

# Clackamas County 4-H Family Newsletter



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## Resuming In-Person 4-H in Clackamas County

**Can we start meeting as clubs/in person on July 1?**

**No**, we are unable to have in-person meetings/programming until Clackamas County has reached government phase 2 **AND** the county Extension office has been approved to enter “Modified Operations” by Oregon State University. That could be as soon as late July, or it could be months away.

**Why does my friend in another county get to have 4-H meetings?**

**Each county’s Extension Resumption Plan is based on their county phase and guidance from their local government and health department.** This allows us to be responsive to local safety needs and make choices about our particular events. You should not assume that you could do something just because someone in another county did it.

**When will the Clackamas Extension office be open?**

**Once we are approved to enter Modified Operations.** The office is open by appointment and phone calls only at this time. The drop-box is available and is checked each business day. Program staff will continue to work primarily remotely until full operations resume. Email is the best way to reach a staff member and receive a timely response.

**After we enter Modified Operations, will in-person events be safe? How can we make them safer?**

**Virtual is still the safest, small groups will be the next best option.** We encourage you to continue virtual programs when possible, even in Modified Operations status. Outdoor events (in open or covered areas) are generally safer than indoor events. But we know some activities just can't happen virtually. For in-person meetings, OSU is asking 4-H to follow the state guidance for [day camps](#).

**Will we need to follow safety rules or turn in special paperwork?**

**Absolutely!** All volunteers will need to complete online safety training and review a list of requirements. Clubs must complete and submit a **Club Safety Plan** to the Extension office (a template will be provided) **BEFORE meetings are held and must include:**

- Attendance sheet (sign-in/out) including all family and friends who are present
- Meeting location/size/area
- Bathroom facilities available (and sanitizing plan before/between/after use)
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) or supplies used

**Additional requirements or forms may be added at any time.**

**What kind of safety rules? What if I don't like the rules?**

**Face coverings, clean hands, physical distancing, no food, and space requirements.** These rules apply to everyone, including family members. If you have families that are not willing or able to comply, they should not attend Extension in-person events at this time.

- Face Coverings:
  - Everyone age 12 and older **MUST** wear a face covering during the 4-H meeting.
  - No face coverings for children under age 2.
  - Youth age 2-12 are encouraged to wear face coverings as long as there is adult supervision.
  - If someone says they have a medical exemption and cannot wear a face covering, note that by their name on the sign-in list.
- Provide a handwashing station and/or hand sanitizer.
- Keep a physical distance of at least 6 feet.
- Observe group size limits and square footage requirements.
- No food at meetings.

**Who supplies the personal protective equipment (PPE) for my club?**

**We will help get you started with a free 4-H Club COVID Kit!** Families should supply their own personal face coverings and bring their own supplies so they do not have to share. Clubs should work together to make sure all safety requirements are met.

**4-H Club COVID PPE kits contain:**

- Hand sanitizer
- Cloth face coverings for leaders and extra face coverings for members and who forget theirs
- Roll of blue tape for marking distances and work areas

Kits will be ready by mid-July, when the office is open for the public. One representative of the club can pick up the kit at the Extension office. Watch for an email with details.

**Can I meet with 4-H people and not call it 4-H?**

**If it REALLY is not 4-H.** We know you have friends and that you may interact with 4-H people in your regular life. But if you intentionally gather with your club, you are violating state law. You will not be covered by OSU's insurance, you risk losing your club's charter, and you may violate your personal homeowners' insurance policy.

## General Interest

**FREE 4-H Virtual Summer Camp**

Since we cannot have the traditional summer camp this year, camp counselors and staff have been working hard to bring the fun of Clackamas County 4-H Camp to your home this year. Registered youth will receive a camp box filled with craft and camp supplies. Boxes will be sent out beginning of July to pair with our Virtual Camp. Sing along to your favorite camp songs, learn crafts you can do at home, and watch some fun skits or listen to the stories you love! [Sign up now](#) to claim your box and gain access to our amazing 2020 Virtual Camp!



## Financial Statements DUE August 1

All clubs are required to complete a financial statement for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. If you were the club contact leader of a club in the last year, look for your statement in the mail. Penalties apply for late statements, and may include:

- \$ \$20-\$50 late filing charge
- \$ loss of member participation at fair
- \$ loss of fundraising privileges
- \$ loss of permission to re-enroll
- \$ loss of bank account privileges



## 2020 4-H County Fair: *Fun like you've never experienced before!*

Up-to-the-minute information about Clackamas County 4-H Fair is available on our Extension [4-H County Fair webpage](#). Class information is in the 4-H Exhibitor Fairbook, available online. Print copies of the 4-H fairbook are available at the Extension office for \$8.00 each – contact [Kelly](#) to order a copy.



## Share your project statewide

Intermediates and Seniors in animal projects, who participate in County 4-H Fair, will be eligible for Oregon State 4-H Showmanship Contests (August 26-September 23). Watch for Clover Comments in July for more information and how to register.

Additional opportunities to show off your project to a statewide audience this year are still in the works. Information will be posted on the [state 4-H website](#) as decisions are made. We are expecting a showcase option for static exhibits as well as Presentation, Fashion Revue, and FCS contests.



## We need you on the CC4HA Board!

The Clackamas County 4-H Association Board is recruiting adults and high school 4-H members. Adult members serve a three-year term and youth serve a one-year term. The board meets monthly. Candidate nominations are requested by September 14. If you are interested or would like more information about board positions, contact [Jan Williams](#).



## Annual income report: Thank you for supporting the CC4HA

**Fred Meyer** – A new fiscal year of giving is just about to start! Please help us by signing up for the **Fred Meyer Community Rewards each year starting July 1**. You can support Clackamas County 4-H when you use your Fred Meyer Rewards card! Simple, one-year sign up (cycle runs July 1-June 30 each year) information [here](#).

**Amount earned (35 families) July 2019-May 2020: \$513.96**

**Amazon** – When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the Clackamas County 4-H Association. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0790867> and support us every time you shop.

**Amount earned July 2019-May 2020: \$75.33**



## Animal disease prevention tips

When moving and showing animals this summer, remember to use common sense and good biosecurity to prevent the spread of disease. Not only can animals give diseases to others of their species, but some of the most serious conditions are those that pass from one species to another. OSU Extension has the following recommendations:

- Segregation – prevent contact of your animals with other animals.
- At shows or events, restrict the use of feed, equipment, and trailers between your animals and other animals; clean and disinfect after use.
- Notify a veterinarian immediately if an animal becomes sick.
- After shows or events, quarantine animals for 30 days; clean and disinfect equipment and bedding.

## Leaders and Older Youth

### Join the 4-H Ambassador Team

The Clackamas County 4-H Ambassadors not only are the premier leadership group in the county, they also have a lot of fun! The Ambassador Team is open to any 4-Her in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade who has been in 4-H at least one year. Contribute to your community, develop leadership skills, enhance your experience for college applications, and round out your record book by joining! Activities include the 4-H promotion and public relations, leading county events, fundraisers, and social activities.

At the September meeting, we begin welcoming new members. Join us on Sunday, September 13, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Location TBD: check at the Extension office or [website](#). For more information about Ambassadors, contact advisor [Daniel Leinbach](#) at 503-593-5802.



### Club contact leaders: Now is the time to think about re-enrollment for 2021

The **Annual 4-H Independent Registration Survey / Club Charter** form will be emailed to club contact leaders in mid-July. **Please respond as soon as possible.** Re-enrollment online permissions will be granted **only** if the form is completed and your club financial statement has been submitted. Contact the Extension office if you need a paper copy instead of an online form.

Families will be able to edit and update their online profiles starting October 1. Members and leaders have access to their own profiles to keep their information updated. Enrollment is a two-part process – payments and certain forms will still need to be turned in to the Extension office.



### Volunteer rescreening starts in October

To ensure that our 4-H members are safe, potential leaders go through a background check. All volunteers are rescreened every two years. This year, we will require volunteers who were born in an **even-numbered year** and who do not have a recent background check on file to recertify before they can enroll. Next year, we'll do the other half of our volunteer pool. Volunteers will need to complete a background check form and continuing education requirements.



## Sign up now for New Leader Orientation

Want to become a 4-H leader? Our next New Leader Orientation classes will be September 24 and December 1. Sign-up for either the morning session, which runs from 9:00 - 11:30 am, or the 7:00 - 9:30 pm evening session. Parents who have significant contact with their children's 4-H club are encouraged to take this class as well. Contact the Extension office for a [leader application packet](#) and information about the online component of the training.

## Awards and Recognition

### Congratulations 4-H high school graduates!

Hats off to the graduating class of 2020! Special kudos to those members (marked with asterisks) who have been in 4-H for nine or more years! Members will receive certificates in July by mail.

Lauren Augustus *	Alex Goldstein	Kalena Sandberg
Hannah Berreth *	Tessa Irby	Sydney Schwenk *
Derek Bourquein	Hanna Irwin	Kendall Shanklin *
Clara Brady *	Olivia Jenson	Hailey Smith *
Colby Burns *	Peyton Knight *	Kai Smith
Tyler Callaway *	Jolie Lathrop *	Shelby Smith
Abby Carey	Becca Lettenmaier *	Marcus Stetzel *
Sarah Carlson *	Gwen McKenzie *	Jenessa Teachout *
Andrew Classen *	Autumn McNaught	Alexy Terry *
Elizabeth Cour	Lily Meier	Faith Varga
Gwen Crump	Henry Mitchell Blau	Natassja Villarreal *
Alex De Lorme *	Delaney Myers *	Elianna Walters *
Natalie Doman	Gracie Neely	Katee Watkins *
Logan Dort	Maeve O'Brien	Mackenzie Widmer *
Cassi Ehrler	Grant Pauli	Hannah Williams *
Erin Esterberg	Emmy Rouse *	Taylor Younger
Kaitlin Gartrell *	Kylee Rusher	

\* Graduates with 9 or more years in 4-H will be recognized at the Awards Night on November 21

### Cap off your year by turning in your record book and win awards!

We encourage all 4-Hers, including 2020 graduates, to submit record books for evaluation. They're due to our office **by October 1**. Our website has information about [records](#) and the awards available. All participants will be recognized at Awards Night, November 21. Many awards are available, including Program Dollars and scholarships. Record keeping also helps in life beyond 4-H, for example filling out applications for colleges or jobs. Want to know more? A record book workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 am to noon, at the Extension annex (it may be offered virtually). Contact [Kelly](#) at the Extension office to RSVP.

### What's black and white and read all over?

Record books! Volunteers are needed to evaluate record books on Saturday, October 10 and Monday, October 12. Training is provided for first-timers at the Extension office on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 am to noon or Tuesday, September 29, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. RSVPs are required for either session. If you can help, contact [Kelly](#) at the Extension office.

## Nominate your leader, Friends of 4-H

The Awards & Recognition Committee is calling for nominations of 4-H leaders who have provided outstanding service for **Distinguished Service Awards**. There are two categories: leaders serving five years or less, and leaders serving six years or more. Selected nominees will be recognized on November 21 at the 4-H Awards Program. Nomination forms are due September 1 and are available at the Extension office and on our [website](#).

Businesses, organizations, and individuals that give generously of their time and resources are recognized with the Clackamas County **Friends of 4-H Award**. Each year, we add up to five new awardees to the [list of Friends](#). We invite our 4-H families to [contact us](#) with [nominations](#) by September 1.

## Dog Project News

### Dog Fair

Having a small number of members in the Dog program, there may be the possibility to hold in-person Showmanship and Obedience classes at the fairgrounds if our county and OSU allow in-person events. The Dog Advisory Leaders are working hard to create a schedule that follows the OHA and County guidelines for small groups and physical distancing requirements. Watch the [4-H Dog project webpage](#) for more information.



### Online dog training videos

Looking for help with your canine family member? The Clackamas 4-H Dog members and leaders have been creative and successfully offering virtual dog training, educational workshops, and contests each month! These events have all been recorded and are available to view on the [Clackamas County 4-H Dog Project webpage](#). Online resources include Dog training tips and techniques videos that Senior Dog 4-H members Magee Gilbert, Sophie James, and Payton VanBeek each created, along with obedience and showmanship judging videos by our 4-H Dog Advisory Board members!

## HEARTH Project News Home Economics, Expressive Arts, & Horticulture

### 4-H Virtual Fair static exhibits (exhibit hall):

#### All Judging of HEARTH exhibits and contests will be virtual.

- ✿ Judging will be on Saturday, August 15 and Monday, August 17. Exhibitors will be notified of the exact day and time by email in late July.
- ✿ Most exhibits, Fashion Revue, Performing Arts, and contests will be evaluated through online (Zoom) interview judging where youth will show and tell the judge about the work and skills they have used. Each exhibitor will be assigned an individually scheduled Zoom time. Schedules and any information needed to be prepared for judging will be emailed in late July.
- ✿ Directions for entering individual projects (such as Photography, Creative Writing, Educational Displays, Recipe Books and Look Books) will only require a photo or video to be submitted, in which case the judge will send an evaluation back to the members after judging. Specific information about when and how to enter each exhibit listed on your fair entry forms will be sent to that member in late July.

## Reminders for County Fair

**Exhibits** – Check the [Clackamas County 4-H Fairbook](#) and the [Static Exhibit Requirements](#) carefully when preparing your exhibits. All items need to fit the class in which it is entered and almost all require an Explanation Card (see the links in the fairbook). Please complete the cards for judging. Class changes will be limited and **no classes may be added**. Remember you must have all your photo entries in by the deadline.

**Clothing & Sewing** – Members must adhere to clothing construction level skills. Projects will be judged at the level appropriate for the skills demonstrated regardless of the age or previous skill level of the member. Refer to [Oregon 4-H Clothing Project Guidelines for Leaders](#) for skills appropriate to each level. This resource is available at the Extension office or on the [state 4-H website](#).



## Attention parents and leaders

During online Zoom judging, be prepared to allow your members to speak with a judge without any coaching or help from others. Due to time limitations, noise problems, and our desire to help members be successful, we ask that you have them call in from a quiet area at least 10 minutes before the scheduled judging time. We will check their exhibits to be sure the items fit the entry and class before the youth is transferred to a breakout room for their interview with the judge and their clerk. Contact [Jan Williams](#) if you have questions.

## Small Animal Project News Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, & Herptiles

### Tentative 4-H Fair plan

We are hoping to be able to have in-person shows for members who entered the 4-H Fair. **If we are allowed (by county and OSU) to hold in-person events/meetings by mid-August, the following is planned:**

- The Rabbit and Cavy Show will be Tuesday, August 18.
- The Poultry and Pigeon Show will be Wednesday, August 19.
- Cloverbuds may bring their small animal on either day.
- In-person judging will be held each day.
- Members will be scheduled so that we have a small number of people on site.
- Safety rules will be in place.

For those who don't feel safe being judged in-person, we are investigating ways to offer virtual judging slots in the afternoon.

Members must enter showmanship and may enter one conformation class. They can use the same or different animals. Market animals will be judged virtually according to the procedure identified by the Auction Committee. If the member **ONLY** enters market animals, their market video can be used to fulfill the showmanship requirement.



### 4-H Cat and Herpetology judging to be scheduled

Cat and Herpetology members, as well as Cloverbuds with those animals, will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and be interviewed. Contact [Wendy Hein](#) or [Lacey Allen](#) if you want to participate.

## One more Small Animal Advisory meeting this summer

Please plan on attending our Small Animal Meeting on Tuesday, July 21 via Zoom. We will have updates about our fair event. Another topic will be fun and enrichment activities, which can happen if volunteers step forward to coordinate them.

## Livestock Project News Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goats, & Llamas

### Are you ready for 4-H Fair?

Check with your leaders to be sure you have the latest information. Carefully read through the 4-H general rules and livestock rules sections of the [Fairbook](#) and the 4-H website. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for following these rules. If you have any questions, ask your leader or call the Extension office.



### 2020 Clackamas County 4-H Fair

Our County 4-H Fair is going virtual! Most livestock projects will be shown and judged in an online video format. Specific instructions will be sent to each participant who is entering an animal this year, which will include:

- How to record (video) your animal
- What needs to be recorded/included in the video
- When and where the video recording is to be submitted
- Who is available to help with any questions or support with your video



### Attention ALL animal project members

You and your animal must be properly prepared for the show, even if it is not in-person.

- Be sure you are showing the animal you have entered and it would pass the health check.
- Be groomed and dressed appropriately in show attire.
- Demonstrate correct behavior toward and handling of your animal
- The animal is clean and suitably groomed/fit for the show.



### Attention parents and leaders

While we encourage parents/guardians to be active participants in their child's 4-H experience, the 4-H project animal is the member's responsibility. The member is responsible for the care, handling, and fitting of the project animal. Your assistance with the video recording is appreciated, but please refrain from coaching.



### 2020 Junior Livestock Auction rules

To be eligible for sale at the Junior Livestock Auction held during fair, market animal projects must meet the criteria established by the auction committee. A full set of auction rules can be found online at <https://ccjla.wordpress.com>.



### Donald Burns Memorial Award

Livestock youth are encouraged to apply for this special cash award, which will go to a 4-H or FFA member from Clackamas County who wants to pursue a beef project. [Applications](#) must be filled out by youth and submitted by August 1, 2020. The winner will be announced on our 4-H website.

## Horse Project News

### Did you volunteer this year?

Don't forget that ALL hours worked at any Clackamas County 4-H Horse Advisory sponsored event are counted. Last year, leaders, parents, members, and community volunteers donated 5,000 hours to our horse program, at county events such as:

- U Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Presentation clinics and contests
- U Back To Basics, Trail, and other clinics
- U Pre-Fairs and Fair
- U Tack sales and other fundraisers
- U Attendance at Horse Advisory meetings, the second Wednesday of most months, 7:00 pm online via Zoom (and in the future at the Extension annex in Oregon City)

If you have any questions about when and/or how you can help, contact [Staci Farrell](#) at 503-929-4627. We are also looking for a new volunteer to step up and assist with the volunteer coordination position.



### Additional Horse Fair events may be scheduled

Our Horse Fair volunteers are eagerly waiting to hear if and when in-person events may resume. If that happens this summer, they will try to schedule additional judged events in August or September for these events:

- Jumping
- Precision Driving
- Ranch Horse
- Gaming

An awards ceremony recognizing graduating seniors is also possible. Watch your email for information.

## Spring Classic Results

### Clackamas County well represented at statewide contests

Oregon held the annual 4-H Spring Classic virtually in May. This event is a statewide contest for Intermediate and Senior members who have earned the opportunity to compete at the state contests related to their project area(s). Events included Quiz Bowls, Presentations, Judging, and Skills Contests. Clackamas youth took the following top honors:

#### Dog Judging

Intermediate Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:

Jackie Gehred (Medal)                      Natalia Phillips (Blue)  
Tyson Driver (Blue)                        Esa Overturf (Red)

Senior Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:

Magge Gilbert (2<sup>nd</sup>)                        Sophie James (Blue)  
Katee Watkins (5<sup>th</sup>)                        McKenna Johnson (Red)

#### Dog Quiz Bowl

Intermediate Team – Medal. Team members & individual placings:

Jackie Gehred (Medal)                      Tyson Driver (Blue)  
Natalia Phillips (2<sup>nd</sup>)                        Esa Overturf (White)

Senior Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Katee Watkins (Medal)                      Magge Gilbert (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Sophie James (4<sup>th</sup>)                              McKenna Johnson (Red)

**Hippology** Intermediate Team – 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Joie Ellington (4<sup>th</sup>)                              Alexis Burrell (Red)  
Cassidy Mohr (5<sup>th</sup>)                              Audrie Klawuhn (Red)  
Intermediate Team – Blue Ribbon. Team members & individual placings:  
Kaitlin Widener (Blue)                      Abigail Sass (Red)  
Angelina Castillo (Red)  
Senior Team – 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Kate Stamey (3<sup>rd</sup>)                              Lilly Mixon (Red)  
Adalynne Skupa (Blue)                      Cassie Roberts (Red)

**Horse Bowl** Intermediate Team – Medal. Team members & individual placings:  
Kate Stamey (Medal)                      Elle Fadden (White)  
Sylvia Austin (White)                      Abby Sass (White)  
Intermediate Team – 6<sup>th</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Audrie Klawuhn (Blue)                      Lillian Press (Red)  
Elana Bean (Red)                              Kaitlyn Widener (Red)  
Senior Team – Medal & **Nationals Qualifiers!** Team members & individual placings:  
Kaydilayne Weikel (4<sup>th</sup>)                      Jasmine Fairchild (Blue)  
Joie Ellington (Blue)                      Theo Nunn (Red)

**Horse Judging** Intermediate Team – Blue Ribbon. Team members & individual placings:  
Joie Ellington (Blue)                      Alexis Burrell (White)  
Lillian Press (Red)                              Abigail Sass (White)  
Senior Team – 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Hannah Lake (4<sup>th</sup>)                              Amber Haggstrom (Red)  
Kianna Fox (Blue)

**Livestock Quiz Bowl** Intermediate Team – Medal. Team members & individual placings:  
Daniel Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup>)                      Grady Buswell (Blue)  
Rhett Smith (5<sup>th</sup>)                              Emily Werth (Blue)  
Senior Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Brekkan Richardson (Medal)                      Caroline Romero (White)  
Haley Marshall (Red)                      Nora Romero (White)

**Livestock Skills Contest** Intermediate Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Rhett Smith (3<sup>rd</sup>)                              Emily Werth (Blue)  
Daniel Johnson (5<sup>th</sup>)                              Grady Buswell (Red)  
Senior Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Team members & individual placings:  
Haley Marshall (Blue)                      Caroline Romero (Blue)  
Brekkan Richardson (Blue)                      Nora Romero (Red)

**Horse Team Presentation** Intermediates Sylvia Austin & Sydney Kosderka – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Horse Presentations** Intermediate Lillian Press - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Medallion  
Senior Carly Shanklin - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Medallion & **Nationals Qualifier!**

**Horse Public Speaking** Intermediate Abigail Sass - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Medallion  
Senior Rylie Wood - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Medallion & **Nationals Qualifier!**

**Livestock Public Speaking** Senior Brekkan Richardson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

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<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/program/4h/clackamas/events>.

## July 2020 Calendar

Check with the Extension office or [website](#) for the most up to date information regarding location & time.

Date	Event	Location	Time
2	Livestock Advisory meeting	Zoom	7:00 – 9:00 pm
3	<b>Independence Day observed - office closed</b>		
8	Dog Advisory meeting	Zoom	7:00 – 9:00 pm
6-13	Horse Fair Videos may be uploaded	online	
12	Ambassador Team meeting	TBD	1:00 – 3:30 pm
13	CC4HA Board meeting	Zoom	7:00 – 9:00 pm
18	Dog Fair	TBD	
20-25	Clackamas County 4-H Virtual Camp	Zoom	
20	HEARTH Advisory meeting	Zoom	7:00 – 9:00 pm
21	Small Animal Advisory meeting	Zoom	7:00 – 9:00 pm
28	Fair Management Committee	Zoom	6:00 – 7:00 pm

## August 2020 Calendar

Check with the Extension office or [website](#) for the most up to date information regarding location & time.

Date	Event	Location	Time
1	<b>Club/Advisory Financial Statements DUE..... Extension office</b>		
15-22	Clackamas County 4-H Fair judging days	Virtual (TBD)	
25	Metro Awards & Recognition Committee meeting	call for location	7:00 – 9:00 pm

## September 2020 Calendar

Check with the Extension office or [website](#) for the most up to date information regarding location & time.

Date	Event	Location	Time
1.....	<b>DUE:</b> .....	Extension office	
	<b>Annual 4-H Independent Registration/Club Charter, Friends of 4-H and DSA nominations, &amp; Articles for 4-H Newsletter (October-December issue)</b>		
3 .....	County Awards & Recognition Committee meeting.	TBD.....	6:30 – 8:30 pm
3 .....	Livestock Advisory meeting .....	Zoom.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
7 .....	<b>Labor Day - office closed</b>		
8 .....	Metro Awards & Recognition Committee meeting...	call for location.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
8 .....	Camp Committee.....	Zoom.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
9 .....	Horse Advisory meeting .....	TBD.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
12.....	Record book workshop.....	TBD.....	10:00 am – noon
13.....	Ambassador Team Recruitment Summit .....	TBD.....	1:00 – 3:30 pm
14.....	CC4HA Board meeting.....	Zoom.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
15.....	Small Animal Advisory meeting .....	TBD.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
19.....	Record evaluator training .....	TBD.....	10:00 am to noon
21.....	HEARTH Advisory meeting .....	Zoom.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
22.....	Metro Awards & Recognition Committee meeting...	call for location.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm
24.....	New Leader Orientation .....	TBD.....	9:00 – 11:30 am
24.....	New Leader Orientation .....	TBD.....	7:00 – 9:30 pm
29.....	Record Evaluator Training .....	TBD.....	7:00 – 9:00 pm

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### Thank You Michael Bondi

Welcome to our June 2020 edition of Focus On Extension newsletter. It has been a busy three months with remote education, services, and helping in the community. We are dedicating this edition to an individual who has served this organization and community for over 42 years. The legacy of Michael C. Bondi will live on in story after story. Mike has made a tremendous impact on the Clackamas County, the forestry community, faculty, staff, and families. He is always focused on what is best for others. His leadership grew the Clackamas Extension Service from a small organization to what is now the largest service district in the state. He established an advisory council of community members who are involved in the decision making process as well as providing guidance on the annual budget along with the public budget committee. Mike has lead a team that has been instrumental in designing and developing the plans for a new Extension building. Since we are unable to meet in a large group setting, we have gathered stories from many and want to let them tell of their memories or experiences with Michael Bondi. Please enjoy, and when we are able, we will have a celebration to commemorate his retirement.



Mike, enjoy this edition of Focus on Extension dedicated to you. May you enjoy your retirement to the fullest with your wife, son, and grandchildren.

*Leah Sundquist  
Administrative Faculty, County Liaison*

### Mike Inspires Staff and Passion for Service

Upon joining the Clackamas County Extension staff nearly four years ago, I quickly learned of Mike Bondi's deep dedication to OSU Extension and the Clackamas County community. Mike's commitment to serving the community has always been apparent as he has guided and led our Extension team. Mike is a visionary, whether the passion and gleam in his eyes is for the Hopkins Demonstration Forest, the OSU Extension Education Center, inspiring staff with Innovative Funding Grants, or any quality service/support Extension can provide to the community. It has been a privilege to be a part of the Clackamas Extension team under Mike's steadfast leadership. OSU, community members, and our staff have all benefitted from Mike's tremendous work, vision, and passion for service – and will for generations to come.

*Marcia McIntyre  
Master Gardener Coordinator*



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## He is a Lasting Legacy

I have had the privilege of working with Mike for almost 20 years. He has been a friend and a mentor. I have learned so much from him about how to work within the university system and how decisions are made. My second year on the job, there was a budget issue and the university was unable to fund my position full-time. Mike found funds through the non-profit Forests Forever Inc. (FFI) for me to do some Extension youth forestry programming at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. This laid the path for FFI to continue providing funds for Extension forestry education. Mike's ideas and partnerships last.



Mike receiving the Friends of 4-H award in 2011.

Mike has made a strong commitment to serve the youth in Clackamas County. He has been a dedicated advocate for 4-H. Following the passage of the service district, Mike was honored as Clackamas County Friend of 4-H. I think if he hadn't been a forester, he would have been a 4-H agent. He loves the kids, and we even convinced him to be a chaperone at 4-H Summer Conference at OSU. He enjoyed mentoring our delegation and was so proud to see several of our 4-Hers receive recognition at the closing ceremony. He deserves to be proud. We wouldn't have the 4-H program we do without his support and dedication. Mike has left a lasting legacy on the OSU Extension Service and Clackamas County.

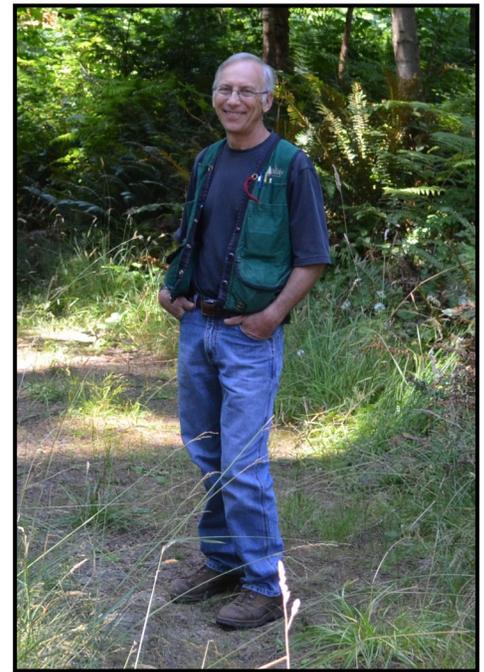
*Wendy Hein*  
4-H Youth Development Faculty

## Engaging Speaker and Gentle Giant

I am more than fortunate to have been able to work under Mike for these past 10 years. When I started in 2010, we were part of the planning team for 'The Small Scale Forestry Equipment Show' at Bowman's Tree Farm. I was able to learn about a lot of forestry equipment, and had the opportunity to meet many of the forestry folk that are involved with forestry. In 2011, he took me to help with a Christmas tree spot for [Fox 40 Sacramento Early Morning Show](#) which was cool!

Mike is a very engaging speaker and I have had multiple opportunities to hear him speak at the Woodland Farmer of the Year banquets and the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association annual meetings. I have appreciated working on the Woodland Notes with him. Mike is a gentle giant, a man of inspiration, a man of vision, hard worker, and a great speaker. He has a great brain and memory for details that I have never seen in anyone else.

Mike, you have worked hard for many years and deserve to just enjoy life. I will miss working under you, for you have been a big part of my time here, working for Extension. Thank you.



Mike at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

*Jean Bremer*  
Forestry Office Support

## Covering Our Communities

Clackamas County community has felt the impact of Mike Bondi's leadership and tenure in Extension in a tremendous number of ways. Over the years, there have been many programs and accompanying sayings which remain with us. One of these, "sharing is caring", completely captures the devotion Mike has displayed with his work at Extension.

Mike and his family have all been part of multiple events over the years. One especially delightful was that early Master Gardeners spring garden fair, when his son, then five years old, sold tomato plants to a couple of hundred visitors at that event. Mike's ever-joyful spouse Connie has been generous to share him and herself, helping to make so many events more wonderful.

Mike's Advisory Council meetings have always been stimulating, through laughter, hard work, and camaraderie, with friendships born thereof. Committee members extending their terms of service for multiple runs is a testament to just how much they enjoyed working on projects with Mike. Many special events at the Clackamas County Extension office and at the North Willamette Research Extension Center have grown to become anticipated "hit" events, each attracting fans and participants who wouldn't consider missing them. The Clackamas County Extension office under Mike's tenure has been a nurturing, expanding, dynamic place of learning for staff, volunteers, and visitors. Everyone who has stepped into that office has left more informed and joyful than they could have imagined, all of which is inspired by the leadership of Mike Bondi.

It's been a privilege and an honor to know such an outstanding Oregon State University employee for all these years which Mike has served.



Mike giving a tour of NWREC on a hay ride.

*Elizabeth Howley*  
*Advisory Committee and Extension Volunteer*

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## Visionary Leading our County

Magnanimity is the virtue of being great of mind and heart, of standing up for what is right, and acting generously for noble purposes beyond oneself. There are few people that I've met in my life who better exemplify the virtue of magnanimity than Mike Bondi. Mike welcomed me to Extension in 2012 as a program assistant, and has helped guide my career for the last eight years to take on more projects and responsibility. Mike is great of mind, acting as a visionary in leading our county program for many years and paving the way for the future. He is also great of heart, caring deeply for each of us, and helping us find ways to collaborate and grow stronger together. I will carry the lessons that Mike has taught me for the rest of my career, with a deep gratitude for all his contributions to our ever-changing world. Thank you, Mike!

*Erin Devlin  
Family and Community Health Faculty*

## Extension Forestry Leader and Mentor

As an OSU Extension Forester, I have benefited from the leadership and mentorship of Mike Bondi for more than 30 years. I first met Mike on a field site in Clackamas County in 1988 when I was a Research Assistant studying hardwood management options for woodland owners. Working with Mike over the years, I have seen first-hand the huge impact he has had – leading the effort to build Forestry and Christmas Tree Extension, and ultimately Clackamas County Extension to be one of the nation's largest County Extension programs. Clackamas Tree School, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Master Woodland Managers, and many other programs developed under his leadership have an ongoing impact across generations. Mike's work provides a compelling demonstration of how University research and education can help people and communities on the ground. He showed me what Extension can do and inspired me to become an Extension Agent myself. Thank you Mike, for all you have done to strengthen our community.



*Glenn Ahrens  
Forestry Faculty*

## Wisdom, Inclusion, and Contagious Passion

Mike, as you enter into retirement, I would like to profess my heartfelt thanks for the years of positive leadership you have given. I haven't met anyone else who has the combined gifts of wisdom, inclusion, and contagious passion for the work we do and you have been the best administrator I've had the pleasure of working for. You've always been so helpful and supportive of me and my young career at Extension, even at times I wasn't brimming with confidence. I'll always remember work we did on the Harvest Dinners and be forever grateful for how you helped me speak in front of the Governor. You've helped me grow professionally over the years I've been with Extension, but I know I'm not alone, because you've created a culture in a growing office that felt like family and have championed each of us. I cannot thank you enough for the guidance that you have provided and wish you only best for your retirement years. Thank you so very much!

*Buffy Rhoades  
Family and Community Health Educational Program Assistant*

## He Shows Up

My favorite memory of Mike is when we drove together to Corvallis and back to negotiate details about my position. After the meeting, Mike gave me a fist bump to celebrate our successful negotiations. As a supervisor, he has been a strong advocate for me as an Extension faculty. Thank you for showing up when it mattered most.

*Weston Miller  
Horticulture Faculty*

## Honoring a Legacy

These past almost two years have been a whirlwind of activity for Clackamas County Extension. I am very thankful to be part of this great team of talented and dedicated employees and volunteers. They are actively engaged and willing to share the load of responsibilities. I was also learning a great deal about a very complex educational organization.

Entering my new role in Extension, my first opportunity to meet Mike Bondi was at the NWREC annual Harvest Dinner. I had only started this big job a few days prior and had already heard many wonderful comments about the leader of Clackamas County Extension. When we were first introduced amongst the melee of activity that evening, Mike was extremely gracious and charming. However, we did not enjoy much time chatting because there is a myriad of prep, planning, and running around Mike undertakes in order to make the Harvest Dinner such an outstanding success. New to Extension, I remember how enthusiastic I felt about my new job after the Harvest Dinner had ended while driving home. Not only was I able to meet many colleagues, eat delicious local food, sample OSU-made beer and cheese, schmooze with the governor and other dignitaries, learn about the cutting-edge research taking place at NWREC and across our region, but I finally had a face to put to a name I had heard repeated in so many circles, that of Mr. Mike Bondi. Subsequently, my opinion of the man has grown to be even more impressed by his boundless energy, diverse skills, notable talents and perpetual integrity.



Since then, I have had the sincere pleasure of getting to know Mike much better. There are few people who work as hard as Mike in this organization. Mike is a doer, not a talker. His efficiency, attention to detail, ability to think big, and endless admiration for his employees, volunteers, and community are both noteworthy and genuine. I am very honored to be a part of Clackamas County Extension while never forgetting I have very big shoes to fill. I have learned a great deal from my two years of mentoring from Mike and I promise to put the knowledge he has generously shared with me to good use.

Entering this next phase of Clackamas County's leadership transition with a smooth handoff has been a successful and important transition. I thank Mike and our retiring Office Manager Roxie Applebee for their amazingly effective leadership. Clackamas County Extension has the largest number of employees, the most generous budget, and the most diverse programming compared to the 35 other Extension programs across Oregon. We also will someday have the most beautiful and environmentally-friendly Education Center building, all thanks to Mike's vision, determination, and fiscally responsible administration.

Presently we have created a new team bringing on board our talented Office Manager and Local Liaison Leah Sundquist. I use the word "team" very specifically. Just like an athletic team, we all play different roles and will take on new responsibilities. It takes a collaborative leadership approach to have a team operate at the highest level. During this transition period, Mike has done a wonderful job unifying our employees, local partners, volunteers, county leaders, and university to form a solid and highly functioning team. Thanks to Mike's vision, he has created stronger engagement and alignment in our organization that helps us define and execute important Extension strategies that ultimately benefit the residents of Clackamas County. Please help me in acknowledging and appreciating Mike's major contributions to improving the lives of the people of Clackamas County through the programming available at OSU Extension, NWREC, and Hopkins Demonstration Forest when you see him next.

**Angela Sandino**  
*North Willamette Regional Director*