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Report to Lane County Board of Commissioners May 2005

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Upcoming OSU/Lane County Extension Service Programs/Events	
June	
3-5	4-H Horse Pre-Fair
4	River House Compost Demonstration
7	Food Pantry Training
8	NEP Cooking Series
11	Forest Tour
15	NEP Cooking Series
15	Well Water Testing
22-26	4-H Summer Conf.
22	NEP Cooking Series
29	NEP Cooking Series
July	
TBD	MG Garden Tour
12	MFPs to Stahlbush Farm
18-23	4-H/FFA Youth Fair
20	Well Water Testing
23	Summer Food Faire
26-30	4-H Camp
August	
16	MG Disease Diagnostic
16-21	Lane County Fair Booths/Demonstrations
17	Well Water Testing

TRENDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

◇ **Public Issues Leadership Development Conference 2005**
Ross Penhallegon, Horticulture faculty, represented the OSU/Lane County Extension Service in Washington D.C. at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) held April 18-20, 2005. The highlight was a meeting with lobbyists for the university system with very positive feedback on changes they would make in their approach to future funding strategies.



Ross Penhallegon, James Reeb, Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, Scott Reed, Bill Braunworth, Derek Godwin, Jeanne Brandt

◇ **Newspaper Editorials Support Extension Program Funding**
The Oregonian, Saturday, April 9, 2005 - Invest in rural Oregon
The Legislature should restore funding to agriculture and forest research and the Extension Service.

Statesman Journal, April 23, 2005 - OSU research programs need lawmakers' support. Funding them is investment in future of Oregon's economy.

The Register-Guard, April 29, 2005 - Rural Oregon's R&D: Extension and research under budgetary attack.

◇ **Grant Funding for Family Community Development Faculty**
A \$4,804 grant from the Northwest Health Foundation was awarded to OSU faculty members Susan Busler, Lane County Extension, Sally Bowman, FCD, and Alexis Walker, Human Development and Family Science for a project titled, Mazimizing Brief Encounters.

◇ **Family Food Education/Master Food Preserver Program (FFE/MFP)**
Volunteers staffed Home Shows in Florence, Cottage Grove and Lane County. At each of the Home Shows they demonstrated how to make low and no sugar spreads using frozen fruit. With an increasing number of residents developing diabetes and obesity problems, the MFP food safety hotline receives lots of calls about reducing the amount of sugar in home preservation recipes.

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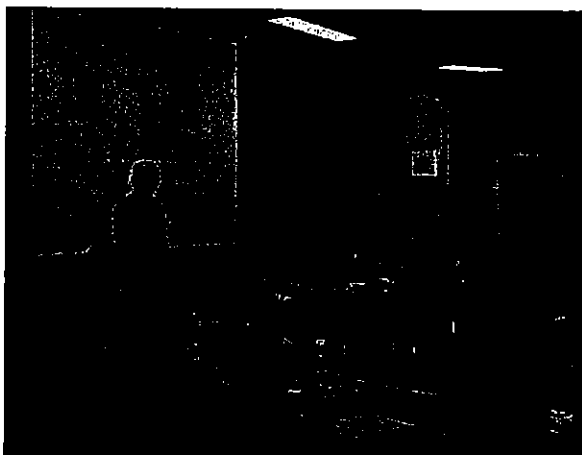
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Lane County Nutritionist Professionals

"Eat, Meet and Greet"

On Tuesday, April 13, the OSU/Lane County Extension Service Nutrition Education Program hosted a reception for 25 local nutrition professionals. The event provided an opportunity to network and share information about local nutrition activities while snacking on healthy foods. A presentation on "Childhood Obesity and the Newly Established Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth" with Dr. Jimmy Unger, local pediatrician, was a very informative.



Guest speaker, Eugene pediatrician Dr. Jimmy Unger shares statistics on childhood obesity to Nutrition professionals from around Lane County.



Volunteer Appreciation Day

On April 19, the OSU/Lane County Extension Service honored the 900 volunteers that help make Extension programs so successful. In attendance were 65 Master Food Preservers, Master Gardeners, Master Woodland Managers, 4-H Leaders, Homemakers and Food Pantry volunteers. Extension staff provided snacks. A Barber Shop Chorus serenaded the group.

Instead of giving individual thank you gifts, a display board, tablecloths and display racks were purchased with marketing funds and another display board was donated. These items will be available for the volunteers to check-out when going to community events where they will share the research based information they learned from the OSU/Lane County Extension Service.

Each year the OSU/Lane County Extension Service trains over 200 volunteers and is very fortunate to have many veterans re-certify each year to help support the new volunteers.

Food Policy Council

Charlotte Riersgard, OSU/Lane County Extension Service Staff Chair, is an active member on the Food Policy Council design team. She brings her perspective as a registered dietitian to this group that is working toward strengthening the local food economy and improving access to healthy food.

KMTR NewsSource 16 Advisory Board

Ross Penhallegon, Commercial Horticulture Faculty, has been invited to sit on the Advisory Board for KMTR NewsSource 16 along with other community leaders. Their first meeting was held Wednesday, May 11 at the KMTR office in Springfield. Discussion centered on a ideas of key community concerns including: health care, declining human service programs, minority relations, mental health services, poverty, crime, increasing drug use, public safety, jobs, education, declining resources for returning servicemen, and kids in need. In attendance were representatives from United Way of Lane County, SMART Reading Program, Victim's Services Program, owner of Café Soriah, Centro Latino Americano, and the Oregon National Guard. Sid Leiken, Mayor of Springfield was also in attendance.

EXTENSION STAFFING

- ◆ 4-H Youth Development Education Faculty Carolyn Ashton starts May 31.
- ◆ Hettie Penhallegon hired April 1, 2005, Nutrition Education Program Assistant.
- ◆ Recruiting for Tri-County Small Farms Extension Faculty, .50 FTE to be housed in Benton County,



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