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Chelan and Douglas Counties 4-H

100 Years of Learning

The foundation for 4-H is a hands on "learn by doing" approach. Much of the drive for 4-H has come from the human response to keep doing what we've always done. In the late 1800's, the USDA saw that adult farmers were less likely to try new ideas in farming, but the youth would experiment with the new techniques and technologies and then introduce them to the family. In 1902, the first club was formed, and called "The Tomato Club". Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910. The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H. This organization has made success out of basic human nature young people are curious and experimental. By providing a safe outlet for that curiosity and centering the focus around the community, there was parent buy in.

Misson of 4-H: The mission and edu-

cational aspects of 4-H.

4-H Adventure
Education:
Different
approaches
used in 4-H
to teach so-



cial and educational skills to members

Learning Experiences in 4-H: The skills acquired through programs and activities in the 4-H program.

Cooperative Extension: A Century of Innovation As Cooperative Extension celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2014, the Land-Grant System

Our Program is GROWING!

4-H needs your help! Our 4-H program is in need of interested volunteers to help put on county level activities. Our counties have been very blessed in that we are among the very few that do no charge fees for county level activities. What help keep those programs free are volunteers.

If just one parent/leader/teen leader from each club helped to put on one county level program, the learning possibilities would be endless for our youth. It is time to expand our program. Let's think outside the box and get our youth on a learning mis-

sion! If you have an idea for something you would like to see provided for our youth or leaders, please let me know.

There are many programs already offered at the county level that need volunteer help. Some of the county level programs where help is needed include: Achievement Night, Super Saturday, Demonstration Days, Fairs, State 4-H Leaders' Forum. Training will be provided to those who are interested. Maybe you and a friend would like to help run a program together. Contact Michelle Lain for more details.

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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Super Saturday is Coming!



Super Saturday will be May 10th, at the NCW fairgrounds. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested in teaching a workshop, please contact Michelle Lain. Classes will be 1-hr in length (but can be 2-hrs if needed), and will begin at 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm. Lunch will be provided. Come help make this a successful event for all 4-H'ers!

Can You Help Out With Fair?

If you know of someone who may be interested (or if you are interested) in any of the following superintendent positions, please let me know!

NCW Fair Wednesday August 20th-Sunday August 24th:

Photography-Wednesday (Check-in/decorations) 12-8pm, Thursday (Judging)

8am-done

Chelan County Fair Wednesday September 3rd-Sunday September 7th: Style Show/Creative Consumers of Fashion- Thursday 6pm interview youth, 7pm Style show. Photography-Wednesday (Check-in/decorations) 3-9pm, Thursday (Judging) 8am-done

I am also looking for judges for the following:

NCW Fair:

Demonstrations- Saturday Slots (1-3pm, 3-6pm, 6-8pm), Sunday Slots (10am-12pm, 12-2pm)

Photography- Thursday 9am-done Educational Posters-Either Wednesday evening 5-8pm (anytime), or Thursday 9am-done

Chelan County Fair:

Style Show/Creative Consumers of Fashion-Thursday 6pm-done

Floral/Garden-Either Wednesday evening 7-9pm, or Thursday 9am-done

Photography-Thursday 9am-done

Barn Herdsmanship-Daily at leisure. Preference given to those already on fairgrounds to save on costs.

Demonstrations-Potential need for judges. Times would be Friday 5-8pm or 6-8pm, Saturday 10am-8pm, Sunday 10am-2pm (these could be done in shifts of 2-3 hours).

WA State 4-H Forum is in Wenatchee!



Chelan/Douglas Counties are excited to be hosting the 2014 4-H Forum in beautiful Wenatchee, October 17-19! We are looking for people interested in lending a hand. Whether you want to be in the middle of the activities or working behind the

scenes, we are open to any and all volunteers and contributions. It will take many hours to **get this all put together, which won't be** much if we can break it down between many hands.

If you would like to join forces with Chelan/Douglas Counties or can provide input or auction items, please contact Michelle Lain, <u>michelle.lain@wsu.edu</u> or 509-667-6540.

It's Scholarship Time!

The updated scholarships for Chelan and Douglas Counties are on the 4-H website: http://county.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/youth/youth/4hforms/Pages/
Scholarshipsfor4-HMembers.aspx.

Washington 4-H Scholarships require all six pieces of the <u>Washington State 4-H Scholarship Application Packet</u>. Each applicant

will be considered for all Washington State 4-H Scholarships. These applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2014. These scholarships may be used at any institution offering post-secondary education (i.e. Seattle University, Ohio State University, Technical and Community Colleges, Cosmetology school, etc.). A 4-Her may be awarded only

one of the Washington scholarships mentioned below.

Washington State 4-H Scholarships (postmarked by March 1, 2014 to State 4-H Scholarship Committee, WSUE Spokane, PO Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99210):

- · J. Orville Young Memorial Scholarship -
- One @ \$500
- Lewis County 4-H Leaders Scholarships
- -- Five @ \$500
- O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship -- One @ approximately \$550
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Scholarship -- One @ \$500
- Thomas R. Quann Scholarship Fund -- one @\$500
- 2. 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 (must be/have been a 4-H Dairy member)--one for a HS Senior and one for a current college student.

Horsemanship Clinic for Kids and Volunteers

You are invited to an inspiring clinic on Saturday, March 8, in Snohomish County. The

Horsemanship Clinic for Volunteers is at the Snohomish Sheriff's Posse Arena (5424 South Machias Road, Snohomish WA 98290) starting at 10 am and ending at about 3:30 pm.

All are welcome....it is designed for adult volunteers and Teen Leaders would also be welcome. There is no entry fee

(although a donation would be appreciated to help pay for the facility) but it would be nice to have an idea of how many may be coming. Please email pehling@frontier.com Bring a Chair and your lunch. Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Tea will be provided.

4-H Horsemanship and Kids - Jennifer
Leach Participants will learn how natural
horsemanship, youth development, and 4-H
Challenge activities are an integrated approach to developing life skills using the
horse as the "carrot" to engage kids. Participants will learn how horse behavior, using
natural horsemanship techniques (Ray Hunt),
has similarities with working with youth.

Jennifer is our State Equine Specialist, the 4-H Educator in Cowlitz County, a Washington State 4-H Alumnus and a former horse trainer. She has presented this workshop at State Forums in the past and it has been very well received by participants. It could be a life-changing opportunity for you.



Stylin' with the Clover



Show your 4-H spirit by getting a new 4-H license plate for your vehicle. The costs are \$30 special plate fee plus your tab renewal fees (Tab renewal fees vary by location and type of vehicle.). You could also get

a personalized license plate with a 4-H back-

ground design for an additional \$52. For details and how to apply see http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/sp4h.html. The bonus is that \$28 of each fee is tax-deductible and *goes to support the Washington State 4-H Foundation*.

NCW Junior Livestock Show



The 15th Annual North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show (NCWJLS) will be held March 27,28, & 29 2014, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. The NCWJLS offers an excellent opportunity for young people from throughout the Pacific Northwest to showcase their market beef.

lamb, and swine projects in an educational, fun and competitive environment. The 2014 event will also include bonanza classes for prospect steers, heifers, working cows, bulls, ewe lambs and yearling ewes. Market

livestock and meat-judging contests will also be offered.

The NCWJLS is open to all 4-H and FFA members in good standing, including members in Oregon and I daho. All entries, including bonanza classes, must be postmarked by March 1, 2014—No Exceptions.

Entry books are available at http://animalag.wsu.edu under "Upcoming
Events". For more information contact
Scott Mortimer, Show President, at 509-345-2541 or smortimer@wilsoncreek.org.

NW Market Goat Sale





12:00 noon at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA

Premier breeders from across WA and OR will have top quality disbudded and horned market animals in the sale.

Both doelings and wethers will be available with birthdates

from December 2013 through February 2014. Birthdates will be clearly marked and health records available on each animal; it is the responsibility of the breeder to report these details accurately and the responsibility of the buyer to purchase animals conforming to their local 4-H or FFA rules. Unweaned animals will be identified on their

tags and you will need to arrange with the breeder to pick it up at weaning time. All other animals will go home with the buyer from the sale.

The sale this year will be a straight forward pen sale between seller and buyer.

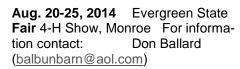
The sale will be ongoing from 12:00 pm through the afternoon on Saturday March 29th. At sellers discretion some animals may be available through the weekend.

Price: The price is set at, \$125 or \$150 at owner's discretion for all animals in the sale (prices will be marked). This amount is to be paid directly to the seller. In return you will receive the animal and a receipt that includes health information and a COOL form for either Washington or Oregon.

2014 Rabbit Show & Clinics

- March 15, 2014 Tri-Cities Rabbit Association 2 Open Shows, Kennewick For information contact: Denise Konzek (Rabbitmom2@hotmail.com)
- March 22, 2014 Snohomish County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Clinic; South Lake Stevens Grange, Lake Stevens WA For information contact: Jean Lindsey (djl72357@yahoo.com
- April 12, 2014 Yakima Valley Rabbit Breeders Association, Yakima For information contact: Denise Konzek (Rabbitmom2@hotmail.com)
- April 26, 2014 Rada Rabbits & Cavies Annual Seminar & Shows, Kennewick For information contact: Aggie Mowry (aarabbits@charter.net)
- April 26, 2014 Snohomish County 4-H Rabbit Show, ESF Monroe For information contact: Gayle Nordholm (little.wonders@comcast.net]
- May 3, 2014 NW Rabbit Breeders 2
 Open & 1 Youth Show, ESF Monroe
 For information contact: Sue Marchetti
 (vern-sue@mandsrabbits.com)
- May 17 & 18, 2013 Inland Empire Rabbit Breeders ARBA Youth show & F&S (+Specialty TBD), Davenport WA For information contact: Valerie Uptagraff (championribbons@aol.com)
- June 7, 2014 Snohomish County 4-H Rabbit Show, ESF Monroe For information contact: Laura Vallieres (Laura.Vallieres@grange.com)
- June 7 2014 Kittitas County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show, Kittitas County Fair-grounds Ellensburg, For information, contact: Julie Sorensen (julie.sorensen@co.kittitas.wa.us)
- June 7, 2013 Central Washington Rabbit Club Show, Waterville For information contact: (http://cwrc.webs.com/)
- **June 21-22, 2014** WSRBA Convention, Ellensburg (Judges' conference June 20;

- open to all) For information, contact: Denise Konzek (509-783-9902) (Rabbitmom2@hotmail.com)
- Show Group- 2 Open & 1 Youth, ESF
 Monroe For information contact Sue
 Marchetti (vern-sue@mandsrabbits.com)
- July 26, 2014 Summer Cluster Rabbit Shows (Holland Lop, Dutch, & others Specialty) & 2 NWRB Youth Show, ESF Monroe For information contact: Sue Marchetti (vernsue@mandsrabbits.com)
- Aug 19-23, 2014 Benton-Franklin Fair, Kennewick See http://www.bentonfranklinfair.com/exhibitors.html For information contact: Aggie Mowry (aarabbits@charter.net)



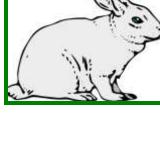


- Sept, 4-9 & 11-14 2013 Spokane Interstate Fair, Spokanehttp://www.spokanecounty.org/fair/sif/content.aspx?c=2141
- Sept. 12-14, 2014 Washington State 4-H
 Fair, Puyallup http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/
 index.htm For information contact: Julie Sennes (juls@compprime.com)
- Sept. 15-17, 2014 Puyallup Fair (Open & Youth), Puyallup http://www.thefair.com/ participate/exhibit-entries/ For information contact: Chris Cople (chriscoplen@q.com)
- **Sept 19-21, 2014** Central Washington State Fair (Open), Yakima For information contact: Jean Harris (nzlady7@yahoo.com) http://www.fairfun.com/fair/participation/

Photo Contest

The Washington State Department of Agriculture is hosting a photo contest for their 2015 calendar. Please promote this opportu-

nity in your newsletter or other avenues for 4-H members. The <u>contest flyer</u> includes entry details; entries are due by July 31st.





2014 April Fools 2014 Boer Goat Weekend

2014 April Fools 2014 Boer Goat Weekend will be held in Ellensburg, March 29-30.

Download Complete Information Packet: www.cascadebga.org/af.html

Besides breeding stock classes for goats registered with the ABGA, the weekend in-

cludes other events geared specifically for youth:



- ◆ A Goat Cheese Making seminar for our dairy goat friends
- Plus other great seminars
- Market goat pen sale where youth can purchase a market wether/doe - born December

through February or early March

 Market goat jackpot classes - kids can bring their own market wether and/or show one they purchase at the pen sale, money payouts for all entries

There is a privately-Hosted Essay Contest for Meat Goat Youth. Essay winners in 1st and 2nd place will earn a voucher for \$150 and \$75 respectively off their purchase of a market goat at the 2014 April Fools Market Goat Pen Sale on Saturday, March 29 at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg.

The contest is open to any student in grades 4 through 12. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H or FFA youth to earn the wether of their dreams through their own hard work writing an essay. Entries must be postmarked or emailed on or before March 15, 2014. Download flyer for more information and contest rules: http://lincolnadams.wsu.edu/4-H/BoarGoat-Essay-Contest-Rules.pdf

Kavli "Science in Fiction" Video Contest: CALL FOR ENTRIES!

The USA Science & Engineering Festival, in association with the Kavli Foundation, has launched the Science in Fiction video con-



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test. Using scenes from popular science fiction movies and TV shows, and video games, Gr. 6-12 students will create :30-:90 videos that investigate how science fictional scenes could be realized using current and developing technologies. The

video contest culminates in a popular awards

show, hosted by Bill Nye, as part of the Festival, which returns to Washington, D.C. on April 26-27, 2014. The contest officially opens for entries on Nov. 1, 2013 and closes Mar. 21, 2014. First prize is \$2000 cash prize and a travel stipend to travel to Washington D.C. for the Expo. The second prize is \$750 and the third prize is \$500. The People's Choice Award prize is \$250. http://www.usasciencefestival.org/2014-

<u>festival/2014-contests/kavli-video-contest-</u> <u>2013-2014.html</u>

Anyone Forming a new Hippology Team?



Calling all Hippology Teams! Please note that team registrations and fees are due April 1st! Find the registration packet and more information online

at: http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/

<u>horse.htm</u>, scroll down to Events/Contests and then to Hippology Contest. The event is April 12th at the Mark Morris High School in Longview.

How Should Our Future Highways Protect Animals?"

The Washington State Department of Transportation and the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition are hosting the second year of the Bridging Futures scholarship program, asking students: "How should our future highways protect animals?" WSDOT engineers are designing the first wildlife crossing in the state, which will be built in 2015. The structure will be located 10 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass as part of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project. The scholarship application is to include a model, blueprint or graphic of a wildlife crossing over a six-lane highway and an essay explaining how the model demonstrates the importance of wildlife crossings within the I-90 corridor. The essay must be no less than 500 words and may not exceed two pages. Judging criteria includes creativity of design, considerations of issues unique to this location including wildlife present and heavy

snowloads, and features taking into account the experience of motorists passing under

the overpass. Applications must be postmarked by May 2, 2014. WA high school juniors and seniors interested in engineering, the environment, or art should bring their ideas forward and apply for this scholarship. The student who best illustrates and explains their idea will receive a \$1,500 scholarship toward college from the Wildlife Bridges Coalition, and a free summer 2014 course at the Cascade Mountain School to experience and learn in the outdoors. The runner-up receives a \$500 scholarship. Winners will be announced in early June 2014. Visit

http://i90wildlifebridges.org/bridgingfutures-2014 for contest materials and resources.



In May, WSU Extension will be commemorating the signing of the Smith-Lever Act which established the "Land-Grant Universities" and will be celebrating 100 Years of Extension. To celebrate we are collecting 100 Extension impact stories to highlight on the anniversary webpage and in print. WSU invites students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends to share their reflections on how Extension programs, services, and people

have enriched their lives. If you have a story to share or know someone willing to share their Extension story, visit: www.cahnrs.wsu.edu/extensionstories. See the story ex-amples to find the ideas; including a photo would be even better. Help us reach our goal of 100 stories! Submit your story here: www.cahnrs.wsu.edu/extensionstories



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WILDLIFE BRIDGES

COALITION

Youth Beef Field Day

The Youth Beef Field Day will be held on Saturday, March 8th, from 9:30 am to approximately 3pm at Lewiston Livestock Market in Lewiston, I D. Pre-registration for the Youth Beef Field Day is February 28th. Additional information, including registration procedures, can be found online at: http://extension.uidaho.edu/nezperce/files/2014/01/4-H_Beef_Flyer_2014.pdf. The cost for each field day is \$6, which includes lunch and handouts. Topics covered during each field day will include: Health Care, Quality Assurance, Feeding and Nutrition, Selection of project animals, Fitting

and Showing, and other topics. Preregistration is recommended. Presenters include WSU and UI Extension and Animal

Sciences faculty, area veterinarians, and outstanding livestock producers. The events are cosponsored by the WSU Asotin and Whitman County Extension Offices, and the UI Nez Perce County Extension Office. Please contact Mark Heitstuman at (509) 243-2009, or by email at heitstuman@wsu.edu if you have any guestions.



Teen Summit

Looking for that 'something extra' for your middle school teens to strengthen their leadership skills and involvement in your county 4-H Program? Consider Teen Summit, March 22-23! This education, fun event is designed just for this audience with all workshops facilitated by the State Ambassadors. Get the schedule, registration forms and additional information at: http://4h.wsu.edu/members/

summit.html. Promotional flyers are available online at: http://4h.wsu.edu/members/documents/
SummitFlyer14.pdf. Registration opens Feb.

1. Registration and other forms are due to Jan Klein by March 3.

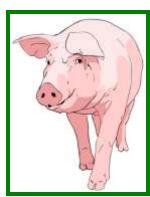


Youth Swine Field Day

The Youth Swine Field Day will be held on Saturday, March 22nd from 9:30 am to approximately 3pm at the Clarkston FFA Barn in Clarkston, WA. Pre-registration for the Youth Swine Field Day is March 14th. Additional information, including registration procedures, can be found online at: http://extension.uidaho.edu/nezperce/files/2014/01/4-H_Swine_Flyer_2014.pdf. The cost for each field day is \$6, which includes lunch and handouts. Topics covered during each field day will include: Health Care, Quality Assurance, Feeding and Nutrition, Selection of project animals, Fitting

and Showing, and other topics. Pre-registration is recommended. Presenters include WSU and UI Extension and Animal Sciences faculty, area veterinarians, and outstanding livestock producers. The events are co-sponsored by the WSU Asotin and Whitman County Extension Offices, and the UI Nez Perce County Extension Office. Please contact Mark Heitstuman at (509) 243-2009, or

by email at heitstuman@wsu.edu if you have any questions.



New WSDA Emergency Rule for Swine

I haven't seen anything go out over the TALK concerning the swine PEDvirus (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus). I just wanted to make sure that all of our 4-**H'ers were** aware of the emergency rule that just went into effect last week from the WSDA for all out-of-state swine being brought into Washington.

For those of you swine members traveling out of state to get your animals, please be aware that the WSDA has issued an emergency rule due to the PEDvirus.

"All animals that enter the state, including pigs, are already required to have a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating the animal is disease free, according to the department.

Certificates for swine entering Washington now must include a statement that they have not originated from premises known to be affected by and have not been exposed to

the virus within the last 30 days."

The certificate must be signed by the animal owner as well as a veterinarian.

- See more at: http:// agr.wa.gov/News/2014/14-05.aspx



4-H International Exchange Opportunities

4-H Summer Inbound Program Seeks Host Families: Learn more about your world by hosting a delegate for one month this summer. Delegates will visit from Japan, Argentina and Finland. Hosting dates for Japan are July 24-August 20 and July 8-August 6 for Finland/ Argentina. To begin the screening process, please complete the online application.

Applications for non-Japan countries are due March 1. Please contact <u>Carolyn</u> Russo (509-431-0719) with questions.

The American Youth Leadership Program with Samoa is seeking applications for 20 youth and 3 adults to learn more about nutrition and food security issues by participating in an exchange. This opportunity is very affordable (all major costs are covered). Travel will be in December 2014-January 2015. Detailed information and applications (due April 1), are available on the University of

Wyoming 4-H web site. Thank you for helping us to promote this opportunity. Last year, three Washington youth (from Clark, King and Skagit counties) participated in this program.

Exciting News: Washington State has been

asked to pilot the first outbound high school program to Japan. High school-aged youth who are interested in spending the 2014/2015 year abroad, please contact Carolyn Russo, <u>carolyn.russo@wsu.edu</u> or (509) 431-0719.



Summer Outbound: There is still time to apply for outbound travel during the summer of 2014. Countries include Norway, Costa Rica, Tanzania, Australia, and Japan. Youth, age12-19, are encouraged to inquire. Interested adults may also apply to be chaperones. For more information please contact Carolyn Russo, carolyn.russo@wsu.edu or (509) 431-0719.

4-H International Exchange Board Opening

The States 4-H International Exchange Program is recruiting for a Young Professional Board member. Applicants should have 4-H and international exchange (hosting, volunteering, or travel) experience and be ages 19-26 or, if younger than 19, in college. For an application please contact japana-laska@gmail.com or

yoko@states4h.org ASAP, as the position

needs to be filled before the March board meeting. The term is 2 years and includes travel to meetings in November and March at Board expense, and phone conferences. Board members guide the exchange program and gain valuable experience. Please share this

with anyone who may be interested.



Salmonella from Chicks and Ducklings Information

Word search game for Poultry projects: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/birdbiosecurity/wordsearch.htm
Poultry information: After You Touch a Chick Wash Your Hands So You Don't Get Sick flyers and stickers to people involved

with raising poultry. The materials are also available in Spanish. To view and order these materials, visit our <u>Salmonella from Chicks and Ducklings</u> webpage or stop by the office.



What's Your Favorite H?





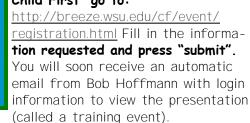


They are starting a new feature on 4-**H Facebook called "What's Your Favorite H?"** 4-H youth (and adults) just email me what their favorite H is and why. And, send me a photo of themselves. https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4H

4-H Leader On-line Training

Put the Child First Training: Mandatory for all 4-H Leaders! To register for "Put the

Child First" go to:



Not successful? If after attempting to register, the browser says,

> "This login is already in use. Please choose another login.

Not a valid e-mail address." Go to http://breeze.wsu.edu/cf/event/ registration_login.html?preview=false And log in with your email address and Connect (Breeze) password. Follow the instructions to register.

If your password does not work, reset your password by going to

http://breeze.wsu.edu/cf/event/ registration_login.html?preview=false .Then go back to http://breeze.wsu.edu/cf/event/ registration_login.html?preview=false and register as above.

Pork Quality Assurance Training

Washington State University Extension and



the National Pork Board is offering a Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus Advisor on-line training for Extension faculty/staff, Agriculture Instructors, FFA Advisors, and veterinarians. The Youth PQA Plus demonstrates the dedication of

America's youth pork producers and their advisors to assuring consumers that the pork they produce is safe, of high quality and produced in a responsible manner.

To be eligible, participants must be a veterinarian, Extension personnel or a secondary/ post secondary agriculture instructor. The Youth PQA Plus Advisor training is very straightforward and can be completed from the comfort of your computer and at your convenience. To become certified as a Youth PQA Plus Advisor participants must complete three steps to become a Certified Advisor: Step 1-complete an on-line training

session covering the Youth PQA Plus program content, specifically Good Production Practices (GPP's) one through ten; Step 2covers the Processes and Procedures related to training Youth and administrative processes; and Step 3-is an exam over GPPs 1-10 and the Process/Procedure training. You have 3 attempts to pass the exam following completion of training Steps 1 and 2.

Certification as a Youth PQA Plus Advisor is valid for three years. To register for the WSU Extension Youth PQA Plus online training please Sarah Smith (smithsm@wsu.edu) your contact information (name, high school/ extension office, address, phone and email). You will receive an email and password that will direct you to the on-line training. When all three training steps are complete and the candidate is notified of this by the National Pork Board, the candidate becomes a certified Youth PQA Plus Advisor.

AVMA Video on Tail Docking of Lambs



The American Veterinary Medical Association has just released a new video on lamb tail docking. Please forward as appropriate the link from the AVMA for lamb tail docking. The

video is also available on YouTube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=4k07s8Br7Pk.

Financial Aid Toolkit

In a continued effort to help students and parents prepare for college or career school, the U.S. Department of Education has launched the Financial Aid Toolkit. **This "one-stop shop" provides federal student aid in-**formation and outreach tools for counselors, college access professionals, nonprofit mentors, and others. Financial aid professionals may also find these toolkit resources useful. The Financial Aid Toolkit, online at Financia-

<u>IAidToolkit.ed.gov</u>, is ideal for learning about types of financial aid, student eligibility, the

FAFSA, and loan repayment. This Toolkit has some excellent resources,



including tips on hosting outreach events and sample financial aid night PowerPoint presentations, as well as suggested messages for social media, emails, and newsletters.

Scheduling New Leader Training

Every 4-H Leader needs to go through the "New Leader Training", so to make it as convenient as possible for your leaders Michelle Lain will come to your club to conduct it, when it is convenient for your club's leaders to meet. This training takes about 3 hours,

so if the youth need to have a homework/movie night, during that time, that would be great too. Please contact Michelle to set up the training for your club.



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

Plans have finally come together for a couple of 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings to be held in Coeur d'Alene, ID this spring. would like to extend this invitation to our past 4-H Shooting Sports leader training participants, along with any new leaders throughout I daho, Oregon, and Washington to participate in either of these two events. The first training will be held the weekend of April 26-27, and is designed for leaders to gain their initial 4-H shooting sports leader certification in archery, hunting, pistol, rifle, and/or shotgun. Participants can potentially secure certification in two of these disciplines by completing both days. To best accommodate training requests, there is a space provided on the second page to rank which discipline(s) volunteers seek certification in - if they are interested in more than two disciplines, they need to rank all applicable disciplines. Complete details are contained within the registration flyer. The half-page registration flyer, waiver form and payment must be received no later than Friday, April 18th. The second training is an Advanced Archery session the weekend of May 10-11. This train-

ing is for 4-H archery shooting sports leaders who have at least one year of actual archery leader experience (those certifying in archery at the April 26-27 event are not eligible). Our featured instructor is Ken Loucks, who serves as an instructor at national level trainings, is a lead coach trainer

for USA Archery and has worked with US Olympic Archery Team coaches. Participants will gain extensive knowledge and skills which will enable them to pass the USA Archery Level 2 certification. Because of the in-depth nature of this training and to insure sufficient individual attention, this training is limited to the first 20 fully-paid registrants. Registrations must be received by April 25th. (Note: due

to instructor availability, this training falls on Mother's Day weekend. We encourage participants to bring their spouse and enjoy a mini-vacation in beautiful Coeur d'Alene). Registration packets for both trainings can be found under the Shooting Sports heading at http://extension.uidaho.edu/kootenai/category/4-h/4-h-workshops-and-training/.



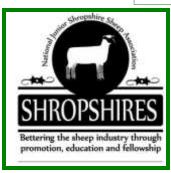
What Do You Want to Share?

Washington State 4-H

Washington State 4-H has many volunteers, members, and staff with talents and strategies to share with the entire 4-H community. I'd like to invite each of you to submit a Workshop Proposal Form for the upcoming 2014 Washington State 4-H Forum to insure your "...

heart of Washington State 4-H" is shared with others. This year's forum will be held in Wenatchee, October 17-19. Workshops may be 90 minutes, 3 hours, or 4-6 hours on Friday. Complete the Forum Workshop Proposal Form (fillable PDF) today. The deadline for submitting your proposal is April 2.

Win a Starter Flock of Sheep!

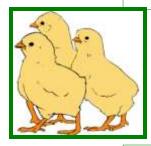


The National Junior Shropshire Sheep Association is pleased to announce their first Shropshire Starter Flock to be presented to a lucky young person this spring. The program is intended to introduce young people between the ages of 8-20 to the Shropshire breed of sheep. The winner of the starter flock will receive two ewe lambs and one yearling ewe which are

being donated through the generosity of some of the breeds most prominent breeders. Youth applicants are to write an essay,

including background information about themselves, and illustrating goals and intentions with the animals in the event the flock is awarded. A budget should also be included in the paperwork that is submitted. Essays must be typed and submitted via email by April 1 to shropsec@hotmail.com; Mailing address and telephone number should be included. For more information, visit: http:// www.shropshires.org/text/ Shropshire_Youth/shropshireyouth.html.

APA Sanctioned Poultry Show, Workshop, & Chick Day – April



The Leftovers 4-H Club presents their annual Poultry Show, April 12, 9am-6pm at the Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds, in Kennewick. Healthy chicks and adult birds will be available! The event will include: youth fitting & showing competitions, workshops & presentations, poul-

try knowledge contests, a poultry costume contest, poultry breed show, silent auctions, poultry races, door prizes, raffles, plus... some "special" birds for 4-H youth ONLY! See the event Show Catalog for more information, or contact chick_day@yahoo.com ,(509) 582-6436.

Applications Being Accepted for \$73 Million in YouthBuild

Grant applications are now being accepted for the 2014 YouthBuild program. The de-



partment (DOL) expects to award approximately fected youth complete

high school or the equivalent while obtaining industry-recognized credentials in high growth industries such as construction, health care, and information technology. With this funding, the department ex-

pects to serve nearly 5,000 young people in this cycle. Participants in the YouthBuild program are between the ages of 16 and 24 and often are those who have been in the juvenile justice system, are aging out of foster care, dropped out of high school, or are at risk of failing to reach key educational milestones. The grant application period is open until April 22. For more information, visit: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/ search-grants.html, search keyword: YouthBuild.

2014 National 4-H Shooting Sports Training

The 2014 National 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico, April 27-May 1. After completing this training the newly trained national leader may train other county based leaders. A county shooting sports leader is eligible to attend after completing Level One (State Shooting Sports Leader training), experience in the discipline they wish to train in and have my approval as

the State Shooting Sports coordinator. The early-bird registration deadline is April

1. Find the following documents on the <u>WA 4-H Shooting Sports Project page</u> (under National 4-H Shooting Sports) to promote this opportunity: Save the Date



Flyer; 2014 Nat. Shooting Sports Agenda; 2014 Nat. 4-H Shooting sports Application.

Invitation from Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) the lead agency for the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Prevention of Underage Drinking, has sponsored underage drinking prevention town hall meeting events every two years since 2006 as a way for communities to learn more about preventing this public health problem. Since the initiative began, SAMHSA has supported more than 7,000 of these town hall meetings. SAMHSA is inviting 4-H clubs to hold town hall meetings to help prevent underage drinking. A 4-

H club's participation makes them eligible for a \$500 planning stipend. SAMHSA has a limited number of stipends available, which will be disbursed on a first-come, firstserved basis. If you are interested in signing up to hold a Town Hall Meeting, please



visit the <u>Town Hall Meeting Website</u> for more information and follow the directions to sign up by March 7.

Douglas County Pork & Turkey Roast

I am writing to encourage members, leaders or parents, friends and family to attend and/or participate in our upcoming Pork Roast and Auction to be held April 12th at the NCW Fairgrounds in Waterville. As most of you know, the council provides 2 scholarships each year to graduating seniors, they provide barn Herdsmanship ribbons, scholarships for members to attend the 4-H conference in Pullman each year and compensation for gas for the accompanying chaperone. We also contribute towards youth wanting to attend Know Your Government in the spring each year. The council contributes to the Super Saturday events, achievement night, trophies, and other 4-H activities. Your club or members have probably benefited at one time or another from one of the above. It would be wonderful to see some representation from your club at the Pork Roast which

is our main fundraiser for the money we use throughout the year. If your club could send an auction item or two (or more if you want) or solicit one from a business in your commu-

nity, it would be appreciated. While tickets will still be on sale until the time of the Pork Roast, we are trying to accurately prepare for the amount of food needed. It would be helpful



if you could give Mary Ellen a call no later than Monday April 7th with an approximate head count of those attending. You may also check out tickets to sell to others within your community and 4-H families. These can be obtained by contacting Mary Ellen directly at 667-6540 or e-mailing her at qormley@wsu.edu. Thank you for helping our Leaders Council with this fundraising event.

Chelan & Douglas Counties 4-H

WSU Chelan County Extension 400 Washington Street Wenatchee, WA 98801

Phone 509-667-6540 FAX 509-667-6561 mmmorrison@wus.edu faini@wsu.edu gormley@wsu.edu

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

4-H Tidbits....



- Michelle Lain has a couple of sets of canning, freezing, drying curriculum available if you are interested.
- This newsletter and following communications will be sent to only those that are enrolled in our 4-H Counties for the current year (I f you know of someone who has not yet turned in their enrollment you may want to fill them in).
- Don't forget that ALL adults that are helping with the 4-H members, must be enrolled 4-H Leaders (completed Volunteer Application for background check)
- Make sure that you have marked your calendar to save May 10 to attend our super fun 4-H Super Saturday!

4-H Calendar

<u>March</u>

- 5 Bi-County Horse Mtg, 6:30pm, Chelan Co. Ext.
- 10 Chelan Co. Leaders' Council Mtg, 6:30pm, Chelan Co. Ext. Office
- 12 Trail Blazers Teen Mtg, 6:30pm, Chelan Co. Ext. Office
- 22-23 Teen Summit (grades 7-10), Cle Elum
- 27-30 Western Regional Leaders' Forum, MT
- 27-29 NCW Jr. Livestock Show, Moses Lake
- 28-30 Cougar Weekend, Pullman

April

- 1 County Scholarships Due, 5pm, Chelan County Extension Office
- 1 Horse Certificates Due, 5pm, Chelan Co. Ext.
- 5/6 State 4-**H Leaders' Forum Planning Mtg**, Wenatchee Convention Center
- 12 Douglas County Pork Roast, NCW Fairgrounds
- May
- 5 Chelan County Leaders' Council Mtg, 6:30pm, Chelan County Extension Office
- 10 Super Saturday, 8:30-3:30pm, NCW Fair
- 16-18 Shooting Sports Champion, Eatonville
- 17 Bi-County Horse Show, Appleatchee

<u>June</u>

- 7 Chelan Co. Animal Weigh-In, Chelan Co. Fair
- 7 ARBA Rabbit Show, NCW Fairgrounds
- 14 Chelan Co. Animal Weigh-In, Chelan Rodeo Grounds
- 21 Bi-County Performance Horse Show, Chelan County Fairgrounds
- 22-24 State Teen Conference, Pullman
- 28 Yakima Horse Camp

July

- 7 Chelan Co. Leaders' Council Mtg, 6:30pm, Walla Walla Park
- 12 Goat Schooling Show, NCW Fairgrounds
- 15 Chelan Co. Demo Day, Chelan Co. Fairgrounds
- 17 Douglas Co. Demo Day, 6-8pm,Chelan Co. Ext.

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