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Dear Coös County 4-H Family,

This issue of Across Coös is packed with accounts of just a few of the tremendous accomplishments of our members and volunteers. For example, Nancy Rexford celebrated 40 years as a 4-H leader this fall. What commitment! Think of all of the lives Nancy's touched over 4 decades of 4-H. I hope that you'll take a moment to read about some of the more noteworthy achievements.

We are fortunate to have some new volunteers to welcome to Coös County 4-H. Chris Joyce of Stark recently enrolled as a 4-H leader. He is a busy college student, but Chris plans to make time for 4-H. North Stratford's Suzanne Goulet has been working with the Lion Cubs 4-H Club for some time and doing a fantastic job. Finally, Paulette McKeeman is the new organizational leader for the Coös Creators and loving it. We have lots of other folks in the process of getting enrolled. Welcome!

There have been some big changes on the national scene and club leaders need to be sure to read the article about the tax exempt status. We'll try to make the transition on this one as easy as possible. Of course, please contact us with your questions. We've been through the changes with a few clubs already and can probably save you some hair pulling frustration.

There are lots of great opportunities on the 2008 calendar. In particular, I am hoping that Coös County will have strong participation in the NH 4-H Teen Conference in June as well as the North East Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum (NERVF) in October.

Three Coös County 4-H members - Caleb Mason, Page MacKillop, and Brook MacKillop - are serving on the State 4-H Teen Council. Let's support their hard work and dedication by sending a huge delegation to Teen Conference. NERVF is being hosted by New Hampshire this year! Enough said.

As always, your comments, criticisms, and ideas for improvement are always welcome.
Happy 2008!

Regards,

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

CALENDAR - Mark Your Calendars

JANUARY 2008

- 1 office closed, UNH holiday
- 12 National Conference, National Congress, and Dairy Conference Interviews
- 17 State 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, Boscawen
- 18 State Horse Quiz Bowl entries due, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 19 Snow Date For National Conference/National Congress/Dairy Conference Interviews
- 21 office closed, UNH holiday
- 23 Coös County 4-H Advisory Council meeting, Stark

FEBRUARY 2008

- 1 Approval Forms for Beef Steers going to ESE and ESE Entries Due
- 1 Info posted on web for the following events:
Horse Show Ad Sales
- 2 State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl, Belmont
- 8-9 Farm & Forest Expo Center of NH – Radisson, Manchester
- 9 Let's Go Ice Fishing Workshop, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 20 Coös Horse Project Winter Planning Meeting, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- TBA Coös/Essex Fair Meeting, TBA

MARCH 2008

- 3 Eastern States Trustee 4-H Scholarship Applications Due to State Office
- 8 4-H Operation Military Kids Camp Bowl-A-Thon fund raiser, Berlin
- 14 4-H Horse Judging/Hippology Contests Entries Due to State 4-H Office
- 21 Coös County 4-H Demonstration Day entries due, Coös Extension 4-H Office
- 26 Coös County 4-H Advisory Council meeting, Groveton
- 27 Coös County Extension Council meeting
- 29 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl – Walpole
- 29 Coös County 4-H Demonstration Day (snow date 4/5)
- 29-7/3 National 4-H Conference - National 4-H Center
- TBA Coös 4-H Shooting Sports special interest workshop, Lancaster

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Dalton's Matthew LaRoche earned the 2007 Coös County 4-H Advisory Council College scholarship. He's attending Lyndon State College (VT) and loving it!
- ◆ Those attending the "Teaching Fine Arts to Children" workshop on October 20 in Whitfield included Wava Baker, Nancy Rexford and Katie Burns. Teaching Needle felting was June Brooks.
- ◆ Nancy Rexford and Karen LaRoche attended the annual meeting of the 4-H Foundation of NH. Nancy was recognized for 40 years as a 4-H volunteer! Congratulations and thank you Nancy.
- ◆ Elissa Dyer has been the top overall 4-H salesperson for cookies and candy bars for an amazing 5 years! That's incredible! Thanks Elissa.
- ◆ Teresa Berry coached the NH State 4-H Hippology team that competed at the National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Kentucky back in November. 4-H member Kate Phillips was on NH's team that placed 7th overall. Way to go!
- ◆ Effective January 2, 2008 all items in the National 4-H Curriculum catalog will be sold at a single point of service through National 4-H Supply Service at: www.4-hmall.org (click on the 4-H Curriculum tab).
- ◆ Former Coös 4-H member Mary Glover was an ALL-STAR counselor at Barry Conservation Camp last summer. Great job Mary!

WONDERS OF WASHINGTON

It is with great disappointment that we recently announced that we did not recruit adequate numbers to conduct the scheduled 2008 summer trip to Washington, D.C. It is a subject that will be revisited by the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council at the January meeting.

We are also looking at the possibility of joining Maine and Vermont because they are planning a trip this summer. Contact the Extension 4-H Office for more information.

LET'S GO ICE FISHING

If you'd like to learn more about "hard water" fishing, then you are in luck. UNHCE 4-H program is teaming up with volunteers from NH Fish & Game to conduct a one day ice fishing workshop on **February 9** at the North Country Resource Center in Lancaster.



This session promises to be a lot of fun and demand will be high. Youth who attend must bring an adult. Class size is limited and registrations are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis. Call Coös Extension 4-H Office to learn more or to sign up.

WINTER HORSE PLANNING MEETING

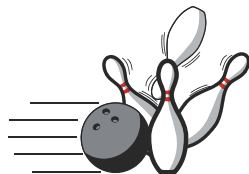
February 20 is the date of the Coös County 4-H horse project winter planning meeting. All interested teens and adults are welcome. We'll meet at the Coös Extension 4-H Office starting promptly at 6:30 p.m.



The purpose is to firm up plans for the spring and summer: what types of clinics will we hold; get updated from the happenings at the State 4-H Horse Advisory Council meeting; set the dates for qualifying show and state team meetings; and much more. We hope that all interested parties will feel welcome to join us.

BOWLATHON

There is an exciting opportunity coming up for Coös County residents to support Operation Military Kids (OMK).

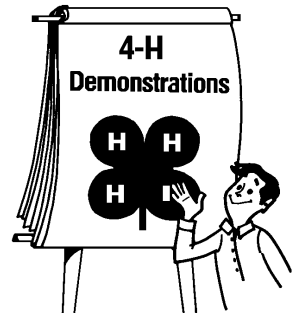


There will be a Bowl-A-Thon fund raiser at the lanes in Berlin on **March 8**. What a great way for the 4-H community to come out and help raise money to send children from military families to NH 4-H Camp. You can help by forming a team and collecting pledges and sponsors.

If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, then contact the Coös Extension 4-H Office. Why not have some fun by knocking a few pins down to support military families?

DEMONSTRATION DAY

It's not too soon to start thinking about County Demonstration Day. The date of the big event is **March 29** and entries are due on March 21. Each Club Organizational Leader will soon receive a Demonstration Day package in the mail. Remember, you can participate in a number of ways: do a demonstration; conduct an action exhibit; enter the public speaking contest; or by entering a poster or photography exhibit.



If you are new to Demonstrations, then you might want to request a copy of the "How To" guide from the Coös Extension 4-H Office.

We are hoping that every Coös County 4-H Club will be represented. Remember that there are ample opportunities for adults as well -- judges, scorekeepers, announcers, and more. Contact your Club's Organizational Leader for all the details about this important event.

TEEN CONFERENCE UPDATE

by Caleb Mason,
2008 NH 4-H Teen Council Member

Attention All Teenagers and Leaders of Coös County:

Do you seek a four day action packed adventure full of friendships to last a lifetime, workshops you want to know about, and memories that can never be forgotten (all while having fun)? If so, we can help you out. Just attend the 2008 Teen Conference at UNH during **June 29 - July 2**.

Information will be coming in March, but for more details, see any of your Coös representatives to the Teen Council (Caleb Mason, Brooke MacKillop, and Page MacKillop) and we will provide you with everything you need to know.

Not a teen? We would love to hear about chaperones to this once in a lifetime event. Please, this is a great offer.



2008 NE REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FORUM

The 2008 Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum (NERVF) is a 4 day conference held every two years in October. It is an opportunity for 4-H volunteers to network with other volunteers from around the region, and gather new ideas and enthusiasm to bring back to their club and county. Mark your calendars now because New Hampshire is hosting this event from **October 23-26, 2008** at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. What a great opportunity for Coös County volunteers. The Coös County 4-H Advisory Council has budgeted dollars to help support local leaders who wish to attend this terrific event. Remember, this is a big conference with folks from West Virginia to Maine participating. You'll be hearing much more about (NERVF) in the coming months. A tentative schedule is already posted on the web - <http://extension.unh.edu/4h/4HVol/08NEVF.htm> Let's show up in big numbers Coös County!



4-H DAIRY ENDOWMENT RENAMED IN MEMORY OF TOM FAIRCHILD

The Thomas Fairchild family and the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire have renamed the New Hampshire 4-H Dairy Endowment to the Tom Fairchild 4-H Dairy Endowment. This memorial opportunity with the 4-H Foundation is in addition to the UNH Foundation Fairchild Scholarship Fund for Animal Science.

Tom Fairchild, former dean of UNH's College of Life Science and Agriculture, as well as interim president of the university, died July 3, after a long battle with cancer. When reflecting on Tom's career as a Cooperative Extension Dairy Specialist, 4-H Program Leader Wendy Brock said, "Tom took 4-H members under his wing, teaching them not only about the dairy industry, but about being a good team member, supporting the efforts of others and understanding the importance of agriculture to New Hampshire and the world. Several generations of 4-H families have been touched by the wisdom and magic of Tom Fairchild."

As chair of the 4-H Foundation Board in 2002, Tom led the foundation through a successful Centennial Campaign, raising \$100,000 for the New Hampshire 4-H Youth Development Program.

In recognition of his support to the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H dairy program and the 4-H Foundation of NH, the renaming of the existing 4-H dairy endowment to the Tom Fairchild 4-H Dairy Endowment provides an opportunity for friends to remember Tom and support 4-H. The annual income from the endowment will be used to support 4-H dairy events and activities without touching the endowment principal.

Those who would like to remember Tom and his impact on 4-H can contribute by making checks payable to: 4-H Foundation NH-Dairy Endowment, and mail to - State 4-H Office, Moiles House, 180 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824.

For questions, call Wendy Brock, 603-862-2187.

FEEDBACK PLEASE

You may have noticed something different recently about our web site. There's a blue box in the upper right corner that asks users to click on it and provide feedback.

The UNH Cooperative Extension web sub-committee developed a brief survey designed to collect data about our internal and external users and their thoughts about our site. The survey will remain in effect throughout the month of January and results will be used in conjunction with other data to help us improve the function, navigation, and content of our web site.

Staff, advisory council members, volunteers and other users are encouraged to provide feedback so please encourage any one who uses our site to participate in the survey. Once you've completed the survey, the box won't reappear (provided you're accessing the web site from the same computer). If there are questions or you would like to provide additional feedback, contact Lisa Townson (Web sub-committee chair) - lisa.townson@unh.edu

IMPORTANT 4-H CLUBS TAX EXEMPT NEWS

Change is in the wind at the IRS for tax exempt organizations like 4-H and all clubs need to review their financial accounts. National 4-H Headquarters is established as a tax exempt organization and all officially recognized 4-H clubs are included under that status. The change is that all clubs will now have to obtain their own individual Employer (tax) Identification Number (EIN). In Coös, most clubs have been sharing the "Coös County 4-H Clubs" EIN number. This is no longer allowed and it needs to be corrected by having each club obtain their own individual EIN. Here's the good news:

- There is a grace period for us to make these changes
- No one will be penalized for past errors
- We've already started getting new EIN's for clubs that properly filled out their 2007 year end reports
- The Coös 4-H Office will gladly obtain a new EIN for your club upon request
- It should be a simple matter of assigning the new EIN to your club's account

The IRS does not recognize a single 4-H family group as a qualified subsidiary for inclusion under the national 4-H EIN. Any 4-H family clubs should contact the Coös Extension 4-H Office for options on how to manage funds. Club Organizational leaders will soon receive a letter which provides additional details on these changes. If you'd like to learn more, there are some excellent fact sheets available on the National 4-H Headquarters web site:
<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/>

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Coös County was well represented at the regional "Creating the Magic of 4-H" volunteer training on November 3 in Littleton. Participants selected from a menu of workshops focusing on topics from club leadership to model rocketry. The evaluations from the event were very positive. Hats off to the volunteers who participated:

Katie Burns	Jenny Burns
Brenda Dyer	Suzanne Goulet
Chris Joyce	Travis Joyce
Alyssa Scott	Christine Whiting

We're considering another regional training this spring so stay tuned.

NH 4-H CAMPS UPDATE

The dust has settled, the leaves have fallen, and the 2007 camp season now lives on in the hearts of 875 youth, from Alaska to Allenstown. There was some question about the future of camps and the good news is that we had a great year!

There will be a 2008 season for NH 4-H Camps thanks to lots of dedication and hard work.

Twenty-five Coös County youth attended camp last summer and we hope to increase this total in 2008.

Speaking of next summer, we expect the new offerings to be posted any day now. Keep checking the web site for the latest news.
<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm>

Magic happens at NH 4-H Camps. Why not make it part of your summer this year? Don't forget, the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council offers generous scholarships. Everyone is encouraged to apply and applications are due on **June 1**.

TOM GILL GARDENING AWARDS

Back in October, top gardeners in the were honored by the Berlin Kiwanis Club at the annual Tom Gill 4-H Gardening Banquet. What fun they had as the members of the Kiwanis Club saluted the 4-H members who excelled with their garden project. It's nice to see how genuinely interested in youth the Kiwanians are.

The list of winners this year was dominated by the Lion Cubs 4-H After School Club who teamed up to culture a fantastic group garden at the Stratford School. In fact, the Lion Cubs won every award except one. Just over 20 4-H'ers and family members from the club attended the banquet.

Jamie Atwood of the Wild Spirits 4-H Club in Colebrook brought home the top award for her superb peppers. Congratulations!

COÖS 4-H ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS

Over 100 4-H members, volunteers and family members gathered in Lancaster on November 17 for the annual Coös County 4-H Achievement Ceremony. If you've never attended this event, then you're missing out on a fantastic celebration of what's best about the 4-H youth development program. It's not just about awards. In fact, the first half of the program features 4-H members and volunteers giving brief talks about some of the wonderful events and activities that they enjoyed in the past year. It's very entertaining, inspirational, and educational. You might want to put it on your calendar for 2008!

Hats off to the many 4-H members and volunteers who were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Here are some of the top award winners.

Window Display Contest

1. Early Risers 4-H Club
2. A to Z 4-H Club
3. Lion Cubs After School 4-H Club

Leader Tenure Awards

5 Years

Robert Wilson

10 Years

Vicki DeLalla
Jesse Eames
Nancee Harrigan
Heidi Mason

15 Years

Teresa Berry
Deborah Joyce
William Joyce
Debra Mellett

20 Years

Glenn Brooks
June Brooks

40 Years

Nancy J. Rexford

I Dare You Awards

Daniel Berry
Katelyn Rexford

4-H Leader(s) of the Year Awards

Teresa Berry
Joyce Brady
Karen Couture
Christine Whiting

Club Citizenship Award

Milan Hilltops 4-H Club

Outstanding 4-H Club Award

Colts and Fillies 4-H Club

Outstanding Junior 4-H Youth Award

Lucas Deblois
Kelly Mason

Outstanding Older Youth Award

Zachary Mason

Lifetime Achievement Award

Heidi Mason

A special thank you to all of the members of the records judging committee:

Joyce Brady
Vicki DeLalla
Penny Noyes
Christine Whiting
Dona Young

THE BIG E

Did you know that several Coös County 4-H'ers participated in the Eastern States Exposition with their projects in the fall? It's a tremendous accomplishment and an honor to represent New Hampshire.

Dairy

Ross Conway
Caleb Mason
Kelly Mason
Zachary Mason

Horse

Jodie Croteau
Kate Phillips

Working Steer

Earl Brady

Action Exhibits

Elissa Dyer

Demonstration

Jacob Brady

Congratulations All !

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