

Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



September,
2007

Hello, Everyone!

I am finally here and looking forward to meeting you! I was fortunate to be able to watch a few Wasco County 4-H members during the State Fair. I am ready to meet all of you (members, parents and leaders. I can not tell you how excited I am to be your 4-H Agent.

I would love to visit each 4-H club by attending a meeting and, if you wish, teaching a workshop. Please, feel free to contact me with dates and time of your 4-H meetings. Also, feel free to come in and chat.

Please thank your parents, leaders, and superintendents for all that they have done for you and the Wasco County 4-H program. Without their help, events such as fair would not be possible.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers for your dedication and hard work you provide to the youth of Wasco County. You make a difference in your community!

Lynette Black,
4-H Extension Faculty

Premium Checks Coming Soon

Premium checks will be available in the Extension office beginning October 8th. If you exhibited at the 2007 Wasco County Fair, you will have a premium check. The checks expire in 90 days, so don't wait too long to get yours! You will be asked to sign for the checks as you pick them up, so if you intend to pick up someone else's check please deliver it to them as soon as possible.

Premiums are made possible by the Wasco County Fair Board. Please let them know how much you appreciate their continued support by sending a thank you note to: Wasco County Fair Board, 81849 Fairgrounds Road, Tygh Valley, OR 97063.

Remember to record premium awards in your 4-H recordbook, and enter your book in the Recordbook Contest by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 8th!

September

- 3 Last day of Oregon State 4-H Fair, Salem
- 11 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 24 Horse Leader's Meeting 6:30 p.m., CGCC
- 25 Teen Council Meeting, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Spooky's Pizza
- 26 Extension Advisory meeting

October

- 1 Start of new 4-H year
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 8 4-H Recordbooks, County Medal Applications, Junior Certificates Due, 5:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 10 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 27-28 Horse Leader' Forum in Redmond

November

- 3 4-H Awards Banquet, Ramsey Park Grange, Dufur
- 13 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Room 2.273

December

- 11 No 4-H Leaders' Meeting: Happy Holidays

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

4-H Leaders' Association

The Wasco County 4-H Leaders' Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11th in room 2.273 at Columbia Gorge Community College. Agenda items include the 4-H Recordbook Contest, Junior Certificate and County Medal Awards, and a review of the Wasco County Fair. There will also be a special presentation by the Wasco

County youth delegation to Citizenship Washington Focus. October 1 begins the new 4-H year, therefore new officer elections will be held at this meeting. Please plan to attend, meet Lynette, your new 4-H Agent, say your final goodbyes to Tonya and provide input for the Wasco County 4-H Program.

4-H Awards Banquet

This year's Fall 4-H Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Ramsey Park Grange in Dufur. The evening will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m., and the 4-H Teen Council will present the Awards Program following the meal. This banquet is a potluck, so please plan to bring a favorite dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Clubs are needed to help with decorations, setup, and cleanup. If your club members are

interested in taking on one of these fun community service tasks, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mark your calendar, because you won't want to miss this fun social event! All 4-H members and their families and guests are encouraged to attend. This is a great time to re-connect with fair friends and to congratulate 4-H members on both their year long and fair-time accomplishments.

4-H Teen Council

Please, all 4-H Teen Council members plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, September 25th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Spooky's Pizza. This is a great time for the new 4-H Agent to meet you all and learn about the Teen Council. We will also discuss the coming year, what we would like to do and accomplish as a group. This discussion will include National 4-H Week, 4-H

recruitment, the 4-H Awards Banquet, Citizenship Washington Focus, and fundraisers. Be sure to bring your calendars as we plan the year's events. This will be a busy meeting, so plan to attend. If you have a conflict, please contact the Extension office before the meeting so we can fill you in...we don't want you to miss anything.

Need forms or information? Check our website:

[Http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/)



County Medals, Junior Certificates

County Medals and Junior Certificates are two awards that recognize growth in your 4-H project over the course of the year. These prestigious awards will be presented at the Fall Awards Banquet.

If you want to be considered for one of these awards, fill out the enclosed application (or get one off of our website) and turn it in with your recordbook before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8th. Members are responsible for completing the forms, and forms must be complete and on time to be considered. Your recordbook will serve as evidence of your project work, so be sure your recordbook is up to date!

The form includes a confidential leader's statement, so after completing your form, give it to your leader to complete. The leader may elect to return it to you in a sealed envelope or return it to the Extension office directly.

Regardless, the complete application and 4-H recordbook are due in the Extension office by October 8th, and late applications cannot be accepted so plan ahead!

Members may receive the same County Medal only once as an intermediate and once as a senior, and they may only win one medal per year. County Medals will be judged as follows: Experience in 4-H Projects and Activities-50%, Experience in 4-H Leadership-25%, Experience in Citizenship and Community Service-25%.

County Certificates are for Junior members. Each member may be awarded certificates in two project areas per year, and they may win a certificate more than once. Certificates will be judged on growth and development within the project in the past year.

County Medal & Junior Certificate Master List:

Agriculture, Aquaculture, Beef, Poultry, Cats, Dogs, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Rabbits, Sheep, Pets, Swine, Gardening & Horticulture, Public Speaking, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Photography & Video, Entomology & Bees, Plant Science, Veterinary Science, Aerospace, Computer Technology, Electricity, Engines & Tractors & Field Equipment, Wood Science, Community Service, Fashion Revue, Judging, Hobbies & Collections, Leadership, Personal Development, Environmental Stewardship, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries, Shooting Sports, Waste Management, Consumer & Family Sciences, Clothing &

4-H Recordbook Contest

You could win cash prizes *and* you could improve your record keeping skills by competing in the 4-H Recordbook Contest.

All records should be current and closed out through the end of the 4-H year, September 30. Recordbooks are due in the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8th. If you did not turn in your recordbook at fair time, you are still eligible to compete at the fall contest. Recordbooks can take time, so don't wait until the last minute to finish your records.

If you need help with your records, check out the Wasco County 4-H Recordbook Guidelines

handout, or give us a call at the Extension office. As a reminder, 4-H records are judged on neatness, completeness, and accuracy.

Awards will be given at the Fall 4-H Awards Banquet.

Recordbooks are also used in the selection of County Medal and Junior Certificate winners, so be sure that your records are complete and that they are submitted on October 8th along with your County Medal or Junior Certificate applications if you wish to be considered for one of these prestigious awards. Recordbook, County Medal, and Junior Certificate winners will be recognized at the Fall 4-H Awards Banquet.

Oregon State Fair

Congratulations to Wasco County 4-H youth who earned the right to show at State Fair. We would like to give special recognition to our State Fair Champion and Reserve Champion winners!

Portia Anderson	Champion wearable accessory, Int.
Brooke Brumley	Champion knit garment, Beyond 1st year, special award for art
Sarah Ferrer	Champion for both her mug and flower vase and Reserve Champion pygmy goat showman, Sr.
Maggie Goter	Reserve Champion pen of fryers (poultry), Judge's Choice for Presentation
Samantha Hege	Champion Meat goat and Champion meet goat showman
Leah Howell	Champion wearable accessory, Champion macramé, Champion, hooking, Champion cross-stitch and Champion toy, Jr.
Riley Howell	Reserve Champion photography, Reserve Champion macramé, Int.
Ben Iremonger	Grand Champion Turkey
Stephanie Larson	Judge's Choice Fashion Revue, Sr.
Kayla Magill	Best wool garment Fashion Revue, Sr.
Erika Maslen	Champion braiding, Sr.
Sara Maslen	Champion poultry showman, Reserve Champion wearable accessory, Int
Hailee Olheiser	Judges Choice for Fashion Revue, Int.
Jacob Powell	Reserve Champion Art assemblage, Sr.
Samantha Treichel	Reserve Champion photography, Sr.
Chelsea Wooderson	Champion wearable clothing, Sr.

Thank You Wasco County 4-H

I have been very fortunate to have spent the last 8 years as a part of the Wasco County 4-H family. I have many fond memories, and I've learned much from you during my time here. I have been impressed by your willingness to volunteer for projects, and I've been inspired by your willingness to lend a hand to others. Through your examples, I've seen the satisfaction that comes from helping out—and because of you, I know that volunteer work will be a big part of my future. I've also seen you challenge yourselves to try new things, and I've seen you work hard to improve both your projects and our 4-H program. Your

work ethic and openness to new ideas and experiences serve as a valuable reminder to me to continue my own personal growth. As I move on to my next big life adventures, you can see that I am taking a lot of Wasco County 4-H with me. However, the thing I have treasured the most has been my relationships with all of you. I will miss you and I sincerely appreciate all of your kind gifts and words as I am preparing to leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please send me an e-mail at Tonya.Colson@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you! Best of luck to you all!

Love, Tonya

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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