



4-H Focus Newsletter



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Greeting

This newsletter is a bit longer than usual because it contains so many different educational event opportunities! There is plenty happening in the area in the next few months, especially for those with market projects. If we are missing local events and educational opportunities, please send us an email with the information and we will add them to our next newsletter. We would also like to send out a HUGE thank you to club leaders for navigating the new club audit process and getting your reports to us. Have a wonderful February everyone!

Enrollment

If you have not yet enrolled for the 2019-2020 4-H year, please get that done ASAP. If you are sending a check, please make the check payable to WSU. We handle all our enrollment fees through an account at WSU. If you are paying by credit card, PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK that your card information is correct/updated in the 4honline system before submitting. Once a card has been declined, we cannot resubmit payment with 4honline and the payment will have to be made with check. Our county enrollment deadline is March 1, 2020. Between March 1 – April 1 enrollments will require a late enrollment petition form and include a \$10 late fee. Contact our office if you need help with 4honline or the enrollment process.

Save the Dates

February 5, 2020 – 4-H Leader Training, 5:30-8:30pm, PSB, Conference Rm A – Please RSVP

February 7, 2020 – Washington Swine Information Day, 8:30am – 5:00pm, Moses Lake

March 14, 2020 – Youth Beef Field Day, 8:00am – 3:00pm, Lewiston Livestock Market

Mar 15, 2020 - WA State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

March 19, 2020 – YQCA Quality Assurance Training, 7:00 – 8:30pm, PSB, Conference Rm A

March 21, 2020 – Youth Swine Field Day, 8:00am – 3:00pm, Asotin County Fairgrounds

March 22, 2020 – Steer Weigh-In P.E.F. 12:00pm – 3:00pm

March 28, 2020 - Steer Weigh-In P.E.F. 9:00am – 12:00pm

April 18-19 – Shooting Sports Training, Coeur d’Alene

Volunteer Recognition

This month we would like to recognize Helena Johnson, a leader with Palouse Area Robotics Team. The team is currently in the middle of their 9th build season and Helena has been an integral part of the team from the beginning. Thank you to Helena, and the many other busy P.A.R.T. volunteers, for your time and hard work! To read more about the 4-H P.A.R.T. Sciborgs, follow this link to the Statewide Tuesday News - <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/news/>

Scholarships

Here is the link to scholarship information on our website:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/youth/forms/> Many of these scholarships have deadlines in early Spring. Please note that the state 4-H scholarship is open now for applications with a deadline of March 15, 2020. Here is the link to scholarship information on the state website <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/> Also, please let us know if you find scholarships that should be added to our list.

Youth Beef Field Day

Youth Beef Field Day will be held March 14, 2020 from 8:00am – 3:00pm at Lewiston Livestock Market. Registration for all participants is \$8, due by March 6, 2020. Participation will be capped at 100 entries, so get your registration completed soon! Here is a link to the brochure and registration form <https://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/event/4-h-ffa-youth-beef-field-day-2/>

Youth Swine Field Day

Youth Swine Field Day will be held March 21, 2020 from 8:00am – 3:00pm at Asotin County Fairgrounds. Registration for all participants is \$8, due by March 13, 2020. Participation will be capped at 100 entries, so get your registration completed soon! Here is a link to the brochure and registration form <https://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/event/4-h-ffa-youth-swine-field-day/>.

Livestock Showmanship Clinic at Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds

Final Drive: Livestock Showmanship Clinic presented by the Country Store will be held Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds. The clinic is open to both 4-H and FFA youth and animals are provided. It will be held in a heated, indoor facility. Cost is \$30, including lunch by February 3 and \$40, including lunch by February 13. Scholarships are available for youth in need. For questions call or text Kyle Cordill at 509-979-8859
Sign up here: [Pay Online Entry Flyer](#)

Garfield County Jackpot Show

The Jackpot Show will be held at the Pomeroy Fair Grounds on Saturday, April 4th. 4-H and FFA Youth from around the region who will be showing breeding heifers or steers intended for a terminal show during 2020 (i.e., a market steer being fed for a 2020 spring, summer or fall fair or show) are eligible to compete. Entry deadline is March 30, 2020. For more information, contact Sherry Ledgerwood at 509-843-3438 ASOTIN6@GMAIL.COM, or Kim Fielder at 208-413-2196 KIMFEIDER14@GMAIL.COM
<https://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/event/garfield-county-jackpot-show/>

WSU Veterinary Medicine 7th Annual Horse Course

The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting their 7th Annual Horse Course on February 29, 2020 in Pullman, WA. Tickets are \$40 per individual or \$35 in groups of 10 or more. This year, two different course tracks will be offered. Each track is capped at 100 participants. To purchase tickets go to <https://wsuhorsecourse.weebly.com/tickets.html>

WSSP Lambing Schools

Washington State Sheep Producers have lambing schools scheduled for 2020:

February 22- Mabton, WA

March 21 – Lamont, WA

April 4 – Lamont, WA

More information and registration information are available at

<https://www.wssp.org/projects>

Asotin County Fair & Royalty Contest

The 2020-2021 Asotin County Fair and Hells Canyon Rodeo Royalty contestant application and tryouts will be held in March. Applications can be found at the link below and are due by Monday, March 2, 2020. There is a mandatory parent and contestant meeting on March 9, 2020. Contestant tryouts will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

<http://www.asotincountyfairandrodeo.org/index.html>

USPC Equine Symposium

The 2020 United States Pony Club Equine Symposium will be held in Seattle, WA February 1-2, 2020. For more information about workshops, speakers, schedule, and registration go to <https://www.ponyclub.org/Events/AnnualMeeting/> You can also contact Erin Roland at activitiescoordinator@ponyclub.org with questions.

Shooting Sports Training

Location: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Date: April 18-19, 2020

Below are the registration information and application. Registration is due to the Kootenai County Extension office by March 27, 2020.

<https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/shooting-sports/Events-local/2020-cda-pdf.pdf?la=en&hash=2CB383E549089E972FC121AE1F5752D2B4E3FB80>

Junior Livestock Show of Spokane

Entries are now open for the Junior Livestock Show of Spokane. The show takes place May 5th-9th at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center. There are some changes for 2020, most importantly an entry deadline of March 10, 2020. The benefit auction for the Junior Show will be held on February 22, 2020. More information can be found online at www.juniorshow.org The extension office has a paper copy of all Junior Show guidelines and registration forms, if interested.

New Curriculum in Extension Office

We have some new/updated curriculum in the office. We have a poultry learning lab, and new photography curriculum.

Fair Theme

At the fair board meeting on January 27, it was announced that the theme would be:

Wagon Teams to Western Dreams This will be the 71st Palouse Empire Fair. Fair book changes are due by March 1, 2020.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Group

We were recently contacted by a Pullman Guide Dogs for the Blind Group who is looking for more way to connect with local youth and community members. If you are interested in learning more about Guide Dogs for the Blind puppy raising, contact Sydney and Abbie at gdbpullmanpuppyraisers@gmail.com