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Thoughts from Janet

Spring Greetings to All! Even though we've had plenty of rain and the temperature is still cool, spring is here and Spokane Jr. Livestock Show is just around the corner! This issue of the 4-H Focus is dedicated to all the AMAZING 4-H volunteers in Whitman County, in celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 23-29, 2006. I say amazing because you give so much of your time, energy and even money to 4-H youth. You are dedicated, thoughtful, creative and inspirational! We have great a 4-H program due to your leadership. Thanks for all you do to help kids! It is a pleasure to work with you. On another topic, Sherri V. is working on the 4-H enrollment report and it will be mailed out soon. Be sure to review the report when you receive it and notify Sherri if you have any changes. REMEMBER, June 1 is the deadline to add projects for exhibition at Palouse Empire Fair! In May, between Jr. Show, the National Shooting Sports Workshop and annual leave I will not be as available as usual. If you have questions or need help, please do not hesitate to call the office or stop by. We have very competent extension personnel to respond to your requests. Until the next issue of 4-H Focus, have a great month! *Warmly, Janet*



2006 Fishing Kids Event

The 2006 Fishing Kids Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th, 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 will be distributed to all the elementary schools in Whitman County. The registration deadline for the event is Friday, June 9th! 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 Whitman County Extension Office, 397-6290 or email schmidtj@wsu.edu. Last year, 18 volunteers assembled 350 rods & reels in over three hours. **Rod and Reel assembly** is scheduled for **Monday, June 5th, starting at 5:00pm**, in the auditorium of the Public Service Building.

Don and Edna Appel Scholarship

This scholarship was established at the request of 4-H leaders to honor Edna and Don Appel, former 4-H Leaders in Whitman County. Eligibility for the scholarship includes: senior in high school, have been or currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA and planning to attend WSU. This \$400 scholarship emphasizes achievement and activity in 4-H or FFA, leadership skills, record keeping skills and 3.0 or better GPA. Applications for the Don and Edna Appel Scholarship are due by May 10th, in the Whitman County Extension Office. To request an application, contact the office.

Whitman County Cattlemen's Scholarship Deadline Extended

The Whitman County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Deadline has been extended to May 10th. The WCCA offers a \$500 college scholarship each year to a Whitman County high school graduating senior or student currently enrolled in an agricultural program at a two or four year accredited school of higher education. The scholarship is limited to students in Whitman County who wish to pursue a course of study or training in the agricultural field. To apply for this scholarship, the applicant must complete the application requirements and return it by May 10th to the Whitman County Extension Office or mail it to Whitman County Cattlemen's Association, c/o WSU-Whitman County Extension, 310 N. Main, Rm. 209, Colfax, WA 99111. To request a scholarship form, contact the Extension Office, 509-397-6290.

Youth Rotating Flock Award

The Whitman County Wool Growers Association is now accepting applications for the *Youth Rotating Flock Award*. The recipient of this award receives the loan of five ewes for use in 4-H, FFA or individual breeding project for one year. The person is responsible for the breeding of the ewes and the care of the ewes and lambs for the year. At the end of the year, the recipient is entitled to the ownership of the oldest ewe and all the offspring except one quality replacement ewe lamb which will be returned to the flock. This is a great way for a young person to start their own sheep flock. To apply for this award, complete and return the Youth Rotating Flock Application by June 1st to the WSU-Whitman County Extension Office. For applications and more information, contact the Extension Office, 397-6290.



Congratulations to New Leaders

Congratulations to John and Sherry Giudice, Benay Lyman and BJ Nelson for the completing the Spring Session of 4-H Leader Training! John and Sherry are active in the Tekoa Clover Club, Benay is with Onecho United and BJ is with the Albion Best Adventures 4-H Club. Thank you for your commitment to youth and I look forward to working with you.

Whitman County Family Horse Camp

The Wheatland Gallopers Horse 4-H Club will sponsor its Third Annual Family Horse Camp July 16-18, 2006 at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds. The Family Horse Camp is open to the young and the young at heart! Join the fun and fellowship by spending three days with your horse, bonding, learning, riding and playing. A variety of instructors will offer classes in English, western, dressage, jumping, ground training as well as non-riding lectures and demonstrations. For more information, contact Connie Ham at (509) 878-1765/ham@wsu.edu or KO Spangler at (208) 882-1783/ko@moscow.com. To download the registration materials for the camp, visit <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>. Information was also mailed out to families enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program. Call the Whitman County Extension Office at (509) 397-6290 if you have more questions.



Feeder Pig Sale at WSU

Reminder, the WSU Feeder Pig Sale is Saturday, May 13th, 9:30am at the WSU Swine Center. The pigs will be 7-9 weeks of age and weigh between 35 -60 pounds. The registration deadline is May 11th and cost is \$95 per pig. Forms and money must be received by this date to participate in the sale. Forms and information are available in the Extension office or on-line at <http://www.ansci.wsu.edu/facilities/swine>.

4-H Shooting Sport Competition

Palouse Empire Fair now has a 4-H shooting sports division! The qualifying competition for the fair exhibit is Saturday, July 17, 12:00 p.m. after the Pre-Fair Clinic at the fairgrounds. The competition will feature Archery, Pistol and Rifle Classes. Pre-registration is requested by July 7th and can be completed on site. The registration form is also available at the Whitman County Extension office and at <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>. The fee is \$5.00 per entry/per class and youth may enter more than one class. If youth are not already enrolled in 4-H shooting sports, they may enroll at the event. Ribbons and premium money will be awarded at the fair. For more information call Holly Tate @ 509-499-4511.

Shooting Sports Training

The *next* and *last* 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training for the year is scheduled for May 5-7, in Republic, WA. Disciplines featured include rifle, pistol, archery and hunting. The registration fee of \$50 is requested by April 28th. The registration form is available in the Extension Office and at <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>.

Premise Identification Update and 4-H

The Washington State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is recommending that 4-H youth/families with animals complete the paper work for premise identification. A sample premise identification youth registration form and the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Premise I. D. web site are on each of the following 4-H Project web pages: beef, dairy, sheep, horse, swine, poultry, and llama. Go to <http://4-h.wsu.edu>, select projects and the click on your animal of interest. This is the first step in the development of this web page. Registration is voluntary at this time in Washington State. We hope to have a DVD informational presentation prepared by WSDA mailed to each county this spring. Not all states have the same reporting requirements. As an example, some states rabbit locations are required to register. But, NOT IN WASHINGTON STATE. WSDA is more than willing to make presentations in your county. Call 360.725.5493 or email at nais@agr.wa.gov. On a national level, USDA has said that visual tags will be the basic identification for individual animals with radio frequency (RFID) tags as supplementary identification. The first species to have individual animal identification will be cattle. For questions or more information, contact the Whitman County Extension Office.

Educational Display Tips

Bob Reynolds, our own Terrific Palouse Empire Fair Manger, attended the East Side Fair Super School in early spring and picked up these tried and true tips on Education Display. Thank you Bob for sharing this information! Keep these in mind when preparing your display for the fair, school or other community events.

The "Perfect" Educational Display

- Education does not have to be professionally done.
- Should be big enough to read from where public is standing.
- Not always on tag board. Try 8 1/2 x11, 1/2 tag board.
- Use color, pictures, and props.
- Keep it short & sweet. 10 second reading rule
- Handouts are good for more lengthy and detailed education.
- Demonstration are very good education. Give handouts.
- Educate on new crazes or trends like fleece throw tying or beaded jewelry.
- Superintendent often does the education in open adult & youth department. Don't use same display year after year.
- Need education for adults and easier education for youth area.
- Please no long computer print outs.
- As we give you ideas, you should adapt them to your department or interest area.

THERE IS NO PERFECT EDUCATION DISPLAY. We can always try to do better.

2006 National 4-H Technology Leadership Conference

Here is a Summer Youth Opportunity that is open to 4-H and 4-H Military Youth. It is the 2006 National 4-H Technology Leadership Conference, "Science, Engineering, and Technology for the 21st Century" on July 24th – 28th at the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln. Science, Engineering and Technology are national 4-H program priorities. The vision of this conference is to create an environment and experience where youth and adults partner to share their skills, expertise, and interests in 4-H programs that incorporate technology and 21st century skills. This year, the delegates to this conference will be asked to provide leadership to the Washington 4-H Technology Team. There will also be partial scholarship to this opportunity to assist youth with the expenses related to this conference. Please note by May 1 applications will be due to State 4-H Office, interviews will be May 1-5, delegate selection will be announced on May 5 and payment is due on May 12. For more information, contact Jan Klein, Carey Roos or the Extension Office.

Looking For a Lamb?

The Tate Family has 4-H Lambs and Daddy's Little Shepherd Lambs that will be the appropriate size for Palouse Empire Fair. They also have a Market steer - calved 11-23-05 that will be a good market show prospect. For more information call Tina Tate at 509-499-4521.

Mockonema 4-H Hosts County Demonstration Contest

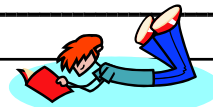
The Mockonema 4-H Club is hosting a County Demonstration and Public Speaking Contest on Sunday, April 23, 2006, at 5:00pm at the home of Travis and Rachel Anderson in Endicott. All interested 4-H members are welcome to attend and present their demonstration!

Hunter Safety Education

Hunter Safety Education classes will be offered in May and July by Ken Hathaway, Hunter Safety Instructor and Extension Coordinator. To sign up, give Ken a call, 397-6290 or send an email to klhathaway@wsu.edu.

Horse Scholarship Available

The Ann Beckner Foundation is currently accepting applications from youth age 8 and over that would like to be considered for a scholarship for horse related instruction, training, or continuing education. Applications are due **May 1, 2006**. If you would like more information or to receive an application, please contact Betty Nagle, Ann Beckner Foundation, Inc., 1625 Deep Creek Road, Potlatch, ID 83855; Phone: 208-875-1393; E-mail at bnagle@potlatch.com
Submitted by Brooke Howell, former Whitman County 4-H member



4-HCCS April Pre-Press Sale*

*April is the month to take advantage of 35% - 50% pre-press savings on any 4-HCCS curriculum products. All orders for any of the 4-HCCS 190 products, as well as orders for complete sets, will automatically be discounted.

4-HCCS publications will no longer be available to order from WSU Extension Bulletins, once the existing supply is gone.

*All orders received from WA clubs, home schools, counties, camps, other youth organizations, schools, after school programs, and individuals qualify for a 35% discount on products during April.

Order Online Only—Pre-press orders will ONLY be accepted **April 1 - April 30** online at www.n4hccs.org. No pre-press orders will be accepted by phone, email or fax. Pay by credit card, check or purchase order.

View Products Online—Information about all the products and the pre-press sale is available on the [4-HCCS web site](http://www.n4hccs.org). Pilot drafts of the 2006 new and revised products may also be viewed on the web site. Click on "2006 Products." You'll also find the new 2006 4-HCCS Catalog to download.

2006 New & Revised Half Price Set Sale—A complete set of the 32 new and revised 2006 4-HCCS products may be ordered during April at 50% off the normal price for \$95 (plus S & H). Included in this set are new/revised products for After school Agriculture, Bicycle, Changing Spaces, Computer Power Unlimited, Dairy Goat, Geospatial, Making Youth Organizations Work (Destination Success), Moving Ahead CD, Robotics and Sheep.

Complete Set Half Price Offer—During April all 190 products listed in the 4-HCCS 2006 Product Catalog including the new/revised 2006 products will be available in a complete set for only \$474 (plus S & H), 50% off.

Shipment of Products—Orders that ONLY include reprints will be shipped in August. Orders that include any new/revised 2006 products (including orders for complete sets and new/revised sets) will be shipped in October. If you need everything except the new/revised products earlier just place two separate orders. If you have ordering questions contact the Distribution Center (1-800-876-8636 or shopext@umn.edu)
Submitted by Nancy Mordhorst

2007 State 4-H Forum

As one of the SE District representatives on the State 4-H Advisory Board, I am pleased to announce that the SE District is hosting the 2007 State 4-H Forum on Oct. 19-21. The Benton-Franklin 4-H Council will be coordinating the planning, but will need your help with table decorations, goodie bag items, auction items and more. You will receive more information about how you can help with those things as we get closer to the 2007 Forum. Contracts have been signed for the event to take place in Franklin Co. (Pasco) at TRAC and AmeriSuites. We are looking forward to seeing you and your 4-H leaders/parents in the Tri-Cities. Your help is needed NOW to find a theme and logo!! 4-H Clubs and youth enrolled in 4-H are asked to submit a theme for the 2007 4-H State Forum. Themes should be short (prefer 3-5 words). Some past theme's were "Catch the Wave," "4-H Rocks," "Scaling New Heights," "Fun in the Sun," "Piecing Together the Past," and "4-H - It's Sand-sational." Send your theme to the Franklin Co. Extension office by April 28. The winning theme will be announced on May 8, 2006, at the Benton-Franklin 4-H Council meeting and via email to the SE District. After the theme has been chosen, there will be another contest for a logo that goes with the theme. Remember to keep your logo simple, so it looks good when printed in one color. The logo should be submitted on 8-1/2 x 11 paper and can be submitted in color. No more than 5 colors should be used in the logo. To be considered, the logo should be received by the Franklin County Extension office no later than July 31, 2006. For more information, contact Vicki Contini at the Franklin Co. Extension office (509-545-3511 or vcontini@co.franklin.wa.us).
Submitted by Vicki Contini, State 4-H Advisory Board

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