



# 4-H Focus

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### Thoughts from Janet

Holiday Greetings to All! It is hard to believe that another year is about to come to a close. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders, volunteers, families and members for another great year. I know that many of you give time, energy and money to support kids and the 4-H program. Because of your ideas, input, creativity and dedication, we have positively impacted the lives of hundreds of youth. It is a pleasure to work with all of you and I look forward to another terrific year in 2007. I wish you a joyous and safe Holiday Season and may 2007 be a prosperous year for you. *Warmly, Janet*

### 4-H Achievement Program Highlights

Congratulations to all the members and leaders who were recognized at the Annual 4-H Achievement Program in November. Receiving **5 Year Leader Pins** were *Cathy Goude, Cynthia Lasen, Tricia Aune, Michele Brown, Tami Brown, Dawna Chappell, Sandy Couch, Jamie Kimberling, Judy Reiber, Mary Carol Sauve and Cory Schell*. Receiving **10 Year Leader Pins** were *Jan Busboom, Marsha Druffel, Stacey Fertakis and Skip Tate*. Please make arrangements to pick up your service leader certificates and pins. Congratulations are also due to all the youth who met the criteria for 4-H completion pins! To receive a completion pin, youth must complete a project, complete their record book, do a demonstration or talk and attend a majority of the 4-H club activities. Completion pins will be available for pick up in the office through the first part of January. The Pullman Grange Supply was selected as the recipient of the Community Support Award. They were recognized for their support of youth projects and the agribusiness community. Pullman Grange allows youth to set up an account for their animal feed purchases and then pay it off after selling their animal at the fair. This arrangement allows more youth to afford the expense and the experience of doing a market animal project. If you plan on picking up pins for your club, contact Janet or Sheri ahead of time so the packet can be prepared for you.



### 4-H Publications on CD

The 4-H Publications and Projects Guide, EM 2778 is now on CD! Many of our WA State 4-H publications can be printed from the CD. This change will make these publications readily available to leaders and members. We have a good supply of CDs and the hard copy guide available in the office. When you turn in your club's 4-H enrollment forms, you will be given a CD for each leader in your club. Also note that we have new project materials. They include: Exploring Farm Animals, Electricity, Outdoor Adventures, Forestry, Latino Cultural Arts, Ag in the Classroom and Exploring 4-H. New 4-H CCS materials include: Horse Science Series, Poultry Science Series, Rabbit Science Series, Veterinary Science Series, Computer Power Unlimited and Sewing Expressions Series.

### January Leader Training

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 6, 2007, 9am - 1pm, as the date for the winter session of 4-H Volunteer Leader Training. The session will be held in Conference Room A, in the Public Service Building in Colfax. If you plan on attending the training, please call the Extension (397-6290) and let us know so we have materials prepared for you.



### 2007 4-H Calendars

Many thanks to Jones Truck and Implement for providing the 2007 4-H Calendar! Please take a few minutes at one of your club meetings and send a Thank You note to Jones Truck and Implement for their donation to the Whitman County 4-H Program. Each year 4-H youth around the nation submit pictures for inclusion in the calendar. Be watching future newsletters for the calendar photo contest details. The pictures are great and many 4-H families record their activities in the calendar. We have a supply of calendars in the office. Stop by the office and pick up calendars for members in your club.

### 4-H Enrollment Are Due

By now, leaders and members will have noticed the new and improved 4-H enrollment form! It is doubled sided with health information and the photo release statement on the back side. When completing the form, please be sure to complete both sides of the form and include parent and leader signatures. Leaders, before returning the enrollment forms into the Extension Office, you may want to keep a copy. At the end of the year, we will ask you for years of completion on the members in your club. The enrollment forms are your source for this information. If you don't have access to a copy machine, we can assist you with making copies in the office. As a gentle reminder, 4-H enrollment forms are due by January 31. Call the WSU-Whitman County Extension Office if you have questions or need assistance. Thanks ahead of time for returning the forms in a timely manner.

### Charlotte's Web 4-H Promo

For every ticket purchased to see Paramount Pictures and Walden Media's production of Charlotte's Web through [www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu), a donation of \$1 will be made by Hollywood Movie Money to 4-H to support WA State's 4-H program. Please share this information with friends, family and others in your community—not just 4-Hers. This is a great way to not only raise money for the 4-H program, but also an opportunity to tell people about the value of 4-H. Ticket certificates make GREAT gifts!

### 4-H Know Your Government

Whitman County 4-H is looking for 1) an adult volunteer to coordinate the 4-H Know Your Government program and 2) youth to participate in this exceptional teen event. "Know Your Government" is a 4-H program for youth 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up. It runs for a short time, culminating with a conference in Olympia Feb. 16-19, 2007. This exciting annual event gives teens an opportunity to learn first-hand how our government operates. Every year participants tour the capitol, meet their legislators, and join in hands-on activities that focus on a particular part of government. This year the theme is **"It's All News to Me: Politics and the Media."** At the four-day conference youth from across the state will work together to develop news presentations (TV, radio, magazine, newspaper). Locally, at approximately four preparatory meetings, our "delegates" will be honing skills they will use at the conference. We will start by learning about news and the media and the freedoms and limitations of the press. Then we will identify a critical local issue for our focus, and youth will interview, write, take photos, etc. By the end of our weeks together the group will have created a tri-fold news story board presenting an article they've written plus photos, and we will take that to Olympia with us. The goal is that through the local meetings and the conference, participating youth will become more discerning of media and take a more active role in pursuing truth and knowledge in order to influence change. All eligible aged youth are invited to participate in the 4-H Know Your Government Conference. You don't have to have prior experience with 4-H. You would need to sign up for 4-H this year, but there is no cost or obligation associated with that. For more information, please contact Janet in the Whitman County Extension office, 397-6290 or [schmidtj@wsu.edu](mailto:schmidtj@wsu.edu).

### USDA Public Awareness and Campaign on Avian Influenza

American farms can be an important line of defense against the spread of avian influenza (AI) or "bird flu." 4-H and FFA have joined with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at USDA on a public awareness and agricultural education campaign regarding avian influenza. We are seeking 4-H volunteers to help educate the public about Avian Flu. For more information and resources, visit the [State and County Fair Outreach Program Web site](#). Submitted by Susan Kerr

**4-H Scholarship Opportunities** Washington State 4-H members who are seniors in high school or have completed their GED are eligible for 15 different scholarships from the Washington State 4-H Program. In order to be eligible to apply for these scholarships you must either be a current or former member of the Washington State 4-H Program and have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H affiliation. Previous Washington State 4-H scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. In conjunction with the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS), we are excited to offer four \$1500.00 scholarships, two for achievement in Leadership and two for achievement in Citizenship/Community Service, toward tuition in a student's freshman year at Washington State University. Applicants being considered for the Leadership and Citizenship/Community Service Scholarships will first be reviewed for the CAHNRS Dean's Merit Award worth \$3000.00. To be eligible for these scholarships both the Washington State University Scholarship Application (online only) and the WSU/CAHNRS 4-H State Scholarship Supplemental Information (send to Britta Nitcy) must be completed. Applications must be received in Pullman by **January 31, 2007**. Please note:

- The Washington State University Scholarship Application is **ONLINE ONLY**. Applicants must complete a WSU application and receive a student ID **PRIOR** to applying for the scholarship. Washington State 4-H scholarships require a completed 4-H scholarship application and Washington State 4-H scholarship supplemental application information form. Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H scholarships. These applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2007**. These scholarships may be used at any institution offering post-secondary education (i.e. Seattle University, The Ohio State University, Technical and Community Colleges, Cosmetology school, DigiPen Institute of Technology, etc.). A 4-Her may be awarded only one of the Washington scholarships mentioned above. There are different requirements that need to be completed for the scholarships from CAHNRS and 4-H, be sure to complete them all. For more information on scholarships visit any of the sites listed below :

- WSU CAHNRS scholarships - <http://academic.cahe.wsu.edu/scholarships.htm>
- WSU Office of Scholarships Services - <http://www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholar/>
- WSU 4-H scholarships and applications - <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/scholar.htm>

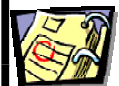
Scholarship information letter - <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/scholar.htm>

Jan Klein can be contacted to help answer question at (509) 721-1791 or by email at [jklein@wsu.edu](mailto:jklein@wsu.edu). Submitted by Jan Klein



### New 4-H Horse Project Manual

The 4-H Horse program has a new manual. It is PNW0587, 4-H Horse Project Manual. This manual covers all aspects of the 4-H Horse Project. Information is included on selecting, handling, and caring for your horse; facilities, tack, and equipment; and different types of riding, driving, and games. The manual costs \$9.50 and can be ordered on line or purchased.



### Youth Field Days

A series a youth Field Days have been planned for the region. They include: Horse Field Day, February 24; Beef Field Day, March 17 and Sheep Field Day, March 24. Brochures on times, topics and locations will be out soon. Be watching future newsletters for more details!

### N4-HCCS Publication Order Update

If leaders or clubs placed CCS orders, some publications may be delayed or will not available until further notice. This information just became known to state 4-H personnel on November 6<sup>th</sup>. **The publications noted below are listed in EM2778 and CD2778 and are NOT currently available.**

#### Available Late January, 2007

Revised Dairy Goat curriculum, pg. 7

Revised Computer curriculum, pg. 14

#### Not Available Until Further Notice

Revised Sheep curriculum, pg. 9

*Making Youth Organizations Work*, pg. 30

*Moving Ahead*, pg. 35

For questions or more information contact the Whitman County Extension office, <http://www.n4hccs.org> or, questions about specific orders to the Distribution Center at [shopext@umn.edu](mailto:shopext@umn.edu).

Include the following information:

- Customer number (account #)
- Order number (4-HCCs order #)
- Order number (Distribution Center order #)
- The name of the individual who placed the order
- Contact name
- Phone number
- E-mail address

### Youth Market Animal Workshop

All youth with market **beef, sheep, swine** and **goat** projects are invited to attend the workshop "Raising Them Right – Feeding Them Right" on Saturday, January 13, 2007, 10:00am to Noon, at the Asotin County Aquatic Center. Speakers for the workshop include Todd Chapman, Cenex Harvest States Nutrition Consultant from Hermiston, OR and Mark Heitstuman, WSU-Asotin County Extension Educator. The workshop will focus on feeding the youth market animal project from start to finish, the building blocks of a complete livestock feeding program and raising a quality project. If you plan on attending this workshop, please contact the Asotin County Extension Office (509) 243-2009 by **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** with the number of youth and adults from your club or family that plan to attend. While you are at the Asotin County Aquatics Center, you may want to stay for a swim. Prices are \$2.50 for youth, ages 4-17, \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for seniors. Children 3 and under are free.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Whitman County Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

### Regents Scholars and Student Financial Support\*

WSU recently announced 255 Regents Scholars for the coming year and again this is an extraordinary group of students nominated from 167 high schools across the state. To qualify, students must have a GPA of 3.80 or higher; and score at least 1200 on the SAT, 26 on the ACT, or 180 on the PSAT. Nominees are judged on academic performance, leadership capability, and community and extracurricular involvement. I'm proud to say there are ten 4-H members among the Regents Scholars. WSU has also unveiled a sweeping new scholarship program for fall 2007 - the Cougar Achievement Scholarship Program <http://www.wsutoday.wsu.edu/completestory.asp?StoryID=3406> - that makes a world-class university education accessible to every Washington resident. One key component is the new program called Cougar Commitment promises WSU will cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for students who are from low- and middle-income families and meet State Need Grant or Pell Grant Criteria. This applies to all campuses and to both freshmen and transfer students. For more information, go to the admissions web site <http://www.wsu.edu/future-students/admission/index.html> Submitted by Pat BoyEs, 4-H Program Director

### Spokane Jr. Livestock Show

The 2007 Spokane Jr. Livestock Show is pleased to feature the addition of a new specie, Market Goats. If you are planning on bringing market goats to the show, please estimate the number and contact Treva by phone or email, (509) 535-6737 or [jrshow@aol.com](mailto:jrshow@aol.com). Your response will aid in preparing for the show and will be greatly appreciated.

### WSU Show Pig Sale

To inquire about the availability of pigs or to reserve a pig for spring shows, contact the WSU Swine Center at 509.335.2287 by January 6. Pigs will be sold at \$85 per head.



### Animal Identification

The Washington Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is encouraging all livestock producers, including small farms and youth producers, to register their premise as part of the **voluntary** National Animal Identification System (NAIS). This program includes cattle, bison, alpaca, llama, goats, horses, sheep, swine, chickens, ducks, emu, geese, guineas, pheasants, quail, and turkey owners. The primary purpose of NAIS is to be able to quickly locate and/or trace animal movement within 48 hours of an agro-terrorism event or devastating foreign animal disease outbreak, such as foot and mouth disease. These animal disease outbreaks could quickly cripple the infrastructure of the United States because the economy of this nation is based on agriculture. Registering your premise is as simple as listing the farm's address, contact person, checking the kinds of livestock and listing the contact information. You can do it either by filling out a form and mailing it to WSDA or registering directly on-line at <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AnimalPremise/default.htm>. It is important to protect your animals, livelihood, and the health and safety of America's animal agriculture. The DVD is also available from the "Mini-Conference on Animal Premise Identification". For more information on premise identification contact the WSDA office at 360.725.5493 or [nais@agr.wa.gov](mailto:nais@agr.wa.gov) or the WSU-Whitman County Extension Office.

