



4-H Friday Update

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Happy Spring!

Hopefully, you are enjoying these warmer, longer days! It is definitely baby animal time too! Calving, kidding, lambing, foaling, farrowing, kindling, whelping, queening and hatching are all taking place. Hope I didn't forget a species! If you are an animal owner, you know the joys of Spring and baby animals!



It's also time for TSC/Del's Paper Clover Days which means that it's time to start planning with your local (Ephrata and Othello) stores for the Spring Clover Campaign. This year's dates are April 22-May 3. This gives local 4-H clubs a tremendous opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects, hold fundraisers and do community service projects. At the same time the partnership between Del's and Grant and Adams Counties 4-H program is earning donations for our local Leader's Council which in turn helps youth and volunteers with scholarships to trainings, conferences, camps, KYG, and more. I am recruiting clubs to be active with this endeavor. For information, check out: http://www.tscand4h.com/4h_site/fund.php or call the WSU Grant-Adams Extension office 509-754-2011.

Leader's Council meets every other month and switches sites between Othello and Moses Lake to make it easy for all of our volunteers to attend. This coming Monday, April 6th, the meeting is at the Huck Fuller Building on the Grant County Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm. All volunteer leader's are welcome to attend. Other than the Friday Update, this is the best way to stay up-to-date on current county 4-H happenings. It's also an opportunity for you to have input and ask questions. Hope to see you Monday evening!

Jeannie

4-H Horsemanship Boot Camp

Stevens County 4-H Horse Leaders have put together a two-day Horsemanship Boot Camp **June 13 and 14** at the NE WA Fairgrounds in Colville. You and your horse will experience two days of fun filled clinics and learn from experienced trainers, judges, and veterinarians. Clinics include showmanship, stock seat, gaming fundamentals, knots, packing, hunt seat, paint the parts, trail elements, and so much more!!! Choose your sessions from over 30 options. Registration is due by May 8 and is \$50. [Registration and Information](#)

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN 8th–12th GRADE!

Be sure to check out this awesome opportunity. **4-H Teen Conference/ Ignite Your Future** is June 28-30, 2015 at Washington State University Pullman Campus.

Let your own interests and abilities light your way, as you explore careers, have fun, and try life on a college campus at this summer's Teen Conference in Pullman! Come experience three days' worth of hands-on activities and workshops on topics as diverse as cheese-making or physics with successful business people and scientists as well as nationally recognized speakers. Live in the Washington State University dorms, while checking out college and career possibilities and learning life skills that will help you succeed at whatever you choose to do.



June 28–30, 2015
Washington State University
Pullman, WA

- [Conference Information](#)
- [Teen Conference Workshop Descriptions](#)
- [Financial Assistance Information](#)
- [Registration](#)

Through gifts secured by The Washington 4-H Foundation, the State 4-H Office is able to provide some financial assistance which will allow youth to attend the 4-H Summer Teen Conference. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for those with financial need.

Teen conference [application](#) deadline for financial help is May 1st.

Just for Fun: Got a question? Any question? Ask Dr. Universe!



So, you want to be a scientist?

You are on your way! If you are thinking about becoming a scientist, meet Dr. Universe, she answers kids' questions about science and they can discover something new every week at <http://askdruniverse.com>.

Ask Dr. Universe is a science-education project based out of Washington State University and University Communications

Club Fundraiser Opportunities at Del's



Tractor Supply and Del's excited and invite your club to get active with your local store if not already. Talk with your store manager about what activities and partnership opportunities exist in your area. [See how Del's can help your club today!](#)

[Learn more about holding fundraisers for your club throughout the year.](#)

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.



4-H Mentoring Program — Youth and Families with Promise

[Download a brochure](#) to find out more about the 4-H mentoring program.

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<http://www.facebook.com/LincolnAdams4H>



Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Training

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.

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.

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.

Livestock Weigh & Tag Dates for Fair

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, June 12, 2015, noon-7 PM

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

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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