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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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Cashmere RoboRockers had a "Rock'n Year!"

Submitted by Steve Keene, Club Leader/Mentor



Cashmere RoboRockers 4-H Club has completed all but some final touches on our display board for the Chelan County Fair, and will finish those when we get back together in August. I'll be in touch before then to get things organized.

Our plan is to display our project and information about our group along with the Wenatchee Ram-bots at the Chelan County Fair. The kids did a great job this year building many projects while learning about different types of gears and displayed those at the Vale Elementary School Science Fair in March.

The kids chose apple slices as their favorite snack for the Jr FIRST LEGO League Snack Attack Challenge, learned about the production and handling of that food from orchard to market and visited Crunch Pak in Cashmere, where they learned how the apples are processed to make snack packs that get distributed around the world. Their display board depicts the entire cycle from farm to market and the LEGO model they built represents all they learned about the processing at Crunch Pak: delivery of the fruit from CA warehouses, washing the fruit, keeping it cool, slicing it, spraying with calcium and vitamin C as a preservative, packaging and shipping to market. The model includes three conveyor belts, two motorized, with speed reduction gear trains, a motorized "slicer" and a motorized arm, utilizing a crown gear to change direction of motion and a speed reduction gear



RoboRockers (continued)

train, to pick up and load product onto trucks.



Due to scheduling conflicts, the team was unable to attend a Jr FIRST LEGO

League exposition this year, but the students did have fun, learned a lot, received participation medals for all their hard work and are excited about displaying it at the Chelan County Fair.

Tomorrow, the group will be attending a demonstration of the new daVinci surgical robot at the Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, then school's out and it's off to summer vacations next week.

Volunteers Are the Heartbeat of 4-H

by Pat BoyEs

Part of the process of preparing the annual Federal Report of Extension Work in Washington State of course involves gathering all sorts of 4-H statistics and impacts. One of the continuing OMG moments for me in gathering all those numbers is the incredible number of hours 4-H volunteers give in service to young people. In 2011, 6,187 4-H volunteers gave over 686,757 hours of service. That means that the average volunteer gives two hours per week or 111 hours per year of their time in support of their communities and youth. I am amazed how, de-

spite very challenging times, 4-H volunteers carve so much time out of their lives to contribute to the impacts of 4-H on young lives. And please remember that many, many volunteers far exceed 111 hours per year, but when averaged across all 4-H volunteers, the number is still very impressive! Those 686,757 hours of service translates into a dollar value of \$14,969,435! Are you as amazed and impressed as I am? 4-H volunteers contributed \$15M in service in 2011! I am humbled by all of their efforts!



Outstanding County Volunteer Awards

Kevin Wright

Each county may submit an outstanding volunteer to be honored at this year's Forum. Counties are encouraged to send a poster or display about the volunteer. Please submit the Outstanding County Leader form and electronic picture of the volunteer no later than **October 1, 2012** to Betsy Fradd at fradd@wsu.edu. Forms can be

found on the 4-H website at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/awards.htm>.

NOTE: This is normally the person selected as our own County "Leader of the Year". Nomination form <http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/youth/youth/eventinfo/Pages/AwardDeadlines.aspx>

State 4-H Forum Auction

by Kevin Wright

Once again this year the State 4-H Forum will feature both live and silent auctions. The live auction will take place on Saturday evening, **October 20, 2012**.

Be sure to fill out the form completely and mail or email it to the Franklin County Extension Office. **DO NOT** mail the auction item to Franklin County - bring it with you to the Forum. The Auction Form can be found on the State Forum website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/>

[Forum/2011/Auction.pdf](#).

The auction is a great way to make money for your county 4-H program. The profits from the auction are divided between the 4-H entity that donated it and the State Advisory Board. More details about this division are on the donation form. Be sure to mail in your donation forms by **September 30, 2012**, so that your items may be included in the auction catalog.



Nat. Governor's Assoc. Report on STEM Learning Highlights 4-H

by Pat BoyEs

The National Governor's Association recently released a 13-page report on the importance of STEM education to economic development and recovery. See report at: <http://www.nga.org/files/live/sites/NGA/files/pdf/1203INFORMALSCIENCEBRIEF.PDF>.

See what the Governor's specifically had to say about 4-H on pg. 8:

4-H and STEM: 4-H is an example of a national organization committed to boosting student achievement in STEM. In addition to sponsoring teams that compete in robotics com-

petitions, 4-H provides out-of-school STEM learning to more than 6 million youth through programs implemented at Land-Grant Universities and Colleges nationwide. The programs emphasize hands-on experiences in subjects such as agricultural, science, electricity, mechanics, natural sciences, rocketry, robotic, biofuels, renewable energy, and computer sciences. The stated objectives for the 4-H Science initiative "are to increase science interest and literacy among youth, to increase the number of youth pursuing post-secondary education in science, and to increase the number of youth pursuing science

Volunteer Hours Reporting Address

The Volunteer Hours Reporting System is a system for recording the data that the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries requires for WSU to ensure volunteers are indeed working on behalf of the university. Reporting of volunteer's hour's documents coverage for injuries they might sustain and it is also documentation for the liability coverage WSU provides to its volunteers. Additionally,

volunteer hours are a powerful reporting tool for WSU Extension to demonstrate the broad-based support for our programming by citizens across Washington State. All WSU Extension Volunteers must log on to <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/default.aspx> each month to report hours they worked for any WSU Extension program.



WA State 4-H Award Nominations

by State 4-H Advisory

Do you work with or know of an outstanding 4-H volunteer, staff member, alumni, or supportive business that deserves to be recognized for their outstanding efforts on behalf of 4-H in the state of WA? Consider nominating them for one of the various WA State 4-H Awards.

There are several awards available
Salute to Excellence In Recognition of Outstanding Volunteerism Lifetime Achievement: This award recognizes the efforts of an individual that has served as a 4-H volunteer for at least 10 years or more at the county or state level.

Salute to Excellence In Recognition of Outstanding Volunteerism Less than 10 Years: This award recognizes the efforts of an individual that has served as a 4-H volunteer for less than 10 years at the county or state level.

Friend of Washington State 4-H Award: This award recognizes outstanding persons or businesses/ organizations that have contributed to making WA State 4-H what is today, those who have made a significant contribution to the development of 4-H in WA

WA State 4-H Volunteer's Staff Award: This award recognizes outstanding staff members that have contributed to making WA State 4-H what is today, whose

work has impacted 4-H at both county and state levels (beyond their own job responsibilities). Nominations will be accepted from any County Leaders' Council.

WA State 4-H Alumni Award: This award recognizes outstanding 4-H Alumni that have contributed to making Washington State 4-H what is today. Anyone who was enrolled in 4-H as a youth and has made a significant contribution to 4-H and/or the community.

Heather Rider Leadership Award for Young Adults: This award recognizes the extraordinary leadership and service to others by a young person 19-22 years of age as of September 1 of the current year and seeks to recognize their 4-H involvement past and present at the club, county, regional, state, and/or national levels. The recognized youth will demonstrate a genuine passion for the 4-H Program.

All award recipients will be recognized at this year's WA State 4-H Forum Volunteer Recognition Banquet to be held on October 19, 2012 at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel. For copies of the award nomination forms and instructions, see the State 4-H Award Nominations Website at <http://4h.wsu.edu/>



Michelle Morrison

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Michelle Lain!

Congratulations on your recent marriage Michelle!

Fair News

NCW Fair

The NCW Fair Premium Books are out already! We have a good supply in the 4-H Office for your convenience.

Chelan County Fair

The camp registration forms for Chelan County Fair were sent out last month but if you should need

another copy, let Mary Ellen know at Gormley@wsu.edu and she will send it to you again. Deadline is August 15

State 4-H Fair

The 2012 Exhibitor Guide for the Washington State 4-H Fair is now available online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/>



4-H International Exchange Program

by Carolyn Russo

The 4-H International Exchange Program Update is still in need of host families for the month-long cultural immersion program.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both families and young people. The program lasts only a month (**July 26-August 22**), but can lead to friendships and other priceless opportunities that can span a lifetime. Host families must have a child of the same gender who is within two years of age of the visiting student at the time of arrival. This year, most of our delegates

range in age from 12-15. There is an application process, background check, in home interview, and references required for all host families (even ones who have hosted in the past). There are also adult chaperones that need placement.



For more information please contact Carolyn Russo
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4-H Creative Writing Opportunity

by Pat BoyEs

Do you have 4-H members who are interested in Creative Writing? Each November, 100,000 kids and teens tackle the creatively daring feat of drafting a novel in 30 days through the National Novel Writing Month Young Writers Program (NaNoWriMo). This year WA State 4-H members have been invited to join. Over 2,000 educators brought the event to their students in 2011, and for good reason: it's a fun, engaging, fully supported month of high-octane creativity that gets kids saying things like...

"It was liberating and helped me realize that I am capable of many things."

"It was incredible to soar to new heights and discover my enjoyment in writing."

"I got to write a story I've been wanting people to hear for a long time."

The Young Writers Program provides all the free resources you'll need to see this same enthusiasm within your 4-H network. They have lesson plans and workbooks, a classroom kit, student incentives, helpful web tools, and novel self-publishing options. The program is entirely adaptable to your schedule and curriculum. You can learn more on our website: <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org>



Sygenta Sugarbeet Scholarship

by Pat BoyEs

Sygenta is again offering their Sugarbeet Scholarship. This year they will award four \$1500 scholarships to students planning to attend college this fall. Applications are due **June 15th**. The scholarship is

based on a 700-word essay. See

<http://www.farmassist.com/promo/sugarbeets/>

for complete details.



Henhouse Coaching Clinic for WA, ID and OR – DATE CHANGE

by Pam Watson

When: Tuesday, **August 21** from 1 -5pm & Wednesday, **August 22** from 9am-4pm

Where: WSU Lewis County Extension, Conference room #003, 351 NW North St., Chehalis, WA 98532

Topics to be covered: Tuesday--Breeding & Selection, Wednesday--Veterinary care/disease control and general flock health, cooking, and marketing. More details and flyer coming soon!

What is the Henhouse Coaching Network? The mission of Henhouse Coaching Network is to establish local grassroots movements of net-

works that are committed to developing, producing, and maintaining authentic, historic, standard bred poultry as described by the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. Birds will be produced for breeding, and growing to provide meat & eggs for the dining tables of American families. Our goal is to establish local coalitions that work together for the cause of sustainable poultry farming. Please direct questions to Jim Adkins at jim@centerforpoultry.com or 209-890-5326 or Pam Watson at pwatson@wsu.edu or 360-740-1220. See [event flyer](#) for more information.



4-H Horse Gaming?

Bi-County Horse Council would like to re-establish 4-H Gaming. So they are looking for someone who would be willing to take the lead for of a Gaming Division for Bi-County and for Chelan County Fair.

2012 Klickitat County 4-H Horse-O-Polis by Lisa Harness

2012 4-H Horse-O-Polis

- Date: **July 9-11, 2012**
- Check In: 5pm to 7pm on Sunday, July 8th
- Youth riders will have the option to select 2 or 3 riding lessons per day
- Youth riders will have Showmanship each day
- Meals are included with the first meal served at 6pm on Sunday
- Cost is \$120 for 2 lessons or \$150 for 3 lessons per day

The cost includes: meals, riding lessons, showmanship lessons, and a

2012 4-H Horse-O-Polis T-shirt, if the registration is postmarked by June 15th. **Shavings are NOT included – you must provide your own.**

The hours of 4-H supervision will be 7am to 9pm each day--all participants 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 are available to download at <http://www.klickitat.wsu.edu> under "Upcoming Events."



NORTHWEST JUNIOR SHEEP EXPOSITION

The 2012 Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition (NWJSE) will be held July 20-21 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. The show dates have been moved from the traditional Thursday and Friday event, to a Friday and Saturday event to accommodate more working family and to move events in conjunction with the Washington State Sheep Producers' Ram and Ewe Sale. The Junior Sheep Expo offers an excellent opportunity for young people from throughout the Pacific Northwest to showcase their sheep projects in a competitive, fun, and educational environment.

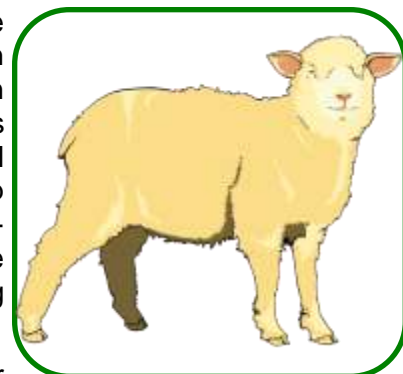
According to the show's President and lead organizer, Scott Mortimer of Wilson Creek Washington, "The Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition provides a unique and fun learning experience for all youth interested in sheep by combining the most current technology in animal science with the traditions of the past." This event will include classes for market lambs, prospect lambs, and breeding sheep. Other competitions include the Sheep Skill-A-Thon, which tests one's knowledge and skill in sheep husbandry and educational displays. The NWJSE uses ultrasound technology and an indexed appraisal system that promotes a more accurate and systematic market lamb evaluation

and enhances the educational experience of exhibitors and spectators.

Due to the excellent financial support of several organizations and donors, over -

\$2,000 in cash prizes and awards will be presented. The show also precedes the Annual Ram and Ewe Sale sponsored by the Washington State Sheep Producers held on July 16 at the same location. This year will again feature a special class, Washington State Sheep Producers Show Ewe Lamb Futurity Class, for youth to purchase high quality ewe lambs to bring back and show at the 2013 show.

Exhibitors desiring to enter market lambs in the 2012 NWJSE should complete and return an entry form by May 1. The entry deadline for feeder lambs, breeding sheep, educational exhibits, and other contests is June 15. Premium booklets were sent to northwest extension offices, FFA Advisors, and previous exhibitors. Premium books and entry forms are also available on WSU Grant-Adams Area Extension web page at <http://grant-adams.wsu.edu> or <http://animalag.wsu.edu> under "Upcoming Events." Additional copies are also available by contacting Sarah Smith at 509-754-2011, Ext. 413 or by email at smithsm@wsu.edu.



PNW 4-H Horse Judges' School

Washington State 4-H is pleased to be the host for the 2012 Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judges School. Please distribute the [at-](#)

by Pat BoyEs

[tached flyer](#) to all interested folks. It is slated for **October 4-7, 2012** at the Fairgrounds in Cowlitz County.



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

www.ncw.wsu.edu/4h

June

20 Trail Blazers Mtg. 6:30pm
23 Challenge Ropes Course Event
24-26 Teen Conference-Pullman

July

8 Horse Show, Appleatchee
9-11 Klickitat Co. Horse-o-polis
9 Chelan Co. Ldrs Council Mtg. 7pm
Walla Walla Park Shelter #2 POT-
LUCK!
10 Douglas Co. Demo Day, 6-8pm, 4-
H Office
20-21 PNW Junior Sheep Expo
26 Douglas Co. Demo Day, 6-9pm, 4-
H Office

August

1 State Award Nominations Due
2 & 7 Chelan Co. Demo Day, 6-9pm,
Chelan Co. Fairgrounds

4-H Trail Blazers (New Teen Leadership Club!)

We have a newly formed Teen Leadership Club that have chosen the name of "Trail Blazers". This group is planning on taking the lead on some activities to create more excitement and unity for our two Counties of 4-H Clubs.



Some topics picked as priorities for this year:

- Host a Super Saturday
- Camping/Fishing/Survival
- Hike Saddle Rock
- Public Speaking Demos

Trail Blazers are hosting Teen Rally in fall of 2013

Teen Conference Registration still open: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/register/index.php?eventid=23880&> Closes 6/15.

Opportunity to try out the Challenge "ropes course" June 23, please contact Michelle Lain for more information.

Next meeting June 20, 6:30pm, Chelan County Extension Office. Any intermediate or senior interested in leadership within our counties are welcome!

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