



**Mark your calendars! Market animal pre-show/weigh-in dates for 2015**

**Beef: March 29**

**Swine: May 11**

**Sheep/Goat: June 8**

**Poultry/Rabbit: August 11**

**4-H Equine Judging Clinic, Monday, January 19, 9am to Noon**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to evaluate a horse's confirmation? Here's your chance! When it comes to judging and comparing, the best way to start is to know your subject. Come learn how to evaluate, compare, and explain your judging choices. This clinic will cover the basics about horse judging and judging contests. The clinic will be held at the Goldendale Grange from 9am to noon on Monday, January 19. Open to all 4-H members.

Please contact Pat Shamek at 541-993-9560 if you have any questions.

A personal message from Alison White, 4-H Regional Specialist:

"Happy New Year! This year is beginning with a couple BIG changes for me. My husband and I spent the holidays preparing for our first baby, who is due in early January, so I will be out on maternity leave from January through April, happily spending time with the new little one.

Once my leave begins in early January, my 'work region' assignment will change and a different 4-H Youth Development faculty member will be joining the Klickitat County team. This news is very bittersweet to me, as I have greatly enjoyed connecting with, learning from, and working with Klickitat's 4-H members, leaders and parents.

Missy Cummins, the incoming 4-H faculty member, is amazing! She is knowledgeable, experienced, and a great collaborator. Missy is currently the 4-H Regional Specialist for Clark and Skamania Counties. With the addition of Klickitat, Missy will be able to facilitate greater connectivity in the Columbia River Gorge region. This transition will greatly benefit the program (locally, regionally and at the state level). It will also create a more baby-friendly travel schedule for me. We are also hiring a temporary office assistant to help support 4-H work during the transition between Missy and me.

Lots of exciting changes! I hope the busy holiday season has treated you and your loved ones well, and I look forward to reconnecting with you at regional and state events!"

Sincerely, Alison White

**"Meet & Greet" at 6pm on January 26, 2015 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting**

**Please join us! You are invited to "Meet and Greet" Missy Cummins, our new 4-H Regional Specialist for Clark, Klickitat and Skamania Counties. Please join us at 6pm at the 4-H room on Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 to get acquainted.** Light refreshments will be served!

The January 26 Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council training and meeting will be held in the 4-H room at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. The Leader training session will begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

**4-H Horse Member Riding Time**

Riding time may be available Wednesdays through March 2015 at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds from 3pm to 5pm for **currently enrolled** 4-H horse project members and leaders. **Completed enrollment forms must have been received at the 4-H office along with 4-H insurance payment (\$2 for horse project).** For more information contact Lisa Harness at the Extension office, 509-773-5817.

## **Reminder: Washington State 4-H Program Scholarship Information**

Three different 4-H scholarships are offered through the Washington State 4-H Program. Please refer to specific information and the application process at <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm>.

### **1. 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, 2015** at WSU):

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

### **2. Washington State 4-H Scholarships (postmarked by **March 1, 2015** to Jan Klein, State 4-H Adolescent Leadership Specialist, 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 \$575
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Scholarship -- One @ \$500
- Thomas R. Quann Scholarship Fund -- One @\$500

### **3. 4-H Dairy Endowment Scholarship (only available for current or former 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 a current or former 4-H Dairy Member. One for a high school senior and one for a current college student).

## **Washington Swine Information Day: February 6, 2015**

**The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 6, 2015 from 8:30am until 5:15pm at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington.** The educational seminar is designed for progressive pork producers and stakeholders. Swine producers of all sizes and varieties; 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 Washington State University Extension.

The Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest swine producers. This year's program will feature a one-day shortened version of the WSU Pork 300 short-course that was offered in the summer of 2013. WSU PORK 300 is an intense three-day, hands-on workshop held on the WSU Campus. The class has been recognized by industry leaders and producers as a highly educational program for producers and industry stakeholders of all sizes and market types. The condensed program, WSU PORK 200, to be offered during Swine Information Day on February 6, will focus on live animal evaluation, carcass estimation, economics of pork pricing, pork carcass fabrication, and retail cut identification. The program will focus on teaching producers and marketers how to produce and market quality pigs and pork products.

In addition to the WSU PORK 200 activities, the day will also feature Dr. Tim Safranski, State Extension Swine Breeding Specialist from the University of Missouri. Dr. Safranski will present on swine reproduction for small pig producers concerning artificial insemination and farrowing management. Dr. Safranski grew up in Oregon and has come back to the PNW numerous times to teach swine reproduction classes because of his understanding of the PNW swine industry and expertise in the area of genetics and reproduction management for producers of all sizes.

**Registration for the day's event is \$30 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$15, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10. There is a \$15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 29, 2015.** Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals. A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at [www.animalag.wsu.edu](http://www.animalag.wsu.edu) under "Upcoming Events" or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu) or (509)754-2011, ext 4313. To register with a credit card, go to [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) and enter event number 1112920. Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.

## Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **JANUARY 2015**

- 12 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 15 4-H Horse Leaders meeting, 6:30pm, location to be determined
- 19 4-H Equine Judging Clinic, 9am to noon, Goldendale Grange
- 19 County offices closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 20 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 26 “Meet & Greet” for Missy Cummins, 4-H Regional Specialist, 6pm, 4-H Room
- 26 4-H Leaders' Council - training at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7 pm, 4-H room, KC Fairgrounds

### **FEBRUARY 2014**

- 6 Washington Swine Information Day, Moses Lake, WA (see article in this newsletter)
- 9 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 14-17 4-H Know Your Government Conference, Olympia, WA
- 16 4-H Cooking Clinic, 9am to noon at the Goldendale Grange
- 16 4-H Horse Dressage Clinic, 1pm to 4pm at the Goldendale Grange
- 16 President's Day Holiday – County offices closed
- 17 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 19 Klickitat County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm at Lyle Activity Center in Lyle, WA
- 23 Klickitat County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

***2015 Klickitat County Fair theme:***

***Wild Flowers & Wagon Wheels***



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

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