



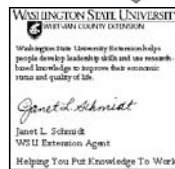
4-H Focus

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Thoughts from Janet

Greetings to all! It is so nice that Spring is finally here! My daffodils are in full bloom and the pasture is growing nicely. On a more challenging note, as the state legislature finishes its business and determines the state budget, others can then move forward with budget decisions. In the next few days, WSU President Elson Floyd will be announcing cost cutting proposals for WSU and subsequently Extension. In the next weeks as more details become available, I will communicate with 4-H leaders and families over the email list. Now that the enrollment process is almost complete, I have updated my 4-H leader email list. If you would like to be added to the 4-H email list, please contact the Extension Office. As a cost cutting measure, I plan to go to an electronic 4-H Focus newsletter effective July 1. If you do not have email or prefer to have a hard copy of the newsletter, one will be sent to you. By making this change, we feel that we can save on printing, postage and staff time. As in the past, the 4-H Focus newsletter will be posted to our 4-H website, <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>, thanks to the efforts of our web master Ken Hathaway. If you have questions or concerns about budget, email lists or electronic newsletter, please give me a call in the Extension Office. REMEMBER, June 1 is the deadline to add projects for exhibition at Palouse Empire Fair! Also, please take the time to thoroughly read each edition of the 4-H Focus. Often there is critical and timely information in the newsletter such as the IRS filing requirement for all 4-H clubs. To all of you heading to the Spokane Jr. Show, have a great show! Soon, it will be High School graduation and best wishes to our Graduates! In the mean time enjoy our Spring weather and have a great month, *Warmly, Janet*

IMPORTANT

4-H IRS Filing Requirements

All chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized eligible & qualified 4-H affiliated organizations must file the appropriate tax form on time. Those with annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less will use the 990-N (e-Postcard) and filing must be made by May 15, 2009, for the tax year of Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008. This is very important and will affect the non-profit status of 4-H clubs if you do not complete the 990-N by May 15 deadline. Since this is so important, a separate mailing will be sent to all main club leaders with more details and instructions. This is not optional! All 4-H clubs across the state and nation are expected to comply with this IRS request. If you have questions or need assistance, give Janet a call in the Extension Office.

4-H and FFA Livestock Insurance

Protect your market animal investment! Associated Agency Group Insurance, Shirley Walker Agent, in Colfax can provide 4-H, FFA and Youth Grangers and their families with market project animal insurance. Rates vary depending upon the age, specie of animal and percent of indemnification. For instance market steer insurance can vary from \$3 - \$6/month. Application forms with mailers are available in the Extension Office. Drop by and pick up your application today!



4-H Tail Docking Policy

The missions of the 4-H Youth livestock programs are to: develop knowledge and skills in animal agriculture, develop life skills, and develop leadership skills in youth. These skills aid youth in becoming responsible citizens. Therefore, all sheep shown at 4-H Youth shows should be docked in a manner that does not compromise the animal's health and well-being. *As a working guideline we recommend that lambs be docked so that at the show the tail (dock) is long enough to be lifted.* Moreover, the stress caused by docking increases with age, therefore docking should be performed early in life and certainly before the lambs are two weeks of age. The tail should be healed at the time of show and any animal that has been redocked, except for a medically justified reason, should be ineligible for show. For more info refer to the 4-H Sheep project page, <http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/sheep.htm>.

Washington State 2009 4-H Shooting Sports State Invitational

The State Invitational will be held on **May 16** at Ephrata for those 4-H Shooting Sports members that have participated and qualified for the state invitational event. Pre-registration is required and should be completed online. Fees of \$20.00 [cash (preferred) or check payable to: Washington State 4-H Shooting Sports] and forms (medical form, waiver form, and photo release) will be collected during registration, which is open Friday night and Saturday morning at the tournament. Bring completed forms with you to the competition. For pre-registration, go to: <http://www.nwdistrictshootingssports.com> Click on the "Tournaments" tab. You will be prompted to give a user name and password. Use the following: User name: Tournament Password: Sh00t1ngSp0rts Contact **Patrick Hevesi** at: patrick@hevesi.net if you have difficulty with pre-registration. Volunteers are needed and should contact **Paul Carter** at: cart@wsu.edu or 509-520-2719. Submitted by Paul Carter



2009 Fishing Kids Event

The 2009 Fishing Kids Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, starting at 9:00a.m. at the Gilchrist Pond between Colfax and Pullman. Many thanks to Jerry and Penny Gilchrist for allowing us to use their pond! For the \$5 registration fee, youth receive a T-shirt, a Zebco Rod and Reel and a great fishing experience! Flyers for the event have been distributed to all the elementary schools in Whitman County and it is posted to the website <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>. For the Pullman schools, look for the flyers on a table near the main office. We are not able to provide flyers to eligible aged youth in the Pullman schools due to school policy. The registration deadline for the event is Friday, June 5. If you would like to volunteer to help with the day of event or Rod and Reel assembly, please give Janet a call in the Extension Office, 397-6290 or email schmidtj@wsu.edu. Last year, 20+ volunteers assembled 350 rods & reels in over three hours. **Rod and Reel assembly** is scheduled for **Thurs., May 28, starting at 5:30pm**, in the auditorium of the Public Service Building.

Feeder Pig Sale at WSU

Reminder, the WSU Feeder Pig Sale is Saturday, May 9, 10am at the WSU Cattle Feeding Lab. Pigs will be 8-10 weeks old at sale time and average 40-70 lbs each. The registration deadline is May 7 and cost is \$90 per pig. Forms and money must be received by May 7 to participate in the sale. Forms and terms of sale are available in the Extension office or on-line at <http://www.ansci.wsu.edu/Facilities/swine/sale.asp>. For more information contact Asa Timm, attimm@wsu.edu.



NW Jr. Sheep Expo

The Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition is scheduled for July 16-18, 2008, at Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. The objectives of the sheep expo are to provide youth an opportunity to learn about the economics of producing market lambs and to exhibit their knowledge and skills about the sheep industry. The Sheep Expo is open to youth ages 8-21. Entries for market lamb are due by May 1. Entries for the breeding and feeder classes are due by June 16. The Washington Ram and Ewe Sale will follow the Expo. For more information, contact the Extension Office or <http://grant-adams.wsu.edu>.

Swine Influenza Information from National Pork Board

Even though the name indicates a connection to swine, the spread of this illness has not been linked to contact with pigs. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released the following statement: "Swine influenza viruses are not spread by food. You cannot get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products are safe." In addition, the CDC said it has found NO EVIDENCE to indicate that any of the illnesses resulted from contact with pigs. With the online [Tuesday News](http://www.ansci.wsu.edu/Facilities/swine/sale.asp) you will find Youth Swine Biosecurity Measures. And please remember to direct your 4-H Animal Science Volunteers to the Animal Disease Prevention e-Learning Unit on the state 4-H webpage at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>. The April 24th Special Edition of the Pork Leader, urges U.S. Pork Producers to take extra biosecurity precautions to protect their herd and operation from the Swine Influenza Virus and other diseases.



Sheep Shearing & Pre-Fair Clinic

Martin Dibble has once again agreed to do Sheep Shearing on Saturday, July 11, starting at 7:00am at Old McDonalds Barn at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds. The cost is \$5/head. Owners of surrounding farm flocks are welcome to bring in their sheep for shearing. This is also the date tentatively scheduled for the Pre-Fair Clinic. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning of pre-fair clinic.

Online Training Module Available Disease Prevention in 4-H Livestock Project

Check out the new online training module for 4-H volunteer leaders! The Disease Prevention Module is one of two modules that are being developed by Veterinary Medicine Extension specifically for 4-H volunteer leaders who work with livestock projects here in WA State. The first training module, called "Disease Prevention in 4-H Livestock Projects", teaches volunteer leaders bio-security practices and how they can be used to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading diseases while raising 4-H livestock. The module is a great way to learn disease prevention and also provides inspiration and teaching ideas so volunteer leaders can bring the concepts of disease prevention to youth in their county. To access the module, visit the Veterinary Medicine Extension site at: <http://vetextension.wsu.edu/programs/4-H/index.htm> or the volunteer e-learning site at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>. If you have any questions about this module, contact Jill Stevenson at: jstevenson@vetmed.wsu.edu.

Whitman County 4-H Shooting Sports Competition

Don't forget that the shooting sports competition for Palouse Empire Fair is Saturday, August 1 at the fairgrounds. Make your plans for attendance now! All Whitman County 4-H'ers signed up for a shooting sports discipline are invited to participate. Ribbons and premium points will be awarded!

Do Something Youth Grants

DoSomething.org has Disaster Grants available to youth working in disaster preparedness or emergency response. The grants are \$500 and will be given out each week this year. You can find more information at: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster>. Submitted by Pat BoyEs

Stimulus Funding-Guide to What is Available for Youth

Are you looking for stimulus money that supports youth programming? If so then check out the guide from Youth Today: http://www.youthtoday.org/publication/article.cfm?article_id=2740. Other sources include www.recovery.gov, and any Federal government website has a Recovery button on their home page. Some provide more detail than others about upcoming grants. There is also www.grants.gov and www.findyouthinfo.gov. Submitted by Pat BoyEs

Proof Positive - Scientific Evidence That 4-H Works

According to the National 4-H Council's 2008 Annual Report, 4-H programs are having a positive impact on communities across the nation. This study comes from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development conducted by Dr. Richard M. Lerner at Tufts University. This comprehensive, scientific study shows that one year of 4-H makes young people more likely to contribute to their families, their communities, and themselves. Specifically, youth in 4-H are more likely to achieve higher grades and go to college, and they're less likely to engage in risky behaviors than their peers who don't participate in 4-H. To read the report online or download a PDF version, please visit: http://4-h.org/d/Assets/4H_annual_sprds_F_web.pdf



Youth Rotating Flock Award

Whitman County Wool Growers Association is pleased to offer the Youth Rotating Flock Award. 4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for this award by completing the application and returning it to WSU-Whitman County Extension by June 1. The recipient receives loan of five ewes for use in their 4-H or FFA project for one year (Sept. - Sept.). The recipient will be responsible for having the ewes bred in the fall and the subsequent the care and management of the ewes and lambs for the year. At the end of the year, the youth will keep the oldest ewe and all but one quality replacement ewe lamb, which will rotate with the flock. For application forms, contact our office or <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>.

Care Labels - Youth and adults constructing garments for entry to Palouse Empire Fair, Make It With Wool or other contests must have care labels. We have a good supply of care labels in the Extension Office for no charge. Drop by the office and pick up your care labels today!



STATE 4-H FAIR 2009 PATCH DESIGN CONTEST

The State 4-H Fair Board is currently asking for designs for its 2009 Patch Design Contest. Contest rules and judging criteria can be found on the State 4-H Fair website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>. Entries are accepted only from current 4-H members and are due by May 15. The winning design will be made into this year's commemorative fair patch and sold as a fair novelty. The creator of the winning design receives a basket of 4-H and fair novelties. For more information, call the State 4-H Fair Office at (253) 445-4630. - Tom Gwin, State 4-H Fair Manager

VOLUNTEER DATABASE

Washington State law requires that all volunteers working in support of WSU programs are covered by worker compensation insurance. Recently the Washington State Department of Labor and Industry determined that WSU Extension must also quantify the dates and number of hours that volunteers work to determine the amount of insurance that must be purchased to adequately cover our volunteers. To comply with this ruling, WSU Extension developed an online tool to facilitate collection and analysis of volunteer contributions. The system will be sequentially launched to each WSU Extension volunteer-based program. WSU Master Gardeners have already begun using the system and are providing much needed feedback about training needs and necessary modifications. The statewide 4-H leader network will begin entering data into the system in fall of 2009. Once 4-H leaders and Master Gardeners have completed training and are actively using the system, other volunteer-based programs will be contacted to begin training and implementation.



Rescue Horse looking for Good Home

A 3 year old appaloosa gelding is looking for a good home. He has some ground work and needs love, affection and training. For more information contact Calvin 509-432-1001. Adoption fees apply.

Rabbits Looking for a Good Home



Free to good homes- 2 female does, Mini Rex breed. 1 golden, 1 black. They won reserve champion in open class at the fair last year. For more information contact Sharon at 397-3855 or e-mail shelmick@hotmail.com

4-H Leaders Forum 2010 Logo Contest

Your State 4-H Forum Committee is working hard on the most fantastic upcoming 2010 Idaho-Washington 4-H Leaders' Forum to be held in Spokane 10/15-17/2010. One of our early goals is to "discover" the perfect original logo to accompany our theme, "4-H Bridging Borders." See the online [Tuesday News](http://www.4h.org) for the official rules and guidelines. Entries are due on May 15. This opportunity is open to all 4-H members/volunteers in WA and ID. Check out the grand prize -- Designer of the winning logo will receive a full paid registration to the 2010 Washington/Idaho 4-H Leaders Forum, October 15-17! The logo will also be showcased in the 2010 WA State 4-H calendar on the October Page!



Hunter Safety Education

The next Hunter Safety Education class will be offered in July by Ken Hathaway, Hunter Safety Education Instructor and WSU Extension Coordinator. Refer to <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu> for exact dates, meeting times and locations. To sign up, give Ken a call, 397-6290 or send an email to klhathaway@wsu.edu.

Excitement is Building for 2009 4-H Teen Conference!

The 2009 4-H Teen Conference, "Breaking Barriers-Building Bridges," will take place on June 28-30, 2009 on the WSU Campus, Pullman, WA. Hot off the press are pieces for you to start sharing this great opportunity with the teens in your clubs. Check out <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf/index.htm>, click on "Marketing Materials" to find news release, postcard and flyer. Also available are the updated list of workshops and descriptions. The 4-H website is updated frequently with new information for the conferences.



New eXtension Goat Industry Web Site

This new website provides help for new and inexperienced producers as well as those with experience that have specific questions. The site includes answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about meat, dairy and fiber producing goats. If a question cannot be found in the FAQs, eXtension's "ask an expert" feature can be used for a quick response. The site also includes in-depth, peer reviewed articles covering all aspects of goat production. The site is <http://www.extension.org> and choose goats.