

Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



June, 2007

Meet the New 4-H Agent Candidates

We're making progress on finding our new 4-H agent, and we need your help. On Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates for the Wasco County 4-H Agent position. Each candidate will give a short presentation, there will be a question and answer forum, then there will be time for informal visiting with the candidates.

Please plan on attending this reception so you can meet your potential new 4-H agent! Bring your questions and bring your 4-H members—we want to know what you think of the candidates. We will be asking you for your feedback at the end of the evening, so please plan on attending this important event. We have a strong pool of candidates, but we need your input to choose the right person for Wasco County 4-H.

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Lamb, Hog, Goat Weigh-In

If you intend to show a market lamb, hog, or goat at the 2007 Wasco County Fair, your animal *must* be weighed and tagged at one of the county weigh ins. Official weigh ins will be on June 8 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at The Dalles Auction Yard or on June 9 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Members should plan to attend if possible, but their presence is not required. As a reminder, hogs must weigh a maximum of 165 lbs. **If you're weighing at the Auction Yard, please do not unload your hogs before checking with weigh in staff!** Many of the panels and gates that used to be there are no longer in place, and we don't want to have loose hogs everywhere. Please wait for instructions, and we will help you! Thank you- we'll see you there.

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.,
Fridays by appointment.**

June

- 1 Last day to enroll in 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at the 2007 Wasco County Fair
- 2 Rabbit University, Linn Co. Fairgrounds
- 8 Lamb, Hog, Goat Weigh In, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Auction Sales Co., The Dalles
- 9 Lamb, Hog, Goat Weigh In, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Tygh Valley
- 12 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 14 Camp Counselor Training, 3:00 p.m., Camp Morrow, Wamic
- 15-17 4-H Camp Morrow 4th-6th grade camp, Wamic
- 14-17 Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show, Tygh Valley
- 19 4-H Agent Candidates' Reception, 7:00 p.m., CGCC
- 27-30 OSU Summer Conference, Corvallis

July

- 10 All 4-H Leaders' Pre-Fair Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Cafeteria
- 14 Prepare for Fair Livestock Workshop, 2:00-5:00 p.m., CGCC
- 14-21 Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, DC
- 20 Small Animal ID Deadline, Wasco County Fair

August

- 4 Prepare for Fair Home Ec Workshop, 2:00-5:00 p.m., CGCC
- 8 Fair Setup Day, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Fairgrounds
- 13-19 Wasco County Fair

4-H Leaders' Association

Draft 4-H Leaders' Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2007

In attendance: Tonya Aitkin, Denise Minson, Betty Odom, Jaci Alsup Malcolm, Mary Jacobs, Kim McCullough, Mary Jo Larsen, Liz Turner and Camille Weimar.

The meeting was called to order by Betty. Minutes from the April meeting were approved with the following change, Tonya not Betty was going to follow up on the 1 ½ % from the 2005 auction, and it was received. Treasurer's report: A treasurer's report was passed out and accepted. Vice President Jaci took over at this point. Committee reports: None. Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Misters in the Hog Barn: Mindy is working on and will report at the next meeting.

Wash Racks: Denise reported she is waiting to hear from Joe Powell and will report back as soon as she hears back from Joe.

Scale Roof: Roof is not on the scale yet, but should be shortly.

Friends of Fair Fund Raiser: Flyers were passed out and tickets were signed out. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and whichever club sells the most tickets will help decide where to spend the money at the Fair grounds and that club will also get a party. The drawing will be held June 12th at the Leaders' meeting.

Memorial Committee: Has not met yet but if you would like to be on the committee please call Jamie Crouse, Jaci Alsup Malcolm or Audrey Stephens.

Cookies to buyers: Discussed and one change made at the April meeting. The change is – an extension staff member will advise the cookies to buyer coordinator of the pool buyers and the pool buyers will be split among all the 4-H clubs.

Senate Budget Hearing: Tonya stated Crystal attended on our behalf.

Horse Members going to State: Question was asked if a horse member qualifies for State fair and also has other livestock at fair can they take their animal home. No – the horse members need to: find someone to take over care of their animal and put this in writing/contract, make sure the barn superintendent knows. You can NOT take your animal home. Please see the fair book or contact the extension office for more information.

New Business:

Friends of Fair – Non Profit Number: It was asked if Friends of Fair has their Non Profit number yet so grants can be applied for. Tonya stated they do NOT have their Non Profit number yet and that she would be glad to help them get their number.

Upcoming Camps: Tonya reminded us there are a number of upcoming camps (Camp Morrow, OSU Summer Conference, Operation Purple Camp – for children of deployed parents, Latino Olympic Summer Camp and Summer Science Camp) and if any one is interested there is some scholarship money available. Please contact the extension office for more information.

Signing of Contracts: Tonya explained that 4-H leaders and extension staff can NO longer sign contracts. All contracts have to be approved by OSU and this process takes about two weeks. Tonya requested that if you sign a contract on behalf of your 4-H club to please get a copy of the contract to her so she can forward it on to OSU for approval.

4-H Character Education: Tonya explained 4-H has a new program "Character Education". There are banners that can be hung in the arenas and around the fair grounds as part of the program. After some discussion it was decided to have Tonya follow-up on the banners.

Other New Business:

Newsletter and Horse barn doors: Liz stated the horse barn doors by are rotten/dangerous and in desperate need of repair. Liz also stated the newsletter was really good. No other business, meeting adjourned.

Calling all Clubs: Mazatlan Vacation Ticket Raffle

Here's a chance to have fun and help improve your Wasco County Fairgrounds. The 4-H club that sells the most tickets will enjoy a pizza party at Spooky's, *and* they'll be entitled to help choose which area of the fairgrounds they would like to see improved by using the funds generated from these raffle ticket sales. Here's what you need to do:

1. Pick up your tickets at the Extension office.
2. Each ticket will need to have the buyer's name, address, and phone number on it to be eligible for winning the Mazatlan trip.

3. All tickets and money must be returned to the Extension office by June 11, 2007.
4. Accounting and verification will be done and the winning ticket will be drawn at the June 12, 2007 4-H Leaders' Meeting.

You could win seven nights at a world class resort in Mazatlan! Suite accommodations for up to 4 adults and 2 children. See resort information at www.seagarden.com.mx/maz Then see a 4-H member to buy your \$5.00 raffle ticket!

“Prepare for Fair” Livestock Workshop

If you're showing beef, sheep, swine, or goats at the Wasco County Fair, join us on July 14th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Columbia Gorge Community College for the “Prepare for Fair” livestock workshop. Topics include feeding your animal, meat quality assurance, caring for your animal in heat and stress, training your

animal for show, and legal issues surrounding transport and sale of meat animals. We will also talk about sportsmanship and ethics, and we'll share the results of Oregon's recent survey on the value of livestock projects in youth development. Members, leaders, and parents are all encouraged to attend!

“Prepare for Fair” Home Ec Workshop

If you are thinking of entering any food or clothing exhibits at the Wasco County Fair, plan to attend the “Prepare for Fair” workshop from 2:00-5:00 p.m., August 4th at Columbia Gorge Community College. You'll get hands-on experience at style revue, food prep contests,

and interview judging. You'll also get tips for presenting food and clothing exhibits and participating in fabulous fare and favorite outfit contests. Learn what food and clothing judges are looking for, then try a few new contests this year!

Mandatory Pre-Fair Leaders' Meeting

All 4-H leaders should plan to attend the 4-H Leaders' Meeting on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia Gorge Community College Cafeteria. We'll cover new fair entry procedures, rule changes, and everything else you and your members will need to know to have a fun and rewarding 4-H county fair

experience. If you are a 4-H leader and you can not attend this meeting, please be sure to send at least one representative from your club. The information covered will be important for your members who participate in the fair, and we don't want them to miss anything!

**2007 Wasco County Fair Theme:
Come for the Country, Stay for the Fun**

4-H Camp Morrow

If you're in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, you don't want to miss 4-H Camp Morrow! This year's camp is June 15-17, and includes outdoor recreation, swimming, canoeing, fishing, crafts, games, campfires, songs, skits, new friends, and much more. 4-H members have priority, but non-4-H members are welcome to attend as space permits, so plan to bring a friend! Cost for the camp is \$125, and some

scholarships are available. We still have a few camping spots left, and we'll continue to take campers until they're full. Please note that we have changed the camp schedule this year due to the later school year. Campers will arrive on Friday morning and depart Sunday afternoon— please see the camp brochure or call the Extension office for more details. We'll see you at camp!

Citizenship Washington Focus— Final Call!

If you're still on the fence about attending Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C this summer, you have until June 8th to decide! The trip is for youth aged 14-19, and we will be gone from July 14-21. Participants will learn about the government, tour capital hill

and the museums and memorials in the DC area, attend leadership classes, and have the opportunity to make friends from around the U.S. while staying the beautiful National 4-H Center. We'd love to have you join us! Complete trip cost is approximately \$1200.

Need more Summer 4-H Activities?

Here are a few more options:

- 4-H Summer Conference— Camp for 7th-12th grade on OSU campus, scholarships available. (June 27-30)
- Operation Purple Camp— FREE camp for children of deployed military, ages 8-11), Salem 4-H Center (July 8-14, July 15-21)
- 4-H Latino Olympic Summer Camp— Targeting Latino youth, all 6th-8th graders welcome, Oregon 4-H Center, scholarships available. (July 24-28)
- Summer Science Camp at OSU— students entering 6th-8th grades, full scholarships available (August 5-17)

Congratulations, 2007 Graduates!

Good luck in the future! We'll miss you.

**Carol Bannell, James Breckterfield, Eliza Broehl, Michael Carter,
Alexandra Iken, Stephanie Larsen, Taunie Lewis, Jason Reed,
Kayla Reffett, Spud Simer, Kyle Weimar, Kayla Young**

Get 4-H Forms and Information at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/>

Does your club have any news to share?

Mail, Email, Fax, Phone, or Hand Deliver your Club News, and we'll run it in the 4-H Newsletter.

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