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Dear Coös County 4-H Family,

With a genuine New England winter in our rear-view mirror (mostly), It is time for spring 4-H activities. In these busy times, we all have many opportunities competing for our attention. A wise volunteer I know and respect is fond of saying that "it's OK if 4-H isn't always your first priority, but it shouldn't always be your last either." Get your calendars out and make sure to make time for 4-H.

I am working on a web site for Coös County 4-H and I need your help. Take a look at it and tell me what you would like to see there. Maybe a photo of the week? Perhaps a featured 4-H member or club of the month? You tell me. If you go there expecting to find an item and it's not there, then that is probably a good indicator that it should be. Tell me and I will do my best to get it posted. Here's the site:

<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Coos/CoCNews.htm>

I am pleased to announce that we have added several new 4-H volunteers and a new club in recent weeks. Welcome to club volunteer leaders **Carol Belliveau** and **Arlene Allard**. The club is located in Pittsburg and plans to focus on the dog project which is very exciting indeed since we don't and haven't had any groups active in this project. By-the-way, they haven't decided on a club name yet so we'll wait and see what they come up with.

Perhaps a dog show at the Lancaster Fair will be on the horizon? Let's also welcome **Travis Joyce** of Stark who will be working with the Colts & Fillies 4-H Club and the Coös County Sharpshooters 4-H Club. **Mary Glover** of Milan will be working with the Creative Kids of Milan 4-H Club. Finally, **Marcel Goulet** and **Kathy Burns** are busy as new project leaders for the Lion Cubs 4-H Afterschool Club in North Stratford.

Thank you for volunteering!

As always, your comments and ideas regarding how we can continue to *Make the Best Better* here in Coös County are always welcome.

Yours in 4-H,

Larry Barker  
Coös County Extension Educator,  
4-H Youth Development



## Calendar of 4-H Events

### April 2008

- 1 4-H Approval Form Deadline for Horses Qualifying for ESE
- 5 4-H Horse Judging/Hippology Contest
- 7 4-H Dairy Judging Entries Due to Equine Center
- 8 Coös/Essex 4-H Fair Planning Meeting, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 11 Coös State Activities Day  
Confirmations due, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 12-13 Parelli Equine Seminar, ESE
- 17 State 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, Boscawen
- 19 Regional NH 4-H Volunteer Training, Pembroke

### May 2008

- 1 4-H Approval Form Deadline for Llamas, Dogs, Working Steers, Dairy Cattle, Beef Heifers Going to ESE and Horses Not Going to ESE. (NOTE: Earlier Deadline for Horses and Beef Steers Going to ESE)
- 1 4-H Entry Deadline for Beef Heifers Going to Eastern States Exposition
- 1 4-H Horse Show Program Book Ads Due to Equine Center
- 3-4 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- 5 Teen Conference Applications Due, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 12 Coös Garden Sign-Up Deadline, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 12 Coös Community Service Grants application DUE, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 16 Friends of 4-H Golf Tournament – Canterbury Woods Country Club
- 17-18 NH 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training
- 21 Coös County 4-H Advisory Council, Groveton
- 22 Coös 4-H Gardening Program Plant Pick-Up, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 24 Coös Equine Clinic, Lancaster Fairgrounds
- 26 office closed, UNH holiday
- 29 Fashion Revue Garment Judging Memorial Union Building, UNH
- 31 State Activities Day – Pembroke
- 31 NH 4-H Achievement Awards, Pembroke

### June 2008

- 1 Teen Council Candidate Applications Due from Counties to State Office
- 15 Approval Forms - Due for ALL Swine, Sheep, Goats, Small Animals (rabbits, poultry) and Beef Not Going to ESE (Note earlier deadlines for beef going to ESE)
- 21 Coös County Horse Qualifying Show, Lancaster Fairgrounds
- 23 Coös Equine Team MANDATORY MEETING, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 26 Coös County UNHCE Advisory Council Meeting, Lancaster
- 27 State 4-H Horse Show Entries Due, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 29-7/2 Teen Conference, UNH
- TBA Coös orientation for NH 4-H Teen Conference, Coös Extension 4-H Office

### July 2008 (selected dates)

- 4 office closed, UNH holiday
- 17 NH 4-H Day at the Fisher Cats baseball game, Manchester
- 18-20 State Horse Show – Deerfield Fair Grounds
- 23-27 North Haverhill Fair
- 23-27 Stratham Fair
- 26 State 4-H Working Steer Show – Stratham Fair
- 29-8/3 Cheshire Fair
- 31 Coös County 4-H Advisory Council meeting, Barry Conservation Camp
- TBA Career Development (? theme) field trip, TBA

### August 2008 (selected dates)

- 10 4-H Lancaster Fair - DUE - entry deadline for all livestock, style show, and special exhibits, Coös County Extension 4-H Office
- 12 Lancaster Fair Volunteer Work Night, 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Coös County Garden Judging
- 27-9/1 Lancaster Fair

### Did You Know?



- Effective immediately, the New Hampshire 4-H Horse program has switched to a new rule book. Check it out on the web:  
<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HLearnM.htm>
- Ramona Chessman and Teresa Berry recently returned from the National Youth Leaders' Symposium in North Carolina. They came back charged up and ready to help elevate the Coös County 4-H Horse program.
- Mary McLain recently found a copy of the Lancaster Fair 4-H Premium List. See the related article and take the quiz.
- NH 4-H Camps are filling up fast. Better get your reservation in soon. Brochures are available at the Coös Extension 4-H Office or at <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/4HYouth/Documents/4hcamps.htm>
- Coös County 4-H members who attend NH 4-H Camps are eligible to receive "camperships" from the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council. Applications due June 1. It's dollars that you helped earn....please apply.

### NH 4-H Camps

Now is the time to make plans to attend NH 4-H Camp this summer. A brief glance at the NH 4-H website reveals dozens of fantastic opportunities. The best part about NH 4-H Camp is that you will have a fantastic time and learn quite a bit at the same time -- it is not a bad deal either! Visit <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm> Camp applications are available online too.

Remember that all Coös County 4-H members are eligible for Camperships which are offered by the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council. Applications are available at the Extension 4-H Office and are due by June 1. Camp brochures were mailed late January. If you didn't receive one, call and we'll mail one or check the web.

### OMK Camp

Operation Military Camp (OMK) is an initiative designed to send children of military families to NH 4-H Camp during speciality weeks designed just for this audience. This year OMK Camp will be offered at both Bear Hill and Barry Conservation Camps. Recently, Stark resident and Coös County Extension Advisory Council member, Willy Cowie, spearheaded several fund raisers to support OMK. On March 8, there was a Bowl-A-Thon in Berlin that netted a tidy sum. Thanks Willy & Congratulations to the members of the *Creative Kids of Milan 4-H Club* Bowling Team - Danielle Couture, Emily Letellier, Brittany Letellier, Riley Cornish, and Noah Cornish.

Stay tuned for more news on this important initiative.

### 4-H Animal Approval Forms

ALL 4-H ANIMAL MEMBERS

Please Read this Carefully

Members with 4-H animal projects must register their project animal(s) with their county Extension Office annually. The reason for this is based, in part, on the 4-H philosophy that animal projects are on-going projects and we want to be able to demonstrate progress over time. Four-H shows provide an opportunity for members to exhibit the fruits of that prolonged project effort. Approval forms enable the Educator to know what animals are being carried as 4-H project animals, regardless of whether those animals are ever shown. The good news is that this process is easy as ever since all of the forms have been placed on the web:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HForms.htm>

Scroll to Animal Science Project Resources and click on the appropriate form. Approval forms are updated annually so make sure yours is dated **2008**. Forms must be submitted by the dates listed below. A separate form should be used for each type of animal. Your form will be copied and filed and the original will be returned to you. All information must be accurate. If your registration numbers are pending, attach a note to your form and update the form with us when you receive your registration numbers.

February 1: Beef steers to be shown at

Eastern States. (A special eartag is required to be in place before February 15.)

April 1: Horses that will be shown at Eastern States.

May 1: Beef Heifers that will show at ESE, Working Steers (excluding ESE steers), Dogs, Dairy Cattle, Horse, Llamas

June 15: All Sheep, Goats, Swine, Small Animals (rabbits, poultry), and other Beef (not showing at ESE).

Note: All 4-H project animals must be at least three months by show day to be shown, exhibited or brought to any given 4-H event. For instance, a lamb born on May 31, 2008 could not be exhibited or brought to a 4-H event before August 31, 2008.

### **Leasing of Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Goats, Horses**

Four-H members don't have to actually own livestock in order to participate in the project. They can lease an animal(s). The lease form is a tool which allows the owner to officially give permission to a 4-H member to use the animal as a project animal for the year. It does not necessarily require dollars - that's between the owner and the member. A "Record of 4-H Lease" form must be completed for all animals that are not owned by the 4-H member. There are restrictions on how many animals a member may lease so be sure to study the form carefully. Copies of the Record of 4-H Lease are available on the web or at the Coös Extension 4-H Office. Remember, the lease form is due on the same deadline as the livestock or horse approval form (see previous article).

### **Rabies Requirements for NH 4-H Animals**

Upon the recommendation of the New Hampshire State Veterinarian, all mammals shown or exhibited at New Hampshire 4-H events including fairs, shows, clinics, 4-H club meetings, county activities day or any other event sponsored by 4-H, must have a current inoculation for rabies given at least 30 days prior to the event. A licensed veterinarian administered rabies vaccination is recommended. Always check with individual fair regulations for their requirements as some may require veterinarian certification.

Rabies vaccinations cannot be given to 4-H animals under three months of age AND we require the vaccination be given at least 30 days prior to exhibiting an animal. All 4-H project animals must be at least four months of age by show day to be shown, exhibited or brought to any 4-H event. For instance, a lamb born on April 31 could not be vaccinated until July 31 and couldn't be exhibited or brought to a 4-H event before August 31. Always check the fair book for the deadlines for the show you plan to participate in.

Other health requirements vary by species and show. Individual shows and fairs may have additional vaccination and health requirements as recommended by the New Hampshire State Veterinarian's office. Always check the fair book for additional health requirements.

### **NH 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training, May 17-18**

The 4-H shooting sports project is proving to be very popular in New Hampshire of late. If you would like to get involved, then save the weekend. This is when the New Hampshire 4-H Shooting Sports Program will host a workshop to certify volunteer leaders at the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin. This training is designed for current 4-H volunteers as well as those who wish to become involved in the 4-H program. Shooting experience is not essential, but a willingness to learn about how to work effectively with youth is. Teen leaders 16 and older are welcome. Certified teen leaders must work under the direct supervision of a certified adult instructor. Folks from out-of-state are welcome.

## NH 4-H Teen Conference

Do You Want To:

- ◆ Meet New Friends?
- ◆ Have Some Fun While Learning Something New?
- ◆ Develop Leadership Skills?

Then...join other teens from across New Hampshire and neighboring states at the University of New Hampshire for the 30th Annual Teen Conference. The conference is open to all teens completing the 8th grade (or age 14 by 6/29/08) up through 12th grade.

NH 4-H Teen Conference is planned by teens and for teens. Coös County has 3 teens working on the State 4-H Teen Council - Caleb Mason, Brooke MacKillop, and Page MacKillop. Let's support them by sending a huge group of Coös County teens. Each day is packed with fun educational activities and social time. Stay at the UNH dorms and eat at the college dining halls.

To register, teens need to complete and send there registration to the Coös Extension 4-H Office **no later than May 5**. Call us today to learn how to register.

## Community Grants

Once again, there will be a gardening / community beautification grant program for Coös County 4-H Clubs. The idea is to provide "seed" money (get it?) so that clubs can purchase seeds, bulbs, plants and/or supplies for a community beautification project. We will also entertain requests for funds for just about any other community service project.

To apply, simply write a letter of intent to the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council outlining both what you would like to do and your anticipated costs. The deadline for applications is **May 12**. Clubs may apply for up to \$100.

## Friends of 4-H Golf Tournament

Here's a win - win deal. Go golfing and support 4-H! **May 16** is the date and the event is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Tom Fairchild Friends of 4-H Golf Tournament at the Canterbury Woods Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire and all proceeds go to support NH 4-H youth and volunteers. To learn more about opportunities to play or sponsor the event, check it out on the web:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/Docs/4HFoundn/foundglf.htm>



## Play Ball - Coös County 4-H!

It was so much fun last year that we're going to do it again! July 17 is NH 4-H Day at the New Hampshire Fisher Cats ball park in Manchester! Coös County 4-H will be hiring a bus and traveling to the game in style (assuming we can get enough people together). It promises to be great fun! NH 4-H members will even throw out the first pitch! The NH Fisher Cats team is a professional minor league baseball team. They have a beautiful new ballpark on the banks of the Merrimack River.

Everyone is invited - 4-H members, 4-H families, friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$8.00 (children under 3 are free) and this includes transportation! Part of the proceeds will support the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire. We will depart Coös County in the late afternoon and return sometime around 11:00 p.m. We hope that those connected with 4-H wear green so that we are noticeable in the stands.

To sign up, send a check payable to "Coös 4-H" (# of tickets \_\_\_x \$8 ) to the Coös Extension 4-H Office. Bring the whole club, the whole family, your team, everyone.....it'll be a blast!

## Lancaster Fair News

Isn't it a bit early to start thinking about the Lancaster Fair? Not at all. In fact, volunteers from Coös and Essex Counties met last week to start the planning. There will be some minor updates in the 4-H Premium List. One of the chief themes / topics of discussion was premium levels. A study of other 4-H fairs in the region reveals that Lancaster is very generous. However, we did make some adjustments to premium levels to generally reflect a 100%, 75%, 50% distribution pattern for premium dollars for blue, red, and white ribbons. That is, if a blue ribbon is worth \$1.00, then red garners 75¢ and a white yields 50¢. It's not always applied precisely, but will be strived for.

The group also discussed the decorations for the 4-H Hall and the consensus was that last year the building looked great. Several models are being considered for the shelving used in the middle aisle. However, the idea of hanging 4-H T-shirts and banners from the rafters was well received and will be our practice again this year.

What is an appropriate dress code for 4-H members participating in the fair? This was another topic tackled by the group - particularly as it applies to livestock exhibitors and showing attire. You'll see some updated language in the Premium List and in show materials. Livestock exhibitors should know that those not strictly adhering will find themselves at the bottom of their classes or perhaps even excused from the show ring.

The Dairy Bar was on the agenda too. The two counties came up with a more definitive plan on how to share profits that is based on how many shifts each county fills. The price list received some very minor price increases. A milk shake will still be a great deal at \$2.50 (\$3.00 for extra ice cream). We're looking for a new dipping freezer for ice cream and ask that everyone help us in this search. We would love to have one donated. Finally, it's a pleasure to announce that Larry & Joan Vars will once again serve as the coordinators for the Dairy Bar in 2008!

Lastly, the poor condition of the poultry/rabbit area was noted. Any clubs willing to take this on as a project are encouraged to contact the Coös County Extension 4-H Office. It won't require any dollars, just some time and sweat. Any takers?

### **Lancaster Fair 1966**

Mary McLain recently discovered an old Lancaster Fair 4-H Premium list from 1966. It has been posted on the web: <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Coos/CoCNews.htm>

Take a look at the following items and try to guess whether it is the status today or back in 1966. Answers on the last page of this newsletter. Hint: some things haven't changed.

1. The Lancaster Fair was held from Friday to Monday.
2. 4-H members are defined as age 9 - 19.
3. Exhibits must remain in place in the 4-H hall until 6:00 p.m. on Monday.
4. Poster size is defined as 14"x 22" and the top premium is 50¢.
5. Small knitted or crocheted articles such as a pair of mittens yielded premiums of \$1.50, \$1.00, or 50¢.
6. Livestock Rules
  - a. All livestock must be owned by the 4-H member and registered in his or her name only.
  - b. Those who were not living at home during the school year or who have completed 1 semester of college are ineligible to exhibit.
  - c. Dr. Clarence Dearborne is the State Veterinarian.
  - d. Care Animals: Hay and bedding will be provided as part of the premium.
  - e. The 4-H Dairy Show begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.
  - f. The 4-H Dairy Bar serves the best milkshakes on the grounds.
  - g. There is an entry fee for 4-H members showing their livestock in the Open show.
  - h. There are higher premiums for purebred dairy animals than for grade animals.
  - i. Herdsmanship is an important competition for which premiums are awarded.
7. Only girls participate in the 4-H style show.
8. The 4-H Horse show is held on Thursday.
9. All 4-H entries for the fair are due on August 20.

Look to the back of the newsletter to see how you did.

## 2008 Coös 4-H Garden Program

Coös County has a very strong 4-H gardening tradition. It is a great way for members to learn and grow during the summer months. Further, the Lancaster Fair provides a great way for members to exhibit the "fruits" of their labor. The major parts of the Coös County 4-H gardening program in 2008 will include:

1. Tom Gill Memorial Seedlings Program
2. Garden Seeds
3. Gladioli Bulbs
4. Soil Testing
5. Plant pick up day
6. Garden judging

**IMPORTANT:** 4-H members must complete the sign up form at the end of this newsletter and return the completed form to the Extension Office by **May 12**. No late sign-ups will be accepted.

### 1. Tom Gill Memorial

Way back in 1945 Tom Gill Sr., a florist of Berlin, NH, provided 4-H members in Coös County with many vegetable plants over a period of about fifteen years. The original purpose of the program was to experiment with different plant varieties to see how they survived in the North Country. In exchange for the free plants, the 4-H members were obligated to give feedback regarding their successes and failures. In August 1971, "Tom" died; but the Kiwanis Club of Berlin and the Gill family have decided to carry on the program as a memorial.

These are the original objectives for the contest which will be conducted on a three-year cycle. Objectives:

- ▶
- ▶ To provide 4-H Club members with new varieties of plants.
- ▶ To encourage Club members to keep growth and production records so that the information may be used by other gardeners.
- ▶ To provide competition among Club members in the garden program for the purpose of encouraging good garden practices.

### 3. Gladioli Bulbs

Coös County 4-H'ers are only permitted to participate in the Tom Gill program for three consecutive years. Approximately six plants of each variety are provided to each participant at no charge by "Gills Flowers" in Berlin. All 4-H members (age 8 or older) who have not participated before are eligible for the first year competition. Below are lists of those eligible for years 2 & 3. \*Please let us know if our records are not accurate.

Eligible for 2nd year in 2008 -  
Completed 1st year in 2007

Jason Atwood  
Jamie Atwood  
Nelson Chapple  
Ryan Chapple  
Monica Couture  
Emily Day  
Jourdain Goulet  
Natalie Hakey  
Eric Howarth  
Corey Howarth  
Samantha Humphreys  
Brandon Morrissette  
April Smith  
Rory Stapleton  
Sarah Whiting

Eligible for 3rd year in 2008 -  
Completed 2nd year in 2007  
NONE

### 2. Seeds

The Coös County 4-H Advisory Council provides free seed packages to interested 4-H members. There are three packages available:

GROUP I	Carrots, Cucumbers, String Beans
GROUP II	Carrots, Cucumbers, String Beans, Beets, Winter Squash
GROUP III	Carrots, Cucumbers, Beets, Winter Squash, Early Corn, Pumpkins

No mixing is allowed. Participants in the seed program are encouraged to keep accurate records on their gardens.

Coös County will once again offer you gladioli

bulbs. The price this year is 15¢ each and the maximum order size is 25 bulbs. Colors will be mixed. Unfortunately, you cannot choose colors. Fact sheets and record sheets are provided with all bulbs. Participants are encouraged to keep careful records and to show their flowers at the fair. Please sign up for the number of bulbs you want.

#### 4. Soil Testing

We will once again offer this valuable service to interested 4-H members. If you have had your soil tested in the last three years, it is not necessary to retest unless you are experiencing problems. The Coös County 4-H Advisory Council absorbs the costs associated with this program so there is no charge to the 4-H member.

#### 5. Pick-up Day

We will again be holding an educational garden workshop in conjunction with plant pick-up. The date will be Thursday evening, May 22. We will fill all who sign up in on the logistical details once they are finalized.

#### 6. Gardens will be judged in mid-August

Gardens will be judged on August 20. We will give you a call in early August to remind you. The judge will come to your garden and this will allow you to show off all of your hard work. Of course, you will also want to show the same produce at the Lancaster Fair. A complete list of rules for the Tom Gill Memorial Garden Program will be furnished to each 4-H member.



## Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum

*Save the Dates - October 23-26, 2008*

This is BIG! New Hampshire will be hosting the Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum (NERVF) on October 23-26. How big? "Northeast" refers to all eastern states north of and including West Virginia. That's big. The NERVF is an opportunity for 4-H Leaders from the 13 states in the Northeast Region to come together for a long weekend of fun, learning and networking with other leaders. A sample of the Conference Activities include:

- ▶ Tours
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Inspiring Speakers
- ▶ Evening Entertainment including - NH Humorist Rebecca Rule, and Musicians, The Shaw Brothers
- ▶ 4-H Talent Revue
- ▶ Optional Trip to the Keene Pumpkin Festival

There will be lots of opportunities for NH 4-H leaders to work as a volunteer as well as to participate in the Forum. We'll keep you posted on these opportunities as the date gets closer.

On-line reservations will be open in early May on web. Cost will be approximately \$325 for the entire 4 days. Generous scholarships will be available for all enrolled Coös County participants through the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council. Meals, Activities, Tours and Workshops are included (some evening activities may carry an additional fee).

Room Reservations should be made directly with the Radisson Hotel. To get the group rate of \$109 for up to 2 people and \$119 for a triple or quad, call 603-625-1000 and ask for Reservations. The promotional code is: NELFVC

Check out the web site to learn more - and don't forget to save the dates!

<http://extension.unh.edu/4h/4HVol/08NEVF.htm>



## Leader Tips for Teaching Projects

Try these methods to enhance project learning:



- ▶ Encourage inquisitiveness, show where and how to find answers to questions.
- ▶ Brainstorm creative solutions.
- ▶ Ask questions.
- ▶ Encourage members to become more independent and make their own decisions.
- ▶ Encourage individual expression within the group.
- ▶ Use a short, simple demonstration or illustrated talk.
- ▶ Involve members in role playing.
- ▶ Combine teaching methods that allow members to use all five senses.
- ▶ Praise and reward good work, interest, cooperation and the acceptance of responsibility.
- ▶ Avoid overly competitive situations.
- ▶ Avoid comparing efforts of one child to another.
- ▶ As appropriate, use games during meetings to increase energy level and fun.

## Equal Opportunity

In the New Hampshire 4-H program we welcome all youth, their families, and other volunteers to participate in the program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Many materials can be made available in alternative formats for ADA clients. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964

## State 4-H Advisory Council

Are you interested in increasing your leadership, communication and teamwork skills while serving on a youth and adult partnership team? Would you like to have a hand in

helping to guide the NH 4-H program? The newly-formed State 4-H Advisory Council is hitting it's stride and looking for teen and adult members from Coös County. The purpose of the group is to strengthen and enhance the 4-H Youth Development program in the state of New Hampshire. Provide a communication link between participants-youth & adult, alumni, partners, 4-H Foundation, staff and those interested in the New Hampshire 4-H Youth Development program. Provide information and recommendations to the Program Leader, 4-H Youth Development.

Teens must be 14 or older. The Council meets three (3) times annually. Contact the Coös County Extension 4-H Office if you would like to learn more.

## STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS

### NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl

Coös County has been well represented at recent horse project events held at the state level. Horse Quiz Bowl was held in February. The objectives of this event is to allow youth to: showcase their horse knowledge; build team and communication skills; meet other horse project members; and to have fun. Members participate both as individuals and as a member of a team. The Coös Juniors had a good day. Christina Morin finished an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the individual competition. The team of Mckenna Burke, Christina Morin, Cora Stapleton, and Dan Call finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. In the Senior division, Ashley Devost and Dan Berry teamed up with some 4-H members from Merrimack County and their team had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish! Great job!

### NH 4-H Hippology Contest

The New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest is a comprehensive, skill-based competition where youth demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry. Practical application of knowledge and skills through hands-on and written tests, skill stations and a horse judging contest are components of this contest. The Coös Seniors, Ashley Devost, Abra Wolin, and Dan Berry placed 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively. Erica Langkau earned a blue ribbon and Mckenna Burke a red in the Junior division.

## Coös County 4-H Demonstration Day

What fun we had back on March 29 when 4-H members from all corners of the county gathered for this big annual event at the White Mountains Community College in Berlin. We doubled the number of participants from last year with just under 70 youth participating. If your club hasn't been involved in Demonstration Day it is something you should really consider for next year. It represents a wonderful opportunity for youth to gain experience presenting themselves in a public speaking exercise or express themselves through the poster or photography contest. Plus, it's really fun.

One of the purposes of the day is to select those 4-H members age 12 and older who will represent Coös County at State Activities Day in May. Congratulations to the following members who earned this distinction:

### Action Exhibits

Elissa Dyer  
Kelly Mason

### Public Speaking

Benjamin Laflam  
Caleb Mason

### Demonstrations

Jacob Brady  
Mckenna Burke  
Erica Langkau  
Dan Call  
Molly Lashua  
Christina Morin  
Cindy Ward

### Posters

Elissa Dyer  
Jonathan Whiting  
Kelly Mason

### Photography

Elissa Dyer  
Emma Ainsworth

## Answers to Quiz - Lancaster Fair Today or 1966

1. 1966
2. 1966
3. 1966 & today
4. Poster size is still 14x 22, but the premium today is much higher...up to \$6.00
5. 1966...not bad.
6. Livestock Rules
  - a. 1966
  - b. 1966
  - c. 1966
  - d. 1966 & today
  - e. 1966 & today
  - f. Today
  - g. 1966
  - h. 1966, about 50% higher. In fact, no non-registered animals were permitted in any 4-H classes for beef, swine, & sheep.
  - i. 1966 & today
7. 1966.
8. Today...no 4-H horse show at the fair in 1966,
9. 1966 today it's August 10

How did you do?



## 2008 Coös County 4-H Garden Program Order Form

Please read the program descriptions in the newsletter before ordering.

All orders are due at the Coös County Extension 4-H Office, 629A Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584 --  
**no later than May 12. No late orders will be accepted.**

4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

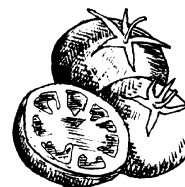
### TOM GILL

Yes, I am interested in participating in the Tom Gill Gardening Program.

First year \_\_\_\_\_ tomatoes, peppers, marigolds

Second year \_\_\_\_\_ tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, broccoli

Third year \_\_\_\_\_ tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, broccoli, petunias



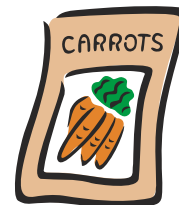
### GARDEN SEEDS

Yes, I am interested in receiving garden seeds this year (check group that you are interested in receiving).

Group 1 \_\_\_\_\_ carrots, string beans, cucumbers.

Group 2 \_\_\_\_\_ carrots, string beans, cucumbers, beets, winter squash.

Group 3 \_\_\_\_\_ carrots, cucumbers, beets, winter squash, early corn, pumpkins.



### GLADIOLI BULBS

Yes, I would like to receive gladioli bulbs (**maximum order - 25 bulbs**).

Number of bulbs \_\_\_\_\_ x 15 cents each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ payment enclosed.

Please make checks payable to "Coös 4-H Youth Development."

### SOIL TESTING

Yes, I would like to have my soil tested (we will mail you testing information).