

# Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



May, 2007

## Exciting Changes Ahead

I wish I could tell you all personally, rather than in the 4-H Newsletter, but this seems like the fastest way to share the news. This will be my last summer with Wasco County 4-H. My boyfriend, John, has accepted a job in Dubai as a pilot with Emirates Airlines, beginning in June. Of course I told John that I couldn't join him until camp and fair were over! He knows how much I love 4-H, and fortunately he was very understanding when I said I wouldn't join him in Dubai until September. Although I'm very excited about these changes in my personal life, I will be very sad to leave my 4-H family, and I will miss all of you dearly.

I have asked for OSU to help us with a smooth transition, and they've agreed to try to hire someone as soon as possible. I will stay on staff through state fair so that I can help Susan and our new agent through their first 4-H summer season. We have a very strong 4-H program, and I expect that we will be able to attract a quality agent to Wasco County. I appreciate all of your support during this change, and it is my goal to keep *making the best better*.

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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 need help locating animals, give us a call at the Extension office!

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

### May

- 8 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 8 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00  
p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 19 Teen Council Yard Sale  
Fundraiser, TDWHS Yard
- 20 Camp Counselor Training,  
1:00-5:00 p.m., Sorosis Park

### June

- 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,  
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- 15-17 4-H Camp Morrow 4th-6th  
grade camp, Wamic
- 14-17 Mid-Columbia Junior  
Livestock Show, Tygh Valley
- 27-30 OSU Summer Conference,  
Corvallis

### July

- 8-14 Operation Purple Camp  
(Ages 8-9), Salem
- 10 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00  
p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 15-21 Operation Purple Camp  
(Ages 10-11), Salem
- 24-28 Latino Olympic Summer  
Camp, Salem

### August

- 5-17 Summer Science Camp at  
OSU (entering grades 6-8)
- 8 Fair Setup Day, 9:00 a.m.-  
noon, Fairgrounds

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# 4-H Leaders' Association

Draft 4-H Leaders' Meeting: April 10, 2007

In attendance: Crystal Conley, Tonya Aitkin, Denise Minson, Gaylene Howell, Betty Odom, Jaci Malcolm, Mary Jacobs, Kim McCullough and Thelma Alsup.

The meeting was called to order by Crystal. Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: A treasurer's report was passed out and accepted. Motion was made to combine the fair entry account and general account; after some discussion it was seconded and unanimously passed. The 1 ½ % from the 2005 auction has not been received as of this date; Betty is following up on this. Committee reports: None. Correspondence: None. Guests: None.  
Old Business:

**Misters in the Hog Barn:** Mindy is meeting with someone and will be reporting back at the next meeting.

**Wash Racks:** Denise reported she is following up with Joe Powell and will report back as soon as she hears back from Joe.

**Scale Roof:** Crystal reported the Twyama Saddle Club is going to purchase all the supplies and Bob Gustafson will be building it.

**Friends of Fair Fund Raiser:** Flyers were passed out and tickets were signed out. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and which ever club sells the most tickets will be 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 or Audrey Stephens.

**Cookies to buyers:** After some discussion it was decided the cookies to buyer program will stay as is with one exception – 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.

Other Old Business:

**None**

New Business:

**Extension Staff Update:** Tonya announced she is resigning and will be moving to Dubai after fair. She also stated OSU plans to have her replacement hired by 7/1/07 so there will be a smooth transition.

**Senate Budget Hearing:** Tonya stated there will be a video conference of the Senates' budget hearing on Thursday. April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the ESD conference room and she will be unable to attend. She asked for a volunteer or volunteers to speak on behalf of 4-H. Crystal, Jaci and Betty stated they may be able to attend and will call and let Tonya know.

Other New Business:

**None**

No other business, meeting adjourned.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

If you're still on the fence about attending Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C this summer, it's time 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.

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## 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 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. Does the wash rack or scale area need improvement? Do we need more fans in the barns or larger electrical panels or...? Boost the friendly competition and challenge other clubs to match and exceed your ticket sales goals. In addition to selecting the fairgrounds improvement activity, the 4-H club with the most ticket sales will enjoy a pizza party at Spooky's! You will work with the County Fair Board to determine how your area will be improved. 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](http://www.seagarden.com.mx/maz) Then see a 4-H member to buy your \$5.00 raffle ticket!*

## 4-H Summer Conference

This year's 4-H Summer Conference will be held June 27-30 on OSU's campus and is for 4-H members in grades 7-12. Campers will select from classes in science, art, dance, technology, adventure, cooking, dog agility,

entrepreneurship, and more. Complete class listings and registration information is at: <http://Oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/> Camp fees are \$200, and registration is open through May 31st.

## Operation Purple Camp

If you know any kids aged 8-11 who have a parent who is currently deployed in the military, please send them our way. We'd like to send them to a free summer camp at the Oregon 4-H Center in Salem this July. This

camp gives children with deployed parents the opportunity to socialize with other kids in the same situation, in a fun, recreational outdoor camp. Complete information can be found at [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org).

## Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show

The 61st Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show will be held June 14-17 in Tygh Valley. The show includes market and showmanship classes, an auction, breeding gilt, ewe, and heifer classes, and jackpot classes for beef,

sheep, and swine. This is a great opportunity to get some practice in the show ring prior to county fair! Even if you come and watch, you will learn a lot. For more information, contact the Extension office.

<p><b>2007 Wasco County Fair Theme: Come for the Country, Stay for the Fun</b></p>
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## 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 hope to see you there! 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.

## Teen Council Yard Sale

The Teen Council is fundraising for their trip to Washington DC, and you can participate in the fun! There will be a 4-H Yard Sale on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. on the front lawn at The Dalles Wahtonka High School's east campus.

- If your club would like to participate as sellers, please make a \$10 donation to the Teen Council to cover advertising. This is a

great way to get rid of those old show clothes, rabbit cages, tack, or even school clothes and household items!

- Please mark all of your items with price and initials, and be prepared to make change. Each club will have their own "banker".
- If you'd like to come shop for fair clothes, tack, or other items, stop by and see us!

## More Summer 4-H Activities Than Ever!

There are more 4-H activities than ever this summer. Many activities are free or have scholarships available, so help us to spread the word! We want to be sure that ALL kids in Wasco County know about the programs 4-H has to offer. It's not too late for them to join 4-H and join the fun. For example:

- Rabbit U– National educational event coming to Oregon! Special 4-H prizes. (June 2nd)
- 4-H Camp Morrow– 4th-6th grade outdoor camp. Scholarships available! (June 15-17)
- 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)
- Citizenship Washington Focus– Teen Leadership Camp, ages 14-19, Washington, DC (July 14-21)
- 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)

### **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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