



Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



November/December 2008

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER?

You may have noticed the title of this newsletter includes both November and December. Due to holidays and vacations, we made the decision to combine these two months into one newsletter.

CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DUE

Club financial statements are due in the Extension Office by November 15th. **Every club needs to complete the form whether or not they have money.** These forms are compiled by the Leaders' Association Treasurer and given to our Tax Accountant. It is imperative that every club is accounted for.

PREMIUM CHECKS WILL EXPIRE

Premium checks expire on January 1st. We still have a lot of checks not picked up yet. Please stop by, pick them up and cash them as soon as possible. January will be here before you know it and checks will not be re-issued.

AUCTION CHECKS ARRIVING SOON

Auction checks will be arriving in the mail soon. Please deposit them soon after they are received.

4-H ITEMS READY TO BE PICKED UP

The 4-H items that were on display in the JC Penney window are now back in the Extension Office and ready for pick up. Thank you to the members who allowed us to display their items, and thanks to JC Penny for creating the fabulous display and for leaving it up for three weeks. We hope you all got a chance to see the window. It was an excellent display.

Calendar of Events

November

- 1 Awards Banquet, Ramsey Park Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 4-H Leaders' Mtg., 7 pm CGCC, Rm. 2.278
- 12 Citizenship WA Focus Mtg, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 17-20 Babysitting Clinic, TDMS
- 18 Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 9 4-H Leaders' Mtg, 7 p.m. CGCC, Rm. 2.278
- 14 Lego Robotics Competition Hillsboro
- 20 Teen Council Leadership, Retreat, 10-2pm, CGCC
- 25 Happy Holidays!

January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 1 Premium Checks Expire



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OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES...

TEEN COUNCIL CHANGES

Due to everyone's busy schedules we have decided to make a change in how the Wasco County Teen Council meets. We will be moving to quarterly meetings. These get-togethers will be designed to focus on leadership skill development through fun activities. The first of these leadership retreats is scheduled for Saturday, December 20th (your first day of winter break) from 10am to 2 pm at CGCC. This leadership retreat is open to all 4-H youth grades 7 through 12.

LEADERSHIP CAMP MANAGEMENT TEAM TO BE CHOSEN

Each year Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties select youth to be on the Leadership Camp Management Team. This team of youth plan and run the Leadership Camp held this spring. The application for this opportunity is on our website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco> Applications are due in to the Extension Office by December 20, 2008.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Every two years, Wasco County 4-H participates in a National leadership event held in Washington DC. Participants stay at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, rub elbows and participate in activities with older youth from all across the United States and its territories, meet with their legislators and senators and tour our nation's monuments and legislative buildings. This is a great experience!

The cost will be around \$1500 per participant; however, we devote ourselves to fundraising activities to offset the cost. Four individuals have indicated interest in this year's trip. We are holding an informational meeting and fundraising planning session on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Service office.

If you are interested in this exciting, learning opportunity, please attend the meeting or contact Lynette before that time for more information. By the way, you must be at least 14 years of age to attend this event.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H FAMILIES

Wasco County 4-H has a great opportunity to help our county create animal preparedness plans in case of a disaster. A recent fire that threatened Home At Last as well as past fires that have overwhelmed Home At Last's shelter capabilities has helped bring to light the need for a more comprehensive animal disaster plan. Lynette is working with the Wasco County Emergency Manager and other key people in the animal world to develop this plan and she needs your help. Enclosed with this newsletter is a form asking for particular information needed to include you on a data base of emergency responders for animals. Your level of involvement is up to you: you can choose to serve as a temporary animal shelter for the type of animal you are set up for (pets, small animals, large animals), or you can choose to be an animal rescue responder which will require additional training. Please read and complete the form and return to Lynette as soon as possible.

MARKETING RESOURCES FOR RURAL AMERICA

There are special websites designed to help rural residents market their products that you may want to know about. The ads are free (state-wide), but cost if you want to advertise nationally. The sites are: www.BullShop.com, www.GoatAds.com, www.SheepAds.com, www.RuralAds.com, www.RuralCalendar.com

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES: 4-H CONNECTION

National 4-H Council has partnered with FOX Searchlight Pictures' feature film, "The Secret Life of Bees" to support 4-H's Science, Engineering and Technology communication efforts. The movie is based on a novel written by Sue Monk Kidd. Ms. Kidd is a 4-H alumna who credits her 4-H club experience in entomology and reading as a positive force in her life and career: "Wouldn't you know—my history with 4-H has to do with books and bugs. So perhaps it is not completely surprising that I grew up not only to read books, but write them, and that one of those books was about the secret life of the *Apis Mellifera*."

You can find out more about the film, read Ms. Kidd's full story and follow her on a special backstage tour by visiting www.4-H.org.



LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER

Present: Gaylene Howell, Riley Howell, Bob Durham, Denise Minson, Carly Lowe, Scott Forster, Sally Forster, Christy Harrah, Lynette Black, Betty Odom, Kim McCullough, Crystal Conley.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as presented.

Financial report was approved as presented.

All animal barns were toured and suggestions were made for improvement:

Small animal barn needs two large fans and a mister system hung from the ceiling. Rabbit shows will be held outside. Sheep panels need work. The hinge system has the potential for injury. Discussed removing the hinge boxes and replaced with a system similar to the hog panels. Would also like to see the panels painted. Bob will check with the Dufur FFA to see if they would work on them as a community service project.

Swine barn needs new fan blades, misters installed and two large fans.

It was suggested that a screen door be installed within the larger sliding door (in the other barns as well). Screen in all windows in the Swine and Goat barns.

Question regarding whether the electrical system will be able to support four additional large fans. Denise will check.

Places to put bike racks for the 4-H kids to park their bikes away from the barns were suggested. Bob will check with the Dufur FFA to see if they could build racks. Lynette brought a catalogue that sell racks for ideas.

Agents report:

- New leaders training will be Nov. 11: 9am-12 noon, Nov.13: 6pm-9pm.
- The new 4-H web site is up. All 4-H members and leaders will have an access number to access the web site.
- After enrollment forms and financial reports are in all clubs will be chartered. A certificate will be sent to the leaders.

All financial reports are due in the office by Nov. 15th.

Be sure to pick up your exhibits and premium checks.

Recruitment continues thru this week. There is a large enrollment but there is not enough leaders for the projects the kids want to do

Records are going to fill able forms. If you do not want to redo all of your records you can continue the old way. All new members will do the fellable forms.

After school programs at The Dalles middle school and Col. Wright are doing well. After school programs donations from J C Penney totaled \$298.42.

Auction report:

Eleven second notices were sent to buyers. Auction checks should be out the end of October or the first part of November.

If Fairboard approves of the shade cloth sample a recommendation was made that the leaders association donate \$200.00 towards the purchase.

Gaylene Howell will be leaving the rabbit superintendent position. There appears to be a good amount of interest in the position. Lynette will create an application and a vote will take place. Lynette also suggested a position for a Herdsman-ship superintendent. The application will be used for all superintendent openings.

Nominations were made for officers for the coming year. President: Gaylene Howell; Vice Pres: Bob Durham; Treasure: Betty Odom; Secretary: Karen Kublick. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone that would like to be an officer you can still submit names. Nominations will be open until they are closed at the next leaders' meeting scheduled for November 11th. Elections will be held at that meeting.

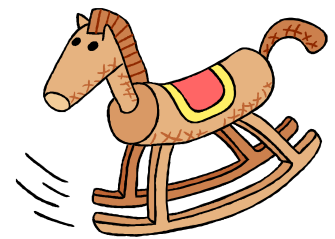
It was decided that the herdsman ship awards should have "Herdsman-ship 2008" embroidered on them.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be November 11, 2008 in the CGCC board room.



4-H Babysitting Clinic



Monday-Thursday
November 17th-20th
3:15-5:00 p.m.

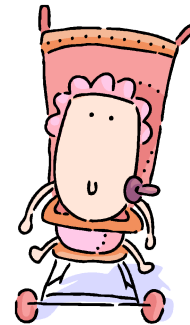
The Dalles Middle School

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Anyone in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, but you must attend all four days.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ❏ The Business of Babysitting
- ❏ First Aid and Emergency Procedures
- ❏ Ways to Entertain Children of all Ages
- ❏ Infant/Toddler Care and Feeding



COST:

The cost is \$15.00, which includes a babysitting handbook and CD. Payment must be made with your registration. A 4-H Babysitter Certificate and wallet card will be presented to those who complete the course.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Complete the registration form at the bottom of this sheet and return it with your payment to OSU Wasco County Extension Office (either hand deliver or mail to the address below). **Registrations must reach our office by Wednesday, November 12th.** Space is limited.

QUESTIONS?

Call the 4-H office at (541) 296-5494.

4-H Babysitting Clinic Registration Form

Name: _____ M or F (circle) Grade: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent's Signature _____



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