



4-H Fourthoughts

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Technology kids show their stuff

Two Lego Robotic 4-H Clubs (Robo Nation and Lego Jets) were among 320 teams (2000 youths) from all regions of the state registered to participate in the 17 different Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Tournaments.

Representing Jackson County at a regional tournament Dec. 5 in Roseburg were (shown left to right): Bryce Thornton, Myra Rademacher, Carlos Fuentes, Jon Sisul, Emir Lemur, Thomas Cox, Tanner Brotherton, Alec Thornton, Jesus Andrade, Wynn Nevin.



See additional stories and photo of award winners on page 10

Carnival of Learning instructors needed

The 2010 Carnival of Learning event will be held **February 27**, from 9 am to 3:35 pm, at the **Jackson County Extension Center**, 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point.

There will be four 1-hour, 20-minute sessions, beginning at 9 am. We plan to offer classes only once and provide a lot of variety in a short period of time, about 6 - 7 classes per slot, if all areas at Extension Center are utilized. Information packets will be mailed later, once we compile a list of all the classes.

Instructors are needed to teach the classes. Instructor forms have been sent out and more are available in the office for people interested in teaching a class. We need the forms back by **January 13** so that we can compile our class list.

~ Anne Manlove

Reminder: Get your enrollments in to the Extension Office early and save money! The 4-H enrollment fee goes up \$5 (in most cases) starting Jan. 23. See story, page 8.

2010 starts off with a bang

Looking ahead to the scheduled 4-H events for 2010, we see a number of them coming up fast — Animal Affair: **Jan. 16**, 4-H Presentation Contest: **Jan. 23**, 4-H enrollment fee increase: **Jan. 23**, State Scholarships applications due: **Feb. 24**, and Carnival of Learning: **Feb. 27**, just to name a few!

You will find details on the above events plus several others coming in the next 2-3 months. Follow the index below to guide you to the page and information you need.

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Leader Training Information

Training Opportunities for New Leaders

Once again, ALL new leaders and new assistant leaders enrolling in the traditional Jackson County 4-H program will be required to attend a Leader Training session AND to become certified in First Aid/CPR. Project orientation sessions are optional, but encouraged. Current leaders will find this training session a great refresher!

General Leader Training

Leader training is an opportunity for adult volunteers to get an in depth look at 4-H in Jackson County. Topics will include: leader expectations, opportunities for members and leaders, goals and philosophies of the 4-H program, club organization, record books, recognition and motivation, and much more. Experienced leaders have also enjoyed the session. Several sessions have been scheduled for your convenience:

- **January 26**, 4:00 - 9:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by January 25.
- **February 11**, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by February 10.
- **March 30**, 4:00 - 9:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by March 29.

If none of these sessions work for you, please contact me at manlove.a@oregonstate.edu, or 541-776-7371, ext. 205. We want you in the program! I'm willing to teach additional sessions and will travel to different communities/homes for a group of at least five leaders, schedule permitting.

~ Anne Manlove

K-3 Leader Training

New K-3 Adventures leaders must also attend training. These will be scheduled on individual basis. Please call to schedule a date and time.

Project Leader Orientations

General leader training offers basic information, but many leaders also need a session which covers specific project information. At project orientations we cover: curriculum materials, other resources, activities, etc. If your area isn't listed below, call us. We will schedule one:

FOOD or CLOTHING sessions will be scheduled on an individual basis. Please call to schedule a date and time.

HORSE

- **January 20**, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Extension Classroom, Pre-register by January 19.

First Aid/CPR Training

New leaders and assistant leaders ALSO need to become certified in First Aid and CPR. Individuals who cannot attend one of the scheduled sessions may take classes from the Red Cross, Fire Districts, etc. at their own expense.

The 4-H classes are listed below. **There must be a minimum of 5 people to conduct the class.**

Last year we initiated a system that participants must pay a refundable **\$35** registration fee (*please make checks payable to the Jackson County 4-H Leaders Assoc.*). This fee is the cost of the class to the Leaders Association for each person who signs up. The Leaders Association will cover those adults who DO show up for the class. Checks will be returned upon completion of the class. **The fee will not be refunded to those adults who pre-register but do not show up.**

- **January 30**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by January 19.
- **March 6**, 6:00 - 9:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by March 1.
- **April 24**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by April 13.

Junior Leader Training

Members in the 7-12th grade are eligible to be Junior Leaders. Topics: the role of Junior Leaders, working with leaders, ideas for meetings, etc.

Tentative schedule: February 3, 5:30-7 pm, Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Feb. 2.

Did you get your 2010 4-H calendar yet?

The 2009-10 4-H calendars are available in the Extension Office now. The calendars have lots of great photographs of 4-H members participating at last year's events. They are free to members and leaders.

“4-H — It’s All About Fun While Learning”

Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum set for 2/6 in Roseburg

The Southwest Oregon 4-H Regional Forum will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, in Roseburg.

Interested 4-H Leaders, teens, parents and judges are invited to attend. It will be held at Roseburg High School. (Take I-5 to Roseburg, Exit 124 and turn right on ramp towards OR-138 City Center/Diamond Lake. For map, go to: <http://www.roseburg.k12.or.us/rhs/campus.html>)

Registration starts at 9 am; welcome and workshops follow at 9:30. Planned and presented by 4-H State Staff and volunteers of Southwestern Oregon, 16 workshops, most lasting 50 minutes, are scheduled throughout the day, ending at 3:15 pm.

Workshop choices will include: “Stamp Up a Storm,” “Putting that Finishing Touch on Your Sewing Project,” “4-H On the Road— Interstate Exchange Program,” “Robotics Update for Southwest Region,”

Successful showmanship skills, “State and National 4-H Opportunities,” “Ready for that Foods Contest?” 4-H School Enrichment, record keeping, photography ideas, and two classes taught by Jackson County Agent Anne Manlove and Fiona and Wynn Nevin (making and learning about waffles, and making wire decorations/ornaments). There is also an all day dog clinic for 4-H members and leaders (covering goals of the dog project, grooming basics, equipment, showmanship, obedience, and Q & A session by five presenters).

Registration forms and workshop information is now available at your local Extension Office. Deadline is Jan. 29 to our county Extension Office. Registration cost is only \$10, which includes lunch. **Checks should be made payable to “Oregon 4-H Foundation.”**

~ Mona Easley, State 4-H Staff

Blazing trails to the leaders’ forum in Albuquerque, NM

The 2010 Western Regional Leaders’ Forum (WRLF) will be held Mar. 11-14 in Albuquerque, NM. All 4-H leaders, teens and staff from the 13 western states, 2 Canadian provinces and the Pacific Territories are invited.

The full-time registration includes Thursday evening appetizers and four meals, hospitality room, workshops, speakers, commercial exhibits, entertainment and activities. On Friday and Saturday there will be 64 workshops on a diverse range of topics. Some of the workshop titles are: Magic of Leadership, “Sciencetriffic” 4-H Projects, Are you a 4-H Pig or Chicken? Internet Use in 4-H Activities, Introduction to Boondoggle Delights, 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program, Are you Smarter than a 4-Her? 4-H on a Shoestring, Ready? S.E.T. Lego!

Full-Time Registration: Regular (post-marked by Jan. 15), \$250. Late (post marked by Feb. 15), \$300.

Part-Time Registration: Sign up for what interests you — see choices and costs on the forum website.

On-line registration is available now. For further information and registration go to <http://nm4h.nmsu.edu> and then click on “details” under the WRLF logo.



Mark your Calendar!
February 13
Bring your sweetie
Dinner & Auction
...with singing by Jason Johnston
Del Rio Vineyards
Donations of auction items will be needed
Plans are in the making for a fabulous event in celebration of Valentine’s Day.
More information to come.

IRS needs information of clubs with bank accounts

Treasury report due from clubs using Leaders’ Association Tax ID

If your club used the Jackson County 4-H Leaders’ Association Tax Identification number to open a checking or savings account, you must complete a year-end report. According to regulations, the Jackson County 4-H Leaders’ Association is responsible for ALL assets earned and maintained by 4-H clubs. Thus, June Brock, 4-H Leaders’ Association treasurer, needs to know how much you raised, spent, or if you accepted donations where the donor received our tax

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General Information

A new name for Know Your (State) Government = YOUTH VOICE, YOUTH ACTION

Over the years, there have been great suggestions made regarding the Know Your Government program. Now those suggestions have been incorporated into the 2010 program, starting with a new name, and a new location!

Youth Voice, Youth Action (formerly known as KYG)

Dates: Sunday, Feb. 28 – Tuesday, Mar. 2.

Location: University Place Hotel and Conference Center, Portland

Registration: Normal* registration fee of \$155 covers lodging for two nights, meals, speakers, program materials, and metro travel during the program. *Jackson County 4-H members (who are **enrolled for the 2009-10 year**) will pay only \$95 (which will also cover transportation to and from Portland) because of local donations.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 10, to the county Extension Office. Must include payment, and all event forms (registration form, Code of Conduct form, and Health Statement form).

Age: Youth, ages 13 - 19, are invited to attend. This program challenges young people to be responsible for self direction and active participation. Partici-

pants do not need to be 4-H members. The program is open to everyone.

Scholarships: Although the location is different and educational program is evolving, opportunities to apply for a scholarship remain the same. About five individual scholarships are available each year. Teens can go to the state 4-H website, under Youth (activities), to complete a scholarship application.

Scholarship applications are due **Monday, Feb. 1**, to M. Lesmeister at the state 4-H office. Scholarship recipients will be notified by **Friday, Feb. 5**.

Program: Teens will be leading small groups, examining issues that are important to them, creating plans to take action in their local communities, applying skills for civic engagement, sharing, negotiating, public speaking, and more! The program also includes walking, meeting public officials, and representing the 4-H program each day.

For scholarship applications, registration form, and more information, visit the 4-H website: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/know-your-government>

Note: We are in need of an adult chaperone for the event—registration fee paid by the 4-H Leaders Association.

2010 4-H State Fair chair opportunities are available

Plans are in full swing for the 4-H State Fair 2010. The Exhibit Building has a couple of openings for new chairs to work with the receiving, judging and display of exhibits. These project area chair vacancies include the Clothing chair and the Educational Display chair positions. This is the opportunity to make a real difference in the operation of the 4-H State Fair, plus meet and work with volunteers/staff from all counties who

enjoy fairs. Volunteer leaders and teens are encouraged to apply.

Application form for the chair positions is found at these links: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/StateFairChairApplication.pdf> <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/StateFairYouthChairInformation.pdf>

~Mona Easley, 4-H state staff

2010 Beekeeping Essay Contest announced



“Is My Community Honey Bee-Friendly?” is the 2010 topic of the 4-H Beekeeping Essay. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to research and write about honey bees. Cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the 3 top National winners. 4-H members can also use the information they gather to make an educational display for the fair.

Essay contestants are not required to be enrolled in a 4-H beekeeping project.

For detailed essay contest information, check the American Beekeeping Federation website: <http://www.abfnet.org> Essays are due to the State 4-H office by February 1.

4-H members can also use the information they gather to make an educational display for the fair. **Essay contestants are not required to be enrolled in a 4-H beekeeping project.**

Presentation Contest set for Jan. 23

As announced last October, the annual Presentation Contest has been moved to a new time of the year, a new part of the week, and will include a new category.

This “new” contest is scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 23**, and will include the new *Impromptu* category that was initiated at the 2009 State Fair.

One of the goals of the 4-H program is to develop communication skills in its members. Presentations are one means by which members can improve their skills. Members may give presentations at the club level or at the County Presentation Contest and even advance to the State Fair contest.

There are several publications/handouts to help you to prepare for this contest which include: Types of

presentations and examples, Parts of a presentation, steps in planning, mechanics of presenting, preparing and using visual aids, and tips. You will also want to get copies of the evaluation sheet for the type of presentation you plan to give, as well as all the rules which are found in the State Fair Exhibitor Handbook.

Those interested in the new Impromptu speeches will want to see the guidelines and fair rules.

Pick up the above materials at the Extension Office, (ask for which ones you want) or visit: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/presentations> and http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/CommPresentations09_0.pdf for the county and state fair rules.

What is a Presentation?

The purpose of a presentation is to teach and share with others what you have learned. Members may present information on anything – It doesn't have to relate to enrolled projects. For those who are keeping count of premium points, this activity pays very well! Blue or higher earns 8 points, red earns 6 and white earns 5 points. Champions of each class also receive special award cash prizes. Definitely a worth-while contest to enter!

Types of Presentations

Before registering, members need to determine which category their entry will fall into:

Demonstrations show how to do something. There is a finished product to show your audience at the end. Examples—how to plant a tree, how to make an omelet, how to mount insects.

An **Illustrated Talk** uses visuals—slides, pictures, charts, models and/or PowerPoint to share information, i.e. PowerPoint presentation of the birth of a foal, pictures or samples of different kinds dog breeds to show audience.

A **Public Speech** can be informational or persuasive, with no visual aids. It requires careful planning and effective delivery with gestures, voice variety and proper English.

Impromptu Speaking is where the presenter must compose and deliver a speech with no prior preparation and no visual aids.

Presentation Contest registration required by Jan. 13

Registration is required by mail (send to: 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point OR 97502, Attn: Diane Miller) or in person at the Extension Office **no later than Wednesday, Jan. 13**. Entry fee of \$2 per class (make checks payable to 4-H/FFA Fair Committee) **must** accompany your fair registration **form** (OK to use an old one) available in the office, or on our web-site: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/4h/forms>

Choose your first and second choice of time, between 9:30 and 4:30, and your class selection from the following:

21160001_ **Demonstration, Individual**
21160002_ **Demonstration, Team**
21160101_ **Illustrated Talk, Individual**
21160102_ **Illustrated Talk, Team**
21160201_ **Public Speech**
21160301_ **Impromptu Speaking**

Fill in the blank in the class number above with corresponding number below:

1. **Junior**
2. **Intermediate**
3. **Senior**

Remember—Presentations are part of Fair!

Each year we hold a 4-H Presentation Contest as part of the County Fair activities. Even though this contest is now about six months prior to the County Fair, it is still part of our County Fair (just like the Food Preparation Contest), and participants will pay entry fees and earn premium points.

Now is the time to start working on your presentation!

Home, Arts & Sciences

2010 Food Prep Contest scheduled for March 6-7

Attention 4-H Foods project members: Now is the time to think about what you could make for the next Food Preparation Contest in 2010. Will it be your favorite dessert or something new and exotic? Pick out those recipes and start practicing now, because the contest will be held the weekend of **March 6-7** at South Medford High School.

Members planning to participate in the 2010 contest should pre-register by Friday, Feb. 19. Packets will be mailed out soon to last year's leaders and members (and new 4-H members we have in our database for 2010). If you don't get a packet by mid-January, stop by the Extension Office. Simply select a time between 8 am - 5 pm on Saturday or 10 am - 4 pm on Sunday and tell us what you are making. Superintendents Cheri Biskeborn or Lynn Gladman will assign a time and give you a call. On the day of the event, bring EVERYTHING you need to make your recipe. 4-H members in the 4th - 12th grades will from the following five contests:

- In the **Mini-Meal Contest**, members have two hours to prepare two menu items, set the table, serve the judges and clean their area.
- The **Foods of the Pacific Northwest Contest** al-

lows members one hour to prepare one item and serve the judge. Members are asked to have at least two ingredients which are grown in the Pacific Northwest.

- The **Outdoor Cookery Division** lets members prepare their two items on the grill, outside. They have two hours to complete the task.
- In the **Food Preservation Contest**, members must prepare two items using food products which they have preserved.

The members become the judges in the **Food Judging Contest**. Members examine equipment, situations, and foods to determine which are the best.

While the members are busy cooking, the audience gets to sample the wonderful foods prepared by the members.

There is a new foods competition, introduced last year at State Fair, called **Iron Chef**. Members get to show their food preparation skills and creativity by working as a team of 2-3 members who prepare at least two dishes that incorporate a mystery ingredient provided at the contest. Teams may be made up of any intermediate or senior 4-H members. If there is interest, an **Iron Chef** competition may be held at the local level this year.

New Intermediate-Senior Foods Record now available

A new Foods Project Record for Intermediates and Seniors has been developed for Jackson County. You will find it easier to complete and little or no repetition that was prevalent in the State designed record. Available on our county website (as well as in the office), you will find it available in two formats: "**Fillable**," for downloading onto your computer and typing in

your answers, and "**Handwritable**," for printing the form to be filled in by hand.

NOTICE

The local "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest has been canceled for this year.

Register now for sewing & textile classes offered by local ASG

The Medford Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will hold its annual Make It and Take It sewing event on **Feb. 20**, at the Harvest Baptist Church, 2001 South Columbus Ave, Medford, from 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. This event is open to the community, and lunch is included with the registration fee.

Participants have the opportunity to take up to four different classes throughout the day. There are 26 different classes offered and topics include various types of bags (Go Green Bag, Fasturn Tube Tote Bag, and Origami Bag), pillowcases, potholders, pincushion, pin weaving, hand stitching, casserole cover, knitted dishcloth, Teddy Bear, Elf Doll and more!

A lot of these projects can be entered at fair, and would make great piggybacking projects for those in other areas besides clothing or textiles. Students have a special registration fee of \$10 if registered by **Jan. 15** (and remember, lunch is included with that price); \$15 if registered Jan. 15-30; \$20 after Jan. 30.

For more information and to receive registration and class information via email, call Terri Geroux at 773-2272 or email at rtgeroux@charter.net Information and registration forms are also available at the Extension Office.

~ Terri Geroux

Serger class for 4-H leaders, parents (& older members) scheduled for Jan. 21, 28

4-H Leaders, 4-H parents, and older 4-H members are invited to attend a Serger class on Thursday, Jan. 21 and Jan. 28. Both sessions will start at 1 pm and will be held in the Extension Service classroom on Hanley Road. Gayle Clason is graciously offering her time and talents to help those who guide 4-H clothing members to gain greater skill with this machine. You may choose to attend one, or both sessions. The first will focus on learning the parts of the serger and correcting tension. Participants will learn to identify a perfect serger stitch.

Join us for Spring Breakout Leadership Retreat, 3/23-26

Looking for something fun to do over spring break? 4-H members in grades 7-12 will be invited to attend the multi-county Spring Break Leadership Retreat. The dates have been scheduled for March 23—26, and it will most likely be held at Little River Christian Camp, out of Glide. Cost will probably be \$85 per person.

Much is still in the planning stages, but details will be sent out to members in a special mailing. **Mark your calendar now!**

Enrollment fee increases Jan. 23

The implementation of the State 4-H Participation fee, that increased enrollment fees for the 4th-12th grade youth, will increase \$5, starting Jan. 23. Although many members have paid through their primary club, if those forms and payments have not been turned in to the Extension Office, they will be considered late and the leaders will be charged the extra \$5 per member enrollment not turned in.

We have a number of members' forms and partial payments in the holding file, waiting for payment or partial payment. Until those are paid in full, they **cannot** be considered paid on time, and an additional \$5 per 4th-12th grade member will be assessed before they can be entered into the enrollment system.

State scholarships available

If you are a high school senior, now is the time to apply for scholarships!

There are two categories of 4-H scholarships available at the State level. There are over 16 college scholarships (worth almost \$20,000) available (most are for attendance at OSU). Transcripts and copies of SAT or ACT scores are required. An updated 2010

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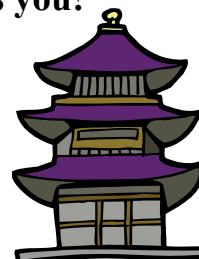
Bring: serger (don't forget the cord & foot!); one yard of cotton muslin; serger manual and tools which came with the machine; and thread to match the color coding on your machine's threading diagram. The serger thread should be the same brand and be a medium tone (not pastel or dark). We will plan to end between 3:30 and 4 pm. The second session will cover topics selected by the group during the first session.

Please pre-register by Jan. 19. This will help Gayle as she prepares for the class.

The 4-H International Konnichiwa Club

If you would like to travel to Japan, meet with the students that visit annually and get involved in fundraising activities, then this cultural exchange program needs you!

For more information, call:
Carl: 826-9139
Jeannie: 621-6294
Ms. Rennick: 324-1263



2010 Outbound 4-H International Exchange Programs deadline

Application materials for potential outbound 4-H international exchange delegates are now available on the Oregon 4-H Web site at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/node>. On the web site click on "Things To Do", then on Travel Abroad. This will bring you to the first page for the 4-H World Citizenship Project. Now go to the 4-H International Exchange Programs section.

This year we are offering outbound exchange programs to the following countries: **Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway.**

Application materials for all countries are due postmarked by January 7, 2010.

One reference must be from a 4-H staff member. Please check the information in the application materials related to references.

General Information

Animal Affair set for Jan. 16 with classes, judging and fun!

The 2010 Animal Affair will be held on January 16 in Compton Arena at the Fairgrounds. Leaders, parents and members enrolled in Animal Science projects will enjoy judging contests, educational sessions on many species of animals, and the annual Barnyard Olympics. This event is especially beneficial for new and prospective members—spread the word!

A mailing will be sent to all animal science members soon with details of all the educational sessions. Class examples include: a pig puzzle class taught by Leon Callahan, dog grooming, basic dog obedience, livestock judging class for younger members, livestock feed, salesmanship and marketing, record-keeping, and presentations. The educational sessions will start at 11 am and end at 1:30 pm

The second of three meat animal judging contests

will start at 8:45 am. There will also be judging contests for dogs and rabbits.

The Olympics will begin at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in competing in these zany games, you will need eight members for your team. If you don't have a team but want to participate, members can usually find a team. Awards will be announced at approximately 3 pm after the games.

BEEF MEMBERS, mark your calendars! All 4-H members hoping to sell at the youth beef auction at the 2010 County Fair, July 24, must be pre-enrolled through an active Jackson County 4-H Beef Club AND weigh-in their steers on **Beef Field Day, February 20**, at the livestock scales at the Expo Fairgrounds.

Horse Presentation

The next Horse Presentation Contest will be offered again in February 2010; time and place to be announced. Pre registration will be required.

For more information about the Jackson County 4-H horse program, forms, etc. visit:
<http://jc4horse.pbworks.com>

Spring Horse Classic deadlines set

This year's Oregon 4-H Spring Horse Classic will be held **April 23-25**, at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in **Redmond**.

Entries are due in the State Office on or before April 2. Both the individual event entry forms and the county payment form must be signed by the county agent. **To be complete, entries must include a signed health form and code of conduct for all contestants and coaches.**

Entry fees of \$25 per contestant per event must accompany entries. **Checks should be made payable to "Oregon 4-H Foundation."** Late entries will be accepted at a fee of \$30 per contestant per event from April 3-9. No entries will be accepted after April 9.

Order forms for the Saturday dinner and shirt order forms are also due April 2. These should be sent directly to Deschutes County.

See: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/spring-horse-classic-0>

New Goat publications:

The 4-H Pygmy Goat Advancement Guide (4-H 1133) is now available online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/12886/1/4-H1133.pdf>

The 4-H Meat Goat Advancement Guide (4-H 1134) is now available online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/bitstream/1957/12887/1/4-H1134.pdf>

Spanish Version of the e-Clover now Online!
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/4h/4-h0230-s/index.html>

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scholarship booklet will be available at the Extension Office by mid-January. Meanwhile, applications and guidelines can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships>

Applications for State scholarships have to be in the county office by **February 24**. This allows time to review them for any errors and get them in the mail to the State 4-H Office by the 3/1 deadline. If you have any questions, contact Diane Miller at 776-7371, or Diane.Miller@oregonstate.edu

New guidelines—Guidelines for preparation of the State 4-H Resume have incorporated the following changes:

- My 4-H Story" has been reduced in maximum length from 6 pages to 3 pages.
- The "Goals, Growth and Contribution" section of the "4-H Summary" has been omitted.

Active members honored at Recognition Night

Many members were recognized for their contributions and achievements during the 2008-09 year at Member Recognition Night last month.

Groups or events that members were recognized in included: Camp Counselors, Livestock Judging winners, State Fair exhibitors, Summer Conference, Know Your Government, Interstate Exchange, Youth Pavilion Committee, Leaders' Association Executive Board Teen Members, as well as Record Book winners. Each

member who submitted a book received a 4-H automated eraser, complements of the Leaders Association. Those who did not attend may get their certificate, awards or record books in the Extension Office.

The grand finale for the evening was the annual slide show featuring photos of the year's activities and events. **Jason Wallace, Clayton Wallace and Wylie Brown** took on the project of creating this year's slide show from photos sent to them by members/leaders.

2009 Record Book winners were announced as follows:

Beef: 1YJ-Wynn Nevin J-Jacie Gavin I-Jacquelyn Brown	Swine: 1YJ-Travis Danielson J-Sara Shelton I-Kelli Gray S-Keenan Krische	Clothing: 1YJ-Collette Beard J-Caitlin Wright I-Fiona Nevin	Arts: J-Nicole Beck I-Sammie Beck
Horse: I- Chelsi Howe S-Cathryn Gilbreath	Cavy: 1YJ-Chloe Geroux I-Maganhope Durham	Photography: 1YJ-Haydn Beck J-Sydney Beck I-Bree Beck	Aquatics: 1YJ-Christopher Radley
Dogs: 1YJ-Cody Owens S-Crystal Shepard	Rabbits: 1YJ-Mackenzie VanDelden	Horticulture: J-Ashley E. Cox I-Emmie Gavin	Computers: I-Fallon Wallace
Sheep: 1YJ-Samantha Shelton J-Tanner Brotherton I- Claire Gladman	Food/Nutrition: I-Logan Krische	Entomology: I-Nick Morales	Leadership: I-Kayla Artman S-Amanda Greisen
			Citizenship: I-Rebecca Dosser
			Achievement: I-Shae Rogers

Overall Record Book winners

The top record books in the contest were re-judged to select the best in each of the four grade levels. The top individual received a \$50 scholarship for any 4-H activity, sponsored by the Leaders Association, or \$25 cash in the coming year. Second - 4th place winners received a \$25 4-H activity scholarship or \$10 cash. Fifth - 8th place winners received a \$25 4-H scholarship. Listed first through eighth, respectively:

First-Year Juniors: Wynn Nevin, Haydn Beck, Chloe Geroux, Lindsey Healy, Mackenzie Van Delden, Travis Danielson, Emmie Morse, Cody Owens.

Juniors: Nicole Beck, Caitlin Wright, Jacie Gavin, Tanner Brotherton, Ashley Cox, Sydney Beck, Sara Shelton.

Intermediates: Shae Rogers, Jacquelyn Brown, Claire Gladman, Fiona Nevin, Nick Morales, Kelli Gray, Meganhope Durham, Marissa Dosser.

Senior: Amanda Greisen, Amelia Caldwell, Keenan Krische, Cathryn Gilbreath, Crystal Shepard, Ninamaria Nutting.

Members recognized for participation in Achievement Program

Several members were honored for their accomplishments in the 2008-09 Achievement Contest Program at Members' Recognition Night last month. One name, Fallon Wallace, was inadvertently left off, for which we apologize. The corrected list follows, with

The judges...

We also need to thank the dedicated volunteers who judged record books. It is a great deal of work but it is truly enjoyable to see what our members have accomplished. The 2009 record book judges were: **Patty Bunch, Kathy White, Deborah Brown, Sharon**

members who passed Steps as indicated:

STEP ONE: Sara Shelton. STEP TWO: Sandie Shelton. STEP THREE: Fallon Wallace STEP FIVE: Shae Rogers, Stephanie Haupt, Wylie Brown.

Historian, Secretary book winners

Congratulations to the **Hot Diggity Dog 4-H Club** for creating the winning 2009 Historian Book, and to club historian Carmen Mejia. The winning award for the Secretary's Book Contest went to **Evans Valley Feathers & Fur Club**, and the club's secretary, Olea Houy, was also honored. Keep up the good work!

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Technology Information

County club wins award in regional Lego competition



Showing off their trophy (L-R): Thomas Cox, Claire Thornton (co-leader), Jon Sisul, Bryce Thornton, Wynn Nevin, Peg Sisul (co-leader), Myra Rademacher, Alec Thornton.

The Eagle Point 4-H Club, Robo Nation, took 2nd Runner Up in the FIRST Lego League Qualifying Tournament held Dec. 5 in Roseburg.

There were four parts to the competition: 1) The TABLE COMPETITION, where teams designed and programmed their robot to perform tasks.

There were three rounds, highest of the three scores counted. 2) The PROJECT interview, where teams presented a 5 minute research presentation to a panel of judges and answered questions about it. 3) The ROBOT DESIGN interview, where teams presented their robot and discussed its design and programming with a panel of

judges. 4) The TEAMWORK interview, where teams completed an impromptu teamwork activity while judges observed their teamwork process and then discussed how they utilized teamwork during their 12 week season.

The theme this year was “Smart Move.” We had to look at our community and the way people and things move, and the difficulties that exist in getting the people or things to their destination safely or efficiently.

Then we had to choose one of those methods of transportation, research existing conditions and problems, and come up with an innovative solution.

As a final step, we had to share our results and innovative solution with our community. We shared our results with the City of Eagle Point administrative staff. They recorded our presentation, and are including it in their official record that will go to the State for review with their Transportation Safety Plan that they are in the middle of renewing!

Robo Nation will compete with the other top teams from the state in Hillsboro on Jan. 16.

~ Peg Sisul

Background information about tournament & program

About FIRST: Based in Manchester, NH, *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology.

FIRST provides the FIRST Robotics Competition for high school students and the FIRST LEGO League for 9 to 14 year olds. It also offers the Junior FIRST LEGO League for 6 to 9 year olds and the FIRST Tech Challenge, a mid-level robotics competition that offers high school students a more affordable and accessible opportunity to participate in FIRST. For more information, visit www.usfirst.org

The vision of Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program (ORTOP) is that all Oregon youth will have the opportunity to experience the excitement and rewards of creating new solutions to real-world challenges by participating in a hands-on science and engineering team project. ORTOP implements the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) in Oregon and hosted 17 Qualifying Tournaments this year.

This year 320 teams registered to participate in the Intel Oregon *FIRST* LEGO League Qualifying Tour-

naments. That’s 2000 students from all regions of Oregon. The program also achieved its diversity including students from many different communities, ethnic backgrounds, varying physical abilities and economic status.

ORTOP’s program is one of the largest FLL program in the United States; only Virginia, California and New York have more teams than Oregon programs. However Oregon has involved more students per capita in FLL than any other state or country on the planet.

The teams are made up of students in public and private schools, home school groups and families, after-school programs, community organizations, by sponsored companies and neighborhood teams.

This year 20% of our teams received a scholarship to help them get started or to continue their participation. The \$25,000 in scholarships was funded by our ORTOP sponsors including Intel, Rockwell Collins, RadiSys & TechAmerica. A few scholarships were made possible by a special grant from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust.

~ Cathy Swider, ORTOP project administrator

Calendar

January

- 6 Executive Board meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 13 Deadline for Carnival of Learning instructor applications, Office, 5 pm
- 13 Deadline for registration for Presentation Contest, 5 pm, Ext. Office
- 16 Animal Affair, Compton Arena, Expo; starting with meat animal judging, 8:45 am
- 20 Horse Project Leader Orientation, Extension Classroom, 5:30-7 pm
- 20 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium 7 pm
- 21 & 28 Serger Class for 4-H Leaders, parents, 1 pm, Extension classroom
- 23 4-H enrollment fee increases \$5 for 4-12th grade members.
- 23 4-H Presentation Contest, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Extension Auditorium
- 26 New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 4 - 9:30 pm
- 30 First Aid/CPR Training, Extension Classroom, 9 am - 12:30 pm

February

- 1 Beekeeping Essay Contest due State 4-H Office
- 3 Junior Leader Training (tentative schedule), 5:30-7 pm
- 3 Executive Board meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 6 Southwest Oregon 4-H Regional Forum, Roseburg
- 10 Deadline for applications for Youth Voice, Youth Action
- 11 New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 9 am-2:30 pm
- 17 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 19 Deadline for Food Preparation Contest entries, Extension Office, 5 pm
- 20 Beef Field Day and weigh-in, livestock scales at Expo Fairgrounds
- 20 Make It and Take It sewing event, Harvest Baptist Church, 9 am - 4:15 pm
- 24 State and Fair Scholarship/National 4-H Congress applications due, Office, 5 pm
- 27 Carnival of Learning at Extension Center, 9 am - 3:35 pm
- 28-3/2 Youth Voice/Youth Action (formerly KYG), Portland

March

- 3 Executive Board meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 6 First Aid/CPR Training, Extension Classroom, 6 - 9:30 pm
- 6-7 Food Preparation Contest, South Medford High School
- 11-14 Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF), Albuquerque, NM
- 15 All 4-H enrollments due in the Extension Office, 5 pm
- 17 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 23-26 Spring Breakout Leadership Retreat
- 30 New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 4 - 9:30 pm

The Judges, *continued from page 9*

Krische, Diane Miller, Adam Bunch, Anne Manlove, Brenda Mingus, Kathleen Morse, Terri Geroux, Sarah Jane Geroux, Candy Hinkle, Diane Heider, Kim Shelton, Vicki Noelle, Lynn Gladman, Cari Brotherton, Christine Beck, Carolyn Krebs, and Shannon Pizzuto.

Lots of Lego pieces needed

Our county Lego Robotic project has grown, so the need for donated *regular* Legos pieces is great. Since Lego construction kits have been around for a long time, we are hoping that there are unwanted Lego pieces/sets that may be stashed away in closets, or other storage places. So, spread the word, we need lots of Legos—several buckets full!

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identification number. If you haven't turned in your report, please do so now!

Clubs with bank accounts of any kind...

Three years ago, the IRS instituted a new procedure whereby the National 4-H Headquarters must annually certify the list of subsidiaries [clubs] registered to use the 'blanket' authorization which exempts 4-H groups and affiliated organizations from paying federal income tax. This blanket exemption also allows donors to claim deductions for charitable contributions to these groups." In other words, if your club isn't on a list which is mailed from the State 4-H Office in Oregon to the National 4-H Headquarters, you will be subject to federal income tax. Clubs need to keep the Extension Office apprised annually.

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