



Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



April 2008

WASCO COUNTY SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Wasco County was well represented on the list of 4-H State Scholarship recipients. Congratulations to Jeff Markman, recipient of the \$1000 Kate Thiess Memorial 4-H Scholarship and Sarah Ferrer, recipient of the \$500 Dietz Scholarship.

Congratulations are also extended to Kasey McCullough, Samantha Hege, Kandis Despain and Bailey Maxwell who are finalists for the \$1000 Babe Coe Scholarship. Way to go everyone – we are proud of you!

ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES TO REMEMBER

All 4-H members must own or lease their animal prior to the spring weigh-in dates in order to participate in County Fair. The only exception to this rule is for the pen of fryers where the bird or rabbit can not be older than 6 weeks so possession must occur by July 16th. Members leasing an animal must have a copy of the lease to the Extension Office by June 1st.

THANK YOU SOCIAL PLANNED FOR 4-H LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week is April 27th through May 3rd. This would be the perfect opportunity to personally thank (or do something special for) your leader who has given you their time and support.

The Wasco County Extension Service would like to extend an invitation to all our 4-H leaders and volunteers to attend our **Thank You Social** scheduled for Friday, May 2nd, 1 – 5pm. Come visit, relax, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and punch with us.



Calendar of Events

April

- 5 Wasco County Horse Bowl, Ft. Dalles Riders Club, 8:30 a.m.
- 8 Leaders' Association Mtg., CGCC, Rm. 2.273, 7 p.m.
- 10 New Leader Training, Extension Svc., 6 pm, pre-registration required
- 11-12 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, Dallas
- 12 Rocketry Clinic, Extension Office, 10-12 pm
- 18-20 Spring Horse Classic, Pendleton
- 20 Teen Council meeting, Rm. 2.273, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 Cherry Festival, 10 am to 4 pm

May

- 13 Leaders Association Mtg., Rm. 2.273, 7 pm
- 18 Counselor Training, Extension Svc., 1-5 pm

June

- 6 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in, 3-6 pm, Auction Yard
- 7 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in, 8-11 am, Fairgrounds
- 10 Leaders Association Mtg., Rm 2.273, 7 pm
- 18-21 4-H Camp Morrow
- 25-28 OSU Summer Conference
- 30-July3 Explore the World of 4-H Day Camp, CGCC Cafe

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CHERRY FESTIVAL REMINDER

Just a reminder – It's Cherry Festival time! We have been given a unique opportunity to promote 4-H through a space in the Civic. We have a space against a partition that can be used to pin up displays. We also have two tables – one for children's activities and one for displays. We can have small caged animals (rabbits and cavyies).

If the idea of having hands-on activities for kids is keeping you from signing up for a "booth shift", please let Lynette know. The goal of the space is to promote 4-H and we are open to any ideas. Set up can occur on Friday from 2 pm on. Also, we do not have to be set-up until 10am on Saturday and can take down at 4pm – so that will cut down on the number of shifts. The shifts are now 10am to noon, noon to 2 pm, and 2 to 4 pm.

A volunteer is needed to take responsibility for set-up since Lynette will not be available (she will be in Bend teaching GIS/GPS to Oregon Social Studies teachers). Please call Lynette with your club's choice of time slots and to volunteer to be the set-up coordinator.

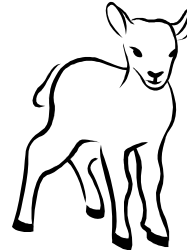
HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Oregon will be hosting two Finnish IFYE's this summer. They will be arriving around July 2 and returning home on August 31. The delegates stay with several families for about 3 weeks per family. One delegate is a male and one is female, both are 18 and are involved in the 4-H program in Finland. It is not a requirement for host families to have matching host siblings, just a family interested in sharing their home, community and culture with someone from Finland. Interestingly enough, Finland has had a 4-H program going for almost as long as the USA. Their program began in the 1920s.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, please let Lynette know as soon as possible.

MID-COLUMBIA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

The Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show and Sale is scheduled for June 12-15, 2008, at the Wasco County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley. There will be showmanship and conformation classes, a market auction, and a jackpot futurity. Entries are \$20 per animal and are due on June 1. Complete information is on the Wasco 4-H website or contact Helen Rolfe at rolfehelen@yahoo.com



TEEN COUNCIL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Five members of the Wasco County Teen Council participated in the Lamb Toss Fundraising event on Monday, March 24th.

K & H Specialties started the group off with a generous donation and a toss of the lamb to Sky's Collision Repair. The lamb was tossed to several The Dalles businesses including: Brown Roofing, Hire Electric, Devco Mechanical, Ferguson, Crestline, NW Farm Credit, Oregon Equipment, Pepsi Cola (The Noel Corporation), Precision Auto, and Les Schwab.

In addition to these businesses, two individuals also contributed to the cause: Betsy Hege and Jeff Krier.

Hailee Olheiser, Laura Lowe, Cathryn Polehn, Carly Lowe and Megan Skiles raised \$575 towards the Citizenship Washington Focus Conference.

Great job, girls. And Thanks a million to these wonderfully supportive businesses and individuals.

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SUMMER CONFERENCE AT OSU, JUNE 25TH-28TH

If you are an Intermediate or Senior level 4-H member, you won't want to miss this event. Summer Conference is held each year on the OSU Campus in Corvallis. The dates are June 25-28, 2008, and the cost is \$200. Now, before you say "No way! That's too much money!", let me tell you how much fun this event is. Summer Conference is packed with fun and educational activities that you will not want to miss. And, you get to stay in a college dorm and eat in the dorm cafeteria, so you'll get a taste of college life. (Also, we are working on getting donations to help with need-based scholarships.)

The class/workshop choices will be posted on the state website in mid April and registrations open May 1st with the registration deadline set for June 1st. The classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so you won't want to wait to register. Other activities include a barbeque, speakers, outdoor games, community service, a dance and more! So spend four days enjoying campus life and making new friends from across the state. For more information, call Lynette and/or visit: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/events/summer_conference.html

AMBASSADOR TRAINING

Youth in 9th – 11th grades can attend a special training to learn how to represent Oregon 4-H. This training occurs during OSU Summer Conference. This is a fabulous training for those of you interested in learning more about 4-H and ways to promote the program as well as further your leadership skills. In addition to the training, interviews to become an Oregon State 4-H Ambassador take place during this time. I am not sure if Wasco County has ever had a youth on the Oregon 4-H Ambassador Team, but there is no time like the present to have representation! For more information, call Lynette and/or visit: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/recognition/Ambassador_Program.htm

4-H SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is coming and so are two opportunities to have fun, fun, fun with additional 4-H sponsored events!

The overnight **4-H camp at Camp Morrow** for those of you in 4th through 6th grade is June 18-21, 2008. The registration form and flyer will be coming out soon. There will be many fun, hands-on activities and classes, as well as outdoor games, fishing, canoeing, swimming, camp fires and much more! Join us for this fun-filled camp experience! Complete information will be mailed to all 4th-6th grade 4-H members in mid-April. Non-4-H members are welcome to attend as space permits, so plan to bring a friend!

Explore the World of 4-H Day Camp for youth going into 4th through 8th grade is scheduled for June 30 – July 3 from 9am to 5pm. Come and play with us while exploring the many areas of 4-H. You will experience the wonders of the out-of-doors as we explore sections of the science project area including forestry, and entomology (bugs!), as well as Global Positioning Systems (GPS), rocketry and Lego robotics. You will also sew your own lunch bag, create a leather wristband, make paper, build a bird house, create a scrap book using photos you took yourself and serve on the lunch committee where you'll learn food preparation and presentation techniques. Wow! How's that for an action packed camp? For more information, contact the 4-H office at 296-5494.



COLLEGIATE 4-H AT OSU

By Taunie Lewis

Will you be attending Oregon State University? Did you know that OSU has a college level 4-H club? The club is a community service based club and helps promote the 4-H program at regional and national events. Events taken place this year:

- Valentine's Day Round-Up: a day for young kids to come to campus dressed in valentine colors, ready to participate in fun events, and be artistic making cards for the soldiers in Iraq
- National Collegiate 4-H Conference: 4 of us traveled to Denver, Colorado to represent OSU collegiate 4-H and the west region. We participated in various leadership workshops to help our club become more active, help recruit members; learn to plan events, etc. We also participated in different community service events such as Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club of Denver, and a place for disabled children to ride horses. This was a very fun trip, great opportunity and met some really fun people from all over the US.
- Linn County Petition: our club picked 4 weekends to all get together to stand at various stores around Linn county to help them get there petition signed to get on the ballot to keep the 4-H funding. This is still currently taking place but we are making great progress and between us and several other volunteers we are suppose to gather 5500 signatures.

Ag Day: is an upcoming event that we have on campus that will be all day and will allow our club to advertise ourselves and what we do to try and recruit new students to get involved with collegiate 4-H. Several fun activities and events planned as well as prizes to give away.

So far I have really enjoyed getting involved with this club, it has given me the opportunity to meet several new people and gather more leadership experience.

This is the website for the club: <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/collegiate4h/index.html>

BABYSITTERS GET CPR CERTIFIED

Thirty-five youth participated in the 4-H babysitter training and of those youth, five took the additional 4 hour CPR training. Congratulations to Morgan Douthit, Mikesh Troxel, Mariah Brennan, Madeline Mullins, and Fiona Duyck. These youth are now CPR and Basic First-Aid trained.



PUBLIC FORUM ON UNDERAGE DRINKING SCHEDULED

4-H members, Hailee Olheiser and Laura Lowe, recently participated in a three-day training on Youth-Led Research and Community Action Programming. They learned how to choose an appropriate issue, plan a community forum, efficiently run a forum while ensuring all voices are heard and follow-up after a forum.

They are part of a research project organized by Dave White, 4-H Agent for Deschutes County. The next level of their participation includes putting on a community forum. They have chosen their topic (Under-aged Drinking), dates and locations (Friday, May 16th in The Dalles and Saturday, May 17th in Maupin) and are in the process of working out details. Please mark your calendars. They would like your support and input.

FAIR NEWS

2008 CLUB ANIMAL CHOSEN

This year's club animal will be raised by Wasco County Renegades. The animal will be a sheep and part of the profit from the sale of the animal will be donated to Heifer International. This club's application was complete, well-written and inspiring. Excellent job, Wasco County Renegades!

JUDGING CONTEST TOPICS

The State 4-H Office has released the topics of the Foods and Clothing Judging contest. They are as follows:

Foods Judging Contest: Introductory Level: Accurate measurement of basic ingredients, Identifying the MyPyramid food groups, Basic food safety and Table setting for a basic menu. Phases 2 & 3: Accurate measurement of basic ingredients, Microwave use, Food selection for good nutrition (nutrition facts label), Quick bread methods of products, Purchasing decisions for food products (unit pricing). Phases 4-9: Accurate measurement of basic ingredients, Food selection for good nutrition (reading labels for calories and nutrients), Purchasing decisions for food products, Recipe evaluation, Food safety (meats).

Sewing & Clothing Judging Contest: Introductory Level: Basic seams (straight or curved), Sewing tools, Machine stitched hems, Cutting, pinning, pattern placement skills. Basic Skills: Crotch seams, Patch pockets, Woven fabrics, Seam finishes, Buying sewing tools. Expanding and Advanced: Zippers, Complex seams, Collars, Fabric/pattern coordination, Buying sewing tools.

We have past contests at the Extension Office. Consider using them to prepare your club members for these contests.



JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT PROGRAM TO START

We will be starting the Junior Superintendent Program for the 2008 Wasco County Fair. Youth in grades 9-12 can apply to become a Junior Superintendent.

This program is designed to provide leadership and community service opportunities for older 4-H members through the process of assisting adult superintendents in managing county fair activities. Possible duties include: hosting in the Exhibit Hall and/or barns, clerking, helping run contests, distributing ribbons, staffing the 4-H office, distributing admission bracelets, staffing 4-H promotion activities, setting up and taking down facilities for fair, checking in exhibits and running errands. All superintendents will be assigned one or two Junior Superintendents depending on the project area's need. Information on this program is available on the website or by calling Lynette.

Applications are due June 1st. The selection process will include review of the application and letter of recommendation and an interview of finalists by the superintendent and agent. Youth will be notified of their selection by June 15th.

MARKET ANIMAL HEALTH FORMS REQUIRED

The 4-H Market Animal Health Forms are required for every animal entered in a market, feeder, or overweight class at County or State Fair. These forms are simple to use and a great way to keep track of your animal's health care to ensure a safe food product. Forms will be handed out at the initial weigh-ins and are available at the Extension Office. Be prepared to present your completed form during weigh-in at County Fair. Questions? Call Lynette at 296-5494.

FAIR JUDGES ANNOUNCED

Judges for fair have been confirmed. This year's judge list is as follows:

Sheep – Kraig Ohling

Beef – Mike Wilson

Swine – Jared Collins

Goats – Keely Oswald

Poultry – Malissa Banton

Rabbit & Cavy – Linda Eubank

Horse – Tracy George and Nancy Collins

Dog/Presentations/Educational Displays/Horticulture – Eve Rivenus Gray

Clothing & Sewing/Fiber Arts – Linda Erickson

Foods & Nutrition/Expressive Arts – Cathy Behm

Food Contests – Chandra Wafford



ADDITIONAL SHOWS OPPORTUNITIES

Horse:

- Yamhill County's Crazy Ribbon Open Schooling Show – April 26: Yamhill County Fairgrounds, call 503-538-5144 for more information
- Leap into Spring 4-H and Open Schooling Show – May 17: Yamhill County Fairgrounds, call 503-538-5144 for more information
- Central Oregon Paint Horse Silver Buckle open horse shows – April 19: Madras, May 31: Powell Butte, June 29: Powell Butte, call 541-504-5838 for more information
- Benton County 4-H Gaming Show – May 10: Hopper's Arena on Hwy 99W, call 541-847-5938 for more information
- Clackamas County's SpringFest Open Horse Show – May 3: Mt Hood Equestrian Center, Boring, call 503-989-0873 for more information

Small Animals:

- Lane County's Somebunny's Small Animal Show – April 5: Trent School in Pleasant Hill, call 541-937-3365 for more information
- Douglas County's Small Animal Expo – April 26: Douglas County Fairgrounds, contact mntsprg@wizzards.net for more information
- Clackamas County's Spring Fling Rabbit and Cavy 4-H Show – May 17: Clackamas County Fairgrounds, call 503-630-5691 for more information
- Clackamas County Youth Carrying Cage Poultry Show – May 17: Clackamas County Fairgrounds, call 503-634-2540



FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS:

Reminder – Bring any additions or corrections to the Fair book to the April 8th Leader's Meeting. All changes must be made by the office by April 30th for a May 1st delivery to the printer.



NEWS AND INFORMATION

OSU and US Forest Service are teaming up to provide free classes for all ages on low-impact horseback riding. Classes include: classroom discussion on May 7th, 7pm in Albany; May 10th at Lebanon arena with horse and overnight tack; May 31st – June 1st campout with horse at 4-H Center in Salem; and June overnight at Forest Service camp. Call 541-967-3871 for more information.

The Fort Dalles Pro Rodeo Drill Team try outs: April 6th at 10a.m. at The Fort Dalles Riders Clubhouse. Anyone can try out just show up with your horse, they will ride in 2 parades and have about 8 practices then ride a short drill at the rodeo all 3 nights carrying the sponsor flags. This is a lot of fun. Call Lee Ann Olheiser at 541-340-9612 for more information

Hood River Supply Association is offering a discount on LOL Honor Show Feed. Call 541-386-6056 for more information.

Best in Show Pet Treats has a great fundraiser product. Check out their website at www.pettreats4youth.com

Oregon's Best Project Pig Sale in Saturday, April 5th at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Visit WendteFarm@aol.com for more information

Champion Drive Hog Sale is April 12th at Clackamas County Fairgrounds. Visit www.westernhogservices.com for more information.

Casper College Lamb & Pig Sale is April 12th at Grace Werner Agricultural Pavilion in Casper, WY. Contact hhornecker@caspercollege.edu for more information.

Oregon Fryer Commission Youth Pen of Fryers Contest. Register by April 4, pick-up chicks April 19th. Visit <http://ans.oregonstate.edu/news/ofcontest.htm> or call 541-737-2254 for more information.

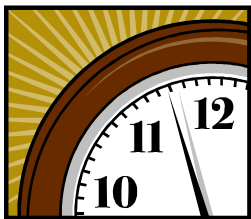
Wasco County Farm Bureau Pancake Feed and Scholarship Auction is April 3rd at 5:30 pm at St. Peters Parish Hall in The Dalles.

The Dalles Farmer's Market is May 21st through Oct. 8th from 8am to 1pm at the Dalles Chamber of Commerce Park.

Wasco County Extension Service is offering a food preservation training. The series consists of six classes that will begin May 7th from 3-5pm. Class size is limited. Participants receive thirty hours of intensive training in all aspects of food preservations (canning, freezing, drying, pickling, jam and jelly making). Those accepted as volunteers are asked to contribute a minimum of 30 hours in support of community programming. Call Fern Wilcox at 541-296-5494 for more information.

Lynette Black, 4-H Youth Development Faculty, will be presenting "The Teen Brain: A Work in Progress" on Thursday, April 24th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 1.162. New technology has allowed scientists to look into the developing brain. Adolescence is a period of time when the body and brain undergo major changes. This free, research-based presentation is designed to help parents and adults who work with teens to understand how a teen's behavior is affected by their brain development.





4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH

The meeting was held on March 11, 2008. In attendance: Gaylene Howell, Karen Kublick, Betsy Hege, Bob Durham, Annie Maslen, Betty Odom, Lynette Black, Denise Minson, Crystal Conley, Mike Verbeck, Thelma Alsup, Jaci Malcolm, Siri Olson.

Minutes and Treasurer's report approved. It was noted that Union Pacific donated \$50 and the Garth Davis Memorial made a donation to go towards the sheep project.

Lynette shared flyers and information on the many shows and opportunities available to 4-H participants.

Due to a couple of circumstances, the beef weigh-in has a last minute change. The Auction yard is unusable at this time so all weighing will occur at the fairgrounds. Also, Bob has been chosen to accompany the Dufur choir to California, so he will not be available to help with Saturday's weigh-in. The youth will be strongly encouraged to weigh in on Friday evening.

Lynette asked us to talk with our clubs and encourage them to sign-up for a shift in the Civic during the Cherry Festival. She is asking for clubs to bring items to display and chose a shift to work to promote 4-H. If the club could do children's activities that would be great.

The auction committee is working on becoming separate from 4-H by the year 2009.

The electric outlet for the weigh-in scales at the fairgrounds will cost \$215. There is no money available now so it has to wait – unless there is an electrician that is willing to help out.

The awards committee has recommended that, rather than plaques, useable items be given out for awards. It was recommended that the fairbook not state what the specific award will be.

Lynette would like to see if a day camp for kids could be started. She needs the support and help of adults and older youth.

Family Food Educators (formerly the Master Food Preservers) training is slated to begin May 7th. It is a series of 6 classes from 3-5pm for people ages 15 and up.

4-H Superintendents need to be approved 4-H leaders (including resource leaders). Lynette is going to write a job description for this position so everyone knows what they are expected to do. Lynette would also like to start the Jr. Superintendent program this year. Each project area would have at least one Jr. Superintendent. Their responsibilities include helping the superintendent at the county fair. Possible jobs would include orienting new exhibitors, pointing out the exhibitor's pen and cage spaces and more depending on the needs of the superintendent and the project area. Jr. Superintendents would be chosen through an application and interview process. Lynette will work on a general job description and application.

A motion was made that cookies to buyers continue. 4-H members are encouraged to bake cookies for the buyers of their animals. This event will be for the month of March preferably near St. Patrick's Day. Lynette will get the list of buyers out to each club ASAP.

Betty Odom needs a volunteer to man the thank you card table as she has too many other things going on during fair.

No club animal applications were received. Denise Minson stated that their club e-mailed an application. It was not received. A motion was made that if it got to the office by Friday, it would be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Kublick, Secretary