

4-H NEWS

April 2007

Hi Everyone,

March has been a great month full of 4-H fun. I attended the state all Extension conference at the first of the month. It was enlightening to be a part of something bigger. Grant-Adams was well represented in the recognition and awards. Many agents from the office found themselves on stage. We all should be proud of them.

One of the classes that I took at the conference had to do with blogging on the internet with video. It is a great way to show the world what exciting things are happening in our counties. I am looking for some teen leaders that would be interested in getting our county on board. Please call me if you might be able to help.

The state 4-H office hosted a Program Day which was full of state information. It was well worth attending.

A big thank you to those who did demonstrations at the Sandhill Crane Festival in Othello. Sharing with the public is educational and provides support to our 4-H program through public exposure.

The Spring Fling, put on by the Western Games 4-H Horse Clubs, was a success. Many families attended with a positive spirit of fun. I enjoyed watching the horsemanship and visiting with the 4-H members.

An exciting event this month is the **WSU College of Veterinary Medicine Open House** on Saturday **April 14**. I have made arrangements for a WSU representative to greet us at 9:30 (the formal tour begins at 10:00). I would like to meet at 9:15 in the parking lot. Take Stadium Way to Grimes Way. Take a right on Grimes Way; enter into the parking lot immediately to your right. We will gather there and then go to French Administration Building. I have secured a grant from the Dauna Bauer Foundation to sponsor this educational

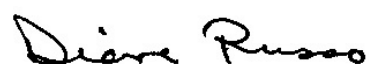
opportunity. If desired, thank you cards can be sent to Courtney McLean, Box 1648, Orofino, Idaho, 83544. Each person (4-H age) and the adult drivers **will receive \$20.00** that morning in the parking lot. Fifteen of those dollars need to be given to the driver for mileage reimbursement. I would like to use this as a learning opportunity for the kids so they can see the cost of mileage for a trip — drivers, please accept the payment and encourage it. The remaining five dollars will help buy lunch or an ice cream cone at Ferguson's at WSU. **DRIVERS**, please let me know who you are and how many kids you plan to take so I can have a head count.

Camp plans are progressing. We need adult chaperones. This year we are offering chaperones, as a thank you, one free camper pass to send one child to camp. This can be used for your own child or a neighbor. I will be attending a ten-hour camp training workshop on Saturday. We have begun our local training. Our next meeting is April 24 at the Fuller Building at the fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m. Chaperones and counselors are welcome.

I would really appreciate some feedback on the use of this newsletter. I'm curious if more would **read the details if it was sent via e-mail** once a month or possibly more often so it wouldn't be so long. Please e-mail me with your thoughts, drusso@wsu.edu. If I don't hear from you, I'll assume this is still the best method. Of course, if this is not read, you may not be able to express an opinion. I hope to hear from you.

See the following opportunities,

Sincerely,



Diane Russo
WSU Grant-Adams Area Extension
4H/Youth Development

Education must not simply teach work — it must teach life.

—W.E.B. DU BOIS (1868-1963)
American Civil Right Leader and Writer.

My Two Cents: What a wonderful opportunity you each have working with a program that supports life skills as a focus for its curriculum. See the life skills model on the internet at

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/life_skills/homepage.html if you want more reflection on the topic. Powerful thoughts like, character development, leadership, social skills, resiliency, etc. — and to think you are in the middle of it. Enjoy!!



Judges for the WA State Grange Convention, June 27, are needed. Anyone interested in judging painting, drawing, photography, metal crafts, woodworking, lapidary, fiber arts, needlecraft, or crafts? Please call the extension office.

The next State 4-H Shooting Sports Training is scheduled for May 18-20, 2007, in Republic, under the capable leadership of Emily Burt in Ferry County. Disciplines offered at this training will include: archery, pistol, rifle and shotgun. The registration brochure for this training is being developed and will be available online soon at <http://4-h.wsu.edu/> and <http://whitman.4h.wsu.edu>. Two counties in western Washington have indicated interest in hosting a State 4-H Shooting Sports Training. Stay tuned for more updates!

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The 10th Annual Cougar Youth Weekend is being held April 20-22, 2007 (Friday-Sunday) for youth 9-18 years of age with an interest in all aspects of the dairy industry and/or fitting and showing dairy cattle.

Showmanship instruction will be emphasized, with workshops offered for fitting, showing, and handling of dairy heifers. Each individual will be given the opportunity to work with a heifer and have hands-on practice during the workshops. Youth can also enroll in the dairy cattle judging workshop, which will concentrate on visual appraisal and oral reasons.

Instruction courses in nutrition, reproduction, breeding, and udder health of dairy cows will also be offered.

For more information and a registration form for the events, please contact Megan Warner, Dairy Club Secretary, at Megse47@hotmail.com, dairyclub@hotmail.com. The registration is at <http://4-h.wsu.edu/projects/dairy.htm>.



M. Christine Price – County Director – Family and Consumer Science Educator
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Area VI News: Scholarship Application for High School students seeking help with college expenses due May 1.

Attention Horse 4-H Members: Mark your calendars for a fun day for you and your horse to attend the Spring Schooling Show at the Grant County Fairgrounds, April 14-15. Three arenas will be in full use as many classes are being offered for you and your horse to have a full day of learning. Both days start with a meeting at 7:40 a.m. and classes to begin at 8:00 a.m. PLEASE note that registrations will take longer and need to happen before 7:40 a.m. so come early. Yearly registration fees (\$75.00) for Performance summer shows are due that weekend. This works out to \$15.00 a show. Anyone registering after that time will be charged \$20.00 a show. For more information, call Suzy Anderson at 398-1812.

2007 SE District 4-H Teen Rally October 12-14. This year's SE District 4-H Teen Rally will be in Kittitas County at Camp Koinonia October 12-14. The theme is "Leadership – Mountains to Climb". Tentative plans include inspiring speakers, sport fishing, shooting sports, orienteering, challenge activities, and a chance to meet other great 4-Hers from the SE district. Registration materials will be available to all SE counties electronically and hard copies in June. The registration cost will be \$60, due by September 14. Late registrations will be \$70 and are due by September 21. **The rally is open to all 4-Hers grade 7 and older.** We will need **chaperons too.** All interested leaders and parents, please let me know. The camp can accommodate 150 people, so let's join in.



Fast Track to Your Future? So, if you were designing a one-day, twelve-hour educational event in June 2007 for you and your high school friends to ready you for your future, what information and workshops would you include? You can submit your ideas to jklein@wsu.edu by April 20. Include your name and contact information for \$5 off the registration fee for the event. If we use your idea, you'll get \$20 off your registration! If you were designing the same event and could design a logo for the summer conference "Fast Track to your Future", what would it look like? Submit an idea for \$5.00 off your registration fee. If your's is chosen, you will get half of your Teen Conference registration paid. Must be submitted in 'jpeg' format by April 20, 2007 to jklein@wsu.edu.



Feeder Pig Project? The Silva Brothers Feeder Pig Sale sponsored by the Ghost Gamers 4-H Club will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake. One hundred-fifty feeder pigs for August and September shows will be auctioned at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Jeff Silva, 509-361-9633.

Sewing Project or just for fun? I was e-mailed an address in reference to a free pattern that might be a fun project. I made a small quilt with the pattern. It was fun. I thought I'd pass on the idea. If you use the pattern, bring in your project, I'd like to see it. The address is http://www.byannie.com/free_patterns.html. Have fun.

Area III News

Scholarships are available for youth for 4-H Camp. Come to the May 7 Area III meeting, Monroe House, and read your essay – "Why I want to go to camp!" 100 word minimum for juniors and 150 word minimum for Intermediates. Call Mary Ellen, 765-1587 or Yvonne, 765-4665.

Your Help is Still Needed! Register your support of the Washington State 4-H Specialized License Plate!

Proceeds of the sale and renewal of the specialized license plates will be used to support programs and build endowments to benefit 4-H youth throughout Washington.

If you would like to support the effort, please contact the Extension office. Additional details on the license plate program can be found at 4h.wsu.edu/foundation/licenseplate.htm

The collection period is scheduled to end May 1.

By obtaining special plates, state 4-H'ers will become rolling billboards for Washington State youth. In this way, 4-H motorists can "drive home" the message that Washington State 4-H and its programs are important to them, their families, and the state!





Make it Yourself with Wool Contest

Entries may be sewn, knitted, crocheted, woven, or felted and must contain a minimum of 60 percent wool fibers.

All ages welcome. District and State levels. For more information, phone Susan Parr 253-922-5403 or e-mail smparr4h@earthlink.net.

Looking for a Community Service Idea??

Doolittle Dream Park is in the making. The hope is that this group of non-profit volunteers can design and enjoy a park that families and children can use on Doolittle Street on the Base in Moses Lake. Land has been donated and plans have begun. Tara Childs (771-0074) could use help in the next few months with distributing flyers, art activity days (art day for children to help actually do the art work at the park), and help with the six days to build the park. "Lots of hands will make it happen."

More upcoming events...

4-H Packgoat Conference: June 22-24, Lewis and Clark State Park, Chehalis, WA. For more information, call 360-481-0527 or e-mail dsemasko@comcast.net.

4-H and Open Goat Show: April 28-29 in Ellensburg. Entry forms can be forwarded via e-mail through Diane at the Extension office drusso@wsu.edu.

45th Annual Washington State Junior Horse Show: August 10-12, 2007, State Fair Park, Yakima. For information, email wsjhs@bossig.com or call Emily Row, Show Manager, at 509-966-1084.

More news...

- ✿ **Mark Weber would like to compliment Sarah Smith** on her excellent job of training Pork Quality Assurance to club members. Good job Sarah!
- ✿ **Free Food Judging Opportunity –** Contact Jean Swift 360-540-4491
- ✿ **I have visited with Paul Koethke of County Insurance and Financial Services** in reference to livestock insurance. He would be willing to come visit with your group if you are interested. Please call him at 765-9259.
- ✿ **Thanks and congratulations** to Rhonda Gardinier for being the first to complete New Leaders Training Lesson #1.

4-H Calendar

April

- 14-15** Free Schooling Show, Grant County Fairgrounds
- 14** Grant County Steer Weigh and Tag Day, Grant County Fair Beef Scales, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 14** WSU College of Veterinary Medicine Open House
- 21** Silva Brothers Feeder Pig Sale, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake

May

- 1** Non-sale dairy certificates are due
- 1** Horse ownership certificates are due here
- 12** Western Games Qualifier, Grant County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.
- 12** WSU 4-H/FFA Feeder Pig Sale, WSU Swine Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 19-20** Performance Horse Show, Grant County Fairgrounds, 7:40 a.m.
- 26** Moses Lake Spring Festival, Grand Moonlight Parade, 8:30 p.m.



Council Meetings:

HORSE COUNCIL

When: First Thursday of Every Month
Where: Multi Purpose Room in Courthouse Justice Bldg.
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

COUNTY COUNCIL

When: First Monday of Even Months
Where: Grant County Fairgrounds, Fuller Bldg.
Time: 7:30 p.m.

LIVESTOCK COUNCIL

When: Second Thursday of Every Month
Where: Grant County Fairgrounds, Fuller Bldg.
Time: 7:00 p.m.



Sheriff Posse Dates:

March 11, April 28, June 30, September 9, and October 20