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Junior Superintendent Program

We need a few good 4-H members... Hey, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, have you considered applying to become a Junior Superintendent? This program is designed to provide leadership and community service opportunities for older 4-H members through assisting adult superintendents in managing county fair activities. Your possible duties include: hosting in the 4-H Building 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. We are hoping that all superintendents will be able to have the help of one or two Junior Superintendents. Information on this program is available on the web-site or by calling Lynette. Applications are due **June 12th**. 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 **July 3rd**. Chosen youth will be expected to attend a Junior Superintendent training on **July 9th** from 6-8 pm and the mandatory Superintendent training scheduled for **July 27th**.

Fair Superintendent Positions Still Open

Do you have a few days you can give to the 4-H program? We are still in need of a few fair superintendents in the Foods/Nutrition and Clothing/Textiles program areas. We are also in the need of a 4-H Building Assistant Superintendent. Please contact Lynette for more information on these critical positions.

Mandatory Meetings for All Leaders

In our continued efforts to ensure as smooth a county fair as possible, special dates and times have been set aside for important meetings.

New leaders should plan to attend a prepare-for-fair meeting on July 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Service. This get-together is designed to introduce you to all the events and activities offered at county fair and to inform you of your responsibilities as a 4-H leader.

All Leaders must attend the meeting regarding the 2009 Wasco County Fair on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, scheduled for 7:00 pm in the 3rd floor Lecture Hall in Building 2 of the Columbia Gorge Community College. All leaders, superintendents and junior superintendents need to attend.

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Calendar of Events

June

- 5 Goat, sheep, hog weigh-in
3-6pm, Auction Yard
- 6 Goat, sheep, hog weigh-in
8-11am, WC Fairgrounds
- 7 Camp Counselor Training
1:30 – 4:30, St Paul's
Episcopal basement
- 9 HEARTH meeting
6pm, CGCC 2.273
- 9 Leaders' Association mtg.
7pm, CGCC 2.273
- 13 Teen Council Garage Sale
- 16 Camp Counselor Training
3pm, Camp Morrow
- 17-20 4-H Summer Camp,
Camp Morrow
- 22-25 Science Day Camp
9am-4pm, Maupin
- 24-27 OSU Summer Conference
Corvallis
- 29 – 7/2 Science Day Camp
9am-4pm, CGCC Cafeteria
- 30 Jr Leader Training
6:30 – 8:00 pm, CGCC 2.273

July

- 6-9 Science Day Camp
9am-4pm, CGCC Cafeteria
- 7 New Leaders Prepare for fair
Meeting, 7pm, CGCC 2.278
- 9 Jr Supt Training 6-8pm
- 10 Small Animal Auction weigh-
in, 5:30—6:30, CGCC lawn
- 13-16 Science Day Camp, 9a-4p,
Maupin Grade School
- 20 FAIR ENTRIES DUE**
- 21 Mandatory Leaders meeting,
7pm, CGCC, 2.384
- 26 4-H Horse Fair Gaming, 8am,
Auction Yard
- 27 Mandatory Superintendent
training, 6:30 pm, CGCC
2.384
- 28 Jr Leader training, 6:30—8:00
pm, 2.384

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Fair News

C.O.O.L. Form

Every 4-H member who brought or will bring animals to the initial weigh-in will receive (or already received) a species specific health record form with the C.O.O.L. form on the back. The C.O.O.L. form must be filled out by the person the animal was purchased from and the Health Record is to be filled out by the youth. These forms (one sheet of paper) are due with your Fair Entry Form. Animals arriving for final weigh-in at the fairgrounds without the accurately completed form turned in will not be eligible to sell at the livestock auction.



Camping at Fair



Remember, everyone must make a reservation if they want to camp at the fairgrounds during fair. To make your reservation, send an e-mail indicating your first, second and third choice of camping spots to: wcfqcamping@gmail.com. If you are a fair superintendent you may reserve your camping spot between June 5-13, 2009 and 4-H members between June 14-20, 2009. Confirmation indicating receipt of the e-mail will be sent from the fairgrounds within two weeks. Questions? Call any Fair Board member.



New Fair Class



Have you been told not to play with your food? Wasco County 4-H wants to change your mind and has created a new fair class open to any 4-H member. The class is called Food as Art. The exhibits are artistic displays with food as the medium. In other words, create art using food! Need some ideas? Visit the Learning Zone web-site at learningzone.com or contact Lynette. Go ahead, play with your food and then exhibit it at the fair! Exhibits are due on Wednesday, August 12th.

State 4-H has redesigned the Communication Classes offered at fair. Guidelines, judging criteria and general information for preparing Communication entries – including educational displays, presentation and videography have been updated. See the State 4-H website for specific information and helpful handouts before preparing your projects for fair.

Also the Virtual 4-H Filmmaking Studio and Workshop, www.4-H.org/curriculum/filmmaking offers a wonderful array of videos and resources that demonstrate how to make a quality video.

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Thank You!

A huge, sincere thank you goes to Camille, Kyle and Melissa Weimar for spending several hours getting the fairgrounds ready for the Master Showmanship Clinic. Sid has been overwhelmed with work and the fair board has been financially unable to hire anyone to help him, so the arenas were not ready for the clinic. The Weimar family watered and worked up the horse arena, cut the three foot tall grass in the Beef arena (with Sid's help, thank you, Sid), raked out the Swine and Sheep arenas and cleaned up the small animal barn. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

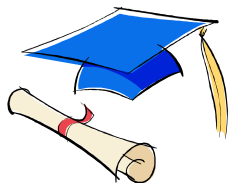
Thank you also to Jessica and Jeff Bergener for the use of their water truck. The horse arena would be unusable without the use of that valuable resource.



Speaking of fairgrounds...Sid is only one man (admittedly an amazing, "energizer-bunny" type man) and he needs help. 4-H values community service and this is a perfect community service opportunity for 4-H clubs. If anyone has any time they can give to the fairgrounds, please contact Sid at 541-483-2288.

OLDER Youth

Congratulations Graduates!



We are honored to announce the Wasco County 4-H graduates of 2009. We are extremely proud of you and wish you the best of everything for your future. You will be missed. We would like to create a PowerPoint presentation again to share with everyone during the fair. Please send Lynette electronic or non-electronic photos for us to use. The more the merrier! Please send to Lynette by July 15th.

Steven Graham
Erika Maslen
Keisha Monroe
Jacob Powell

Conner Reed
Kelsey Reffett
Amanda Sauter

Megan Skiles
Louis Vannata
Melissa Weimar

State Fair Teen Staff

Okay, senior level 4-H members, the State Fair needs you to help with Horse Fair, Livestock Show and the Exhibit Building. The Exhibit Building needs the most help August 24-27 for receiving, judging and display of exhibits. The position created for youth to help with State Fair is called Teen Staff. Teen Staff stay at the fair in "dorms". This is a great opportunity for state leadership and a lot of fun. The days you work are flexible – we work with your school and activity schedule. It really is fun and you get paid! Questions? Call Lynette or talk with Hallee Olheiser and Laura Lowe who worked a few days last year and will be working again this year.



State Fair Fashion Revue

Wasco and Sherman County 4-H is in charge of the State Fashion Revue this year. If you would like to be on the planning team, please call Lynette.



HORSE News



West Nile Virus



Leonard Eldridge, DMV and State Veterinarian for Washington would like to remind you that West Nile virus (WNV) season will soon be upon us. WNV is fatal in about 1/3 of all horses that contract it, although most horses do not become ill and show no symptoms at all. Those that do become ill show signs such as loss of coordination, loss of appetite, confusion, fever, stiffness, and muscle weakness particularly in the hindquarters. Check with your veterinarian for advice for vaccination recommendations and WNV control measures. WNV is spread by mosquitoes that have fed on an infected bird. The vaccine requires two doses the first year of vaccination two to four weeks apart. Immunity will not be achieved until three to five weeks after the second vaccination, so it's important to avoid waiting until mosquito season is in full swing. An annual booster dose should be administered prior to the start of mosquito season.

Shows

Hi-Riders 4-H Club's fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital is scheduled for June 13, 2009 from 10am – 4pm at the Holzaphfel Ranch in Wasco. Call Dee Van Gilder at 541-442-5142 for more information.



LIVESTOCK News



Animal Health

All animals need to receive some basic health care. Some of the tasks that need to be done for all animals include:

- ◆ Monitor and control parasites – worms, lice, mites, coccidia, flies, grubs...
- ◆ Check hooves or toenails. Do they need to be trimmed or treated?
- ◆ Check for body condition. Is the animal too fat or thin? Review nutrition and feeding. Are you meeting the animal's nutritional needs for its stage of life and production?
- ◆ Vaccinations and annual boosters. Talk to your veterinarian and determine what diseases to vaccinate for. Some projects require specific vaccinations of your animals so that you may participate in group events, such as the dog project. Contact the Extension Service to get a copy of the specific rules.

In addition there is concern about specific diseases with certain projects, including: Horses-West Nile Virus; Swine-Erysipelas; Beef and Dairy Heifers – Brucellosis

- ◆ Make certain that all project animals are properly castrated, dehorned, and tails docked, if required.
- ◆ Ear tag your sheep and goats with Scrapie Tags.

The publication, "Keeping Your 4-H Market Animals Healthy," (4-H140) contains more detailed information about livestock health concerns. Ask for a copy at the Extension Office or view it on line at: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/animal-science>.

HEARTH News

Let's Get Together

The next HEARTH leader meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 pm. This meeting is for all leaders of project areas that exhibit in the 4-H building (including Clover Bud leaders). Please plan to attend these meetings as this is the time when we can focus on the issues that affect your club. Besides... they are fun!



Foods & Nutrition

A new video and written companion piece that demonstrates equipment and techniques for measuring food ingredients is now available on the State 4-H website: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/home-economics>.

The Ball Corporation has released a new centennial version of the Ball Blue Book of preserving (copyright 2009). The Ball Blue Book is one of the resources that members may use for safe preservation information. Using the most current information is important. The exhibit explanation card for food preservation asks for the copyright date for the Ball Blue Book if used and stipulates that the date must be after 1988. Recipes and instructions in both 2006 and 2009 copyright dates are current and safe to use, so **for this year copyright dates of 2006 and 2009 will be accepted.**



LEADER News

Leader Training

Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development: To be successful and meet the need of youth, Youth Development professionals have developed a simple tool called the Four Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development. Those four elements are: Belonging (a positive relationship with a caring adult, an inclusive environment and a safe environment (physically and emotionally), independence (includes opportunity to see oneself as an active participant in the future and opportunity for self-determination), mastery (engagement in learning and opportunity for mastery) and generosity (opportunity to value and practice service for others).

At the last three Leaders' Association meetings we quickly explored the Essential Elements of Belonging, Mastery. and Independence. This month we will look at Generosity. Don't be late or you'll miss the fun!



Focus on County Fair

A couple of important meetings concerning county fair have been set. The Mandatory Leaders' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st. This is a required meeting for all leaders, superintendents and jr. superintendents. This meeting is where specific fair information will be shared.

For all new and newer leaders, there is a prepare for fair meeting set for Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 pm. This meeting is designed to share with you what to expect during county fair. County Fair is a complex event and it is difficult to cover details in a newsletter or fair book so if you are a new leader, please plan to attend this meeting.

REAP Grant Program

USDA Rural Development will soon publish its official 2009 notice formally inviting applications for Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grants. Oregon's small rural businesses and farmers & ranchers are encouraged to submit an application for REAP Grant assistance now. Applications seeking \$20,000 OR LESS in REAP grant assistance are encouraged. Because of the way the 2009 grant competition is shaping up, it is very likely that such projects will have the best chance of success, especially if they are submitted in the next several weeks. Even if your project could qualify for more than \$20,000, you may want to consider reducing your request to this level to improve your chances.

The REAP program offers grants for the purchase and installation of renewable energy generation and energy efficiency improvements. Assistance is limited to small businesses and farmers & ranchers. Projects must be located in a rural area. REAP grants can reimburse up to 25% of the project cost OR \$500,000 for renewable energy projects or \$250,000 for energy efficiency projects - whichever is less. Well over \$23 million of REAP grants will be awarded this year.

You can find detailed information at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/reap.htm>. Information on Oregon's other energy incentives on our rural energy portal can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/energy.htm>. You can find a detailed template for renewable energy grant applications at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/reapre.htm>, and a detailed template for energy efficiency grant applications at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/reapee.htm>.

Please send your applications to: Don Hollis, Rural Energy Coordinator, USDA Rural Development, 200 SE Hailey Ave., Ste. 105, Pendleton, OR 97801-4143

Although there is currently no specific deadline, early applications have a better chance of success. For more information contact Don Hollis at 541-278-8049 x129 or don.hollis@or.usda.gov or any of Oregon-RD's Business Programs staff at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/bizcontact.htm>



The Dalles Farmers Market

The Dalles Farmer's Market is now allowing non-profit groups such as 4-H clubs to sell agricultural based products and produce or have bake sales without paying the fee. For more information and to schedule a table contact Andrea Knight at 980-4466.



Sportsmanship

The development of sportsmanship is an important part of youth development. To become contributing, competent, caring, capable adults, youth must develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations of sportsmanship.

Parents and supporters are asked to help their children develop sportsmanship by a) setting a good example, and b) demonstrating sportsmanship before, during, and after competitive programs.

1. Here are some ways you can help your child learn to be a fair and generous competitor, a good loser, and a graceful winner. Teach and encourage them to...

- Maintain high standards of personal behavior—remind them that they represent your family, your community, and the program.
- Accept that the nature of competition is seeking to get what others are seeking, which results in both winners and losers.
- Learn and follow the rules.
- Be objective, and give people the benefit of the doubt.
- Show integrity, be honest, fair and straightforward in everything they do.
- Be well-mannered and show respect. Treat people and animals kindly.
- Be pleasant and friendly toward other participants, spectators, program officials, judges, the media, supporters, and others.
- Hide ill humor, refrain from arguing, and keep emotions under control.
- Accept judges' suggestions and the results with a positive attitude.
- Congratulate winners.
- Not gripe, complain, or make excuses when they do not win or do well.
- Recognize, appreciate, and try to learn from the accomplishments and admirable traits of others, and improve from their own shortcomings.
- Be a gracious winner, without gloating, bragging, or acting conceited.
- Politely ask questions if she/he has them, express concerns he/she may have, and make helpful suggestions to program officials and organizers.

2. Applaud for your children, your friends, and others for whom you wish to express appreciation and admiration.

3. Do not boo, heckle, make disparaging remarks, or insulting comments.

4. Listen and be quiet when participants are introduced, when officials are making announcements, and when comments are being addressed to the audience.

5. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, be polite in expressing them. Criticize in private, and compliment in public.

6. Be considerate of the time officials have to spend with you, and of their other responsibilities. Schedule an appointment if you need more time to talk to them. Submit compliments, concerns, and suggestions in writing with your signature.

7. Show courtesy towards others. For example:

- Do not block the aisles, by sitting or standing in them.
- Do not block other people's views when taking pictures or videos.
- Throw away litter. Do not leave programs, drinking cups, or other trash for someone else to clean up.

8. Enjoy the program and accept our appreciation for setting a good example for today's youth.

From Tillamook Tides (Tillamook County 4-H Newsletter) Thank You!



LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES For May

In attendance: Gaylene Howell, Betty Odom, Tracey Carlson, Lynette Black, Camille Weimar, Jaci Malcolm, Bob Durham, Crystal Conley, Mary Ellen Lowe, Lori Treichel, Audrey Stephens, Karen Kublick.

Meeting was called to order. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Agents report:

- The Teen Council garage sale is June 13th. Can use good sellable stuff.
- The next Jr. Leader meeting will be May 26, 6:30-8:00 pm.
- Camp Morrow is filling up fast. Applications should be turned in as soon as possible. Dates are June 17-20.
- Summer day camps in The Dalles will be June 29-July 2 & July 6-9. Maupin will be June 22-25 & July 13-16.
- The Master Showmanship clinic and the Ranch Horse clinic will be May 30 at the Fairgrounds starting at 9am.
- The deadline to join 4-H is June 1st. Next year the deadline will be January 1st for returning members.
- We talked about reminding everyone to follow good health hygiene to try to avoid the flu.

Committee Reports:

- The supplies for installing the misters are ready to be installed now we need to find the time.
- Looking for someone to build or help build bike racks for the Fairgrounds.
- The sheep panels are being made safer and hopefully will be ready to paint soon. A work day will be set to do so.
- Large fans will be ordered soon.
- Al Brown & Bill Thomas families do not want any changes made and want to see the qualifications remain as they are.
- Virginia found out her Quick Books business program could handle a second account so a new one did not have to be purchased. Everything is ready for the upcoming auction.
- Remember to have your COOL forms (and animal health forms) accurately filled in and turn in with your fair entry.
- The Fairboard has submitted a budget with a 30% reduction. It might have to be more. Ideas are welcome by the Fairboard as to how to raise money or suggestions to improve the fair. Do not wait until fair time to make them. Anyone can attend the meetings. They are the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

Old Business:

- Superintendents are still needed for Foods, Fashion Review, Clothing, and Assistant to the Superintendent in the 4-H building.
- Sheep, Swine and Goat weigh-in will be June 5 3-6pm at the auction yard and June 6th from 8-11 am at the fairgrounds.

New Business:

- The Fair book was reviewed.
- Most of the judges have been set for fair.
- Remember to get applications in for OSU summer conference.

Meeting was adjourned.

