

Wasco County 4-H Newsletter



February,
2005

February

- 1-3 4-H Babysitting Clinic, 6:30-8:00 p.m., CGCC Cafeteria
- 8 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 16 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting, Ft. Dalles Riders' Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 23-27 Western Region Leaders' Forum, Sacramento, CA

March

- 1 4-H Scholarship Apps Due in State Office
- 8 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 11 Beef Weigh In, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Auction Sales Co.
- 12 Beef Weigh In, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Wasco Co. Fairgrounds
- 12 County Horse Classic: Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Public Speaking, Location TBA
- 13 Teen Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Spooky's Pizza
- 18-20 Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat, Enterprise

April

- 1 Rich Tenold Scholarship Application Due, Ext. Office
- 1 Camp Counselor Applications & Reference Forms due, Ext. Office
- 8-9 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, Lincoln City
- 8-10 Tri-County 4-H Leadership Camp, Wamic
- 12 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., CGCC Room 2.273
- 14-16 Know Your State Government Conference, Salem

Club Fundraisers

Club fundraisers can be a fun way to teach 4-H members about the value of money. 4-H members should provide goods or services in exchange for donations, rather than simply asking donors for cash. Car washes, concession stands, or candy sales are good examples of fundraisers that require member participation. In many cases, 4-H donations are tax deductible, but contact the Extension office if you are not sure, as many "4-H donations" are not considered tax deductible by the IRS. It's best to have a particular goal in mind when fundraising, such as helping members with entry fees to camps or fairs, taking an educational trip, sponsoring a 4-H award, or making a charitable donation. Once the members have met their fundraising goals, let them enjoy spending their hard-earned cash— it's all part of the fun, and it's a good learning opportunity.

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**We're here to serve you:
Monday-Thursday, 8:00
a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Fridays by appointment.**

4-H Scholarships

4-H offers several college scholarships to graduating seniors. The State 4-H Scholarships are due on March 1st. There are several scholarships available that require the same application. Check the State 4-H Website at http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/index_th.html and click on scholarships for forms and requirements. Pay particular attention to the Babe Coe Scholarship, as it is limited to 4-H members from the Mid-Columbia area.

New this year for Wasco County 4-H seniors is the Rich Tenold Memorial Scholarship. The final details of the scholarship are still being worked out, and complete information and applications will be mailed to all Wasco County seniors within the next two weeks. Rich Tenold Memorial Scholarship applications will be due on April 1, 2005.

Tax Tips and 4-H

Did you know that expenses incurred during your 4-H volunteer work are tax deductible? Expenses including mileage for volunteer work, meals and lodging while on 4-H trips, phone calls, and out-of-pocket purchases such as ‘envelopes, postage, etc. may be deductible on

your 2004 tax return. If you itemize deductions, you’ll want to check out the IRS publication entitled “Charitable Contributions Publication 526, Cat. No. 15050A. It’s available at www.irs.gov. Too late for 2004? Start keeping those receipts for 2005.

4-H Leaders’ Association

4-H Leaders’ Meeting: January 11, 2005

In attendance: Tonya Aitkin, Crystal Conley, Denise Minson, Vickie Young, Molly Simer, Marcia Lewis, Betty Odom, Colleen Sauter, Betsy Hege, Jamie Crouse, Debi Ferrer and Mary Jo Larsen.

Vickie Young called meeting to order. Minutes of the November 9, 2004 meeting were approved. Treasurer’s report: Molly reported she believes the ending balance of all accounts as of December 31, 2004 is \$2,709.78; the books are at the accountant. Committee reports: Horse leaders met, but their minutes have not yet been approved, approved minutes will be available at our next meeting for consideration. Correspondence: None Guests: None

New Business:

Nutrition Program Assistant: Tonya reported there is an opening for a Nutrition Program Assistant; this position will work mostly in the schools and is open until January 20, 2005 (see newsletter for more specifics).

Club Animal Applications: Four applications were received. Congratulations to Goats “R” Us goat club on being selected to raise and show a club animal for 2005. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to come up with club animal selection criteria at a future meeting.

County Horse Classic: Tonya stated there have been a few changes in the horse program therefore we will now have a horse bowl that will consist of judging, presentation/public speaking and horse knowledge bowl. This competition will be held on March 12, 2005 with the State competition being held in April. Horse judging will no longer be part of fair. Gaming competition will again be held in conjunction with fair.

Livestock Clinics/Other Trainings: Tonya asked if there is any trainings we would like. It was decided a livestock clinic that consists of health forms, feed, lamb tail measuring tool, animal husbandry, clean animal forms, advancement stations. If you have any suggestions please contact Tonya.

Market/Pygmy Goat Advancement: OSU does not have an advancement program for market or pygmy goat projects and is not currently working on one. Tonya will check with other states and clubs can work on one to share with the rest of the county.

Old Business:

Cookies to Buyers: We are trying something different this year. Crystal will send each club a list of their buyers and sometime between Valentines Day and St. Patrick’s Day your club will need to deliver at least a dozen cookies to their buyers.

Sheep Panels: Tonya stated our sheep panels will be built during the second semester Ag class. We still have not received any prices yet. Tonya will follow up.

All auction buyers have paid.

4-H Award account deficit: It was brought to our attention the award account is running in the hole and usually is, the leaders’ association usually subsidizes the awards. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed (7 – 3) to raise the fee to enter fair from \$5.00 to \$10.00 with the extra \$5.00 going toward awards. If this change would be a hardship on any 4-H member, please contact the 4-H office as there is a limited amount of money set aside to sponsor a 4-H member.

No other business, meeting adjourned

Is your club looking for a fundraiser?

The Extension office has 4-H candy bars available for purchase!
Your club pays \$30, sells the candy bars for \$52. Supply is limited.

Wasco County Horse Classic

The first annual Wasco County Horse Classic will be March 12th at the Ft. Dalles Riders' Club. Events include horse judging, horse bowl, horse public speaking, and horse presentations. Complete information was mailed to all horse leaders and members, but the event is open to

all 4-H members so if you would like to have the contest and registration information, please let us know. If you would like to come to the classic and learn more about the contest, spectators are welcome. It will be a fun and educational horse event for all!

Know Your State Government Conference

Are you interested in learning more about how your government works? You won't want to miss the Know Your State Government Conference on April 14-16 in Salem. Participants will learn how laws affect teens, how laws are made, and how the court system works. They will get to meet state lawmakers

and 4-H youth from around the state. Many fun social events are planned, and high school credit may be available. The KYSG Conference is for 9th-12th grade students, and the cost is \$120. Scholarships are available, and registration is due March 11th. Contact the Extension office for complete information.

Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum

The 2005 Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum will be held at Taft High School in Lincoln City on April 8th-9th. The schedule includes a wide variety of workshops, displays, and activities for both beginning and experienced 4-H Leaders. Complete schedules are available at the Extension office, or on the web at:

http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/people/volunteers/forum_or_leaders.html

Early bird registration is due March 25, 2005. Consider attending and bringing some fresh new ideas to your 4-H club! Teens are welcome: special activities are planned for Junior and Teen Leaders.

Steer Weigh In

The 2004 Market Steer weigh in is set for Friday, March 11, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Auction Sales Company, and on Saturday, March 12, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Wasco

County Fairgrounds. If you wish to exhibit a market steer at the Wasco County Fair, your steer must attend one of these scheduled weigh in dates and he must weigh less than

Cookies to Buyers

'Cookies to Buyers' is almost here! Each club should receive a list of auction buyers who purchased animals from that club's members in 2004. Clubs will be asked to deliver cookies to their buyers between Valentine's Day and St.

Patrick's Day. Although hand-delivery is nice, mailing cookies is fine for out-of-town buyers. It is important that each buyer receive recognition, so please be ready to participate!

Check out our website:

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

All New Tri-County 4-H Leadership Camp

This year the Tri-County 4-H Leadership Camp will be held April 8th-10th at Camp Morrow near Wamic. The camp is for 4-H members in 7th-12th grades, and now features separate tracks for 7th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade. Campers will still enjoy speakers and social events as a large group. See the Tri-County 4-H Leadership Camp brochure for

complete information.

This camp is planned by teens, so activities are sure to be interesting and fun. Mark your calendar and plan to go this year! The camp fee is \$50, and some scholarships are available. Registration forms are due in the Extension office on April 1st. Non-4-H members are also encouraged to attend, so bring a friend and share

Want to be a Camp Counselor?

Are you interested in being a Camp Counselor, Counselor in Training, or Dishwasher at Camp Morrow? 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 2005 will be from June 15-19, and an additional training session will be on May 22nd. If you are interested, you must fill out an application and attend an interview, as with any other job.

Applications and personal reference forms are on the 4-H website. We can also email, mail, or fax the forms. Applications and references are due in the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on April 1st. Interviews will be conducted during the Tri-County Leadership Camp. If you have any questions or conflicts, please contact the Extension office so we can help you be successful in your bid to be part of the 4-H Camp Morrow team!

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

2005 is the first year of the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Essay Contest. The Dairy Farmers of Oregon are sponsoring this essay contest for all high school students in grades 9-12. Participants can select from one of four topics, and will have the

opportunity to win cool prizes, fame, and fortune. Complete details are available on the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom website; <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu/> or at the Extension office.

4-H Tsunami Relief Fund

The nationwide 4-H Tsunami Relief Fund has been created at the request of 4-H members and volunteers. The fund is managed by the National 4-H Council, with 100% of the donations going to relief efforts.

4-H youth may visit www.4husa.org to vote on use of the funds. Donations must be received by February 21 at the National 4-H Council, 4-H Tsunami Relief Fund, 7100 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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Send in your news and photos; we'll run them in the next 4-H Newsletter.

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