



FOR EVENT AND MEETING DATES, SEE THE 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Don't Wait! Registration Ends June 10 for 2014 4-H Teen Conference– "It's Decision Time!"

There is still time to register for the 2014 4-H Summer Teen conference! This conference engages youth in reaching their fullest leadership potential and brings together youth from across Washington State in a leadership training, networking, and learning experience. Youth who have completed 7th through 12th grades are eligible to attend. **Event dates are June 22-24, 2014.**

Registration cost is \$175. Details about registration, workshops and activities can be found online at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf/index.htm>.

Scholarships and transportation for Teen Conference may be available for Klickitat County 4-H youth. Contact Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 for details.

Sheep/Goat Pre-show / Weigh-in: Monday, June 9, 5:30 to 7pm, Fairgrounds

Just a reminder that the Sheep and Goat pre-show / weigh-in will be Monday, June 9, 2014 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds from 5:30 to 7pm. Pre-show entry forms should be filled out ahead of time and brought to the weigh-in. 4-H members must be properly enrolled in the project prior to the weigh-in. Forms are available at the Extension office and online at <http://klickitat.wsu.edu/4-h-recordkeeping/>.

June 19: 4-H Sewing Project Workshop, 9am to noon

Our 4-H sewing project workshop will be Thursday, June 19, 9am to noon, at the Goldendale Grange. Do you have a sewing project or a craft project you are working on? Need some help with your project? Bring it along. If you have your own sewing machine, you are welcome to bring it to use. We will have some sewing machines available to use. Questions? Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817.

June 24: 4-H Pie Making Skills Workshop, 9am to noon

Hey, 4-Hers – here's your opportunity to learn about making and baking PIES! Yummy! Come to this fun workshop on Tuesday, June 24, 9am to noon, at the Goldendale Grange. Have questions? Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 for more details.

Brooks Memorial State Park 70th Year Celebration

Brooks Memorial State Park is having a 70th birthday open house on Saturday, June 21st. The Mt. Adams Chapter of Back County Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) has been actively involved with the park, helping to clean up trails for riding and the camp areas. They would like to have a strong showing of horses and riders in honor of this 70th year event. You're invited to join in the celebration and also participate in riding the newly re-opened trails that some of these BCHW Chapter members have worked on. Brooks Memorial State Park has the potential for a great system of hiking and riding trails as they are located by GPS and are cleared. Please come join us and show that we care about this great park.

Brooks Park is located about 12 miles north of Goldendale on State Hwy 97. There will be signs directing horse trailers to the parking area on the east side of Hwy 97. They plan on riding out at 10:00am and may make the trail loops more than one time if some other horse groups need guide service.

4-H Horse Leaders Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014

The next 4-H Horse Leader meeting will be on Thursday, June 19 at 6:30pm in Lyle at the Lyle Activity Center (on 3rd street and Hwy 14). Carpooling may be available from Goldendale. Contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 or Lisa Harness at 509-773-5817 for further details.

4-H Leaders' Council Meeting – June 30, 2014

The June 30 Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council training and meeting will be held in the 4-H room at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds. The leader training session will begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

4-H Horse-O-Polis Summer Horse Event, July 14-16

The 2014 Klickitat County 4-H Horse-O-Polis helps to prepare youth for showing in their county and state 4-H fairs and improve their horsemanship skills and knowledge while having fun. Youth will have showmanship and three riding classes each day for \$150. The cost includes all meals, riding lessons and showmanship lessons. **All registrations postmarked by June 24** will also receive a 2014 4-H Horse-O-Polis T-shirt. **Check-in is 5-7pm on Sunday, July 13 with the first meal served at 6pm that day.**

Shavings are NOT included – you must provide your own. Shavings will be available for purchase for \$7.50 per bag.

PLEASE NOTE---The hours of 4-H supervision will be 7am to 8pm 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 online at <http://klickitat.wsu.edu> . If you have questions, contact Martha Parsons, 509-637-4016 or Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560, pshamek@hotmail.com .



NW Junior Sheep Exposition – July 18-19, 2014

The 2014 Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition (NWJSE) sponsored by Washington State University Extension and Department of Animal Sciences will be held July 18-19 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. 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.

Youth have the opportunity to obtain growth and carcass (ultrasonically) results from lambs they exhibit. Participants will learn to select fast gaining lambs that are heavily muscled and properly finished. Participation in this event will lead to a better understanding of the economics related to producing market lambs. The show also provides participants the opportunity to exhibit their skills in showmanship, trimming sheep, judging sheep and wool, and teaching spectators about the sheep industry or sheep husbandry through educational displays. Participation in the NWJSE is a quality educational experience because exhibitors learn about desirable market traits of meat and wool.

The entry deadline for feeder lambs, breeding sheep, educational exhibits, and other contests is June 15. Premium books and entry forms are available at <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 .

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

Simcoe Mt. Classic
May 25, 2014
149 Willis Road
Goldendale, WA
Judge: Cindy Mello

Columbia River Classic
June 28, 2014
50 Snowden Road
White Salmon, WA
Judge: Emily Gehrig

Mt. Adams Classic
August 9, 2014
TBA
Glenwood, WA
Judge: Vi Strode

Trail Judge: Sharon Craven at all three shows

- 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

Foods Activity Day (State Qualifying Event)

The annual Foods Activity Day will be **Monday, July 21** at the Goldendale High School Home Ec room. Tentative schedule: registration will begin at 8:00am, member demonstrations/presentations at 8:30am and classes/activities will begin by 9am. This is a state qualifying event for 4-H members enrolled in a Foods project. **Participants must pre-register for this event – more details in next month's newsletter.**

County level activities for primary, junior and first-year members include Packed Lunch, My Favorite Food and Table Setting. State level activities will include Table Setting, Lunch on the Go, Quick to Fix Meals, Favorite Foods, Foods of the PNW/Native Foods, Food for All Occasions, Bread Baking and Food Preservation.

What is Character? - Michael Josephson

Here's a riddle: You can hardly ever find it anymore — especially in politics or business.

Lots of schools don't teach it anymore.

We want more of it in our children and in all the adults who interact with them.

We want it from our bosses and the people who fix our cars.

And most of us believe we have plenty of it.

What I'm talking about is character — or, more precisely, good character. So, what is character?

Technically, character is a morally neutral term describing the nature of a person in terms of major qualities. So everyone, from iconic scoundrels like Hitler and saints like Mother Teresa, have a character.

In most situations, however, when we are talking about a person's character we are referring to the sum total of his or her moral qualities possibly balanced against his or her imperfections. To say a person has a good character or even to admire a person's character does not require that they are perfect but it does mean we think this is a good person worthy of trust and admiration.

So when we say someone has good character we are expressing the opinion that his or her nature is defined by worthy traits like integrity, courage, and compassion. People of good character are guided by ethical principles even when it's physically dangerous or detrimental to their careers, social standing, or economic well-being. They do the right thing even when it costs more than they want to pay.

No one is born with good character; it's not a hereditary trait. And it isn't determined by a single noble act. Character is established by conscientious adherence to moral values, not by lofty rhetoric or good intentions. Another way of saying that is, character is ethics in action.

But what do we mean by ethics? All Josephson Institute programs, including CHARACTER COUNTS! and Pursuing Victory With Honor, are based on the Six Pillars of Character, values that transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences. Those six values are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Anne Frank, the 13-year-old victim of Nazi persecution said in her diary, "The formation of a person's character lies in their own hands." I have no doubt that she was right. Of course, efforts by parents, teachers, and others to instill these values are very important. They can have a great deal of influence on the values a child adopts, but we must never underestimate the role of choice (and accountability for making that choice) in the formation of character.

Thus, character is both formed and revealed by how one deals with everyday situations as well as extraordinary pressures and temptations. Like a well-made tower, character is built stone by stone, decision by decision.

The way we treat people we think can't help or hurt us — like housekeepers, waiters, and secretaries — tells more about our character than how we treat people we think are important. How we behave when we think no one is looking or when we don't think we will get caught more accurately portrays our character than what we say or do in service of our reputations.

Difference between character and reputation.

Of course, our assessment of a person's character is an opinion and it isn't always right. Abraham Lincoln recognized an important difference between character and reputation. "Character," he said "is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

Because the shape of a shadow is determined by the angle of light and the perspective of the observer, it's not a perfect image of the tree. In the same way, reputation is not always an accurate reflection of character. Oscar Wilde once said, Sincerity is one of the most important qualities in a person. And once you can fake that you have it made." This cynical quip explains why some people are able to create a much better reputation than they deserve. By the same token, there are others who deserve better reputations than they have.

Though reputation is merely a perception it still has very significant real impact. Reputation is not only the result of what people think of us it often determines what people who don't know us think about us, treat us and whether we are held in high or low esteem.

A good reputation for integrity, for instance, is a primary determinant of credibility and trust, two very marketable assets. Think of how the Tiger Woods "brand" crashed and his endorsement value disappeared after it was discovered that he constantly cheated on his wife. Similarly, the once highly respected accounting firm Arthur Anderson had to change its name (to Accenture) to try to recapture trust after its involvement in the Enron scandal.

Whether fair or not, the indisputable truth is that people, companies and institutions are likely to be judged by their last worst act. Thus, some unwisely became so preoccupied with protecting their image that they actually made things worse, undermining their character and destroying their reputations, by concealing or creating facts to make them look better.

The importance of character is captured in the mantra: "hire for character, train for skills."

State Qualifying Events for 4-H Horse Project

The 4-H Western Games/Dressage/Jumping State Qualifier is scheduled for **Sunday, July 27** at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. There will be two sessions: a morning qualifying event beginning at 8am and a second qualifying event in the afternoon. The afternoon time is to be determined. **Pre-registration by Wednesday, July 23 is required.** Further information will be posted as soon as available on our website, <http://klickitat.wsu.edu/> under "Upcoming Events" or call the Extension office at 509-773-5817 to register

Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

JUNE 2014

- 6-8 Mid-Columbia Junior Livestock Show, Wasco County Fairgrounds, Tygh Valley, OR
- 9 Sheep/Goat pre-show/weigh-in, Klickitat County Fairgrounds, 5:30pm to 7pm
- 9 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 17 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 19 4-H Sewing Project workshop, 9am-noon, Goldendale Grange
- 19 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm at Lyle Activity Center in Lyle, WA
- 22-24 Washington State 4-H Teen Conference, WSU Campus, Pullman, WA
- 24 4-H Pie Making Skills Workshop, 9am-noon, Goldendale Grange
- 30 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

JULY 2014

- 1 4-H Food Preservation clinic, 9am-noon, Goldendale Grange
- 4 4th of July Holiday – County offices closed
- 8 4-H Bread Baking clinic, 9am-noon, Goldendale Grange
- 14-16 4-H Horse-O-Polis Summer Horse Camp, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 14 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 15 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 17 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm at Lyle Activity Center in Lyle, WA
- 18-19 NW Junior Sheep Exposition, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA
- 19 Rabbit & Cavy State Qualifier, 9am, Klickitat County Fairgrounds, Poultry Building
- 21 Foods Day State Qualifying Event, Goldendale High School
- 27 4-H Western Games State Qualifier, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 28 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

AUGUST 2014

- 6 Clothing Day State Qualifying Event (corrected date)
- 12 Poultry/Rabbit pre-show/weigh-in, Klickitat County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Building, 4-6pm
- 12 Record books, posters and market livestock project records due, noon-7pm, 4-H room, fairgrounds
- 12 Leaders' Council meeting at noon; fairgrounds clean-up
- 19 Still life entries due, noon to 8pm, 4-H room, fairgrounds
- 20 Animal weigh-in, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 21-24 2014 Klickitat County Fair: "Rock with the Stock"

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1 Labor Day Holiday – County offices closed
- 5-21 Washington 4-H State Fair, Puyallup, WA
- 26-28 4-H Adult Horse Camp, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 29 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

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