November 20, 2018

Today’s T-Time will be brief with little new information. I thought since Thanksgiving is only two days away most people will be preoccupied and a little busy, so I’ll keep it short. There will also be no attachment email.

I did want to pass on some important information sent to us from our Horticulture agent:

**Romaine lettuce is not safe to eat, CDC warns U.S. consumers**

November 20 at 2:51 PM

*Romaine lettuce is unsafe to eat in any form, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday in a broad alert in response to a new outbreak of illnesses* caused by a particularly dangerous type of *E. coli* contamination.

The CDC told consumers to throw away any romaine lettuce they may already have purchased. Restaurants should not serve it, stores should not sell it, and people should not buy it, no matter where or when the lettuce was grown. It doesn’t matter if it is chopped, whole head or part of a mix. All romaine should be avoided.

The CDC alert, issued just two days before Americans sit down for their Thanksgiving dinners, reported that 32 people in 11 states have become sick from eating contaminated romaine. Of those, 13 have been hospitalized, with one patient suffering from a form of kidney failure.

The Public Health Agency of Canada has reported 18 people infected with the same strain of *E. coli*. No deaths have been reported.

“Consumers who have any type of romaine lettuce in their home should not eat it and should throw it away, even if some of it was eaten and no one has gotten sick,” the CDC said in the Food Safety Alert issued shortly before 3 p.m.

Earl may still need help unloading about 400 Christmas Trees on Friday, November 23rd around 12:30 in the afternoon. He needs hustlers, heavy lifters, and good workers. Clubs will be paid for their time and the amount will depend on how many workers are there. Call Earl at 541-530-4698.

**NEW IN T-TIME TODAY**

**CDC Warning** See the message above

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**4-H Association Christmas Tree Sign Up** The 4-H Association is running the Christmas tree lot again this year. It is the major fundraiser for them and the monies go to support so many programs in our county. Clubs can sign up for spot now on the link included below. Weekday, evening shifts pay $25 because it is usually much slower and requires less help. Weekend shifts pay $50. Clubs may only sign up for one (1) $50 spot for now. If they do not fill up I will let you know and then it will be open for anyone
**Christmas Tree Sign Up**

**Youth Suicide Prevention Training Sign Up Online** we now have an online sign-up option. Please register online or RSVP to Holly at holly.burton@oregonstate.edu or call her at 541-672-4461. It will be on Monday, January 7th in the auditorium of the Extension Office. The training will begin at 6:00 PM. This training is open to everyone so please invite anyone and everyone. It is appropriate for both adults and youth. Here is the link for the free online registration https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/douglas/events/youth-suicide-prevention-training

**New Leader Trainings Scheduled** We have one more New Leader Trainings scheduled for this year. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a leader now is the time. Registration for the training is available online.

December 11th  https://apps.ideal-logic.com/osuextension?key=F3T9-25VWY_K9KH-5PTF_e368897c

**Team Management Workshop** Teamwork! A Volunteer’s Toolbox for Effective Team Management. Experienced team facilitators will coach you about learning styles, organizational styles, and conflict management strategies when working with difficult personalities. Saturday, December 8, 10am-3pm. $15/person; includes printed materials and lunch. See attached flyer for more details. You can register at https://bit.ly/2sSp2GH

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**State 4-H Fee Increase** The State 4-H Office has decided to increase their fee to $25/year. Our county fee has not increased, nor do we have any plans to increase it in the foreseeable future. **There is a family limit to the fees assessed.** The state 4-H fee ($25) will be assessed for the first two (2) youth family members who join 4-H. The maximum annual participation state fee will be $50 per family, if paid by January 31st, and $60, if received February 1st or later. County fees will still be assessed for each family member who joins 4-H.

The enrollment fees break down like this:

**October 1st, 2018 – January 31st, 2019**
- $25 Cloverbud (age 5-8)
- $35 (includes: 1st project + $25 State Fee)
- $36 (includes: Horse project + $25 State Fee)
- Add $5.00 for each additional project.

**February 1st, 2019 – May 1st, 2019**
- Add $5.00 late fee assessed by the state office

**Beekeeping Essay Competition** the 2019 National Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only. Cash prizes will be awarded to three prize-winning essays. Essays must be
submitted to the State office by February 15. See attached flyer for more details. Here is a direct link to the criteria: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/documents/8571/2019-4-h-beekeeping-essay-competition.pdf

**FAIR INFORMATION**

**Premiums from Fair and Auction Checks** we still have some unclaimed ones. Stop by and pick them up!

**4-H OPPORTUNITIES**

**Events Around the State:** If you check our new website many of the state events are posted there https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/douglas

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

Teresa

e-classifieds:

- Black Angus market steer calf for sale. April 2018 calf, out of an ABS bred cow and by an ABS bull. Weaned, eating grain and hay. Dixie & Nick Williams 541.679.2323

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