



# 4-H Fourthoughts

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## Mark your calendars — several events coming soon!

Before you know it, a number of 4-H events or deadlines for the new year will be upon us — Animal Affair will be held Saturday, **Jan. 14**; last day of discounted 4-H enrollment fee set for **Jan. 31**; several International Exchange application deadlines are coming up on **Jan. 9**, and **15**; Market Beef tagging will be **Feb. 18**; State Scholarship and National 4-H Congress applications are due **Feb. 27**; Carnival of Learning

will be held on **Feb. 25**, and the Food Preparation Contest is set for **Mar. 10 & 11**, just to name a few!

Details on the above events plus others are available by following the index below (bottom right-hand corner) to the page and information you need.

**NOTE: 4-H calendars are available for leaders and members (one apiece, please) in the Extension Office.**

## Local 4-H'ers show their wool creations

Jackson County participants in Oregon's "Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" earlier this month were Megan Killam, Rowen Lovich, Fiona Nevin, and Anne Manlove.

The 64th Oregon contest was sponsored by the Oregon Sheep Growers Association and was held at the Sunriver Resort in Oregon on Dec. 3, during the annual Grower's convention. Megan won the Junior Division (ages 13-16) and gets an all-expense paid trip to Scottsdale, AZ to compete in the National contest, Jan. 26-28.

Other event divisions included Pre-teen (through age 12), Senior (17-24) and Adult.



Posing in their wool garments are, from left, Megan Killam, Anne Manlove, Fiona Nevin, and Rowen Lovich.

## Attention adults and older youth: Carnival of Learning instructors needed

**January 9** is the deadline for anyone who wishes to teach a class for the 2012 Carnival of Learning event in February. Instructor forms have been sent out and more are available in the office for people interested in teaching a class.

Carnival of Learning will be held **Saturday, Feb. 25**, 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,

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# Leader 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: (*Note: Please bring complete mailing addresses of three references with you.*)

- **Tuesday, Jan. 24**, 4:00 - 9:00 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Jan. 20.
- **Thursday, Feb. 16**, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Feb. 14.
- **Tuesday, Mar. 13**, 4:00 - 9:00 pm. Extension Classroom. Pre-register by March 9.

*If none of these sessions work for you, please contact me at [manlove.a@oregonstate.edu](mailto: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

### First Aid/CPR training

The subject of whether or not to continue the ruling (in place since 1986) that CPR & First Aid classes must be taken by new leaders in Jackson County (unless they are already current card holders) is now under discussion by the Leaders' Association's Executive Board. The results of this discussion will be made public by bulk email or in the next newsletter.

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## IRS needs clubs' financial information; Must be sent to Leaders' Association treasurer by Jan. 15

The Internal Revenue Service is now looking carefully at all non-profit financial records. This includes your Leaders' Association and all 4-H clubs. If clubs are using the Jackson County 4-H Leaders Association tax identification number, fund activity must be included in our 990 report to the IRS. Banks and groups who donate to 4-H send *our* identification number and financial activity to the IRS so it is important that we report.

So, EVERY club that has any money (be it from fundraisers, club dues, or if you accepted donations etc.) MUST give this information to the county Leaders' Association treasurer, June Brock, by **January**

### Project Leader Orientations

General leader training offers basic information, but many leaders also need a session which covers specific project information. Project orientations cover curriculum materials, resources, activities, etc. unless otherwise noted.

**HORSE: Wednesday, Jan. 18**, 5:30 - 7 pm, Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Jan. 16.

**SHOOTING SPORTS: Mar. 2-4**, Hwy 66, west of Keno. See reminder story on page 7.

**FOOD or CLOTHING** sessions will be scheduled locally on an individual basis. Please call Anne Manlove to schedule date/time.

### Junior Leader Training

Members in the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to be Junior Leaders. (*See story on page 5 for more information*). The following training has been scheduled:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 15**, 5:30-7 pm, Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Feb. 13.

15. If there are sizable discrepancies, we could lose our non-profit status.

The information needed includes: Name of club, club contact person's name, phone number and email address; the total amount of money taken in/deposited for the 2011 year, total amount of expenses, and current balance (as of Dec. 31, 2011).

Send this information to June Brock at 414 E. Pine St., Central Point, OR 97502, or by email to her at [jbrock9092@ccountry.net](mailto:jbrock9092@ccountry.net) Note that this applies to all clubs, whether or not they use the Leaders' Assoc. tax identification number.

## Attention: Leaders and older youth

# Like to work with youth camps? Consider attending the Oregon 4-H Camp Leadership Conference

### March 30—April 1, 2012

Volunteers and older youth (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) who work with camp or are interested in working with camp are invited to an Oregon 4-H Camp Leadership Conference. The three-day program will be held March 30-April 1 at the Oregon 4-H Center, outside of Salem.

The Keynote speaker will be Michael Brandwein who is a nationally recognized educator, author and speaker. Sessions include: *There's No Such Thing As A Born Leader: The Leading Secret to Leading Others*; *Building Better Children: How to Teach Young People Good Choices & Outstanding Life Skills*; *Talking It Out: Using Outstanding Listening Skills to Teach Communication & Self-Understanding to Young*

*People*; *Play With Purpose: Outstanding Fun Activities that Teach Skills for Life*; and more.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to glean ideas from camp folks across the state. We will be sharing responsibilities for flag lowering/raising, mealtime activities, songs, and campfire programs.

The cost will be \$40. (We may have scholarships to help reduce the cost further.) Grant dollars will pay for a van for transporting our county delegation. Lodging will be at the 4-H Center and is also covered.

If you are interested, let Anne know (call 541-776-7371, ext 205, or leave message) and she will get a registration form to you. Should be a fun!

## HURRY! 4-H enrollment fee goes up on Feb. 1

You have about one month left to get your enrollment fees into the Extension Office, before the 4-H enrollment fee of \$25 (for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth) increases to \$30 per member.

Even though many members may have paid their enrollment fee through their primary club, if those forms and payments have NOT been turned in to the Extension Office by Feb. 1, they will be considered late and the leaders will be charged the extra \$5 per member enrollment turned in after January.

We also have a number of members' forms in the holding file, waiting for payment. Until those are paid in full, they **cannot** be considered paid by the Jan. 31 deadline, and the fee assessment will roll up to \$30 per 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade before they can be entered into the enrollment system.

AND REMEMBER—The \$25 or \$30 enrollment fee is applied **only to the first two** 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members of a household. The third, fourth, etc. mem-

bers of that same household are charged only the \$10 county fee; that fee, as well as the \$2 fee for K-3 youth, or Leaders, will not be increased.

Enrollment deadline for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth wanting to compete at fair is **March 15**. If you are not sure you are currently enrolled, check with your leader.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Future newsletters will NOT be mailed out to families who have not already renewed their enrollments.

## Dates to save . . .

**Rabbit Rally:** This event will be held on **Friday, Apr. 6** at the fairgrounds; more information later.

**Presentation Contest:** The date for the 2012 4-H Presentation Contest has finally been decided. It will be held on **Saturday, April 21**, in the Extension Service Auditorium. More information later.

**Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser:** The date for our Leaders Association's annual fundraiser has been tentatively set for **May 12**, however, its location is yet to be determined. More information later.

**OSU Summer Conference** will be held **June 27-30**. This event is for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and features classes, community service, and time to make new friends with youth all across the state.

**Know Your County Government** event is being planned by older youth members **Fiona Nevin and**

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beginning at 9 am, with a break between 11:50 and 12:45 for lunch. We plan to offer a lot of variety in a short period of time, about 6 - 7 classes per slot.

Information packets will be mailed later, once we have compiled a list of all the classes.

Questions about the event should be addressed to Anne Manlove at (541) 776-7371, ext 205, or [manlove.a@oregonstate.edu](mailto:manlove.a@oregonstate.edu)

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# Home, Arts & Sciences

## 2012 Food Prep Contest scheduled for Mar. 17-18

Now is the time to think about what you could make for the next Food Preparation Contest in 2012. Will it be something new and exotic, or your favorite dessert? Pick out those recipes and start practicing now, because the contest will be held the weekend of **March 17-18** at South Medford High School, at 1551 Cunningham Ave.

Members planning to participate in the 2012 contest should pre-register by Mar. 8. Packets will be mailed out in January to last year's leaders and members (and new 4-H members we have in our database for 2012). If you don't get a packet by mid-January, stop by the Extension Office to pick one up.

Select a time between 8 am - 5 pm on Saturday or 10 am - 4 pm on Sunday and list what you are making. Superintendent Cheri Biskeborn will assign a time and give you a call. On the day of the event, bring **EVE-RYTHING** you need to make your recipe.

4-H members will choose from the following contests: **Mini-Meal, Foods of the Pacific North-**

**west, Outdoor Cookery, Food Preservation.**

There will also be a **Food Judging Contest** where the members become the judges. Members examine equipment, situations, and foods to determine which are the best. (We don't have the topics yet. As soon as we get them, we will spread the word.) While the members are busy cooking, the audience gets to sample the wonderful foods prepared by the members.

**Note:** There will be a class at the Carnival of Learning on Feb. 25 on how to prepare for this contest. Watch for the Carnival of Learning class schedule which will be mailed out mid-to-late January.

**Award Ceremony:** We will host a Food Contest Award Ceremony on Monday, **March 19**, 6-7:30 pm, in the Extension Auditorium. Award winners will be announced, and critique sheets, ribbons, etc. will be distributed.

Questions about the contest? Call Cheri Biskeborn, (541) 664-5226; or Anne Manlove, (541) 776-7371, ext. 205.

## 4-H Small Engine class offered; sign up now

Gasoline lawnmowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers, tillers...there are plenty of small engines around the



average home. How much do you know about the operation of small engines? What is the difference between a 2-stroke and 4-stroke cycle engine? What is a Camshaft? How do you change a spark plug?

When does the air filter need to be changed?

We are launching a small engine series for 4-H

members or prospective 4-H members. Don Witt has agreed to work with a group of interested youth. We want to get a group together for one session, then see what kind of interest there is, look at schedules and determine how many sessions to put on a calendar.

The meeting will be in the Eagle Point area. Participants will need to have access to a working gasoline-powered small engine. The session will be limited to approximately 10 youth in the 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Call Anne by **January 6**, at 541-776-7371 or e-mail [manlove.a@oregonstate.edu](mailto:manlove.a@oregonstate.edu) to ask questions and/or reserve your space.

## 2012 Beekeeping Essay Contest deadline set for Feb. 1

The 4-H Beekeeping Essay 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 top three National winners.

**The essay theme for 2012 is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community."** Essays are due in the State 4-H office by Feb. 1.

Honey bees pollinate a wide variety of plants. The food crops that benefit from honey bee pollination have been said to contribute one-third of the American diet. In addition, many non-food plantings and natural

environmental plants benefit from honey bee pollination. 4-H'ers are encouraged to investigate the plants in their communities that benefit from honey bee pollination and determine the results of that pollination.

Contest details are located at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-beekeeping-essay-contest> 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.

## New Entomology curriculum added

The previous National 4-H Entomology curriculum has been replaced with a series of publications called *Teaming with Insects*. Leaders and members will continue to use the Oregon 4-H Leaders Guide (3221L) and the Oregon 4-H Members Manual (4-H 3221) with these books.

*Teaming with Insects* increases youth science literacy using insects and their relatives. Each of the three youth manuals has age-appropriate activities in chapters called: Be an Entomologist; Biodiversity; Invasive Species; Integrated Pest Management (IPM); and Forensic Entomology.

These new guides are packed with great learning ideas for clubs, after-school and camp programs. Be sure to use the tutorials on the State 4-H Website Natural Science Project, <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/natural-science> to help introduce leaders to these new materials and learn how to integrate them with the existing project materials. There is also a wealth of information provided on leading science lessons and inquiry activities.

Copies of the tutorial PowerPoint are available from Virginia Bourdeau at [mombear@proaxis.com](mailto:mombear@proaxis.com). Youth and adults should have fun learning with these new materials.

## The 4-H International Japanese Konnichiwa Club

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

For more information, please call: Carl at 541-826-9139, or Ms. Rennick at 541-324-1263



## Members wanted

**Kathy White** is forming a basic Meat Animal Judging Club for members who would like to learn about the basic principles of judging. If interested in signing up, give her a call at 541-855-9807 or 541-941-1660.

**Super Swine Club**, led by **Becky and Larry Be-lau** (541-899-1747), is looking for members interested in the swine project. They live in Jacksonville.

**Bear Creek Livestock Club** is looking for members interested in Dairy Goat or Meat Goat projects. Call **Dana Childers** at 541-6017262.

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## Register to become a 4-H Junior Leader

Gain leadership experience. Support the adult leaders of your club. Learn more about your projects by teaching others. As an older 4-H member, you might be doing this already. To be an *official* Junior Leader, you need to list Junior Leadership on your 4-H enrollment form.

Why become an *official* Junior Leader? You can list the leadership role on resume's and applications. If you are a Horse member applying for the Versatility Award, you earn points. In the Record Book competition, it adds strength to the "Leadership" category. If you apply for 4-H scholarships or state/national awards, it builds a stronger case for giving back to others. Of course, taking on tasks as a Junior Leader in your club helps you to develop skills and knowledge which will help you move into leadership roles when you leave the 4-H program.

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a Junior Leader, come to Junior Leader training on **Feb. 15**, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Feb. 13 so that we will have adequate materials prepared. Call 541-776-7371 and ask to be registered for Junior Leader Training.

## Attention high school seniors: State Scholarship apps due Feb. 27, in Extension Office

There are over 15 scholarships available (most are for attendance at OSU) to college-bound high school seniors who are current 4-H members. There are also five scholarships that are available to 4-H members who have been active at either county or state 4-H fair.

Transcripts and copies of SAT or ACT scores are required. An updated 2012 scholarship booklet listing state as well as county scholarships for local high school seniors will be available at the Extension Office by mid-January.

Meanwhile, applications and guidelines—for the State Scholarships—can be found at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships>

Applications for State scholarships have to be in the county office by **Feb. 27** (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).

Applications for local scholarships (for the 4-H Leaders Association, Dennis Nevin Memorial Fund or Mike Dode Memorial Fund) have to be in the county Extension Office by **May 1**.

If you have any questions, contact Diane Miller at 776-7371, ext 229, or [Diane.Miller@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Diane.Miller@oregonstate.edu)

# Animal Science Information

## Animal Affair set for Jan. 14

The 2012 Animal Affair will be held on Saturday, **Jan 14** in Compton Arena at Expo 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, so be sure to invite all friends interested in joining 4-H!

A mailing will be sent to all animal science members early in January with details of all the educational sessions. Class examples include: "Want a Goat, Now What" (meat/dairy goats)—about how the two industries are coming together, diseases, kidding and nutrition. There will be classes about dogs, rabbits

(possibly a practice rabbit breed and variety ID contest), horses and livestock. There will probably be a salesmanship and marketing class; and a general Animal Science record-keeping class. 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.

The Olympics will begin at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in competing in these 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.

## Free Livestock Clinic will be held in February

Rainey's Corner Feed & Hardware will sponsor a free Livestock Clinic on Saturday, **Feb. 25**, from 9 am to 4 pm, at Rogue River Ranch's Show Barn/Auction facility at 10705 Table Rock Rd.

Five specialist speakers will provide information on selection, nutrition, fitting and more. Facilitators include: Renowned Oklahoma cattleman Kirk Stierwalt; nationally respected sheep judge and LBCC livestock judging coach Clay Weber; nutritionist Kevin Burgone; California swine breeder and exhibitor Ryan Watje, and Alyse Armstrong, strong goat breeder from Northern Oregon.

Food and drinks will be available for sale during the event. Contact Rainey's at 541-830-4639 for further details.

## Cattle clinic announced

An all-day Stierwalt Cattle Clinic will be held **Feb. 26-27**, at the Rogue River Ranch. Cost is \$200 for one student and calf, or \$100 to audit. Clinic space is available on first come/first served basis.

For application forms and more information, email: [chloe@raineyscorner.com](mailto:chloe@raineyscorner.com)

## Market animal tagging dates set for beef, lamb and goat

All 4-H members hoping to sell their market animals at the youth auctions at 2012 Spring and County Fair, must be pre-enrolled through an active Jackson County 4-H Club AND get their animals officially tagged. Tagging is done at the livestock scales on the Expo Fairgrounds. The dates are:

- **BEEF – Feb. 18;**
- **LAMB & MARKET GOAT – Apr. 21.**

Clubs will be contacted prior to the events for scheduling (if necessary).

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We have just learned that there will NOT be a **BEST OF THE WEST SALE** for 2012. Those 4-H members who want to get their young pigs or lambs will need to look elsewhere.

A **breeders list** has been started at the Extension Office. Anyone wishing to buy piglets or lambs should call 541-776-7371. Established/known breeders of 4-H pigs or lambs are invited to call Diane at Ext. 229, to be added to the list.

## PUBLICATIONS

**4-H Colt and Horse Training manual (4-H 1303)** is now available online only at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/23186/4-H%20Colt%20and%20Horse%20Training%20Manual.pdf>

**Horse project videos**—A new series of horse project related videos has been completed. This series includes a wide variety of basic, but important issues for the horse and rider. These and other videos created in 2011 will be posted on You Tube in the near future.

# Horse Notes

For more information about the Jackson County 4-H horse program, forms, etc. visit: <http://jc4hhorse.pbworks.com>

## HORSE EVENTS . . .

- **Jan. 11**, 7 pm, **Horse Judging Award Ceremony**, Extension Service Auditorium. All horse members who participated in judging are encouraged to attend!
- **Jan. 18**, 5:30-7 pm Horse Leaders' training, followed by 7 pm Horse Leader meeting
- **Mar. 31**, Horse Field Day
- **Apr. 18**, Horse Declaration
- **May 12**, Horse Pre-Fair

**Recent meeting news:** Horse clubs voted to do "Horseland" at fair again; now would be a good time to work on displays and get ideas from your club members to make the event bigger and better!

~ Kristy Artman

## **Attention: Horse Leaders**

A few resource notebooks from the recently held Horse Leaders Forums are still available.

Contact Roberta Lundeberg (at [Roberta.Lundeberg@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Roberta.Lundeberg@oregonstate.edu)) if you are interested in getting one.

## **2012 Spring Horse Classic announced**

Spring Horse Classic will be held in Baker County on April 27-29. Those who wish to participate in either Horse Bowl or Hippology must submit questions to the State Office by Jan. 15.

**For Horse Bowl:** Each county needs to submit 10 regular questions and 2 bonus questions from any Horse Bowl source. Submissions need to include the question, the answer, and the source (including page number). **For Hippology:** Each county needs to submit 10 questions from any of the Horse Bowl sources. Five should be written, multiple-choice questions for the Examination phase. Five should be visual questions for the Station phase. (You do not need to include the actual visuals.) Each county should also submit one idea for the Team Problem.

A tentative schedule will be posted on the SHC website after the first of the year.

## **A different kind of Community Service opportunity available**

The Cascade Civil War Society is looking for parking help on **April 14**. The group will be doing a Civil War Reenactment at the Woods House on Highway 62, outside of Eagle Point and need parking attendants to direct visitors to appropriate areas. They need assistance between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

The Cascade Civil War Society (CCWS) is a non-profit educational and living history organization located in Southwest Oregon. It is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the American Civil War and its impact on frontier expansion. Members conduct living history demonstrations, school programs and battle reenactments of the American Civil War.

More information about the group can be found at [www.ccws.us](http://www.ccws.us). Contact Mike McCune at 541-471-3031 if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

## **Local 4-H Shooting Sports Leader training coming up**

Early bird registration is still available for the **Mar. 2-4** Shooting Sports Leader training (near Keno) in the **archery, shotgun, rifle, pistol and muzzle loading** disciplines. See detailed story in *September 2011 Forethoughts*.

Deadline for the Early Bird registration is **Feb. 1**; registration ends Feb 24. Applications are available at [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/ss\\_klamath\\_reg\\_2012.pdf](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/ss_klamath_reg_2012.pdf) and mail to **3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond OR 97756**.

More information? Contact Dave White at [david.white@oregonstate.edu](mailto:david.white@oregonstate.edu)

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**Jacquelyn Brown** for next Spring (maybe in April). The goal is to create a better relationship between 4-H and the county's political branches, and to learn about county government. The organizers are working with the county commissioners and hope to include a tour of the county courthouse.

**County Fair 4-H Food Booth.** Plans have been discussed to have a "much-missed" 4-H food booth at the 2012 County Fair along with a repeat of the popular 4-H Hay Palace, pending arrangements with the county fair personnel and fair board.

# General Information

## Interstate Exchange set with Teton County, Montana Interested 4-H members need to apply now

When 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members participate in the 2012-2013 Interstate Exchange, they can expect to: camp in either Glacier or Yellowstone National Park, go white water rafting, tour Lewis & Clark caverns, attend a rodeo, tour local ranches and historical interest places such as ghost towns, take a tour of the state capitol, visit the Lewis & Clark interpretive center, and enjoy fun family activities like picnics and floating local creeks. The following summer, 2013, Jackson County members will take the Montana delegation to the coast, redwoods, Crater Lake and other local highlights to showcase our area.

To be one of the delegation, you will need to apply! Applications are available at the Extension Office or online. **Deadline is Jan. 9.**

The cost of the trip will be the cost of an airline or train ticket...somewhere around \$400. All of the costs of participating in activities while in Montana, lodging, and food will be covered by the hosting delegation.

Once our delegation is assembled, they will vote on the mode of transportation. We will plan fundraisers so that members can earn their way. Past fundraisers have included brownie sale at the Spring Fair, catering luncheons and dinners, raffle, and plant assistance at the Master Gardener Spring Show.

Travel will probably take place after County Fair (July 14-22) and before 4-H Camp (August 5 – 16). However, there is another “window of opportunity” at the end of June and early July.

## 2012 Outbound 4-H International Exchange Program travel opportunities to Australia, Japan, Norway

If you are a 4-H teen who wants to experience living with a host family in another country, increase your global understanding, and improve your leadership and communication skills, this opportunity is for you!

Applications and deposits to 4-H State Office must be postmarked by **Jan. 9**. Late applications will not be accepted.

4-H International Exchange Ambassador Programs of 3 to 8 week opportunities are available for applicants now. Countries involved in Oregon’s Outbound Programs for 2012 include Australia, Japan (4-weeks or 8-weeks) and Norway.

There are different age requirements for different countries, ranging from 13 to 19. Costs vary depending on the currency exchange rate, airfare, and the delegate’s home airport. Those costs range from \$4100-\$4500 for Norway, to \$5000-\$5400 for the 8-week Japan program. Hosts cover costs of delegates stay while in their country.

There are also many forms that are required in addition to interviews (state interview held in January; additional national interview for Australia and Norway) and an initial deposit.

For details, applications, etc., go to <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/4h-world-citizenship-project-international-exchange-programs>.

## ... and to Mongolia

Wyoming has a 4-H exchange program with Mongolia that is open to about 29 youths, ages 15 to 17, and five adults from 13 states of the Western Region. This includes Oregon!

**Minimal out-of-pocket expenses needed.** The US. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, will cover most of the cost for this experience.

Last year, Jackson County 4-H’er **Nick Morales** was chosen to participate in the four-week exchange program, beginning mid-June. Like Nick, applicants need to have an interest in environmental issues around water quality, renewable resources and land reclamation/restoration.

Applications, due **Jan. 15**, are available at <http://4-h.uwyo.edu/Mongolia.asp> and must be sent directly to the University of Wyoming. A copy of the application must also be sent to [Lillian.Larwood@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Lillian.Larwood@oregonstate.edu).

## Premium Checks

**Did you get your premium check for 2010-2011 fair activities?** We still have some premium checks in the Extension Office that haven’t been picked up yet. Pick yours up now!

# Active members honored at Recognition Night

Many members were recognized for their contributions and achievements during the 2010-11 year at Member Recognition Night last month.

Groups or events in which members were recognized included: Winners of the Mail-In Archery Tournaments, National 4-H Conference, International Program, National 4-H Congress finalist, Camp Counselors, Meat Animal Judging winners, State Fair exhibitors, OSU Summer Conference, Interstate Exchange, Youth Horse Committee, Youth Pavilion Committee,

Leaders' Association Executive Board Teen Members, Spring Horse Classic winners, 12th grade members, as well as Record Book winners.

Each member who submitted a book received a 4-H memento, complements of the Leaders Association. The grand finale for the evening was the annual slide show featuring photos of the year's activities and events. Many thanks go to Deb Brown for creating this year's slide show from photos sent in by members and leaders.

## 2011 Record Book winners were announced as follows:

<b>Archery:</b> 1YJ-Logan Callaway	<b>Dog:</b> 1YJ-Emilie Wilkinson	<b>Horse:</b> 1YJ-Shelby Carver J-Kristen Greisen I-Anna Wheeler S-Shae Rogers	<b>Sheep:</b> J-Samantha Shelton I-Sandie Shelton S-Kayla Artman
<b>Art/Fiber Art:</b> J-Wynn Nevin	<b>Entomology:</b> I-Haydn Beck	<b>Photography:</b> 1YJ-Clayre Shaffer	<b>Swine:</b> 1YJ-Blake Beck J-Abbigail McDonald I-Sara Shelton S-Jade Krische
<b>Beef:</b> J-Madison Cox I-Ashley Cox S-Emmie Gavin	<b>Food:</b> I-Fiona Nevin	<b>Rabbits:</b> I-Meyl Fraser	
	<b>Horticulture:</b> I-Mariah Mills		

## 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> place winners received a \$25 4-H activity scholarship or \$10 cash. Fifth - 8<sup>th</sup> place winners received a \$25 4-H scholarship. Winners listed first through eighth, respectively, were:

First-Year Juniors: Trevor Morgan, Shelby Carver, Clayre Shaffer, Blake Beck.  
Juniors: Wynn Nevin, Samantha Shelton, Maddie Cox, Abbigail McDonald.

Intermediates: Fiona Nevin, Sandie Shelton, Sara Shelton, Ashley Cox, Mariah Mills, Haydn Beck.  
Senior: Shae Rogers, Kayla Artman, Emmie Gavin, Jade Krische.

## Thanks to 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 2011 record book judges were: **Patty Bunch, Deborah Brown, Sharon Krische, Diane Miller, Adam Bunch, Shannon Pizzuto, Kim Shelton, Vicki Noelle, Juanita Wright, Rhonda Gavin, Robin Bennett, Sharon Williams, Teresa Fraser, Christi Anders, and Rachel Eliot**

## Horse award winners named

Horse versatility award winners were named as follows: First place: **Kayla Artman**, Second place: **Mikayla Coddington**, and Third place: **Kayla Stone**.

## Incentive added for doing outstanding Record Books

Starting with Record Book Certificates awarded for the 2011 Record Book Contest (on Nov. 5), recipients may apply them to their enrollment fee for the 2011-2012 year. (A \$25 certificate will cover the regular fee through January.)

**Please note** that credit cannot be transferred to another member, it cannot be extended more than one year, nor will any unused portion of the award be credited or carried over for another Leaders' Association funded 4-H activity, event or purpose.

# General Information

## Club news

### Dog club tackles year-long community service project

Last winter and spring, Cultured K-9's 4-H Dog Club learned about homeless kids in Jackson County during its community service work. Members had decided to help the Maslow Project, which is a local resource center for homeless and at-risk kids from school age up to 21 years of age.

The club started a blanket drive last Christmas for the Maslow Project, then in the spring, the club applied for and received a \$500 Chevron Grant to buy food items for the center. In June a representative of Maslow Project came to talk to the club members about their needs and what types of foods they could use.

*Left photo: Lola O'Connor, Hailey Ordal and Maddie Fung learn to get the most units of food for the dollar. Right photo: Maddie Fung, Hailey Ordal and Lola O'Connor with \$500 of food to be delivered to Maslow Project.*



### Local Lego Robotics 4-H Club wins third place in tournament

Congratulations to the Beaver Bots for taking third at the FIRST Lego League Qualifying Tournament held at Kids Unlimited in Medford last weekend. As a result, they head for the Championship Tournament in Hillsboro mid-January.

This year's theme was Food Factor. Our team came up with an innovative solution to the problem presented by the fact that seventy percent of foodborne illness is due to improper hand washing. The team researched existing solutions and combined a scanner that detects bacteria and viruses on hands with a femtosecond laser that will kill those germs without harming human cells!

If you see one of them, ask them to tell you about their amazing Laser Box!

~Peg Sisul, club leader



*Wearing their club shirts, members of the Beaver Bots 4-H Club pose for a photo, after the tournament. From left, back row, Jon Sisul, and Hayden Neyt, front row, Joel Townsend, Zach Gorman, and Gordon Dauterman.*

# Calendar

## January

- 4 Executive Board meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 6 Registrations for Small Engines class due, call Anne at 541-776-7371, ext. 205
- 9 Deadline for Carnival of Learning instructor applications, Office, 5 pm
- 9 App. deadline for Int'l Exchange to Australia, Norway, or Japan, due in State Office
- 14 Animal Affair, Compton Arena, Expo; starting with meat animal judging, 8:45 am
- 15 Application deadline for Youth Leadership Program in Mongolia, due to Wyoming 4-H
- 18 Horse Project Leader Orientation, Extension Classroom, 5:30-7 pm
- 18 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 24 New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 4 - 9:30 pm

## February

- 1 4-H enrollment fee increases to \$30 for 4-12th grade members.
- 1 Early Bird registration deadline for Shooting Sports Leader training
- 1 Beekeeping Essay Contest due State 4-H Office
- 1 Executive Board meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 15 Junior Leader Training, 5:30-7 pm
- 15 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 16 New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 9 am-2:30 pm
- 18 Beef Field Day and weigh-in, livestock scales next to Barker Barn, Expo Fairgrounds
- 27 State and Fair Scholarship/National 4-H Congress applications due, Office, 5 pm
- 28 Deadline for Food Preparation Contest entries, Extension Office, 5 pm

## March

- 2-4 Shooting Sports Leader training, Hwy 66, west of Keno, Klamath County
- 7 Executive Board meeting, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
- 10-11 Food Preparation Contest, South Medford High School
- 13 New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 4 - 9:30 pm
- 15 All 4-H enrollments due in the Extension Office, 5 pm
- 16 Foods Contest Award Night, Extension Auditorium, 6-7:30 pm
- 21 Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm

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## National 4-H Congress attendee enjoys award trip

Each Thanksgiving weekend, over 1,000 older 4-H youth from across the country convene at National 4-H Congress, in Atlanta, Georgia. This four-day conference is filled with workshops, activities, tours, community service, camaraderie and exposure to Southern culture.

Every year a group of 4-H members are selected to represent Oregon at National 4-H Congress. Youth are selected for their successes in 4-H leadership, citizenship, community service and project areas.

Shae Rogers was the lone Jackson County finalist who accompanied 13 others from Oregon. "It was a blast!" says Shae, who also adds that all the work preparing her application was "definitely worth it."



*Above, from left, are Katie Waldo of Benton, Jessica DeHaan of Josephine, Conner Daggett of Yamhill; and Shae Rogers pose with porpoise statue at aquarium in Atlanta GA.*

### **MEMBERS** *Continued from page 3*

We have a **new horse club** in the Sams Valley area and a **new poultry group** in the Eagle Point area. If interested, call us and we will pass your name along.

We also have a fairly up-to-date **Open/Closed**

**Club List** for the 2011-2012 year and several clubs are not accepting any more members; others might still be open. Give us a call at 541-776-7371

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