

## 4-H FOCUS

#### **MAY 2015**



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#### Swine Pre-show / Weigh-in: May 11, 4pm to 8pm, Fairgrounds

Just a reminder: there is a 45 pound minimum weight requirement for swine at pre-show/weigh-in. The Klickitat County Fair Board approved this change beginning with the 2013 Klickitat County Fair. Although 45 lbs is the minimum weight for pre-show, it is recommended that at least 50 to 55 lbs would be a more ideal beginning weight for swine. Call the Extension office you have any questions.

On May 11, be sure to have your completed "2015 Official Market Livestock Pre-Show Entry Form" correctly filled out for each animal being weighed. The form also has the minimum and maximum weights information for the large animal species. The form is available at the Extension office as well as online at <a href="http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat/4-h-recordkeeping/">http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat/4-h-recordkeeping/</a>.

#### 4-H Invitational Rabbit & Cavy Show

The Klickitat County 4-H Invitational Rabbit & Cavy Show takes place Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale, WA. The showroom opens at 8am; classes start at 9am. Cost per class is \$3 for entries postmarked by May 6. Late entries postmarked after May 6 or on the day of show will be \$10 per class. Phone or email entries are accepted: email <a href="mailto:julie@julieavance.com">julie@julieavance.com</a>. Questions: contact Cathy Johnson at 206-261-7055. Show booklet and entry forms can be found online at <a href="http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat">http://ext100.wsu.edu/klickitat</a> under "Upcoming Events" or come by the WSU Extension office.

### gnite Don't Wait – There's Still time to Register: "Ignite Your Future" – 4-H Teen Conference

The 2015 4-H Teen Conference takes place June 28-30, 2015. Information is available on the website <a href="http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf">http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf</a> - check out the conference handbook for what you need to know. The workshops for this year are AMAZING – you will want to attend! Here are the registration details:

#### **Registration Deadlines/Cost:**

May 1st: Teen Conference Registration opens (\$50 non-refundable fee due at registration)

May 1st-15th: Registration \$180, if payment is made in full & postmarked by May 15th

May 16th-June 1st: Registration \$200

June 1st: Registration closes

After June 1st: A \$25 late fee will be assessed on all unpaid balances

\*\*\*The Teen Conference webpage will be updated weekly!! Keep checking back!\*\*\*

#### May 18, 2015 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting – One Week Early

The next Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2015 in the 4-H room at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. **The May meeting is held a week earlier in May due to the Memorial Day holiday on May 25.** The leader training session begins at 6:30 pm. The council meeting begins at 7pm.

The 30 minute training session prior to each meeting is a great opportunity for enrolled 4-H leaders to obtain the six (6) hours of leader education required for every leader each 4-H year.

Remember, leaders, parents and youth who attend these meetings help determine the direction of our county program. These meetings are where the "business" of our county 4-H program is conducted. Please attend as many meetings as you can. 4-H clubs are encouraged to have a club representative regularly attend meetings.

#### 2015 Klickitat County Fair Theme: Wild Flowers & Wagon Wheels

### DID YOU KNOW . . . ??

NEED TO DROP OFF FORMS TO OUR OFFICE AFTER HOURS?

YES, YOU CAN!

USE THE DROP-BOX INSIDE OUR FRONT ENTRANCE. LOOK FOR THE BLACK BOX ON THE WALL!

Klickitat County 4-H Classic Buckle Series (Proceeds to go to the Klickitat County 4-H Horse Program)

Simcoe Mt. Classic
May 24, 2015

149 Willis Road
Goldendale, WA

Judge: Emily Gehrig

Columbia River Classic
June 7, 2015

August 2, 2015

50 Snowden Road
White Salmon, WA
White Salmon, WA
Judge: Vi Strode

Judge: Cindy Mello

- Best 2 out of 3 scores in each Showmanship, Equitation, and Trail counts for buckle.
- Gaming does not count towards buckle.
- Entry Fee: Performance Schooling Show \$20, Gaming \$10, or \$25 for all day
- All shows have check-in time of 8:00 AM and will start promptly at 9:00 AM
- ENTRY FORM available on WSU Klickitat County Extension website: http://klickitat.wsu.edu
- Concessions will be available.
- Questions? Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Martha Parsons at 509-637-4016

#### 4-H Horse-O-Polis Summer Horse Event, July 13-15

The 2015 Klickitat County 4-H Horse-O-Polis is coming! Horse-O-Polis is open to all youth (with their horse) who are in grades 3 through 12 (school year just completed).

The purpose of Horse-O-Polis is to prepare youth for showing in their county and state 4-H fairs or just improve their horsemanship skills. Riders will have showmanship and three riding classes each day for \$150. Registrations postmarked by June 23 will also receive a 2015 4-H Horse-O-Polis T-shirt. Check-in is Sunday evening, July 12, from 5pm to 7pm; dinner will be served at 6pm.

#### Shavings are NOT included – you must provide your own.

PLEASE NOTE---The hours of 4-H supervision will be 7am to 9pm each day--all riders must have a designated on-site responsible adult overseeing them during the day and especially at night. Further information can be found in the registration materials. Registration forms will be available to download at <a href="https://www.klickitat.wsu.edu">www.klickitat.wsu.edu</a> under "Upcoming Events".

If you have questions, contact Martha Parsons at 509-365-4267 or 509-637-4016, or Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560.

Partial scholarships for Klickitat County 4-H members <u>may</u> be available by request from Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council. All written request must be received no later than June 23, 2015 to be reviewed for consideration. Contact the Extension office at 509-773-5817 for specific information. 4-H Record Book Scholarships (from October 2014 4-H Achievement Day) may also be used towards the cost of registration.

#### **Equine Herpes Virus In The News**

Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) is in the news again. There have been four confirmed cases of EHV-1 in Oregon (in Polk and Marion counties). Here is some information for horse owners about the virus and some resource links at the end of the article. Contact your local veterinarian about recommendations for vaccination and other preventative measures.

Equine Herpes Virus is a common virus in equine populations worldwide. There are several strains of the virus, with EHV-1 and EHV-4 being most often involved in clinical disease. EHV-1 can cause respiratory disease, abortion and neurologic disease, while EHV-4 typically causes respiratory disease. Neurologic disease, which is generally caused by specific strains of EHV-1, is called equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM).

#### What are the common clinical signs of EHV?

Fever is one of the most common clinical signs and often precedes the development of other signs. Respiratory signs include coughing and nasal discharge. Abortions caused by EHV generally occur after 5 months of gestation. Neurologic signs associated with EHM are highly variable, but often the hind end is most severely affected. Horses with EHM may appear weak and uncoordinated. Urine dribbling and loss of tail tone may also be seen. Severely affected horses may become unable to rise.

It is important to remember that none of these signs are specific to EHV, and diagnostic testing is required to confirm EHV infection. Also, many horses exposed to EHV never develop clinical signs.

#### How long is the virus shed once a horse is infected?

Shedding by the respiratory route typically lasts for 7-10 days, although occasionally it may persist longer.

#### How is EHV spread?

EHV is transmitted primarily by aerosol and through direct and indirect contact. Aerosol transmission occurs when infectious droplets are inhaled. The source of infectious droplets is most often respiratory secretions. In the case of abortions, virus may be present in the placenta, fetal membranes and fluid, and aborted fetuses.

Direct horse-to-horse contact is a common route of transmission of the virus, but indirect transmission is also important. This occurs when infectious materials (nasal secretions, fluids from abortions, etc.) are carried between infected and non-infected horses by people or fomites (inanimate objects such as buckets, etc.)

#### What should I do if my horse has been exposed to EHV?

If you suspect your horse has been exposed to EHV, contact your veterinarian. In general, exposed horses should be isolated and have their temperatures monitored twice daily for 10 days. If an exposed horse develops a fever, diagnostic testing should be performed. While there are several testing methods available, the most frequently recommended test is a PCR to detect the viral genetic material done on a nasal swab.

#### What can you do?

As we enter the more active horse show season, be knowledgeable about the signs of EHV-1 and step up your efforts on bio-security. Avoid horse-to-horse direct contact, avoid sharing water buckets or any other tools. Consider avoiding attending events that are in an area that has had confirmed cases reported. It matters where the horse next to your horse has been, and who they have been with. If you take a well-vaccinated horse to only one show a year, that is semi-low risk unless the horse has contact with other horses that go to a zillion shows a year. No harm in re-vaccinating for EHV-1 because there may be some benefits and only cost is a deterrent; questionable efficacy against the neurologic form, but may help reduce viral shedding.

In-depth articles from AAEP at <a href="http://www.aaep.org/info/horse-health?publication=753&osCsid=cr9bp6jerm3518puopql58nvb0">http://www.aaep.org/info/horse-health?publication=753&osCsid=cr9bp6jerm3518puopql58nvb0</a> and <a href="http://www.aaep.org/info/horse-health?publication=754&osCsid=cr9bp6jerm3518puopql58nvb0">http://www.aaep.org/info/horse-health?publication=754&osCsid=cr9bp6jerm3518puopql58nvb0</a>.

Lots of equine biosecurity articles at <a href="http://www.equineguelph.ca/Tools/biosecurity\_2011.php">http://www.equineguelph.ca/Tools/biosecurity\_2011.php</a>.

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\_Health/Equine\_Biosecurity.html

A fun and educational activity for youth: http://www.equineguelph.ca/Tools/biosecurity\_2011.php

## Klickitat County 4-H Still Life Camp, June 22-26, 2015, 9 AM-Noon Goldendale Grange Hall, Goldendale, WA

Cost of Camp: \$25.00 or \$10.00 per individual day

<u>Pre-Registration required by June 1, 2015</u> in order for supplies to be available for all campers. Open to youth ages 5 years old (by Jan. 1, 2015) through 18 years old. There will be age-appropriate activities planned for each program day. Registration forms are online at <a href="http://klickitat.wsu.edu">http://klickitat.wsu.edu</a> or at the Extension office.

Monday- Cooking
Tuesday – Cake Decorating
Wednesday – Food Preservation
Thursday – Sewing
Friday – Crafts

<u>Cooking</u> – Learn to bake cookies and cakes from scratch. You can decorate your cake the next day. While the cookies and cakes are baking, learn about table setting and making wise food choices.

<u>Cake Decorating</u> – Learn to make the frosting used in decorating cakes and cupcakes. Also learn to use various cake decorating tips and applicators to make basic decorations on the cakes you made during the cooking session the day before.

<u>Food Preservation</u> – Learn to can the seasonal fruit or vegetable that is available so that you can have fresh food all year-round without preservatives.

<u>Crafts</u> – Come learn new methods to express your individual idea of creativity and style with the available materials.

<u>Sewing</u> – Learn to use a sewing machine to make simple projects. In this camp we will be making shorts. **Please bring 1.5 yards cotton material and elastic.** 

If you have questions, please call Linda Enderby at (509) 773-3381 or Pat Shamek at (541) 993-9560.

#### **2015 State 4-H Fair Equine Show Schedule**

The equine schedule for 2015 was approved as follows:

September 10-14	Senior Performance
September 14-15	Harness (Int and Sr)
September 15-17	Dressage (Int and Sr)
September 17-21	Senior Western Games
September 21-24	Intermediate Performance
September 24-27	Intermediate Western Games

Other Equine Activities:

September 12 Equine Judging Contest

September 12 Groom Squad

September 13 National Equine Public Presentation Contest

#### Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### **MAY 2015**

- 11 Swine Pre-Show/Weigh-in, 4pm to 8pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 4-H Invitational Rabbit & Cavy Show, opens 8am, 9am start, Poultry Bldg, KC Fairgrounds
- 16 2015 Goat Academy, Goldendale, WA, http://www.columbiabasingoatguild.org
- 4-H Leaders' Council training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds
  \*\*\*\*\*Council meeting is held one week earlier in May due to the holiday\*\*\*\*
- 19 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 21 Klickitat County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm, location to be announced
- 4-H Classic Buckle Series Show #1, Simcoe Mt. Classic, 149 Willis Rd, Goldendale, WA, 9am-4pm
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday County offices closed

#### **JUNE 2015**

- 5-7 Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show, Tygh Valley, OR
- 7 4-H Classic Buckle Series Show #2, Columbia River Classic, 50 Snowden Rd, White Salmon, WA, 9am-4pm
- 8 Sheep/goat pre-show, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 4-H Container Gardening Clinic, 9am to noon, Goldendale Grange hall
- 16 Klickitat County Fair Board Meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 18 4-H Horse Leaders meeting, 6:30pm in Lyle, Lyle Activity Center
- 22-26 Klickitat County 4-H Still Life Summer Camp, 9am to noon, Goldendale Grange Hall
- 28-30 WA State 4-H Teen Conference, WSU Pullman Campus, Pullman, WA
- 4-H Leaders' Council: training at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, Klickitat County Fairgrounds

#### **JULY 2015**

#### Date TBA THIS MONTH: Horse and livestock fair entries due; mail to Fair Board office

- 3 Fourth of July Holiday observed County offices closed
- 13-15 4-H Horse-O-Polis Summer Horse Camp, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 16 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting, 6:30pm
- 17-8 NW Junior Sheep Exposition, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA
- 21 Klickitat County Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 24 4-H Foods Day (State Qualifying Event), location TBA
- 26 Western Games (State Qualifying Event), Klickitat Co. Fairgrounds
- 4-H Leaders' Council: training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H room, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 31 4-H Clothing Day (State Qualifying Event), location TBA

# 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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