



4-H Friday Update

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Greetings!

I just returned from a two day meeting for 4-H program faculty and staff titled “Sparking The Future of Washington 4-H”. The messages from this meeting ‘sparked my flame for 4-H’! What is your ‘SPARK’? What ignites your ‘SPARK’? Is it science, farm life, cooking, arts, maybe just hands-on learning, or sharing your passions and knowledge with youth? Take a minute and think about what excites you about the 4-H program; why we enroll our youth in 4-H or why you have become a 4-H volunteer. Then I challenge you to build on that. One way for those of you who are 4-H volunteers, is to learn more about the wonderful world of 4-H by attending volunteer educational events, networking with other project volunteers, or attending volunteer conferences such as Washington State 4-H Forum or Western Regional 4-H Leader’s Forum. Speaking of which, the Washington State 4-H Forum is scheduled for October 16-18 in Everett. There will be a wealth of knowledge and experience there!

The Central Washington Junior Livestock Show is happening as I type! This is always a great way for new members to become acquainted with showing and marketing of livestock projects whether participating in the shows or just visiting and watching.

I am still looking for 4-H Still Life Superintendents and volunteers for the Grant County Fair. You don’t have to be a 4-H enrolled volunteer to help out in the 4-H building during fair. So parents and former youth members, if your SPARK is helping and guiding youth, please think about volunteering for a few hours to help answer entry question, set-up of specific display areas, help to take in entries on Monday of fair week, and be available a few hours during fair (in the air-conditioned building).

Please watch the Friday Update for events happening this spring and summer. There are many opportunities to participate in workshops, trainings, shows, conferences, and local community services.

It is very important that I receive all Horse and Dairy Certificates ASAP. With the office move and shortage of employees in the office the last three months, we are behind in getting notices out that these certificates need to be in place here at the office.

Until next week. . .
Jeannie

Livestock Weigh & Tag Days

Steer Weigh & Tag Day-April 18

Steer weigh and tag day is on Saturday, April 18th from 2-6 PM at the Grant County Fairgrounds and a make-up on the following Tuesday 5-7 PM. Call ahead to make arrangements — Mike Garneau, 766-9005 or Sarah Smith, 760-6946. Also steers can be weighed at the Jr. Show.

Sheep Weigh & Tag Day, June12, 2015, noon-7 PM

Goat Weigh and Tag Day, June 12,2015, noon-7 PM

April 1st is the 4-H Dairy Endowment Scholarship application due date!

Application available at:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/dairyendowment/DE-Scholarship.pdf>

Evergreen Junior Dairy Show

This event will be held in Monroe this year on April 24 & 25, and is open to all state 4-H and FFA youth. More information at:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/dairyendowment/EJDS.html>

Important information for all Volunteer Leaders Enrolled in Shooting Sports!!!

Many youth in our county have enrolled in the shooting sports projects. In order to have and teach the riflery, shotgun, pistol, archery and black powder projects, leaders **MUST** be trained and certified in the discipline they are teaching. Counties and/or clubs without trained and certified leaders are not eligible for member enrollment.

4-H Shooting Sports Trainings, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, April 25 & 26
Information and Registration: [Beginning Level](#) [Advanced Archery](#)

4-H Shooting Sports Training, Okanogan, May 29 & 30; for more information, contact:
509422-7245 contact: 509-422-7245

State 4-H Hippology Contest – April 18th in Snohomish.

Our Grant County Hippology Team has been practicing very hard and is looking forward to the 2015 contest in Snohomish.

2015 Know Your Government



Grant County 4-H and Rep. Tom Dent

2015 Springtime Youth Calf Sale and Judging Event in Monroe



Local \$500 Calf Grant winners were Bailey Ahmann from The Moo Crew, Chris Ahmann from The Moo Crew and Maya Armocost-Felton from Wahluke 4-H club

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Training-March 28th

Source: Sarah Smith WSU Grant/Adams 4-H Animal Science Update—Individuals interested in subscribing to the 4-H Animal Science Update need to send an email to smithsm@wsu.edu.

A Youth PQA training has been scheduled for March 28th, from 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Sandhill Crane Festival in Othello at the High School. All youth exhibiting swine projects at the Grant County Fair and Adams County Fair must be certified in the National Youth PQA Program. The Youth PQA program is for youth between the age of 9 and 18 and youth must re-certify annually by attending an approved Youth PQA Education program or youth between the age of 12 and 18 may re-certify by testing at the appropriate skill level for their age bracket. To certify by test, a minimum of 70% of questions must be correctly answered. Once certified by test, the youth is not required to recertify in Youth PQA until the next age bracket and skill level is reached (which is usually 2-3 years). Youth between 12 and 18 wishing to take the pass-out test may take the test after the training on the 26th or may take the test on Mondays during the month of May and June between 1:00 and 4:00 PM at the Extension office in Ephrata. Youth planning on taking the test at the Extension office need to call the Friday prior to testing to verify attendance. Youth between 12 and 18 do not have to attend a classroom training to certify by test. However, no supplemental information may be used during the administration of the test.

I recognize that this is a busy weekend with the North Central Washington Jr. Livestock Show and other community events. I will be offering another Youth PQA training in the Moses Lake Area in June. More information on these PQA opportunities will be announced in the Wednesday and Friday Extension Updates as dates and locations are confirmed.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance Training Also Available Online

The National Pork Board has launched a revised version of Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus, which includes an [online training](#) option. This will allow youth to go through the program at their own pace or in place of attending a face-to-face training or taking the pass-out test at the Grant/Adams Extension office.

Training is available for youth age 8 – 19 based on their age on January 1 of the certification year. Parents can register to manage their children's training (**parental registration is required for youth age 8 - 12**). Or children 13 – 19 can self-register.

- › All registered users of the site MUST HAVE A UNIQUE EMAIL. If a family shares an email, the parent should register and manage all children's training through the parent account.
- › Once the YOUTH has signed up for/activated an online training session, they will have 30 days to complete the training.
- › Youth who are in the intermediate and advanced age brackets will be presented an exam. The youth will have three opportunities to achieve a 70% or better score to pass the exam. This is a closed book exam. This is the Pass-Out Exam
- › For Intermediate and Advanced, the certification expiration date will be calculated based on their age in their bracket. Maximum length of certificate could be three years, at minimum a youth will earn a one year certificate.

See the Minimum Standards document at

<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/youthpqaplus/Min%20Standards.pdf> for an explanation of how expiration dates are calculated based on age/test out.

The link for online PQA training is

<https://www.pork.org/Account/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fAccount%2fLoggedInHome.aspx>

Youth without Internet Access can take the PQA Plus Pass-Out Test at the Extension Office:

Intermediates and senior youth wishing to take the pass-out test may take test on Wednesdays between June 1st and July 15th, between 1:00 and 4:00 pm at the Extension office in Moses Lake. Youth planning on taking the test at the Extension office need to call and verify attendance at least one business day prior to the testing date. **Intermediate and senior youth do not have to attend a classroom training to certify by test.** However, no supplemental information may be used during the administration of the test; the test is a measurement of unassisted knowledge. A good study guide is the PQA+ manual that is available from the Extension office. Because of postage cost we are asking that you pick up the manuals at the Extension office.

4-H Mentoring Program — Youth and Families with Promise

[Find out more about this exciting program.](#)

New Regional Facebook Page for Grant, Adams & Lincoln County 4-H

Stay up to date with 4-H happenings. Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/LincolnAdams4H>



Family Information Night

4-H Mentoring Program hosts Family Information Night at North Elementary School gym, 1200 W. Craig St., Moses Lake, on Monday, March 30th, 6:30-7:30pm.

This information night will provide interested families an overview of the 4-H program and details about the 4-H mentoring program. Families will be able to sign their children up for the Larson area mentoring program that night. Interested volunteers will also be able to sign up for the program as well. We will provide light refreshments and will take part in a fun 4-H activity. Read more information on our [Facebook page](#).

Spring 2015 Paper Clover Fundraiser



The Spring 2015 Paper Clover Fundraiser is coming April 22 - May 3, 2015! Together, TSC & Del's raised over \$1.5 Million (\$1,551,052) to support 4-H youth programs during only 24 days in 2014! Let's beat those numbers in 2015!

Invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating \$1 at check out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live.

Mark your Calendar — 4-H Meetings

Grant-Adams Area 4-H Leaders Council meets the **first Monday** of every other month; **7:00 PM**; (alternating between Moses Lake and Othello)

Moses Lake (December, April, August) - Othello meets at Time Out Pizza.
Othello (October, February, June) - Moses Lake meets at the Grant County Fairgrounds Fuller Building.

Grant-Adams 4-H Area Meetings- Area Council meetings are determined by your area.

Area I - Ephrata & Soap Lake

Area II - Quincy/George

Area III - Moses Lake

Area IV - Warden

Area V - Royal City

Area VI - Othello

Grant County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale Committee meets the third Tuesday of the Month, **February through November, 7:00 PM**, Moses Lake, Grant County Fairgrounds Fuller Building.

Grant-Adams 4-H Horse Leader Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Moses Lake, Grant County Fairgrounds Huck Fuller Building.

Note: Subject to Change. Watch for any location, date, or time changes in the Friday Update. [Meeting Minutes are Online](#)

Important Dates & Information – [See More Online](#)

Report your Volunteer Hours Monthly: [WSU Volunteer Database](#)

[Taxes – e-postcard is due by May 15th – Annually](#)

[Put the Child First](#) – **Volunteers and Leaders** are required to complete an online presentation called Put the Child First. **This training is mandatory.** To register for “Put the Child First” go to: <http://universalvoltraining.wsu.edu>. Fill in the information requested and press “Submit Request”. You will receive an automatic **Email with log-in information** to view the presentation. Your registration for the training will be kept in the system as proof of your participation. Website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>.

General Due Dates for Grant-Adams Area 4-H

- December 1 *Enrollments are Due for Existing Clubs
 - December 1 4-H Club Annual Financial Summary is Due
http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/C1130E/C1130E_fill.pdf
 - June 1 *Enrollments are Due for New Clubs
 - July 15 Pork Quality Assurance Needs to be Completed
 - August 1 Secretary Books are Due to Extension Office
- *Enrollment Forms for Grant and Adams Area: [Enrollment Forms & Packet Information](#)

Annual Animal Ownership Dates for Grant County Fair

- January 1 Dairy - Sale Springer & Bred Heifer Certificates are Due
- April 1 Horse Ownership Certificates are Due
- April 1 Beef Ownership Date(Weigh & Tag Day to be announced)
- May 1 All other Dairy Ownership Certificates are Due
- May 8 Market Swine Ownership Date
- May 12 Llama Ownership Date
- May 15 Poultry Ownership Date
- May 15 Rabbit Ownership Date
- June 8 Market Goat Ownership Date
- June 10 Market Sheep Ownership Date

Annual Animal Ownership Dates for Adams County Fair

- February 1 Dairy - Sale Springer & Bred Heifer Certificates are Due
- April 1 Horse Ownership Certificates are Due
- April 30 Beef Ownership Date
- May 1 All other Dairy Ownership Certificates are Due
- May 15 Poultry Ownership Date
- May 15 Rabbit Ownership[Date
- June 12 Llama Ownership Date
- June 15 Market Swine Ownership Date
- June 15 Market Sheep Ownership Date
- July 8 Market Goat Ownership Date

NOTE: If you have project animal issues (sickness, won't breed, or death,) please contact the Extension Office. Hardship cases will be considered to allow you to show at fair.



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