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Thoughts from Janet

Holiday Greetings to All! With Christmas almost upon us and the white blanket of snow covering the Palouse region, it truly feels festive! Be sure to read this holiday edition of the newsletter closely as there is pertinent information about IRS guidelines and scholarship opportunities for 4-H members. This time of the year, we have many things to be thankful for and one of them is mild winter weather. Many of our 4-H families in Lewis County and other counties in Western Washington were hard hit by the recent wind, rain and floods. During this season of giving, your 4-H club may want to make a donation to the Lewis County 4-H Flood Relief fund at Washington State Employees Credit Union account number 5570118. For those of you traveling this Holiday Season, take care and be safe! From all of us in the WSU-Whitman County Extension Office, we wish you Happy Holidays and Joyous times with family and friends. *Warmly, Janet and All*

Highlights from Achievement Program

We had a great 4-H Achievement Program in early November! Thanks to Samantha Jacobs and Laura Buckley who did a terrific job in MCing the program. The **Star Golden Clover Award** went to Christy Fleener and the **Golden Clover Awards** went to Samantha Jacobs, Claire Richter, Andrew Beckman and Walter Beckman. Four 4-H members received the **Outstanding 4-H Member** recognition and they were Connor Appel, Christopher Appel, Samantha Jacobs and Maja Olson. The **Community Support Award** went to Rosauers of Colfax Manager, Shawn McAdams. The **Leader of the Year Award** went to Tina Tate of Hayburners 4-H club. **Five Year Leader Service Awards** went to Bob Beckman, Liz Davies, Julia Gothard-Szamosf, Rene Hinderer, Debbie Niehenke, Justine Rupp, Rick Rupp, Birgit Sun, Tina Tate and Delsie Whinery. **Ten Year Awards** went to Janice Busboom, Carol Fleener, Debbie Hoadley, Cindy Kimberling, Kelly Schlenker and Debbie Schlomer. **Fifteen Year Awards** went to Anna Boyd, Val Fisher, Nancy Jacobs, Sarah Nagle, Gina and Mike Whitman. If you haven't pick up your 4-H completion pins, certificates or record books please make arrangements to do so! We also have several extra programs so pick up a few copies of these as well. In mid-January, we will put everything away. Special thanks go to John and Debbie Pearson for sponsoring the completion pins and record book project medals and the Jacobs Family for assisting with the program. Be sure to send thank you notes to John and Debbie Pearson for their support of the program. They have been supporting the Achievement Program for fourteen years. If you have questions about any of the awards or suggestions on how to improve the program, please contact Janet in the WSU-Whitman County Extension Office.

4-H Know Your Government

Calling all teens 9th grade and above! The 4-H Know Your Government Conference is coming your way February 16-19, 2008, in Olympia, WA. This year, teens will learn about political parties, the nomination process and the development of resolutions which support the planks that produce a party platform. Pre-conference orientation and preparation will include four meetings and a virtual community statewide 4-H caucus via satellite. Each county will have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the 4-H President and share their plank resolutions. 4-H KYG delegates will meet in Olympia to ratify the 4-H State platform and select their 4-H Presidential nominee. The county registration deadline is January 20th so there is still time to sign up! Partial scholarship assistance is available from Whitman County 4-H Council upon request. For more information contact Janet in the WSU-Whitman County Extension Office, 397-6290 or <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/kyg/materials.htm>.

Welcome to the World of 4-H

Congratulations to the following volunteers for completing the face-to-face 4-H Leader Training: Sarita Hopkins, Hailey Rupp, Julie Bishop, Lana Gordon, Tammy Gering, Ken Gering, Tammy Mendoza, Cindy Samson and Kelly Ward. I look forward to working with you in the WSU-Whitman County 4-H Program!

4-H calendars

We have a good supply of 2008 4-H calendars from Jones Truck and Implement in the Extension Office. Stop by and pick up calendars for all the members in your 4-H Club today! Many thanks go to Jones Truck and Implement for their support of the 4-H calendars. Please send a thank you note to Larry Jones for his contribution to Whitman County 4-H.



Steers for Market projects

Roy and Chet Clinesmith of Benga have three steers that would be good 4-H or FFA market steer project animals. Two are red angus-saler cross and one is a shorthorn-saler cross. For more information call (509) 887-2434.

Volunteers to help with Pre-Fair Clinic

Calling all volunteers! We are planning on bringing back the Pre-Fair clinic and request one volunteer from each club to serve on the planning committee. The time commitment is minimal- about 1-3 hours of planning and then the actual clinic hours. Please send an email to Janet with the name of the volunteer from your club who will be serving on the committee. The tentative date is July 12 and the location is the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds.



Last Call for Calendar Dates

Erin and I have been collecting dates for the 2008 4-H Calendar. If you have dates of club events that are open to all county members and would like them listed in the 4-H calendar, please call the office or send them to Janet, schmidtj@wsu.edu.

A 4-H fund Raising Opportunity

A partnership between APH (the magazine fundraising unit of the Hearst Corporation) and 4-H will enable 4H groups to earn **40% profit** from magazine fundraising. An additional **1%** will go to the state level and **4%** will go to each county extension. Therefore, 4-H members, family, and friends can order new magazine subscriptions, renew current subscriptions, and order subscriptions as gifts while raising money for both local and state organizations. Please note that currently, less than 5% of magazines bought throughout the USA are through a school fundraiser. The opportunity to raise money for the 4-H organization is great. To request additional information, please contact Keith Erickson, Business Development Manager, American Publishers Hearst, 800-220-1247 ext. 3. As with all fund raising opportunities, be sure to all the fine print!



Weather Alert

The following web address will assist you and your family in preparing for upcoming weather events. Mark this in your favorites list for easy access. http://www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_campaign.shtml.

Leaders take Note: Tax Exempt status of 4-H

As determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), chartered 4-H Clubs and formally recognized affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of Extension are eligible for inclusion as a subsidiary of National 4-H special exemption from the federal income tax under the provisions which correspond to section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS code. This means that: **authorized 4-H groups are exempt from paying federal income tax on funds raised on behalf of 4-H**, or to support education programs and **donors may deduct contributions to 4-H clubs** and affiliated 4-H organizations such as bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts as applicable under the IRS Code. The tax exempt status addresses only federal income tax and does not provide exemption from any state or local taxes, such as hotel tax, property tax, sales tax or other taxes. In order to be included as a subsidiary, the club must be officially recognized either through the official charter or other appropriate mechanism (Name and Use of 4-H Emblem form) and be under the control of Extension. Steps to be included as a subsidiary include obtain official recognition from the State 4-H Program and obtain a federal tax identification number or federal employee identification number. **You may ask yourself, so what does this really mean?** It means that if your club does fund raising and has a club treasury, your club will be taxed on your funds unless your club has an EIN or TIN number. The good news is that about half of the clubs in Whitman County have the EIN number; the bad news is that about half of the clubs **do not** have the EIN number and are out of compliance. If you do not have your club number, then go on-line to <http://www.irs.gov> and complete the SS-4 form. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Janet in the Extension office. This is a very important matter and needs the main club leaders' immediate attention!

Leader's Guide to Handling Money

With new and more complicated changes upon 4-H concerning handling of fund, be sure to get your latest edition of "4-H Leaders' Guide to Handling Money in the 4-H Youth Development Program", C1059E. There have been a number of policy changes and everyone will need to implement the new procedures. The "E" at the end of the number means that it is available electronically or stop in the Extension Office and pick up your copy today. You can also order it on-line.



WSU 4-H/FFA FEEDER PIG SALE 2008

Washington State University is sponsoring three feeder pig sales for 4-H and FFA members this year. Approximately 200 pigs will be available from the WSU Swine Center for each sale. **The first sale** will be at the WSU Swine Center on January 12th beginning at 8:00. These pigs will be of the right age and weight for spring shows. Preordering and prepaying are not required at this sale, however if you are coming from out of state, you will need to phone or email with an exact number of pigs wanted by January 10th so that we can get a health certificate on the pigs for you. For more information and to place your order, contact the WSU Swine Center at (509) 335-2287 and ask for Ace or send an e-mail to attimm@wsu.edu. Rules and form are at <http://www.ansci.wsu.edu/Facilities/Swine/swine.asp#PigSale>.



4-H Horse Contest Guide Revision

It has been discovered that the file for PNW574, "4-H Horse Contest Guide," included on the recently released 2007-2008 4-H Publications & Projects CD, is not the most recent version of this publication. The most recent version of PNW574 is available on the publication website and has been correctly linked on our 4-H website at <http://4h.wsu.edu/EM2778CD/pdf/PNW0574.pdf>. The revision includes a brief paragraph and chart on pg. 33, titled "Run-out Line" and applies to Washington only. I have requested 10 replacement CDs for horse club leaders. If you would like one, please call, 397-6290 or email Janet, schmidtj@wsu.edu and one will be held or sent to you.

4-H Horse Council Meeting

The 4-H Horse Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 6-9pm, in the Kitchen of the Public Service Building. All teen and adult horse leaders and equine enthusiasts are invited to attend the meeting. Some of the agenda items will include: State Fair Qualifying Horse Show, Horse Field Day, Horse Decorations for State Fair and much more!



Understanding Avian Influenza

CSREES directed a multi-agency effort to develop [Understanding Avian Influenza](#), a lesson plan for high school science students that helps students develop problem-solving and knowledge-processing skills using a real-life application: the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in poultry and wild birds. The lesson plan contains material from all federal agencies, including the departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Education. The lesson plan is also available through [Ag in the Classroom](#) (AITC). While H5N1 has not yet mutated into a virus that can easily infect humans, some people outside the United States have gotten sick and died after extensive direct contact with infected poultry. There is no human immunity and no vaccine is available. Using avian influenza as a model, this science activity will allow students to step into the role of a government or public health official. Students will track the spread of this animal health disease from its first appearance in Hong Kong in 1996 to the latest findings in 2006. They will also learn the differences in avian flu viruses and why the current outbreak, though an animal health problem, has

4-H and WSU Scholarship Opportunities

Each year Washington State 4-H members, who are seniors in High School or completing their GED, are eligible for many scholarships. Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer 15 different scholarships. Please note that there are two different sets of criteria for the scholarships. Current and former Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply. Applicants must 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, we are excited to offer **four Washington State University 4-H \$1500.00 scholarships: two for achievement in Leadership and two for achievement in Citizenship/Community Service.** Each of these scholarships is worth \$1500.00 toward **tuition in a student's freshman year at Washington State University, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences.** Applicants being considered for the Leadership and Citizenship/Community Service Scholarships will first be reviewed for the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences Dean's Merit Award worth \$3000.00. To be eligible for these scholarships a youth must complete both the Washington State University Scholarship Application (online only) and the WSU/CAHNRS 4-H State Scholarship Supplemental Information (send to Britta Nitcy). Applications must arrive at WSU by **January 31, 2008.** **Please note:** Washington State University Scholarship Application is **ON-LINE ONLY** Applicant must complete a WSU application and receive a student ID **PRIOR** to applying for the Scholarship. **The other Washington 4-H Scholarships require a completed 4-H Scholarship Application and Washington State 4-H Scholarship Supplemental Application Information.** Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H Scholarships. These applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2008. 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. So, there are two different sets of requirements for the scholarships; one for the **College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences** and the other for general **4-H Scholarships.** Each has a checklist to make sure you don't forget any part. Much of the information is repeated in different ways on each (unfortunately, this is necessary because we are working with different systems). Once you have completed the first form the others should be much easier! More information about WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences scholarships can be found at their website: <http://academic.cahe.wsu.edu/scholarships.htm> General information about financial aid and WSU scholarships can be found at their website: <http://www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholar/> The 4-H Scholarship Application form may be obtained from your local Extension office or downloaded from the State 4-H Website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/scholar.htm> If you have any questions about the scholarships please contact Janet in the Whitman County Extension office or Jan Klein at (509) 721-1791 or email jklein@wsu.edu.