



4-H Focus

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Thoughts from Janet

New Year's Greetings to All! It was a fun and busy Holiday Season, a time to count blessings and partake in some rest and relaxation. Now that the batteries are charged, it is time to look forward to all the new opportunities and challenges that 2006 will bring. Speaking of new, at the January 4-H Leader's Council Meeting, officers were elected or appointed for the positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Gina Whitman was appointed as Whitman County 4-H Council President to complete the term resulting from the passing of Jane Lyman. Kurt Kimberling was elected to Vice-President and Joy McNaughton was elected as Treasurer. The remaining officers are Secretary filled by Helen Appel and Representative to the Fair board, filled by Sid Mays. Congratulations and thanks to the council officers for your leadership to the Whitman County 4-H Program. Other decisions made at the Council meeting included setting the frequency of Council meeting. Whitman County 4-H Council will have face-to-face meetings in the months of January, April and October. Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening, at the Public Service Building in Colfax. If needed, there will be a July meeting that will be conducted by email. Council also discussed forming a few committees to help with carrying out the county 4-H program. Some of these committees could be Loan and Grant Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, Pre-Fair Clinic Committee, Record Book Committee and Website Committee. If you have interest in any of these committee or suggestions for other committee, please contact Janet or one of the council officers. Stay tuned for more details! On another note, I know that many clubs are finishing their 4-H enrollment process. I know that it can be challenging collecting kids, signatures and forms. Thanks to all of you for your assistance in completing the enrollment process. If you have questions or need more forms, please contact Janet, Sherri or Sheri in the Extension Office. Thanks for your dedication to youth and the 4-H program. Have a good month! *Warmly, Janet*



4-H Leader Training - We had a great turnout at the January session of 4-H Leader Training. Congratulations to Shelley Feldner, Eric Appel, Robert Stearns (Columbia County) Carla Rowe (Columbia County), Don Paddock, Sabrina McAdams, Jolene Jacobs, Nicole Wright (Asotin County), Sheri Schell, Kate Painter, Cherise Goude, KO Spangler and Diana Musick for completing 4-H Leader Training. I look forward to working with all of you in your new role as a 4-H Leader. Thanks for your dedication to kids! The next session of leader training is scheduled for March 16, 5-8pm for Part 1 and March 30, 5-8pm for Part 2. The location is Conference Rm. A in the Public Service Building in Colfax. Please call the office to reserve your spot!

Website Update

Ken Hathaway, Whitman County Extension Coordinator, has been working diligently on the Whitman County 4-H web page. It has a new look and is coming together nicely! Starting with this issue, the 4-H Focus newsletter and the 2006 4-H Calendar will be posted to the website. If you have suggestions for helpful information that you would like to see on the site, please let us know in the office. Our goal is to have a user friendly, helpful website. Check it out at <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>

Quality Assurance Training

For all those 4-H and FFA parents who would like to become certified in the Whitman Co. Quality Assurance Program, mark the date of Tues., Feb. 21, 7-9pm, in Conference Room B, in the Public Service Building in Colfax. Adults only need to take this training once. When the training is complete, then these wonderful volunteers are eligible to sign off on livestock market entry forms for Palouse Empire Fair. The next training will be offered in July at the Pre-Fair Clinic. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Janet in the Extension Office.

Family Fair

Family Fair 2006: *The Bubbleman* is scheduled for Sat., Feb.18, 10:00am-3:00pm, at Pullman High School. This fun, family event is sponsored by the Parent Resource Center with support from several community sponsors. The Bubbleman can make bubbles up to 50 feet long! Wow! Some of the bubbles come from creative and uniquely engineered bubble makers. The Bubbleman will perform at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Besides being a fun family outing, family fair highlights the various youth and family service agencies available in the Palouse region. Displays, performances and activities will be scheduled throughout the day.



4-H Record Books via email

A few clubs have requested that the Whitman County 4-H Computer Record Book files be sent to them via email attachments. It seems to be working! Leaders are then forwarding the files to members in your club. Send an email to Janet, schmidtj@wsu.edu, if you would like the computer record book sent to the leader of your club. Be sure to request Level 1 or 2.

WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY

The Washington Pork Producers (WPP), National Pork Board (NPB), and Washington State University Extension have organized the 2006 Swine Information Day for February 3, 2006 at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, WA from 8:45 AM until 5:00 PM. This educational session is designed for progressive pork producers and stakeholders and will address critical and emerging swine production issues in the Pacific Northwest. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. National, state and local speakers will address the following topics: Protein feed source alternatives; swine welfare and environmental enrichment; national premise identification requirements and registration; environmental temperature management; basic swine health management, practical swine vaccination and parasite control programs; and a hands-on pork lab showcasing meat quality factors. This year the first 75 participants to submit a paid registration by January 19th will receive a free lunch, compliments of the NPB. The lunch item will showcase one of the promotional programs of the NPB. The WPP dinner and annual meeting will follow the seminar. Special room rates, \$75.95, for the seminar are available by contacting the Red Lion, 509-547-0701, prior to January 19th. Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding. For complete agenda and registration information visit www.animalag.wsu.edu or WSU-Whitman County Extension.

4-H Community Service Bake Sale

The C.U. There 4-H Club of Colton and Uniontown will be hosting a bake sale on Sat., Feb. 11th to raise funds for the Whitman County Human Society. We will be selling in front of the Uniontown Post Office [117 S. Montgomery St. (right on Hwy. 195)] beginning at 8:30 AM and expect to "sell out" around 11:00 AM ... please come early for the best selection! We plan to have lots of VALENTINE goodies, so do your sweetheart a favor and come see us! We are asking our communities to support this effort to raise money. We would appreciate your patronage and would gladly accept baked goods or cash donations. Thank you in advance! Please feel free to call Debbie Niehenke (509)229-3703 with questions or to make a donation. Submitted by Debbie Niehenke, Leader, C.U. There 4-H Club



NFL Wristbands and CD Benefit JCPenney Afterschool Fund

Are you a FOOTBALL fan? What better way to show your spirit than to sport your favorite NFL team's official wrist bands during the season? JCPenney is the exclusive retailer of the official NFL wrist bands that are sure to be the hit of the summer. Each set sells for \$2.39 and includes two wrist bands in the team's home and away colors. All net profits from the sale of the wrist bands and NFL royalties go to the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, which provides support to after-school programs such as 4-H Afterschool. JCPenney is also selling Kenny Chesney's new CD, "The Road and the Radio," at stores nationwide. All net profits from the sale of the CD at JCPenney stores will be donated to the JCPenney Afterschool Fund to support after-school programs throughout the nation. *Source: Dec. 2005 Clover Corner News*

4-H Scholarships

4-H Scholarship applications for WSU College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resource Sciences are due by January 31st in Pullman. That deadline is almost here! The general 4-H scholarship applications are due by March 1st in Puyallup. It takes time to complete the applications so be sure to allocate the time and plan ahead. If you need a letter of recommendation, please contact Janet in the office. 4-H scholarship information can be found on the state 4-H website at <http://4h.wsu.edu> then select kid stuff and scholarships. Hard copies of the forms are also available in the WSU/Whitman County Extension Office.



Washington 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

Several people and counties have been requesting details about the next state 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training. The next State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **February 17-19, 2006**, in Colfax and Dusty, WA. Disciplines offered will include archery, rifle, shotgun and hunting. The registration flyer will be out very soon. Planning is underway to offer archery training in early spring at a Western WA location. Idaho is offering training **March 11 & 12** in the Coeur d' Alene area and again **April 21 & 22** in the Twin Falls area. Washington shooting sports leaders can attend trainings in ID and OR to meet their certification requirements. As registration flyers are available, they will be shared on Tuesday News, 4-H Talk and posted to the State 4-H website. For more information, contact Janet Schmidt, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, schmidtj@wsu.edu or 509-397-6290.

4-H enrollment deadline reminder

4-H enrollments are due by January 31st! Thanks to all the leaders who are working diligently to meet this deadline!

Spokane Jr. Livestock Show Auction

The Gala Benefit Dinner Auction will be on February 25th at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds Ag Complex. The doors will open at 3:30pm. You can order tickets by calling 509/535-6737. For more information visit the website at <http://www.juniorshow.org>.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

The 2006 National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop is scheduled for **May 7-12**, in Manhattan, Kansas. The registration fee is \$225 if **postmarked by February 1**, \$275 from February 2 – March 15 and \$325 up to April 15th. In order to participate in the national workshop, attendees must have state level certification in the discipline in which they are enrolling and be actively engaged in the discipline. To request a registration form, please contact Janet Schmidt, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, schmidtj@wsu.edu or 509-397-6290.

North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, March 30-April 1, 2006

The 11th Annual North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show (NCWJLS) will be held March 30th-April 1st, 2006, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. The NCWJLS offers an excellent opportunity for young people from throughout the Pacific Northwest to showcase their market beef, lamb, and swine projects in a competitive, fun and educational environment. The NCWJLS is open to all 4-H and FFA members in good standing, including members in Oregon and Idaho. All entries, including carcass hogs and lambs, must be postmarked by March 1, 2006—No Exceptions. Exhibitor fee is \$5.00 per head and must accompany entries. Entry books will be sent to all previous exhibitors. New exhibitors may request entry books or further information from Sandi Berg, Show Manager, at 509.349.2575 or bergfarms@moseslake-wa-com. Past exhibitors should also note premium book changes to market swine maximum weight limit and to wool length requirements for market lambs.

Ownership dates and weight requirements for 2006 NCWJLS:

Species	Ownership Date	Min. Show Wt.	Max. Show Wt.
Market Lamb	Jan. 31, 2006	90	None
Carcass Lamb	Jan. 31, 2006	Min. 90 lbs. Must be pre-weighed & tagged between 1/31/06 and 2/14/06.	
Market Swine	Jan. 1, 2006	235	285
Carcass Swine	Jan. 1, 2006	No min. or max. wt. Must be pre-weighed between 12/15/05 and 1/1/06.	
Market Steer	Dec. 1, 2005	1050	None

4-H Horse Judges School Coming!

Circle your calendars! The 2006 4-H Horses Judges School will be **Oct 6-8, 2006** at TRAC, Pasco, WA. The committee will have the registration fee set by Feb 1, 2006 with registration forms to follow. Additional information will be available soon. Submitted by Jerry Newman

4-H Website to Visit

Want to find out what other 4-Hers are doing around the country and not leave home? Visit this new 4-H website at <http://www.4HUSA.org>. This is a nationally run site, which was designed by fellow 4-Hers. Message boards and blogs are just a few of the ways that you can learn about 4-H activities across the nation. Log on and expand your 4-H connections!

Horse Grooming and Tack Clinic

The Wheatland Gallopers 4-H Club is hosting a Horse Grooming and Tack Clinic on February 26, 1-5pm, at the Beebe Arena in Pottlatch. For more information, contact Connie Ham or any member of the Wheatland Gallopers 4-H Club.

Barn Sale and Tack Swap

A HUGE Barn Sale and Tack Swap will be held on Saturday and Sun., Feb. 25 & 26, at 1341 E Grand Tour Dr. Hayden, Idaho. The times of the sale are Saturday, 7am-4pm and Sun., 8am-3pm. Consignments will be taken starting in Jan. 1,000s of items will be available, priced to fit everyone's budget. For questions or more information, contact Debbie Guerrero, 208/772-6641 or 208/772-66211 (fax).

4-H Global Connection Project

The following is a request from a 4-Her in Minnesota, wanting to learn more about 4-H in different parts of the country. Perhaps a member in each of your clubs would respond to Joseph and share some 4-H experiences. Keep reading for his email address and questions.

"Hello, my name is Joseph Gedgaud and I am from Clay County, Moorhead Minnesota. I am in the Oakmound 4-H club. I am doing a global connection project for a 4-H project. I want to show people that 4-H is different yet the same throughout the United States and even in Europe or any other country."

What is your name of your club/county/state? Type of club (project club or after-school program or 4-H adventures, etc.) What is something special you are doing that other clubs might not do? What do you do to go to the county/state fair? Number of members in the club? Age range? How often do you meet? Special projects? Community service projects? How is your county level 4-H run? And any other special thing you want to say? Please E-mail me back as soon as possible. My E-mail is jeffchele@702com.net To get started I am including some information about 4-H around here and my club.

I am in the Oakmound 4-H club of Clay County Minnesota and we have 21 members ranging from age 7-17 with 10 families. Our club usually meets once a month. We do special things like adopt children to buy presents for at Christmas time, we cleaned up a small cemetery and planted flowers. My club also started a Happy Feet program to give gym shoes to kids who can't afford them. Our club is active in the county fair and participate with projects such as horses, sheep, pets, we also do clowning, sewing, cooking, computer science and rocketry. We also usually have a few participate at the state fair.

2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grants Available

2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grants from \$500-\$1,750 each Funding provided by Deft, Inc. The 2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grant Program offers a limited number of youth grants to 4 H/Extension groups in local communities, in counties and at the state level. This program provides opportunities for young people and adults to take action with ongoing community tree planting and/or reforestation projects or to stimulate new and creative youth-led projects. Youth are empowered to lead the planning, implementation, and evaluation process with minimal mentorship from adults. Youth will learn how their leadership can result in community collaborations that amplify the impact of their project. Grants are offered only to 4-H/Extension Programs in the United States and its territories. If you are not a part of 4-H, we encourage you to contact your local Extension Office and become a project collaborator! The application can be found at the [National 4-H Council grants page](#) on the bottom of the page under "Related Links." Completed applications are due on **Wed., Feb. 1, 2006**. If you have any questions, email schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu. Source: Dec. 22, 2005 Clover Corner News

Livestock Field Days

March is a busy month with the Whitman County Sheep Field Day scheduled for Saturday March 11, 1-5pm, at Dick and Helen Appel's Farm; The Youth Beef Field Day is the following Saturday, March 18, 9:30am -2:30pm, at the Lewiston Livestock Market. Saturday, March 25, is the Youth Swine Field Day, 9:30am – 2:30pm, at the Clarkston FFA. The beef and swine field day have a \$5 registration fee and includes lunch. Flyers on all three of the Field Days will be available soon.