HURRY! 4-H enrollment fee goes up on Feb. 1

You have about three weeks to get your enrollment fees into the Extension Office, before the 4-H $30 enrollment fee (for 4th-12th grade youth) increases to $35 per member.

Even though many members may have paid their enrollment fee through their primary club, if those forms and payments have NOT been turned in to the Extension Office before Feb. 1 (Sunday), they will be considered late and the leaders will be charged the extra $5 per member enrollment.

Any forms coming in without payment (we do have some of those) will be held, waiting for payment. Until those are paid in full, they cannot be considered paid by the Jan. 31 deadline, and the fee assessment (for members) will roll up to $35 before they can be entered into the enrollment system.

AND REMEMBER—The $30 or $35 enrollment fee is applied only to the first two 4th-12th grade members of a household. The third, fourth, etc. members of that same household are charged only the $10 county fee; that fee, as well as the $2 fee for K-3 youth, or Leaders, will not be increased.

We are on Facebook!

The 4-H Facebook page is up and running full steam. Currently we have two main lines of communication in our 4-H world, by email and our Fourthoughts newsletter. It is our hope to add this third means of communication to get the very latest on new and upcoming topics of interest.

Please go to our Facebook page: Jackson County 4-H – Oregon State and “like” our page. We would also like to hear from you in regards to what YOUR preferred method of communication is. Is there something else we should be doing to help spread the word and increase our communication?

Call us or email us at (541) 776-7371, or Kimber-ly.Skomerza@oregonstate.edu ~Kim Skomerza

(Also see associated story on page 8.)
Leader Information

Training opportunities for New Leaders

ALL new leaders and new assistant leaders enrolling in the traditional Jackson County 4-H program are required to attend a Leader Training session. Current leaders will find this training session a great refresher! Some project orientation sessions are optional, but others are mandatory. Attendance is encouraged on all.

Note: All classes not having at least five (5) registered participants will be cancelled, so IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER by calling 541-776-7371!

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General Leader Training

Junior Leader Training

Members in the 7-12th grade are eligible to be Junior Leaders. The following training has been scheduled:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 21**, 5:30-7 pm, Extension Classroom. Pre-register by Jan. 19.

Project Leader Orientations

General leader training offers basic information, but many leaders also need a session which covers specific project information. Project orientations cover curriculum materials, resources, activities, etc. unless otherwise noted.

SHOOTING SPORTS STATE LEADER TRAININGS: Mar. 6-7, in Josephine County. See story on page 4.

A letter from Anne

It was with a deep breath, lump in my throat and a smile on my face that I recently submitted my resignation from the OSU Extension Service. While it is effective January 31, 2015, I will continue to work part-time until July 1, at which point we are confident that my replacement can be on board. I will continue to be a 4-H Leader and parent so will still be a part of this program for which I care so deeply. After 32+ years, it is time to assume a less demanding and time consuming role.

Along with Diane and Kim, our new 4-H Program Assistant, I will support all of the programs currently scheduled, i.e. Youth Leadership Retreat, Interstate Exchange, Food Contest, Presentation Contest.... The goal will be to have everything ready for Fair so that, with the leadership of our wonderfully capable superintendents, there will be a seamless transition. I will still be at Fair so can help as needed. I will also try to get things in place for 4-H camp, so that this important program will continue.

Our new Regional Administrator, John Punches, is working with the state 4-H & Extension program staff to announce the position in February and hopefully plan interviews in April/May. It will probably be a national search. Their goal is to have some overlap time between this individual’s arrival and my departure.

So, I’m not saying goodbye. You’ll see me regularly, just ‘wearing a different hat.’

~Anne

Premium Checks for 2013-1014 fair activities are still available for pickup in Extension Office. Checks include all details of points and premiums earned in “fair-type” county contests and entries. Remember, checks were written only to those members who earned more than 5 points.
4-H Older Youth Leadership Retreat - Feb. 14-16

4-H members in the 7-9th grades are invited to attend a leadership retreat Feb. 14-16 (Presidents’ Day weekend, Saturday through Monday) at beautiful Camp Latgawa. Here’s what the leadership retreat is all about:

- Discover 4-H leadership opportunities in Jackson & Josephine counties.
- Hike in the Rogue National Forest.
- Stay at beautiful Camp Latgawa
- Presentations and sessions on: Becoming a person of influence, officer training, junior leadership, club games, parli-pro, acting like a leader, Flash Judgments...
- Have fun with other 7th-12th grade youth from Jackson & Josephine counties.

THE BASICS

Camp Latgawa: Up Lake Creek, 35 miles east of Medford in the Rogue National Forest. Two gentle flowing creeks. Towering evergreens. Heated hillside cabins, a few steps from shower/bathrooms.

Organizers: 4-H Board of Directors youth members.

County adopts new Permanent Record for 2014-15

A new record form, developed by several State 4-H staff members, including our agent, Anne Manlove, has recently been approved for use throughout the state—and is now required when applying for all Oregon State scholarships, awards, and National 4-H Congress. This new form is called “My 4-H Resume,” which surprisingly looks very much like our own county Permanent Record form that we have been using for many years. The best news is that you can easily fill it out on your computer!

NEW RULING:

Because of its similarity to our own record, the necessity for using it for State applications, and the fact that it is easier to understand and use, our Jackson County Leaders’ Board of Directors have voted that we adopt this form as our Permanent Record starting this year. Therefore all members must start using the “My 4-H Resume” for the 2014-15 year! Members who have already been using the previous permanent record do not need to re-copy past years’ information onto the new form UNLESS you are going to apply for State scholarships, awards or National 4-H Congress soon. (Note: You can always re-copy those early years over at a later time, keeping in mind that your earliest years will eventually need to be listed first. It will take time to do the copy/paste of more recent years’ information to move it all further down on your pages.)

My 4-H Resume is available at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/my-4h-resume. Take a look and see how familiar the form is, yet easier to understand (with imprinted examples on each page).

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4-H 101: Introductory class for new/er members, parents

Record books, presentations, interstate exchange, 4-H camp, scholarships, National 4-H Congress, piggybacking… When members enroll in 4-H there are so many opportunities, but navigating the array of contests, activities and programs can be overwhelming. This class is offered to guide new members and parents through the maze of opportunities. Join us for one session! We believe it will help members get the most out of the program. *Pre-registration is required (call 541-776-7371).

- Wednesday, Jan. 29, 5:30-7:00 pm, Extension Auditorium  Register by Jan. 27

*A minimum of 10 people are required to offer the class.
General Information

New 4-H program assistant hired

As promised with the passage the Service District Measure 15-121 last May, the Jackson County 4-H Program has been able to increase its staff.

Kim Skomerza accepted an offer to be a full-time 4-H Program Assistant and joined the staff on Dec. 1. Out of a pool of 53 applicants, Kim was selected to serve in this new position. She is well-known in our 4-H world through her many past and current volunteer commitments.

Her assignments will include: Promotion & Marketing, Recruitment, Meat Animal Judging, New Leader Support & Mentoring, Social Media and much more. You can reach her at: Kimberly.Skomerza@oregonstate.edu or (541) 776-7371, ext. 213.

Please welcome Kim to our staff.

Fabulous dinner, 4-H benefit auction set for 3/14

Jackson County Leaders Association’s sixth annual 4-H Dinner & Benefit Auction will take place on Friday, March 13, from 6 - 10 pm. in Expo’s Padgham Pavilion The fundraiser will include a full course dinner with a beef entrée, dessert and beverage. A wine bar will be available (for purchase of drinks). Ticket price is $30, or group of 8 (fits a table) for $25/$200.

Proceeds from the event are used to provide scholarship opportunities for 4-H youth members to attend summer camps, regional and state youth conferences, leader and member training programs, Hands-On Agriculture Days, and other programs supported by the Jackson County 4-H Leader’s Association.

A silent and oral auction of generously donated local services and gift baskets including spa, golf, gardening and weekend retreat packages will conclude the evening.

Tickets will be available at Brotherton Embroidery, 419 Pine St, Central Point. For more information, call Cari at 541-621-0955 or contact the 4-H office at (541) 776-7371, ext. 213.

Help support your 4-H program by attending this fantastic event. You will be glad you did!

4-H project changes name, new sources adopted

Designing Spaces replaces Home Environment

The 4-H Home Environment project has been renamed 4-H Designing Spaces. New project materials have been replaced with new curriculum from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The member materials include: Design My Place (4H1900) – geared for ages 8-12; Design My Place Poster (4H1905) – geared for ages 8-12, and Design Decisions (4H1600) – geared for ages 13-18. In each case, youth get to learn concepts related to designing a space, furnishing a space, accessorizing a space, and inspecting and caring for a space.

For resources, go to the state website http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/home-economics (scroll down to “Designing Spaces Project.” And look for new classes at fair this year!

~ Pamela Rose, 4-H State Staff

Local 4-H Shooting Sports Leader mandatory training coming up

The next statewide Master Shooting Sports workshop will be held Mar. 6-7, in Josephine County. Disciplines offered (depending on registration numbers) are: Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.

Deadline for registering is Feb. 25. Details/registration is now available on the 4-H state website at: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/shooting-sports-projects. For more information, contact Sue Hunt in Josephine County at susan.hunt@oregonstate.edu, or Dave White at david.white@oregonstate.edu

NOTICE: 30 Hog or cattle panels wanted by John Cox, 541-261-0485
**Experiencing Citizenship 2015**
*Sunday, March 22 through Wednesday March 25, 2015*

*Experiencing Citizenship*, hosted by the Oregon 4-H Program, is a state-wide event for young people (ages 13-18) to share ideas, have fun, do community service, think critically, apply new social media in civic engagement and more! Teen facilitators at *Experiencing Citizenship* will lead ten Issue Groups to address questions that Oregon agencies are concerned about. Issue Groups will create responses and presentations for those agencies. During one day at the Oregon State Capitol building, teen participants will talk to decision-makers, take photos, and ask questions during tours and workshops there. And most of all, teens will decide how to use *Experiencing Citizenship* back home.

*Experiencing Citizenship* will be held at the Salem Convention Center and Salem Grand Hotel (201 Liberty St. SE, Salem, OR 97301). This facility was previously named: The Phoenix Grand.

**Online Registration is now available.** [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/Experiencing-Citizenship-2015](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/Experiencing-Citizenship-2015)

ALL participants should complete and submit all the registration forms listed on the website (below) NO LATER THAN Sunday, Mar. 1. Late fee of $20 applies between Mar. 2-4.

If you have already registered using the 4-H State's new online registration (Summer Conference), all you will have to do is enter the email address and password that you used to register before; you will then be taken to the screen where you can select "New Registration."

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**Attention high school seniors:**

**Scholarship application deadlines coming up**

**Deadline: On or before Feb. 15**

The Grange Co-op has again announced its scholarship awards program of several $1000 scholarships and one $1,500 scholarship. Go to: [http://www.grangecoop.com/scholarship-program/](http://www.grangecoop.com/scholarship-program/)

Jackson County 4-H high school seniors who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible.

**Required:** 1) Written essay on this year's scholarship topic: “What economic and social impacts does a cooperative business model have on a community?” *(Essays must meet a 500 minimum and 1,500 maximum word requirement to be considered.)* 2) Letter of recommendation from a current teacher, counselor, administrator or employer. 3) Copy of transcript showing 3.0 minimum GPA requirement. 4) Applicants may submit *(in addition to written essay)* a video introducing themselves and presenting their essay, either on DVD or via a link to YouTube.

All submissions must be sent, via email, by Feb. 15 to scholarship@grangecoop.com and must include all attachments and required information in a single email.

**Deadline: On or before Feb. 26 (by 3 pm)**

There are about 15 state 4-H scholarships available (most are for attendance at OSU) to college-bound high school senior 4-H members.

**Required:** Application for the scholarships must be accompanied by a brief *“My 4-H Story”*, the 4-H *Resume*, (both found on the website below), a copy of high school grades, and a copy of official SAT or ACT scores. Go to: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/oregon-4h-scholarships)

Applications for State scholarships have to be in the county office **before 3 pm, Wednesday Feb. 26** (This allows time to review them, fill out a county form, and get them in the mail to the State 4-H Office by the 3/1 deadline).

**Deadline: May 1**

Applications for **local** scholarships (for the 4-H Leaders Association, Dennis Nevin Memorial Fund or Mike Dode Memorial Fund) have to be in the county Extension Office by Friday, **May 1**.

An updated 2015 scholarship booklet listing state as well as county scholarships will be available at the Extension Office this spring.

**Dates to save . . . More information in next newsletter**

Food Preparation Contest, Saturday Apr. 18
Presentation Contest, Saturday, Apr. 25
OSU Summer Conference will be held June 24-27. This event is for 7th-12th graders and features classes, community service, and time to make new friends with youth all across the state. Registration starts May 1.
Looking ahead…. To fair time

Spring Fair, 2015—Schedule Changes for Sheep

There will be changes to the sheep schedule at Spring Fair this year to allow for more activities and fun. The FFA and 4-H Leaders formed a committee to make schedule changes and this is the outcome so far.

The sheep show will be held in its entirety on Friday and Saturday. This allows for a pancake breakfast after the exhibitor meeting on Sunday for members and their families followed by an all-market lamb judging contest using lambs that are in the show. A “Handling Clinic” will be held prior to the contest to teach everyone how to evaluate a market lamb.

There will also be fun and games for youth of all ages as well. Details/schedule will be printed in the next newsletter.

County Fair—Other Changes

In addition to market goats having their own auction show, a few other projects will see major class changes this year, according to the State 4-H staff. Foods & Nutrition, Food Preservation, and Designing Spaces (a.k.a. Home Environment) fair classes will change to provide more opportunities for youth and to provide a better connection with the new curriculum in these areas. (More details to come.)

The 4-H (and FFA) fair schedule will remain similar to past years, however, the fair schedule for the general public will see a reduction. (More details to come.)

State Fair

The State Fair, formerly run by the Parks division, will now be run by an Oregon State Fair Council (appointed by the governor) which took over operations on Jan. 1. With a change in management, many changes are being proposed. Two of these will have a significant impact on 4-H.

The first is a proposal to move all 4-H static exhibits to a new building location putting 4-H in the front and center of the fair with more exposure and visibility.

The second major change for 4-H would be to move horse fair a week later so that it would be included in the rest of fair. This will allow all fairgoers to experience the full 4-H program and our 4-H horse members to experience the rest of State Fair.

The final State Fair plan and schedule will be revealed later in the spring. More news to come...

Some important facts about Facebook...

In this day and age it is almost a given that our 4-H clubs and project areas will have some link to social media, especially Facebook. Due to our recent experience getting control of our own county 4-H Facebook page after two years of being inactive, we have learned the necessity of protecting our “brand” (reputation of OSU and 4-H).

The beauty of our program is that it allows us to be fairly autonomous in regards to our club activity and it is because of the wonderful volunteers that have a passion for the kids and the 4-H program that this structure works. However, sometimes it is easy to forget that we are representing OSU and 4-H.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that all of 4-H is well protected in the case of some unforeseen circumstance. One important area is the functioning of 4-H represented Facebook pages and groups. OSU has strongly suggested that we collect information of all of those authorized administrators of a 4-H-related Facebook page or group. Therefore, we need each of these clubs and groups to let us know who their page administrators are so we can keep them in a file. This will enable us to keep the page going if ever we are called to do so in an emergency. It DOES NOT mean that we plan on monitoring, censoring or making posts to those pages. Remember, it is important to have more than one administrator on those pages. If there is only one, you should add another leader of the club or add someone from Extension to be an additional administrator, such as Kim Skomerza. Once you have done that, please send the information to Kimberly.skomerza@oregonstate.edu and we will put it in the file. We are also available to help you start a page or group if you don’t know what to do. It really is the modern form of communication these days.

~Kim Skomerza

(Note: 4-H calendars are available for leaders/members (one apiece, please) at the Extension Office.)
4-H Leaders Association president wins 2015 Community Service Award

We are proud to announce that our 4-H Leaders Association’s Board of Directors President John Cox, who also happens to be one of the leaders of Riverview Livestock Club, is a very deserving recipient of this distinguished award given by the Jackson County Commissioners.

He has given much of himself over the years to the 4-H program and has served on the association’s board since 2005-06 and as our president since 2010.

This award was presented to John Cox on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at the Jackson County Courthouse auditorium.

Congratulations John!

Pear Blossom Float plans beginning—call now to help

It is time to once again start thinking about our summer parades and 4-H publicity. We will be scheduling planning and work party meetings in the near future to discuss our float this year.

We have a theme already and just need creativity and workers. We will also be considering the possibility of having a presence in more than just one parade—with enough help and support, we could do a float in the Rooster Crow, as well as one of the Fourth of July parades by constructing a float that can be assembled, disassembled and stored and then reassembled again easily.

We want to promote our program and let others know what exciting opportunities await them in 4-H so let’s work together to spread the word. If you are interested in participating in the 4-H float this year, please contact Kim Skomerza, 541-776-7371 or Charlie Brotherton, 541-210-0425.

4-H Open House is big success!

Thanks to all the leaders and members who helped put on the 4-H Open House Saturday, Jan. 10, it was very successful! It was our first major event for the 2014-2015 year and the first of its kind in recent memory.

For over two hours the Extension Center auditorium was filled people and many manned tables by leaders and members who brought their signs, projects (including various animals), and their enthusiasm for the 4-H program. The event attracted many new families as well as existing members to see what 4-H had to offer. In the lobby, numerous new-to-4-H families actually enrolled or left “interest” forms (so they could be contacted later).

Clubs represented included Green Lambs & Ham, Bear Creek Livestock, Rogue Rabbit Raisers, Mudjestic Swine, Gifted Hands, Cultured Canines, Sis-Q-Saddle Sitters, Touch of Class Equestrians, Dare 2 Draw, Rogue Cattle Co., Bots of Power, and Upper Rogue TLC (baked lots of cookies). Individuals talking about their projects included Tanner Brotherton, Raoul Salem, Kim Shelton, Juanita Wright, Heather McAdams, Rachel Cox, Sharon Williams, and Makena, Jazmine and Melissa Clevenger.

Thank you everyone!
**Animal Science Information**

**Cattle A.I. Demo & Ultrasound Pregnancy Evaluation Seminar—1/24**  
All 4-H & FFA members invited

The Jackson County 4-H/FFA Heritage Club, in association with the Jackson County Jr. Livestock Committee, will be holding an A.I. Demo and Ultrasound Pregnancy Evaluation Seminar **Saturday, Jan. 24**, at 10: am at Sutton Ranch, 714 E. Gregory Rd., Central Point.  
All interested 4-H and FFA members are invited to attend. Kent Gutches of Gutches Lumber, has graciously allowed the use his cattle for this seminar. The program will start at 10 o’clock with a talk about how to artificially inseminate cattle and will look at—and even touch (EW!)—a reproductive tract. Then former Jackson County 4-H member Dr. Leslie Richardson will use ultrasound to check for pregnancy in the Gutches’ cattle. This will be a great opportunity to broaden your beef experience and learn about new advances that will help get your heifers bred! It should be interesting, even to those who don’t yet have a beef project, or have only a steer at home.  
A signed liability waiver is required to participate; see: [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/4h](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/4h) (near bottom of first page) to download this form. Rubber boots and heavy jackets are highly recommended!  
To be sure to be on the Heritage Club’s email list, please email Kathy White at whiteranch1@q.com. Any questions, please call Kathy @ 541-941-1660  
~ Kathy White

**Dog project information from State training shared**

Kim and Samantha Shelton attended the statewide Dog Project Training event last October in Redmond, and wanted to share what they learned.  
The two-day seminar included Dog Obedience, Dog Showmanship, the judging system, “putting on a Fun Match,” Educational Displays, the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test, and several others like “dressing the part” for exhibitors, equipment, etc.  
Kim was impressed with the explanation of the Danish Merit System (which is used by most of our fair shows and is explained in the fair exhibitor booklets each year). Some areas, like dogs, have a number grading system and a score range for each ribbon color. She said at the State Fair level, the obedience judge only scored the members and someone else added the scores up. The judge did not know how each member placed until handing out the ribbons. “It seemed very fair and clear cut.” Purples and champions are something extra that we have added to the Danish system, she said.  
At the Education displays class, participants were given examples to judge. Information about educational displays is on the state website under communication projects resources: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/communications-projects](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/communications-projects) and where score sheets and judging evaluation rubrics can be found: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/communications/judgingandawardguidelinesforeddisplays.pdf](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/communications/judgingandawardguidelinesforeddisplays.pdf). Some of the points mentioned in the class included: citing reliability

**BREEDERS’ LIST: Check with Extension Office for other possible sales through spring.**

**Sale:** 5H Hollabaugh & Lilly Family will have a Spring Lamb Sale on Mar. 7, at 688 Worthington Rd, Eagle Point; Cheryl Hollabaugh, 503-881-5925, or Julia Lilly, 541-601-3904.

**Sale:** Melissa Weast will have show pigs for sale this coming year; call 541-89-8930.

**Market animal tagging dates set for 2015**

All 4-H members hoping to sell their market animals at the youth auctions at 2015 Spring and County Fairs, must be pre-enrolled through an active Jackson County 4-H Club AND get their animals officially tagged, at the Expo Fairgrounds. The dates are:

- **BEEF** – Saturday, Feb. 14 (NOTE CORRECTED DATE)
- **MARKET LAMB, GOAT & SWINE** – Saturday, Apr. 18. Clubs will be contacted prior to the events for scheduling (if necessary).
Market Meat Goats now eligible to sell at 2015 Jackson County Fair – No longer specialty market project

Market meat goats will be eligible to sell this year at the Jackson County Fair. They will no longer be considered a specialty market project. This means that a member may take a lamb (Spring Fair) and either a goat, swine or beef project at county fair. Goat members who choose to sell either a hog or steer at county fair can show the goat as a breeding goat or specialty meat goat that will not be eligible to sell. If you have any questions please call Meat Goat Superintendent Dana Childers at 541-601-7262, or call the office at 541-776-7371, ext.213.

Oregon activates avian influenza response plan

*ODA News Release, 12-19-2014*

The State of Oregon has activated a multi-agency response plan following the confirmation of highly pathogenic H5 avian influenza in domestic birds in Douglas County. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is the lead state agency responding to the incident, working closely with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon Health Authority. The US Department of Agriculture’s Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) will play a key role in the response as well.

There is no immediate public health concern due to the avian influenza virus detected in Oregon. H5N8 virus has been found in other parts of the world and has not caused any human infection to date. Avian influenza does not affect poultry meat or egg products, which remain safe to eat. As always, both wild and domestic poultry should be properly cooked.

The H5N8 avian influenza virus was confirmed by USDA in guinea fowl and chickens from a small backyard poultry flock in Winston, Oregon. The flock of approximately 100 birds has access to the outdoors. A pond and a marsh on the premises are frequented by migratory birds. The virus has not been found in commercial poultry anywhere in the US. Surveillance for avian influenza is ongoing in commercial poultry operations, live bird markets, and in migratory wild bird populations.

The finding in Oregon was quickly reported and identified due to increased awareness of avian influenza in light of the high path avian influenza findings in

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### 2015 Rancher’s Choice Market Beef Contest Handbook

The handbook is now available online. It has been revised from last year, including the breeders affidavit, but if you have already had your breeder complete last year’s form, that is fine. Anyone wishing to compete in this contest must turn in their breeder affidavit at beef field day Feb. 14, prior to tagging your steer. If you have any questions on this contest (put on by the Jackson County 4-H/FFA Heritage Club) call Nicole Leonardo 541-261-1819, or Kim Skomerza 541-621-2091.

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### HORSE NEWS:

**Winter Judging Contest**—Monday, Jan. 19
Hippology starts at 5 pm; Judging at 6 pm, at the Extension Center.


**Open Riding Rates at Expo:** $5 daily (if you ride less than 5 times a month), $25 monthly (September through May), $130 Season Pass, Sept. 1-May 31 (best value). A “Camp Host” is on the grounds to check for compliance. Questions? Call Lori Burk, 541-774-8271.

### Learn how to test milk for dairy goat or cow on 1/24

Training will be held for certified DHIA dairy milk testing (for goat or cow) on **Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015**, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Extension Service Auditorium.

Registration for the training is mandatory; call Laura Deen at (541) 826-3258. Cost of the training is $5. Attendees will become certified testers and can bring their own scales to be calibrated at a cost of $12, if interested. Attendees are asked to bring “finger foods” to share with others during the lunch break.

Certified trainer Kathy Sackman of Burlington, Washington will be conducting the training. Anyone with certification questions can call Kathy at (360) 319-8336.
General Information

State Mail-In Archery Tournament November results

Snowy Butte members:
Sr. Bare Bow: Keenan Skudlarek, Blue.
Sr. ReCurve: Emry Timmons, Red.
Jr. Compound: Andrew Rambo, Red; Mason Clark, Red; Sam Radamacher, White.
Int. Compound: Wyatt Ayres, Blue; Jacob Smith, Red; Rachelle Queen, Red; Lorenzo Russell, Red; James Noble, Red.
Sr. Compound: Alec Thornton, Blue; Brenna Blankenship, Blue; Taylor Finn, Blue; Anna Calvin, Red; Kinsey Ayres, Red; Cortlin Russell, Red; Myra Rademacher, White.

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AND, because of the ease of using “fillable” forms, we suggest all members download the fillable forms right away! Please note that there is the single 14-page form (available in fillable or printed format), and the 14 individual section pages of the Resume to use as each page continues on with information of your 4-H activities in future years.

SPECIAL NOTE—all the fillable forms work best when they are DOWNLOADED AND SAVED on to computers BEFORE filling out the form fields.

The “printable” pdf format is ideal for using for your hand-written notes and reminders of what you want to include on your resume, or, if for some reason your computer is unable to utilize the fillable format, and you have to hand-write out your record.

NEW RECORD BOOK HANDBOOK:

All this makes it necessary to again revise our Record Book Handbook that was only recently revised two years ago. Since the new form has several lines on each page dedicated to examples to help guide the member how each page should be used, this shortens what needs to go into the current Record Book Handbook. The new handbook will be available soon.

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If this is your first time using the new online registration you will first have to set up an account. You will need to enter: your name, email address, password and answer two security questions. You will then be taken to the "New Registration" page. Record this information for future registrations. Once you have an account, all you will need to do is log in with the email and password you set up the account with. You will be able to register much quicker, so write down that information and keep it in a safe place.

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ble sources on the front, neat and eye catching, interactive parts, and the importance of filling out explanation cards for the State Fair judges.

The class on the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test was about an AKC test with 10 areas of basic dog obedience that a dog and handler must pass to receive this certification. This test is already in use all over the US and is administered by a certified person, Kim said. “In some areas you would have to have your dog pass this test to get home owners insurance or to be able to rent an apartment.” She added that the 4-H dog program is looking into incorporating this test into the 4-H program.

The class on putting on a Fun Match reminded Kim of what one (Cultured Canines) of the dog clubs here in the valley puts on each year in the spring. “This is a great way to see what dog 4-H is about in a fun low competitive way. I would encourage anyone interested in having a better relationship with your dog to come and check it out.”

The Dog Obedience class explained that it has eight (8) levels, from pre-novice to veteran/handicapped. There is a level for everyone and always a higher level to work on, she said. “It is always fun to watch a dog and handler work together,” Kim said.

She summed it up by saying, “It was a great two day training event. I would encourage 4-H members to look into the dog program.” She added that most families have a dog at home, and the dog project teaches members how to communicate with their dog and have a better relationship. “For the 4-H program you do not need a purebred dog. In showmanship it is on how the member handles, shows, and prepares the dog – not the breed. In obedience it is about how well the dog works for the member. Your 4-H dog will need to be safe with other dogs and people and in good health, but that is all it takes to start a new rewarding project in dogs.”

~ Kim Shelton
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wild birds in Washington earlier this week. This H5N8 virus is the same virus that was found in a Washington captive gyrfalcon.

ODA is advising commercial poultry growers and backyard flock owners to be vigilant with biosecurity measures and surveillance.

“Steps are being taken to contain the disease and we have not diagnosed avian influenza elsewhere in Oregon’s domestic poultry population, but the presence of the virus in migratory waterfowl poses a potential risk to our backyard poultry,” says ODA’s State Veterinarian Dr. Brad LeaMaster. “This event underscores the importance of biosecurity for backyard bird owners. We strongly encourage owners to take biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of spreading the disease. That includes preventing contact between their birds and wild birds. We also want them to monitor their flock closely and report sick birds.”

Backyard flock owners can report sick birds to the State Veterinarian’s office at 1-800-347-7028 or can call USDA toll free at 1-866-536-7593.

Oregon’s commercial poultry industry has a robust avian influenza testing program and ODA conducts weekly surveillance testing and health inspections at the state’s only live bird market in Woodburn. In addi-

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Calendar

January

21  Jr. Leader Training, Extension Classroom, 5:30-7 pm
21  Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
24  Cattle A.I. Demo/Ultrasound Pregnancy Evaluation Seminar, Sutton Ranch, 10 am
24  Training for dairy milk testing, Extension Auditorium, 10 am-2 pm
27  New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 4 - 9 pm
29  4-H 101 Class for new members/families, Ext. Auditorium, 5:30–7 pm

February

1  4-H enrollment fee increases to $35 for 4-12th grade members.
1  Beekeeping Essay Contest due State 4-H Office
4  Board of Directors meeting, Extension Auditorium, 6:30 pm
10  New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 10 am - 3 pm
14  Beef Field Day and weigh-in, livestock scales next to Barker Barn, Expo Fairgrounds
14-16  Older Youth Leadership Retreat, Camp Latgawa, starting in afternoon
15  Grange Co-op scholarship deadline
18  Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
26  New Leader Orientation, Extension Auditorium, 10 am - 3 pm
26  State Scholarship/National 4-H Congress applications due, Office, 3 pm

March

4  Board of Directors meeting, Extension Auditorium, 6:30 pm
6-7  Shooting Sports Leader training, Josephine County
13  All 4-H enrollments due in the Extension Office, 5 pm
13  Leaders’ Association Dinner and Benefit Auction, Expo Pavilion, 6-10 pm
18  Animal Science Leader Meetings, Extension Auditorium, 7 pm
To the 4-H family of (or current resident):

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