



# Wasco County 4-H Newsletter

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## It's time for the Cherry Festival!

Wasco County 4-H has been given a unique opportunity to play a significant role in the Cherry Festival. We have been asked to promote 4-H through displays as well as children's activities on Saturday, April 26th. The location is The Civic (where the quilts usually are), and the time will be approximately 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to promote who we are and what we do. Promotion of 4-H not only helps our program grow in the number of youth involved, but also in financial and volunteer support.

Here are my thoughts thus far: We will need to set up the space before the parade. Therefore, each club should bring a few items to display (such as educational displays, art or photography exhibits) before the parade starts. This will allow the set-up crew to organize the space during the parade. By the way, is there a club who is planning to participate in the parade? It would be wonderful if 4-H was represented! Let me know your club plans, please.

I have created a schedule with 1½ hour time slots and ask each club to take at least one slot (depending on the size of the club). Your club can choose whatever hands-on, child-focused activity(s) they would like to do. Some ideas I have heard so far include roping, arts and crafts relating to 4-H project areas, face painting, small animal petting zoo and demonstrations such as dog obedience and rabbit hopping (I have to check to make sure animals are allowed in that space). Please let me know what you are planning to do as we may want to post a schedule of events. Note the enclosed form requesting information (including preferred time slot and activity). This form is due to the Extension Office by April 21st, however, time preferences will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you would like to take the lead for this event, please let me know. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be with you on that Saturday as I am already committed to teach GPS and GIS technology to teachers at the Oregon Council for the Social Studies Conference in Bend. However, I am committed to you for the pre-planning and organizing of this event and am truly sorry I will not be able to attend the Cherry Festival.



## 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. Entries for this show close June 1<sup>st</sup>. Entry information is on our website. For any additional information, please contact: [rolfehelen@yahoo.com](mailto:rolfehelen@yahoo.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

- 6-9 Western Regional Leader's Forum, Boise, ID
- 8 Rocketry Clinic, CGCC, 10 a.m.
- 11 Leaders' Assoc. Mtg, CGCC, Rm. 2.273, 7 p.m.
- 14 Steer Weigh-in, Auction Yard, 4-6 p.m.
- 15 Steer Weigh-in, Fairgrounds, 8-10a.m
- 24 Teen Council Pass the Lamb fundraiser
- 24 CPR class for Babysitter training participants
- 27-29 Know Your State Gov., Salem
- 28-31 Tri-County Leadership Camp, Camp Morrow

### April

- 5 Wasco County Horse Bowl
- 8 Leaders' Association Mtg., CGCC, Rm. 2.273, 7 p.m.
- 11-12 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, Dallas
- 18-20 Spring Horse Classic, Pendleton
- Teen Council meeting
- 20 Cherry Festival, 9am—4pm
- 26

### May

- Leaders Association meeting
- 13
- Camp Counselor Training
- 18

## Under-age Drinking at Fair

As you know, I have not yet experienced the Wasco County Fair, so I have not had first-hand experience with an issue that has been brought to my attention by several different people. So, here's the scoop. As a youth development professional I cannot and will not condone any drinking of alcoholic beverages by youth under the age of 21. Consequences for 4-H members drinking alcohol will be severe and will include the exclusion of participation in the livestock auction and possible exclusion from future fairs. Research has shown the serious effects alcohol has on the developing adolescent brain. Therefore, in my opinion, extreme measures are necessary. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. *Lynette*

## Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum

The Oregon 4-H Leaders Forum will be April 11-12 in Dallas. The Forum includes workshops on a variety of topics related to 4-H projects and overall youth development.

In addition, it includes displays, an opportunity to gain ideas from other leaders, and fun activities. If you have never been to a 4-H Leader Forum before, you have been missing out! Registration is now open. Complete information can be found at:

[http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/people/volunteers/forum\\_or\\_leaders.html](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/people/volunteers/forum_or_leaders.html) or call the Extension Office.

## Important Fair- Related Dates

Please keep the following dates in a safe place to refer to as fair grows nearer.

May 1, 2008 – All changes to the Wasco County Fair Book are due.

June 23, 2008 – Fair books available

July 8, 2008 - Mandatory Leaders' Association Meeting

July 21, 2008 – **Fair Entries due** in the Extension Service

July 28, 2008 – Mandatory superintendent/clerk meeting

August 2, 2008 - Fairgrounds workday to prepare for fair

August 6, 2008 – Fair set-up day

August 10, 2008 – Horse move-in day

August 11 – 17 – Wasco County 4-H Fair

## Camp Counselor and Dishwasher Applications Being Accepted

The Extension Office recently sent out a mailing that included an application for being a Camp Counselor or Dishwasher at Camp Morrow in June. Being on staff at 4-H Camp Morrow is quite possibly the most fun you could have while increasing your leadership skills.

4-H Camp Morrow will be from June 18-21, 2008, with counselors arriving on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Counselors will also have an additional mandatory training on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Applications and the accompanying references are due in the Extension Office on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be conducted during the Tri-County Leadership Camp.

## Tri-County Leadership Camp

It's that time of the year! You won't want to miss this year's camp! The Tri-County Leadership Camp is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> (arrival time of 5:00 pm) through March 30<sup>th</sup> (departure time of 11:30 am). For just \$55.00 you will have the time of your life and not even realize you are learning anything. This camp is planned and implemented by teen 4-H members from Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties. With teens at the helm, how could this camp not be fun?

## Club Animal

Is your club interested in raising a club animal for the Wasco County Fair? Club animals must meet all the requirements of regular project animals, and will be raised, shown and sold by club members. This is a fun and educational fundraising project. Only one club animal can be shown each year. To apply, submit a letter stating how your club would benefit from this opportunity, then mail, fax, e-mail, or hand deliver it to the Extension Office by 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be judged based on merit of the project the proceeds from the sale of the animal would support, whether your club had recently raised a club animal, and whether that species had recently been raised as a club animal.



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## Moonlight Riders Give Back



The Moonlight Riders 4-H group visited the Broken Oaks Equine Retirement Center on Monday, December 17, 2007, to help groom their horses. Our group included Genny Olmstead (leader), Kathy Maxwell (leader), Zach Christiansen, Katelyn Taylor Dean, Morgan Douthit, Storm Douthit, Sarah Ferrer, Lori Moore, Sasha Roland, Sydney Stelzer, and Kristina Vallie. We spent almost two hours helping care for their horses and donated \$102 to their organization.

Broken Oaks is located in Klickitat County, Washington. The owners of Broken Oaks are Jean and Gary Pratt and their volunteers are Janet, Joelle, and Sally Temple. All of their horses have been rescued, retired, or are being rehabilitated. Two horses are fostered in The Dalles. Some horses are available to be adopted and some will live the remainder of their lives out at Broken Oaks. Broken Oaks has 20 acres, which has 3 pastures for these horses to live in but they're capable of 5 pastures. They're full for the winter, but in other seasons

can accommodate up to 30 horses. Broken Oaks encourages the public to come out and be educated on proper care, nutrition, and the responsibilities of animal ownership. To contact them, call 509-767-1461 or go to [gpratt@gorge.net](mailto:gpratt@gorge.net) or <http://brokenoaks.org>.

We gave our affection to lots of horses at Broken Oaks. Some of the horses' problems here are physical abuse, leg troubles and founder, stifle problems, stomach problems and three starvation cases.

After Broken Oaks, our group headed over to Safeway parking lot to do Christmas pictures with ponies. We were using an Icelandic horse and a miniature (that are owned by a member of our group, Sasha Roland and her mother Lisa). The horses were dressed up and walked all over the area between Safeway and Fred Meyer. We ended the day with \$55 earned in this fundraiser.

## Wasco County Horse Classic

The Wasco County 4-H Horse Classic will be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at The Dalles Riders Club. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. Events include Horse Bowl and Horse Public Speaking.

**Horse Bowl** is a 'quiz show' knowledge contest where members answer questions based on information in the 4-H Horse Project materials. Due to some confusion, we have decided to use the 'old' horse projects for this year's Horse Bowl questions.

**Public Speaking** contest includes team and individual presentations and speeches on horse related topics.

All county winners may advance to the State Horse Classic in Pendleton on April 18 – 20, 2008. Complete contest information and registration forms will be sent soon.

Does your club have any news to share?

## 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Minutes

**Feb. 12, 2008.** The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Conley. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurers report was discussed and approved.

The following items were brought up and discussed:

- There is a Rocketry Clinic on Saturday, March 8th. • Archery is still slated to begin in May.
- A Community Technology club is in the works and should be starting in May. Contact Lynette for more information.
- The babysitting clinic scheduled for Saturday, Feb.23 is filling up fast. If interested call the Extension Office.
- The next Teen council meeting is at 3:30pm at Spooky's on 2/17.
- The Tri-County leadership camp for grades 7-12 is scheduled for 3/28-30 at Camp Morrow. Cost is \$55.00.
- 4-H Camp for 4-6th grade youth is scheduled for 6/18-21 at Camp Morrow.
- 4-H scholarship applications for seniors are due in the office on Tuesday 2/26.
- A trip to National Congress is considered the top award given to 4-H members. The State Awards Committee is looking for donations to help send these deserving youth to Atlanta, Georgia.
- The Know Your State Government program will be 3/27-29 in Salem. So far, Wasco County has one youth signed up to participate in this event.
- The Oregon Leaders' Forum is 4/11 –13 at Dalles, OR in Polk County

The following fair judges are confirmed:

- Poultry-Melissa Banton;
- Rabbits/Cavy-Linda Eubank;
- Horse- Nancy Collins and Tracy George;
- Dog- Eve Rivenus;
- Sheep- Kraig Ohling;
- Beef—Mike Wilson
- Sewing & Fiber Arts—Linda Erickson
- Foods & Expressive Arts—Cathy Behm
- Food Contests—Chandra Wafford

Fair: Remember, every animal species the youth brings to fair must be shown in a showmanship class. Changes to the County Fair book is due to Lynette by May 1. Dates to remember: Fair Aug. 11-17, Mandatory leaders meeting July 8, Fair entries due July 21, Mandatory superintendent and clerk meeting July 28. Applications for club animal needs to be into the 4-H office by March 11. It was brought up that the rebar for holding the sheep pens together are a safety hazard as there were a couple of minor incidents last year—Bob will take care of it. It was suggested that 1 or 2 people for each club be responsible to get all club static exhibits to the fairgrounds (if the child can not get the exhibits there themselves).

Horse bowl, presentations, and public speaking is scheduled for April 5. The Deschutes Co. horse judging and hippology contest is rescheduled for March 16.

Bob suggested that a pen could be placed on the auction yard scales to help get a more accurate weight for the smaller animals. Livestock weigh in is as follows:

Goats, Hogs and Sheep – Friday, 6/6 at the auction yard from 3-6pm and Saturday (6/7) at the fairgrounds from 8-11 am.

Sheep: The official language from state regarding Tail Docking is: "No animal showing signs of rectal prolapse or mechanical repair can be exhibited." It is suggested that the tail should be docked no shorter than the distal end of the caudal fold.

Beef - Friday, 3/14 at the auction yard from 4-6 pm and Saturday, (3/15) at the fairgrounds from 8-10 am.

Small animals - Friday, 7/18 at 5pm at the Columbia Gorge Community College.

Member enrollments need to be in ASAP. The official deadline to enroll and still be eligible for fair is June 1st. However, those not enrolled can not participate in 4-H events and do not receive the newsletter until enrollments are received. Remember to include the enrollment fee of \$5.00 with every form.

There will not be quilt show this year at the Cherry Festival inside the Civic. 4-H has been asked to provide children's activities in that space. Suggestions include face painting, make-it & take projects, roping workshops, small animal petting zoo and displays of 4-H members work. Any suggestion will be entertained. Lynette will come up with a schedule. Leaders will be contacted for signing their club up for time slots.

Lynette expressed a concern about underage consumption of alcohol at the fairgrounds. She gave a brief presentation on how alcohol affects the teen brain and stated that alcohol and drug use by 4-H members will not be tolerated. There will be serious consequences.

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Karen Kublick, Secretary