



Chelan and Douglas Counties 4-H

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A Moment with Michelle

Hi All,

I hope you have recovered from the holiday season and are ready for the new year. I give you an uplifting example of what good fairs can be. It's important in times like these to remember that we are all part of a community and youth who participate in fairs are becoming better informed citizens. Now is an excellent opportunity to talk to your legislators to stress the importance of fairs and 4-H.

By the numbers

Fair Play

It's county fair time again. Agricultural groups and local businesses are busy at America's midways and fairgrounds. Their goal: to celebrate the pastoral pleasures of agro-America—from livestock auctions to old-fashioned carnival games to, of course, food! The San Diego County Fair, pictured here, draws record crowds and brings a real economic boost to the area.

—Tara Moore

\$170 million

The estimated impact of the 22-day fair on the local economy. The livestock auction generated \$432,271 in 2010.

100,000 pounds

The total amount of chicken sold by Chicken Charlie, the San Diego fair's top vendor in 2010. It was among 110 food booths catering to over 1.3 million total attendees.

6 million

The number of young people enrolled in 4-H (stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health) programs. Believe it or not, that's up from 1.9 million participants in the 1950s.

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Special points of interest:

- Show the world what you have done—report your volunteer hours.
- Bring your ideas to Leaders' Council Meetings

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Training to “Make the Best Better”

WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY: FEBRUARY 3, 2012

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 3, 2012 from 8:30 am until 5:15 pm at the Pillar Rock Restaurant/Moses Lake Golf & Country Club in Moses Lake, WA. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board, and WSU Extension.

Topics at the day's events include balancing profitable swine rations for the PNW, managing risk through livestock price protection insurance programs, animal disease traceability, and pork check-off requirements for commercial, niche and youth producers selling pigs..

The all-day registration fee of \$40 includes the seminar, WPP membership, break, lunch, and handouts. An all-day youth registration, \$20, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session. Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Check-off funding. For complete agenda and registration information visit, www.animalag.wsu.edu or contact the WSU Extension —Grant/Adams, Sarah M. Smith, 509-754-2011, Ext. 413 or smithsm@wsu.edu.

2012 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The 2012 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest entries are due **February 15th**. This year's topic is “The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community.” Prizes for the top three national winners, provided by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, are \$750, \$500, and \$250. Each state winner will receive an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. For more information see the [complete rules](#) or contact Kevin Wright.

WSU Beef 200 Course Offered

WSU Extension is offering an outstanding 2-day intensive program on producing quality beef called BEEF 200, **February 10-11**, in Okanogan, in the Agriplex building at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds. See the [BEEF 200 brochure](#) for program and registration information to distribute to those who could benefit from this course. Participants will learn about feeding and managing cattle for beef quality, live animal evaluation, slaughtering and processing of beef animals, carcass and retail fabrication, beef eating quality attributes, selection tools for quality and value, grid pricing, guidelines and regulations for slaughter and marketing, and even a beef & wine pairing taste experience. The cost is only \$95 for the two days, including a lunch and a gourmet beef dinner. Youth interested in producing quality beef are especially encouraged to attend; the cost for youth 18 and younger is only \$60!



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Cattlemen’s Winterschool

Thanks to the generous support of Northwest Farm Credit Services, Tri County Cattlemen’s Association and Snohomish County Farm Bureau the first 220 students to register from 12-18 years of age are invited to attend the **Country Living Expo & Cattlemen’s Winterschool** for a discounted rate of only \$10. Check out our flyer and then go online to register: <http://skagit.wsu.edu/CountryLivingExpo>

Beef • Bees • Country Living • Equine • Fiber • Foods • Horticulture • Poultry • Sheep • Goats • Swine

Includes over 160 Classes, Smoked Prime Rib Lunch or Vegetarian Delight, 70 Vendors registered in the trade show and in incredible day of inspiration and education! Held January 28th, 2012 at Stanwood High School, 7400 272nd St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292.

Prairie Hatchers 4-H Club Invitational Youth Poultry Show

February 25th is the date for the 14th Annual All Youth Poultry Show hosted by the Prairie Hatchers, from 7am-5pm, at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield. The judges have been invited, the facilities reserved, and the Prairie Hatchers are working hard to get everything ready. The premium book is being put together and will be out the first of February. This is a poultry show just like the shows put on by the poultry breeder clubs and fairs. There will be conformation judging of birds, as well as a fit and show competition, a raffle, a sale area, a chick and adult bird auction, and lots more. Please contact Kindra Post at jlp0335@hotmail.com, to request a premium book via email. For more information contact Louise Owen at lowen22@msn.com or phone 360-254-5223.

American Youth Horse Council Youth Symposium

The American Youth Horse Council Symposium will be held in Herndon, VI, on **March 23-25**. The event promises to bring fun and education to professionals, leaders/volunteers and teens in the equine industry. Take a look at the [brochure](#) and if you have questions, send them to: info@ayhc.com or contact Marla Lowder at mklowder@alaska.edu.

Teen Beat

Leadership Summit #3

Take a step beyond your club project and participate in a leadership training adventure for middle school youth. Learn how to organize your personal life, plan events, lead workshops, facilitate activities and promote 4-H to other teens. Strengthen your personal leadership skills while seeing a 'bigger' picture of 4-H and having FUN all along the way! For all middle school youth and those who serve them. There will be a County Ambassador orientation provided too.

Date: March 17-18, 2012

Location: Koinonia Camp and Retreat Center Cle Elum, WA

Cost: \$80

Registration will open April 6th. Watch the 4-H website for more info.



Awards/Scholarships:

It's Scholarship Time Again!

We offer three different 4-H Scholarships through the Washington State 4-H Program. Please refer to specific information and application process at <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm>.

The CAHNRS scholarships for those attending WSU and majoring in CAHNRS areas

Washington State University, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences State 4-H Scholarship (received by **January 31, 2012** at WSU):

- ◆ Dean's Merit Scholarship \$3,000
- ◆ Two @ \$1,500.00 for Leadership
- ◆ Two @ \$1,500.00 for Citizenship/Community Service

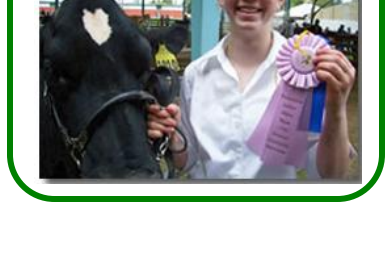
Washington State 4-H Scholarships (postmarked by **March 1, 2012** to State 4-H Scholarship Committee, WSUE Spokane, PO Box 1495, SSCF #211, Spokane, WA 99210):

- ◆ J. Orville Young Memorial Scholarship -- One @ \$500.00
- ◆ Lewis County 4-H Leaders Scholarships -- Five @ \$500.00
- ◆ O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship -- One @ approximately \$550.00
- ◆ Washington State 4-H Foundation Scholarship -- One @ \$500.00

4-H Dairy Endowment Scholarship (only available for those who have been dairy members)

- ◆ Washington State 4-H Foundation Dairy Endowment Scholarship is a separate application from those above. For information and application go to: <http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/dairyendowment/DE-Scholarship.pdf>.

- ◆ Two @ \$500.00 (must be/have been a 4-H Dairy Member. One for a senior in high school and one for a current college student).



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Bonanza classes for 2012 show:

- ◆ “All Breed” Cattle Classes: Feeder Steer, All Breed Heifer, Working Cow (2 year or older herd cows) and Bulls (Review pages 19 & 20 of premium book). ALL BEEF ENTRIES MUST BE HALTER BROKE. Entry Fee \$20/head
- ◆ Prospect Lamb (minimum lamb wt.75 lbs when weighed in @ show),
- ◆ Ewe Lamb and Yearling Ewe. Entry Fee \$10/head. Page 23 of premium book.
- ◆ Possession/Entry dates for Bonanza entries is March 1, 2012.



Health forms must accompany all entries at the scales

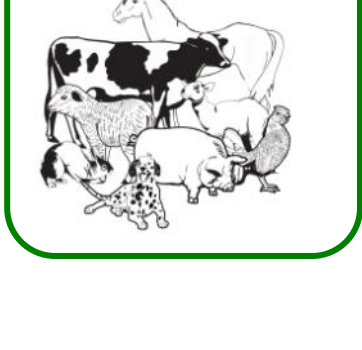
Mail Entries To: Lisa Barth, 1974 Rd 8 NW, Ephrata, WA 98823

ALL entries due postmarked March 1, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

NCW Junior Livestock Spring Show

The North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show will be held March 29, 30, & 31, 2012 at Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake.

The 2012 Premium Book and entry forms can be found at the following websites: <http://animalag.wsu.edu> <http://grant-adams.wsu.edu>



Kudos Corner

- ◆ Our new Chelan County fairgrounds manager is Karen Welch. You might know her from the NCW fair when she was rabbit superintendent for years. She is excited and has jumped on board running.
- ◆ RAMbots 4-H Club won a grant from our local PLATT Industrial company for \$500. They have also won a \$5,000 NASA grant! They were the only 4-H team to achieve this! Way to go RAMbots! If you would like to see them in action they will be challenging for the state position at two different regionals: March 22-24 at the Seattle Century Link Field (Qwest Field), and April 5-7 at Eastern Washington University. If you would like more information about the robotics programs, please contact Michelle Morrison



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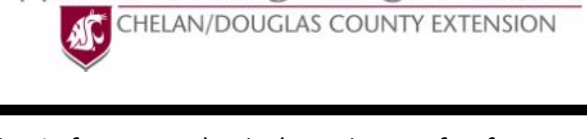
- ◆ Fair Premium Book suggestions for changes need to be in the 4-H office by January 20th.
- ◆ End of the year club financial reports are due Jan 31st, please also include the 4-H Graduate Study (survey about last years' exciting seniors).

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To Make The Best, Better



Don't forget to check the web page for forms,
information and dates:

[http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/youth/
youth/Pages/default.aspx](http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/youth/youth/Pages/default.aspx)

Calendar

January

- 26 New Leader Training, 6pm
- 28 Cattlemen's Winterschool,
Stanwood, WA
- 31 4-H Club financial reports due
- 31 WSU CAHNRS Scholarship due

February

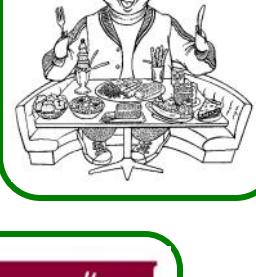
- 3 WA Swine Day
- 10-11 BEEF 200, Okanogan
- 25 Poultry Show, Clark Co.
Fairgrounds

March

- 1 Douglas Co. 4-H Scholarship due
- 1 WA State 4-H Scholarship due
- 3 4-H Super Saturday
- 17-18 Teen Leadership Summit,
Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum
- 29-31 Jr Livestock Show, Grant Co.

April

- 14 Pig Roast and Auction



FYI News (continued)

- ♦ Save the date: 4-H Super Saturday (a series of 4-H workshops), March 3rd, 9-12pm Watch for announcement of location and topics to come.
- ♦ New Leader training, January 26, 6pm, in the 4-H office.
- ♦ Save the date: April 14, Douglas County Leaders' Council fundraiser Pig Roast and auction at NCW Fairgrounds.
- ♦ First horseshow of the season will be May 19, at Appleatchee. Contact Thera Judd 884-4769 or 4-H web page for more info.



Leader's Corner



If you are interested in food preservation curriculum, I have curriculum on Freezing Basics, Pressure Canning, Drying Basics, Canning Basics, and Boiling Water Canning Requirements from Idaho University. These are free for now if you let Michelle know mmmorrison@wsu.edu .

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