, 2016—September 30, 2017. As this 4-H year began in 2016, a member must be 9 years old by September 1, 2016, to be a traditional, competing 4-H member. If a member was between the ages of 5 and 8 on September 1, 2016, then they can be a Cloverbud! While Cloverbuds are not allowed to handle large animals (including dogs), receive premiums, or compete, they can still participate in 4-H in other ways. Being a Cloverbud allows members to exhibit sewing, photography, and more, while also gaining exposure to 4-H. It is a perfect time to get excited to be a competing member in the future!

Fashion Revue Contest



Fashion Revue Contest | | July 1, 2017 | | Time TBA | | Inn At The Commons

Strut your stuff on a red carpet runway on July 1, 2017, with the Jackson County 4-H Fashion Revue! You can either make your own outfit or compete in Ready to Wear, which involves putting together an outfit for under \$25 (only owning two items of the outfit prior to the contest). For more information and details, see the Fashion Revue article in the 2017 Exhibitor Handbook.

Ready, Set, Present!

The presentation contest is coming up on April 22, 2017 and the deadline to sign up is April 19, 2017. This is an excellent opportunity to develop skills you will use for the rest of your life! For more information and for the sign-up forms, go here:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/4h/forms#Presentations>

Shooting Sports

Archery Fair | | May 6, 2017 | | 8:00 a.m. check-in | | Medford Rifle and Pistol Club

Participation requires membership in an active 4-H archery club.

Smallbore Rifle/Pistol Fair | | May 7, 2017 | | 9:30 a.m. check-in | | Jackson County Sports Park Range #7

There is a \$5 entry fee to cover event costs and a \$2 charge per class. Rifle classes include stock-open sights, sporter, and precision. Pistol classes include stock and modified. There will be a champion and reserve champion in each class and a shoot-out for over-all grand and reserve grand champions in rifle and pistol. Members can shoot in multiple classes but must be enrolled in a 4-H club for that discipline. For rules talk to your club leaders.

Shotgun Fair | | May 13, 2017 | | 9:30 a.m. check-in | | Medford Gun Club on Vilas Road

In order to participate, you must be a member of an active 4-H shotgun club and have a hunter education/safety card.

Creative Writing Contest

Have you written a short story or poem that you want to share? Then the creative writing contest is right up your alley! Creative writing must be submitted prior to the submission of other static exhibits. You can find details and rules on length and formatting in the 2017 Exhibitor Handbook. Pick one up at the Extension Center or find one in a local store! Exhibits must be submitted to the Extension Center by June 30.



Our 4-H Family Continued

Looking for Volunteers!

Do you or someone you know have some spare time at fair? Do you want a free entry ticket to the fair? Do you need some extra volunteer hours? Or are you simply looking for a way to help out? Then we have some opportunities for you!

Host or Hostesses for the Padgham Pavilion: Hang out in one of the only air-conditioned buildings on the fairgrounds for a couple of hours and make sure people don't harm the static exhibits! Answer anyone's questions to the best of your ability and enjoy a relaxing couple of hours. If interested, contact Kathie Ordal at jcordal@mind.net.

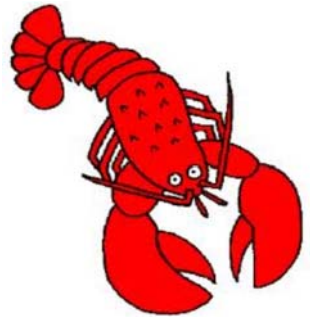
Fair Set-up and Tear-Down: We are going to need an army to help us tear down our general 4-H decorations throughout the fairgrounds and in the Padgham Pavilion on Sunday night due to the tight turn around for the Expo to get ready for the Country Crossings Music Festival this year. If you are interested, please contact Kim Skomerza at kimberly.skomerza@oregonstate.edu.

Auction BBQ Helpers: If you would like to volunteer at a BBQ, which is a good way to market your animal right before the auction and earn community service hours (or an entry ticket into the fair for parents or non 4-H adults), please contact Kim Skomerza at kimberly.skomerza@oregonstate.edu.

Lobster Creek—Come one, come all!

Are you a 4-H member wanting to attend our annual summer camp? Guess what: it's registration time! You can register online this year. We will have more information available as camp nears. Please watch your Monday Morning Minute for details and a registration link! There is a discount for those who register by May 31, 2017, so keep your eyes open!

Additionally, we are in need of adult volunteers (such as a lifeguard and nurse). If you think you have skills we could use, please let us know. Contact Lena Hosking at lena.hosking@oregonstate.edu.



Dress Up For This Upcoming 4-H Year

During the county fair and throughout the 4-H year, all 4-H members, volunteers, and parents will find a variety of opportunities to represent 4-H. Whether you are fundraising, interviewing, doing community service or some other 4-H activity your dress is expected to be appropriate. "Appropriate attire" always brings with it a diverse definition depending on whose definition you are using. Whether you are a youth or an adult, parent or volunteer, if you are representing yourself at a 4-H event or representing 4-H at a community event, **please use the following guidelines...**

Best is:

Clean jeans/slacks/skirt/dress (depending on the venue)

Clean and pressed shirt/blouse. 4-H club shirts are often a good choice.

Clean shoes or boots.

Clothing free of rips, holes and tears (even if it is the fashion of the times).

Body parts and undergarments...

Ladies: Underwear or bra straps should be covered.

Gentlemen: Underwear should be covered.

Tank tops must have wide straps, with arm holes and a neckline where we cannot see your chest. Camisoles or spaghetti strap tops are not tank tops. Shirts must be long enough to cover the whole body; no belly button view.

Shorts should be roughly mid-thigh in length. Long enough to cover your rear end when you are feeding, bending to pick up trash, or sleeping on a hay bale.

There will be no advertising or inappropriate sayings on any clothing; i.e. clothing must be free of: alcohol or

Dress Up For This Upcoming 4-H Year Continued

tobacco advertisements, bad words, implied bad language, or language that does not depict our mission or message. For example: A youth wearing "Second place is just a first place loser" on a t-shirt would be asked to change. Please help youth choose clothing that is considerate to others.

Recommended youth show ring dress: clean and neat apparel, shirt with sleeves, boots or shoes, and a visible exhibitor's number. Sleeveless shirts would button up, have a collar, and arm holes that do not reveal undergarments or your chest. No baseball caps or sunglasses will be allowed in the show ring. Please ask a project leader for animal specific show dress guidelines.

For safety in the barn, shoes are to be closed, solid toed, and hard soled. No flip flops.

Youth who are not "making the best better" may be asked to change into a more appropriate attire. We encourage everyone to wear clothes that are long enough and fit well enough to cover your top, belly, and bottom regardless if you're sitting, standing, leaning, or sleeping in the sawdust on your animal. Thanks!

Local Scholarships Available

Local Scholarships Deadline || May 1, 2017 || 4:30 p.m. || Extension Center

Jackson County 4-H offers three local scholarships to its graduating seniors, and you just might be eligible!

4-H Leaders' Association Scholarship: Award number and amount not set. Requires attendance at any accredited institution and three years in 4-H. Turn in application and record book.

Dennis Nevin Memorial 4-H Scholarship: Number of and amount (at least \$500) of scholarships awarded depend on quality of applications. Requires attendance at an accredited institution. Fill out application and sufficiently explain current 4-H involvement.

Mike Dode Memorial Scholarship: One award of \$500. Requires attendance at an accredited institution and minimum of a 2.0 GPA. Applicant must have at least one year of experience in the 4-H beef project (can now be participating in FFA, but must have 4-H beef experience). Submit application and a short essay (minimum 100 words) on what 4-H has meant to the applicant.

All scholarships are due to SOREC by May 1, 2017.

Please stop by the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (569 Hanley Rd., Central Point) to pick up a scholarship booklet which contains more information and the applications. If you have any questions, please e-mail Sara Shelton at sara.shelton@oregonstate.edu or call the Extension Center at (541) 766-7371 and ask for Sara (ext. 229).

Get Your Pens Ready... It's Buyers' Letter Season!

Buyers' Letter Salesmanship Clinic || April 25, 2017 || 6:00 p.m. || Extension Auditorium

Each year, hundreds of Jackson County 4-H market animal science members put pen to paper and start the arduous process of writing buyers' letters; however, have you ever stopped to consider the letters from a buyer's perspective? Now is your chance to get one of our supporter's opinions on receiving buyers' letters! Dr. Ravassipour and another buyer are putting on a salesmanship clinic to help guide 4-H members in writing buyers' letters at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center on April 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.. It is extremely informative and attendance is highly encouraged. Pizza will be provided, so if you plan on attending, please RSVP to Sara Shelton at sara.shelton@oregonstate.edu.



Discounted Fair Entry Passes

Each year, 4-H families are offered up to eight fair entry passes at a discounted rate (one for each fair day for each parent). If you are from a split home and need another set of eight for a second set of parents, we need to know ahead of time. Contact Kim Skomerza at kimberly.skomerza@oregonstate.edu with questions or to get your name on the list. **If we do not have you on this list, you will only be eligible to purchase eight tickets at the discounted price, no exceptions. You must let us know by July 1, 2017.**

State Happenings

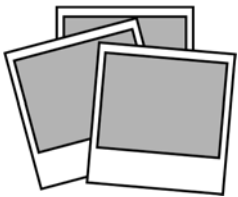
Get Pre-Registered For State Fair!

Did your exhibit qualify for state fair? Congratulations, this is an exciting opportunity for you to participate in a statewide 4-H contest! Make sure to read all the details in the state fair packet you will be receiving after you have exhibited your project. The state fair handbook containing rules and general information can be found here:

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

State Fair Date Changes

While the state fair will still take place from August 25 to September 4, the 4-H component will now take place during the first week of the fair in conjunction with FFA, instead of during the second week, as it has in the past.



On The Search For Summer Conference Photos

Have you been to the Summer Conference? Do you have any photos from the event? The state is looking to put together some photos from Summer Conferences in the past, so if you have any photos from a Summer Conference, send them to us!

Speaking of Summer Conference... Get Registered!

Oregon State 4-H Summer Conference | | June 21-24, 2017 | | Oregon State University

Summer Conference is a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn and grow on the Oregon State University campus. The conference will take place from June 21-24, 2017, and costs \$200. There are over eighty workshops available—and they fill up fast! **Registration is done online and opens at 7:00 a.m. on May 15, 2017.** Make sure to register as soon as possible as workshops do fill up very quickly. For more information, go here:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/special-events/summer-conference>

Making the Best Better

Our Friends from Pennsylvania

Last year, seven of our members traveled to Pennsylvania to spend time with their 4-H program through our Interstate Exchange program. This August, seven members from Pennsylvania will be coming to visit us here in Jackson County. They will attend the Shakespeare Festival, visit the coast, see the Redwoods, take a trip with Hellgate Excursions, and more! We are excited to welcome them to Oregon and show them how our 4-H program works and what Jackson County has to offer!



4-H Benefit Dinner and Auction—Above and Beyond

We had an amazing 4-H Benefit Dinner and Auction this year at the Padgham Pavilion with over 256 wonderful supporters in attendance. In total, we grossed just under \$30,000 to put towards 4-H programs, scholarships, and support. Our net profit put us well over our previous record. We are so very thankful to our community for donating 32 oral auction lots and 186 silent auction lots. Thank you to all who donated and supported the auction. Our 4-H program would not be possible without our awesome community support!

We would also like to thank the 21 clubs who donated 28 different auction lots. Chuck and Diane Miller donated a \$50 award to the club whose auction lots sold for the highest amount. Congratulations to Mighty Fine Swine for winning the award! Their three donations went for a total of \$895. Jackson County Shooting Sports and Southern Oregon Shooters tied for second with \$510 each. Thank you to all the clubs who donated!

Below is a list of all the businesses who donated. Please make sure to support these businesses as they support us!

Abby's Pizza	Cupcake Company	Ron Lacy Trucking	Rogue Valley Zipline
Accent Spa	Dairy Queen	Laurel Hills Golf Course	Rosario's
Acme Garage	Dauenhauer, LLC	Leave Your Mark	Safeway
A Cool Pool Store & PPG Paint	Del Rio Vineyards	Le Pari's Sports	Science Works
Accurate Painting	Dewclaw Archery	Little Caesars Pizza	Segway of Jacksonville
Advanced Air & Metal	Drake's Paint	Lowes	Sensation Sweets
Agate Construction	Draperies 'n Things	Manor Farms	7 Oaks Farm
Ahuva Bagel	Dusty's Transmission	Mary's BBQ	Shelby Snow Photography
All in One Rental	Erickson Airplane	Mazatlan Grill	Shooting Star Nursery
Anytime Fitness	Jackson County Expo	Medical Eye Center	Sisul Engineering
Applebee's	Extreme Guide Service	Montgomery's Meats	Southern Oregon Archery
Ashland Springs Hotel	EZ Mattress	Mount Ashland	Southern Oregon Fine Meats
Associated Feed	Family Fun Center	Mucho Gusto	Southern Oregon Pawn
Bambu Restaurant	Farmhouse Archeology	Nelson's Brake & Alignment	Southern Oregon Shooters
Bear Creek Golf	Father & Son's Jewellery	Olive Garden	Spider Archery
Bella Union	Folin Cellars	OMSI	Sports Clips
Best Buy	Four Daughters Pub & Grill	Organic Elements Spa	Starbucks
Best Friends Vet	Four Seasons Nursery	Oregon Cabaret	Sunset Lodging
Bi-Mart	Garrison's Home Furnishings	Oregon Coast Aquarium	Super 8
BioMass One	Goodlett Automotive	Oregon Eye & Vision Center	Texas Roadhouse
Black Rock Coffee	Grange Co-op	Pacific Door & Sash	The Artist in You
Bobbio's Pizza	Granite Mafia	Paddington Station	The New Well
Bots of Power	Gutches Lumber	Papa Murphy's	The Point
B&R Tax	Hawaiian Hut	Pizza Hut	The Rogue Growler
Brimm Aviation	Heros American Café	Pizza Schmizza	The RRRink
Britt Festival	HGC, Inc.	Print Quick	Tinsel Town
Brookside Inn & Suites	Highway Products	ProDogz	Tiffany's Hallmark
Brotherton Embroidery	Holton Cosmetic	Puck's Donuts	Tim Tidball Photography
Bubbles & Bows	Horse Blanket	Quality Fence	Trader Joes
Buffalo Wild Wings	House of Paws	Rainey's	Travel Leaders
Bullet Rental	Hughes Lumber	Ray's Food Place	Umpqua Dairy
Cardinal Enterprises	Hurley's Tax	Rebel Roasters	United Rental
Cascade Bingo	Ipipe Construction	Red Lobster	Valley Box & Crate
Cascade Nursery	Jacksonville Chiropractic	Red Robin	Wanderlust Tours
C'e Bella Salon	Jacksonville Vision Clinic	Regency Expressions	Wash 'N Go
Central Point Beauty	Jake's Wayback Burgers	Dr. Leslie Richardson	Welburns Weapons
Central Point Police	Jar of Health	River Valley Livestock	West Coast Pipeline
Chip Wright Karate	Jerry's Jet Boats	Roadhouse Grill	Whitehorse Country Store
Coastal Store	Kaleidoscope Pizza	Rodda Paint	Wildlife Safari
Coming Attractions Theatres	Kaufmann Plumbing	Rogue Air Park	Wild River
Cowhorn Vineyard & Garden	KBE	Rogue Automotive	Women's Fitness Center
Crackin & Stackin	Kelly's Automotive	Rogue Scuba	World Famous Automotive
Crater Animal Clinic	KRWQ	Rogue Creamery	Yellow Submarine
Crater Chainsaw	Lake of the Woods	Rogue Valley Airport	YMCA
Crystal Basin Cellars	L&S Rock	Rogue Valley Farm Equipment	

Making the Best Better Continued

Mail-in shooting sports results are currently unavailable. Please watch your upcoming Monday Morning Minutes to see them when they are announced!

Jackson County Goes to Nationals...Again!

In October, we sent our Jackson County Horse Evaluation Team to nationals, and now Jackson County does it again! Justin McKechnie is a senior in high school and in the 4-H program. He has competed in shooting sports, specifically compound archery, for nine years. This year, he was the state champion in compound archery and will be heading back on the Oregon State Nationals Team in June to Grand Island, Nebraska, to compete in the national contest and represent the state of Oregon. Along with being an archer, Justin is a dedicated student who has maintained a GPA of 3.97 while also being a member of the National Honor Society and completing over one-hundred hours of community service. Additionally, he has several county archery championships to his name and was an alternate on the Oregon State 4-H Archery Nationals Team last year.



Because Justin was the state champion, his coach, Brandon Crowl, was selected to be the Nationals Team's coach as well. While this is an exciting opportunity for both of them, this does mean they are fundraising to send *both* of them to the national contest. The Jackson County 4-H Association appreciates all the effort Justin and Brandon have put in and have made a donation to their trip, and, on behalf of Jackson County 4-H, we ask you, if you are able and wish to support Justin in his efforts, to do the same.

You can make out a check to the Jackson County 4-H Association to donate to Justin. Please send checks to the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502, ATTN: Kim) with the "4-H Shooting Sports Nationals" in the subject line.

To donate, you can contribute to the Oregon team here:

<https://create.osufoundation.org/project/6069>

To see Justin's video of his national trip preparation, go here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8hodZaLYzONMHI2WXQyNWpZcUU>

If you are interested in finding out the results from the public speaking or food preparation contest, make sure to attend the awards' night on April 27, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center.

Outreach Programs in the Community

On March 13, 4-H showed up at Ruch School to help spread information about the 4-H program. We had several questions about the options 4-H has beyond the market animals and several inquiries about joining our program. The kids were also able to play with a few young 4-H project hogs, some breeding goats, and a heifer-calf duo; they loved being able to see the animals and gain exposure to 4-H. We hope to continue to do these types of outreaches in the future.

This outreach came from one of our leaders. If you have an idea for an outreach opportunity, please reach out to us. We are always looking for feasible ideas for us to get into our community and spread that 4-H love.



Expanding Belonging for 4-H Youth and Volunteers

Today we find a far richer mixture of family backgrounds, ethnic heritages, and physical and mental abilities in our 4-H membership than ever before. This mixture sometimes presents challenges for volunteer leaders and members alike as they learn to function successfully in this larger picture. But what a terrific opportunity we have to blend our talents into positive outcomes. For example, youth with disabilities ARE able to participate in a variety of 4-H opportunities. Jackson County currently has a disabled member with cerebral palsy who is attending Central Point 4-H Club meetings and watching her younger sister care for their two sheep. In addition to some age developmental restrictions, the abilities of the child,



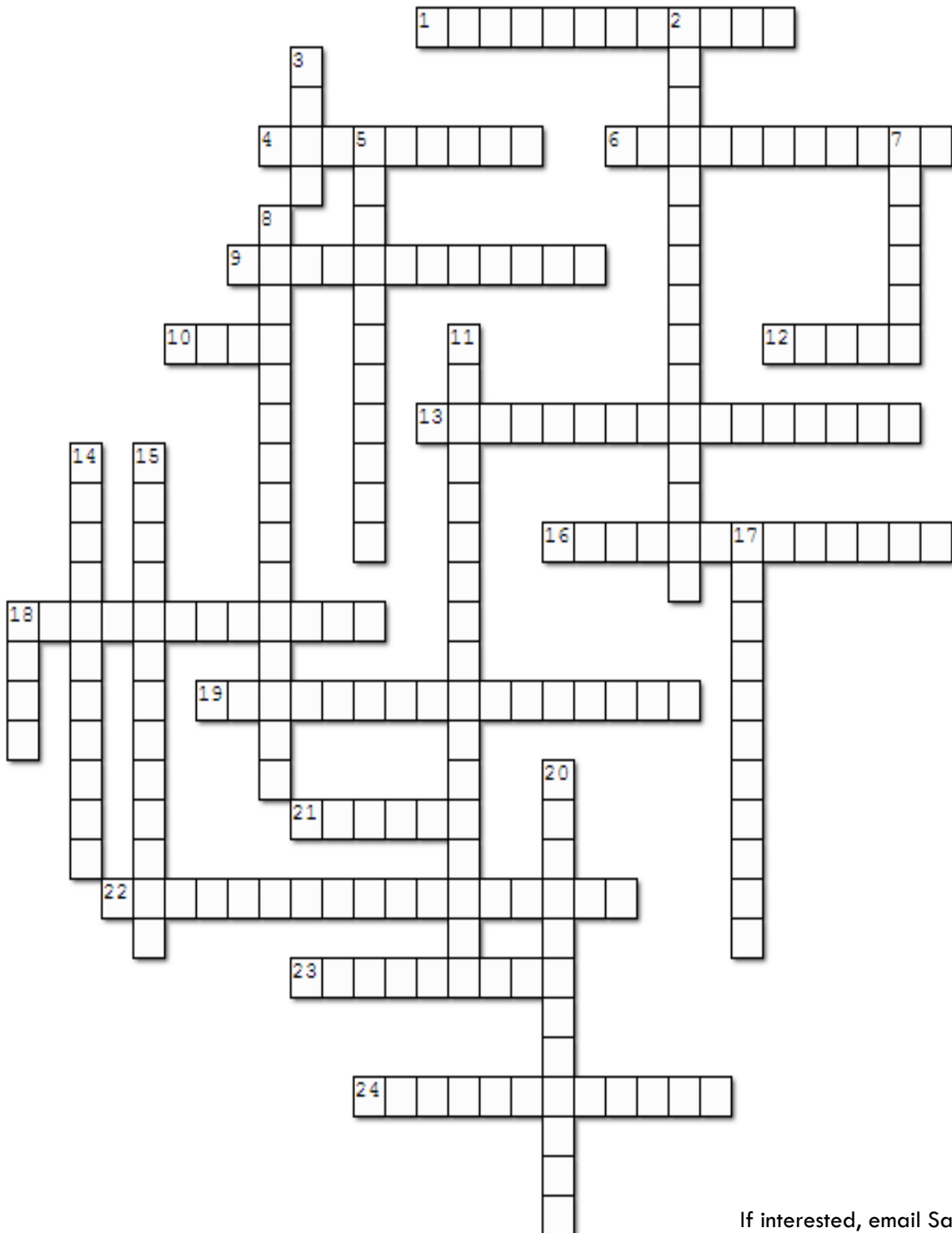
environmental circumstances, and resources of the family are factors that help guide the selection of an appropriate 4-H project for a child. Some children have disabilities that limits their capabilities of showing market animals in the county Fair according to the Fair book rules as written. In these circumstances, an accommodation plan must be developed between the 4-H Educator, 4-H'er, and their family several months prior to the 4-H event. A reasonable plan will not compromise the standards of the 4-H program, but expand access and reduce some of the physical barriers. There are no broad based rules that apply to every accommodation, and each 4-H event has unique requirements. The 4-H'er is evaluated by the educator and a written educational plan will be followed based on ability and age level.

No one has yet come up with a sure-fire recipe for success in inclusive programming; however, there are some key ingredients in the base of every good mix: Positive attitude, Clear and consistent expectations, Everybody counts, and Adaptation is acceptable - "That's the way we've always done it" is out. "Let's see how we can do this to make it work" is in. Emma Ellis is working toward improving her communication and social skills through the sheep project. Go Emma!

4-H Fun & Games

4-H Crossword

Complete the crossword below. Some hints reference information found in the rest of the Newsletter!



If interested, email Sara Shelton at sara.shelton@oregonstate.edu for answers.

Word Bank

Across

1. What your club area is judged on at fair
4. 4-H members between the ages of 5 and 8 on September 1, 2016
6. Categories include portrait, landscape, still life, and more
9. Where an outreach program took place this March
10. The month in which spring fair takes place
12. These are a large animal shown at the spring fair
13. Where the Benefit Dinner and Auction took place
16. The name of our summer camp
18. Involves the study of plants.
19. A contest to show off your writing skills
21. The first month in which state fair takes place
22. An opportunity for members in June on the OSU campus
23. The day of the week on which steers will weigh in during fair week
24. An opportunity to enter multiple project areas while only in one club

Down

2. This project has three fairs in May: Shotgun, Rifle/Pistol, and Archery
3. The month in which county fair takes place
5. This project has a workshop available on June 10
7. The large animal project which shows in the Isola Arena
8. These are recommended for any member showing a market animal to help them find buyers
11. These are required to get your checks at fair
14. The event before each auction meant to honor buyers
15. An opportunity to strut your stuff!
17. The buyer who is hosting the salesmanship clinic
18. These animals cannot actually sweat and are shown at the summer fair
20. The members of our interstate exchange program traveled here

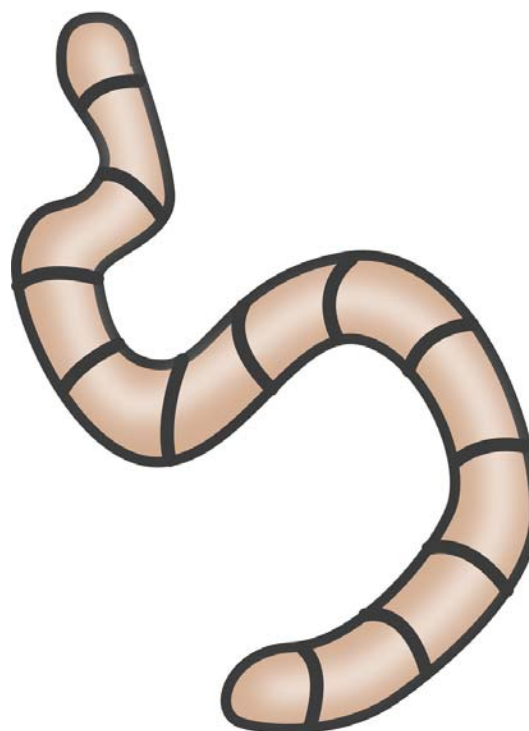
* When there are multiple words, include spaces

* Apostrophes get their own square

Worm-ing Around: Worm Behavior

Explore the wonderful world of worms and other creepy crawly creatures. Create fun, hands-on experiments that will help young people discover how light, moisture and temperature affects worm behavior. Learners will build their own worm light boxes and much more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8-mYm7uli0&feature=BFa&list=PL3CF22C166D4EE17A>



Upcoming 4-H Events

April

- 17 Horse Evaluation Workout (Extension Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- 19 Animal Science Leader Meeting (Extension Center, 7:00 p.m.)
- 22 Presentation Contest (Extension Classroom, pick time when you register)
- 25 Buyers' Letters and Salesmanship Seminar (Extension Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.)
- 27 Food Preparation and Presentation Contest Award Ceremony (Extension Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.)
- 28 & 29 Make it and Take it (Extension Auditorium)

May

- 1 Local scholarship applications turned into SOREC deadline (4:30 p.m.)
- 3 4-H Association Meeting (Extension Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.)
- 6 Archery Fair (Medford Rifle and Pistol Club)
- 7 Rifle and Pistol Fair (Jackson County Sports Park Shooting Range)
- 13 Shotgun Fair (Medford Gun Club)
- 17 Animal Science Leader Meeting (Extension Center, 7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Last Day to Receive Early Bird Discount Registration Fee for Lobster Creek

June

- 2 Spring fair starts, livestock weigh-in (Jackson County Expo)
- 2-4 Spring fair (Jackson County Expo)
- 4 Spring fair Auction (Olsrud Arena, Jackson County Expo)
- 4 Dog Rally (Jackson County Expo)
- 7 4-H Association Meeting (Extension Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.)
- 10 Videography Workshop (Extension Classroom, 10 a.m.)
- 21 Animal Science Leader Meeting (Extension Center, 7:00 p.m.)
- 21-24 Oregon State 4-H Summer Conference (OSU)
- 30 Creative Writing Exhibits Due (Extension Center, 4:30 p.m.)

July

- 1 Fashion Revue (Extension Auditorium & Inn at the Commons)
- 4 Independence Day — SOREC Closed
- 5 4-H Association Meeting (Extension Center, 6:30 p.m.)
- 5 Swine barn pen set-up (Barker Barn, Jackson County Expo)
- 7-8 Dog fair (Olsrud Arena, Jackson County Expo)
- 8 Tentative date to submit static exhibits (Padgham Pavilion, Jackson County Expo)
- 10 Hog weigh-in (Barker barn, Jackson County Expo)
- 12 Swine and poultry auction (Olsrud arena, Jackson County Expo, 6:00 p.m.)
- 12 Steer weigh-in (Krouse barn, Jackson County Expo)
- 12-16 Jackson County Fair open to public (Jackson County Expo)
- 15 Steer and goat auction (Olsrud arena, Jackson County Expo, 7:00 p.m.)
- 16 Static exhibits haul out (Padgham Pavilion, Jackson County Expo)
- 19 Animal Science Leader Meeting (Extension Center, 7:00 p.m.)
- 30 Lobster Creek Councilors arrive at camp (Lobster Creek Camp)
- 31-8/4 Lobster Creek Camp

August

- 25-9/4 Oregon State Fair

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