



# 4-H FOCUS



**MARCH 2008**

## **VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING MANDATORY FOR RE-ENROLLMENT**

Classes will be offered on the following dates: VLT #1 April 17 VLT #2 April 24  
VLT#3 May 1 VLT#4 May 6

*All classes will be held at the Pasco Extension office 404 W. Clark from 7:00-9:00pm*

**Call 545-3511 to register.** 4-H members and parents are, as always, welcome to attend.

### Treasurers report: 2/11/08

The current balance is \$6,855.78.

A check from United Way was received and 8% of that will go to the Horse Committee.

Two scholarships for Know Your Government were received and they will each get \$177.

### Agents report:

New leader training will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m at the Franklin County office.

Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show weigh-in will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon.

Camp Committee is starting to organize. You may have to miss school if you want to go to camp. (Due to snow day make up days being added to the end of some schools.)

Science Camp 2008 registrations are due March 28<sup>th</sup>. You must be in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate.

### Public Relations:

An all clubs picnic will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Point Marina Park.

Gear Up For Fair Day will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds in the 4-H building from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

If you're interested in participating in the Benton-Franklin Fair Parade, please contact Hope Harkins at 627-1293.

Are any clubs interested in going to a 4-H night at a Dust

Devils game over the summer? Tickets will be \$4 each and it will help promote 4-H.

### Finance:

• An idea for a fundraiser is to have Benton/Franklin 4-H recipe books, kids could send in recipes with pictures and clubs could sell them and split the money with 4-H Council.

### Life Skills:

• At the March council meeting there will be someone to speak briefly on club officers.

### Announcements:

• Japanese exchange students will be here July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup> and Finnish students will come June 16<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>. There are also year long students and college students. Their profiles will be in soon.

- Poultry auction and seminar will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Rada Rabbits show, workshops, and silent auction in Building #2 starts at 8 a.m.

### Old Business:

- Alisha Wadsworth reported on her experience of going to the National Rabbit Conference in Michigan.
- The Tri-City Americans fundraiser will not be happening this year.

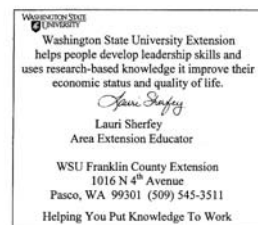
### New Business:

- This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Benton/Franklin County fair. Fair Board member Toni Zunker is in charge of putting together a time capsule. Items for the time capsule will be displayed at the fair, ideas and clubs are needed. To help, please call Toni Zunker 586-8104 [Toniz@charter.net](mailto:Toniz@charter.net).
- Nancy Weaver gave a record book presentation.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 15*      *Sheep Field Day at Fred and Timmie Blauert's farm in Washtucna*  
*March 18*      *4-H Horse Parent & Leader Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office*  
*March 15*      *Poultry Event- 9 a.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds. For more information call 582-6436.*  
*March 18*      *4-H Horse Parent & Leader Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office*  
*March 22*      *Benton Franklin Fair Steer Weigh-in and Tag Day, 8 a.m. to noon, Benton County Fairgrounds*  
*March 22*      *Equine Showmanship 101 Clinic, T.R.R.C. - Burbank Arena*  
*March 27-29*    *North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Moses Lake*  
*March 29-*      *National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.*  
*March 29*      *Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show Steer Weigh-in, 9 a.m. to noon, Connell Fairgrounds*  
*April 11*      *4-H Camp Counselor, CIT and Camper Applications due*  
*April 12*      *Science Camp In- Pacific Science Center, Seattle*  
*April 12*      *PQA+ Training, 10 a.m., 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds*  
*April 12*      *WSU 4-H/FFA Feeder Pig Sale, Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, the event begins at 11 a.m. You must order and pay for pigs in advance.*  
  
*April 13*      *Dog Program Committee Meeting-Ellensburg*  
*April 14*      *4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mid Columbia Library, 1620 S Union Street, Kennewick*  
*April 15*      *4-H Horse Parent & Leader Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office*  
*April 17*      *VLT #1, 6:30 p.m., Pasco Extension Office. Call to register at 509-545-3511*  
*April 18-20*    *WSU Dairy Club- Cougar Youth Weekend*  
*April 19*      *A Western Games Clinic and Pre-Fair Qualifying Showmanship Class will be held at the Benton Franklin Fair 4-H Arena. For more information contact Holly McInturf at 509-551-3848 or Rosamarie Acevedo at 509-845-3306.*  
  
*April 19*      *Rada Rabbit & Cavies Show & Seminar, Fairgrounds.*  
*April 24*      *VLT #2, 6:30 p.m., Pasco Extension Office. Call to register at 509-545-3511.*  
*April 29*      *Animal Science Leader Training Class—7:00 p.m. at the KENNEWICK Extension Office.*  
*April 30*      *Entry deadline for the Benton Franklin 4-H Performance Horse Clinic*  
*May 1*          *Entry deadline for Market Lambs for the Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition*  
*May 1*          *State 4-H Forum Workshop Proposals Due*  
*May 1*          *VLT #3, 6:30 p.m., Pasco Extension Office. Call to register at 509-545-3511*  
*May 6*          *VLT #4, 6:30 p.m., Pasco Extension Office. Call to register at 509-545-3511*  
*May 4-7*      *Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish*  
*May 9-11*     *"Power Your Future" Annual Competition for High School Students, Pullman*  
*May 10*      *WSU 4-H/FFA Feeder Pig Sale, WSU Cattle Feeding Lab, the event begins at 10 a.m. You must order and pay for pigs in advance.*  
  
*May 10-17*    *All Market Lambs entered in the Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition must be tagged and weighed*  
*May 12*      *4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mid Columbia Library, 1620 S Union Street, Kennewick*  
*May 15*      *Deadline for updating 4-H Horse Certificates for the Benton Franklin Fair*  
*May 16*      *State Showmanship Qualifying Event at the Franklin Saddle Club.*  
*May 16-18*    *Spring Performance Clinic at the Franklin County Saddle Club. Contact Debi Benitz at 588-8080 or Dana Henderson at 588-6529 for more information.*  
  
*May 17*      *Benton Franklin Tag and Weigh Day for goats, hogs and lambs, 7 a.m.-Noon, Benton County Fairgrounds*  
*May 24*      *Annual Whispering Willows show at BCJFRA in Benton City. Contact Ann Wight at 588-6194*  
*June 1*      *Deadline for Harry Buralow Endowment for Innovative Grants*  
*June 1*      *Deadline for Chevron 4-H Community Pride Grants*  
*June 9*      *4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mid Columbia Library, 1620 S Union Street, Kennewick*  
*June 11-15*    *4-H Camp Wooten*  
*June 14*      *Just Horsing Around Merit Show BCJFRA in Benton City. Contact Debi Benitz, 588-8080.*  
*June 18-20*    *Livestock Judges School—WSU, Pullman*  
*June 27-29*    *Backcountry Llama Rendezvous and Drive-In at Emigrant Springs Oregon, June 27-29.*  
*June 29-July 1* *Teen Conference, Pullman Campus*  
*July 12*      *Youth PQA Plus training, 10 a.m. to noon at the Benton Franklin Fairgrounds 4-H Building*  
  
*July 17-19*    *Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake*  
*Sept 5-21*     *State 4-H Fair, Puyallup, WA*  
*Sept 29*      *State Forum Registration Due*  
*Oct*          *National 4-H Week*  
*Oct 17-20*    *4-H Forum, Everett, WA*



# 2008 Benton-Franklin 4-H Camp Info

Make the summer of 2008 one of the best of your life... attend 4-H Camp!

- Camper** Age eight (as of January 1, 2008) thru thirteen (as of June 1, 2008).  
**CIT** Must be 14 by June 1, 2008. (Counselor-In-Training)  
**Counselor** Must be 16 by June 1, 2008. Counselors will come to camp on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
**Where** Camp Wooten is about a 30 minute drive beyond Dayton in the Blue Mountains.  
**Dates** Camper dates June 11 - 15, 2008  
**Cost** \$125 per camper and CIT (includes T-shirt.) (A \$25 late fee will be added to any applications received after the deadline)  
**Check-in** Check-in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.  
**Check-out** Camp ends promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**Transportation** Campers and parents must arrange for their own transportation. Please observe check-in and check out time to prevent confusion.  
**4-H Enrollment** Youth not enrolled in 4-H may attend upon condition they enroll for this special event prior to attending. We are limiting the number of campers, therefore acceptance will be on a first come - first served basis, with 4-Hers receiving preference.

## **What do we do at camp?**

Campers are placed into cabins with other campers of a similar age and at least one counselor and one CIT. Camp is themed, and every cabin has an individual theme as well. Everyone gets to go to six different classes during the week. Classes are archery, canoeing, camp cooking, GPS, photography, and arts & crafts. Everyone can show off their acting skills during cabin skits on campfire night, and show off their dance moves at the camp dance. We eat a lot of good food, and there is time for swimming, kickball, and other activities. This year we will even have an all-camp challenge! If you have any questions about camp, please don't hesitate to call Alissa, the camp director. Camp can be one of the best experiences of being a kid- don't miss out... it is A LOT of fun!!!

## **Scheduling conflicts due to school cancellations**

Camp Wooten is a busy place. Because it is used constantly throughout the season, we do not have an option for camp dates- we either take the ones given to us or don't have camp. For this reason, camp is always very close to the last days of school. This year because of the difficult weather in January, most school districts will be getting out the day that camp starts or later. Counselors must be at camp on the afternoon of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Camper and CIT arrival will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. The Franklin County Extension office will be sending letters to all schools of camp participants explaining the value of the 4-H camp experience and asking for excused absences. *It is the parent's decision to have their children miss the last few days of school to attend camp.* Campers may come up later in the week, but will miss some activities and still be required to pay the full registration fee. (We have to pay to use the camp regardless of the number of campers.) We will work with our counselors and their schools to arrange for excused absences. Many will have to arrange to take finals earlier than other students. This has happened in the past and schools were willing to work with us. If you have any other concerns or questions, please contact the WSU Franklin County Extension office at 545-3511.

**Call Alissa Schneider at the Pasco Extension Office for camp forms or questions at 545-3511.  
All applications are due April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

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# **ANIMAL SCIENCE**

*Articles by Jean Smith*

## **NORTHWEST JUNIOR SHEEP EXPOSITION** by Sarah Smith

The 2008 Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition (NWJSE) sponsored by Washington State University Extension and Department of Animal Sciences will be held July 17-19 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington. The Junior Sheep Expo offers an excellent opportunity for young people from throughout the Pacific Northwest to showcase their sheep projects in a competitive, fun, and educational environment.

According to the show's President and lead organizer, Scott Mortimer of Wilson Creek Washington, "The Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition provides a unique and fun learning experience for all youth interested in sheep by combining the most current technology in animal science with the traditions of the past." This event will include classes for market lambs, prospect lambs, and breeding sheep. Other competitions include the Sheep Skill-A-Thon, which tests one's knowledge and skill in sheep husbandry and educational displays. The NWJSE uses ultrasound technology and an indexed appraisal system that promotes a more accurate and systematic market lamb evaluation and enhances the educational experience of exhibitors and spectators.

Due to the excellent financial support by several organizations and donors, cash prizes and special awards will be presented. Options are available for marketing of lambs following the show. The show also precedes the Annual Ram and Ewe Sale sponsored by the Washington State Sheep Producers held on July 19 at the same location.

Exhibitors desiring to enter market lambs in the 2008 NWJSE should complete and return an entry form by May 1. The entry deadline for feeder lambs, breeding sheep, educational exhibits, and other contests is June 16. Premium booklets were sent to northwest extension offices, FFA Advisors, and previous exhibitors in late February. Premium books and entry forms are also available on WSU Grant-Adams Area Extension web page at <http://grant-adams.wsu.edu> or <http://animalag.wsu.edu> under "Upcoming Events." Additional copies are also available by contacting Sarah Smith at 509-754-2011, Ext. 413 or by email at [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu).

## **THE 2008 STATE 4-H FAIR EQUINE SCHEDULE**

Wed., Sept. 3 - Dressage Arrive 2-4 pm (distant counties will work with fair management if this time frame is not workable). Thurs., Sept. 4 - Dressage Depart at completion of classes or hold over until Fri. morning and depart at 7 a.m.

Mon., Sept. 8 - Senior Western Games Arrive 5-7 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 11 - Senior Western Games Departs at 2 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 11 - Senior Performance B Arrives 5-7 p.m. Sun., Sept. 14 - Senior Performance B Departs at 2 p.m.; Senior Performance Champions Arrive 4-7 p.m. Mon., Sept. 15 - Senior Performance Champions Depart at 2 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 15 - Intermediate Western Games Arrive 5-7 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 18 - Int Western Games Depart at 2 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 18 - Intermediate Performance Arrives, 5-7 p.m. Sun., Sept. 21 - Int Performance Departs by zones, beginning at 4 p.m. (distant counties will again work with fair management on this)

The Harness Section has been deleted from the 2008 fair due to the lack of participants in recent years. We will reconsider their inclusion in the fair in 2009.

Equine Judging Contest and Groom Squad will both be held on Sunday, September 7.  
National Equine Public Presentations will be held on Saturday, September 13.

## **SHEEP FIELD DAY**

The Columbia Basin Sheep Producers will be having a field day on March 15, 2008 hosted by Fred and Timmie Blauert at their sheep and hay farm in Washtucna.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program of various speakers will begin at 10:00 a.m. The speakers will address the following topics: Lambing issues, pasture and forage management, handy gadgets, tips from area sheep producers, use and training of guard dogs, and a tour of the Blauert farm. Sheep producers of all sizes are welcome to attend especially 4-H/FFA youth producers, leaders, advisors and other individuals interested in sheep production.

There will be lamb barbeque and all the trimmings for the noon meal. Please RSVP if you plan to attend to help with meal planning. For more information or questions please contact Sarah M. Smith at the WSU Grant/Adams Extension by phone at 509-754-2011, Ext. 413 or by e-mail at [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu)

## **EQUINE SHOWMANSHIP 101**

Double Trouble 4-H Club is sponsoring a basic showmanship clinic on March 22, 2008 at the Two River Riding Arena, Burbank, WA. The \$10 per horse pre-entry fee is due by March 19<sup>th</sup>. This Showmanship 101 Clinic is designed for beginners. Members that have received a number blue or return blue ribbons would probably will not benefit from this clinic. The office opens at 8 a.m. and the show starts at 9 a.m. If any one has any questions they can call Holly McInturf (509) 551-3848 or Rosamarie Acevedo at (509) 845-3306.

## **STEER WEIGH AND TAG DAYS**

The dates for weighing and tagging steers for both Benton-Franklin Fair and Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show have been set. Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds, is the date for the Benton-Franklin Fair steers. Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds in Connell, is the date for the Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show steers. Members should come prepared to provide the following information: name, address, chapter or club name, and the name of the breeder of the steer. Growth stimulating implants will also be available for those who wish to take advantage of the added benefit of improved rate of gain and feed efficiency.

All steers must be weighed and tagged on these days to be eligible to show or sell at these two shows. Each 4-H and FFA member can tag a maximum of two steers for each show. 900 pounds is the suggested maximum weight for steers at the spring weigh day so they will not be too large at fair time.

## **PERFORMANCE HORSE CLINIC**

The 4-H Horse Committee is sponsoring the Benton Franklin 4-H Performance Horse Clinic May 16-18 at the Franklin County Saddle Club. Horse's must be checked in between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Entries are to be returned or mailed to WSU Extension, 5600-E West Canal Drive, Kennewick, WA 99336-1387 and are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received your electronic copy of the entry forms you may pick them up at the Kennewick Extension office.

In addition to the clinic, there will be State Showmanship Qualifier Classes for Intermediate and Senior 4-H members Friday evening. If members are just taking advantage of the Showmanship Classes there is no fee for the class, but you must pre-register and pay the haul-in fee charged by the Franklin County Saddle Club. You must also put your horses name on the entry form so we can track ribbon placings on both exhibitor and horse for State Fair eligibility. Also remember if you have a new horse, that horse must have a current horse certificate turned into the Kennewick Extension office 90 days prior to the qualifying event.

**ATTENTION** ~ past 4-H youth members and family of Rada Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Youth Club are invited to join us on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds for cake & punch at 12 noon in celebration of our 15<sup>th</sup> Rada Rabbits & Cavies Show & Seminar. You and your families will be our special guests, please join us. It would be great to see you! For more information contact Cynthia McCready at 967-5786.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDER**

We need a number of 4-H horse clubs to step forward to help with general clean-up at the Franklin County Saddle Club on March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and April 27<sup>th</sup>. Debi Benitz needs to turn in a list no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> to assure we get our discount for the use of the grounds for the Performance Horse Clinic in May.

If you have any questions, please contact Debi Benitz at 946-4611 ext. 4875 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 588-8080 in the evenings.

### **JUMP AUTHORIZATION FORM**

In the past, we have required a 2 ft Jump Authorization Form be filed with the Kennewick Extension office and it was good for several years. This policy is changing and it will be a yearly authorization process. This change will be implemented because members that qualify for the 4-H State Fair in jumping must be qualified to jump 2 ½ feet or 3 feet, depending on the age division. Therefore, all 4-H members that jump at the Benton Franklin Fair will need to have a new Jump Authorization Form, signed and dated by a qualified jump instructor. This form must have both the member and horse name filled in. If you use multiple horses in jumping, you should have to have multiple Jump Authorization Forms turned in to allow you more options on which horse to use at the Benton Franklin Fair.

### **PQA PLUS TRAINING**

The current Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program has been replaced by PQA Plus which covers animal care and well-being in more detail. This new program doesn't have an interactive educational CD and members must attend an educational program to become certified in PQA Plus. There are two more Youth PQA Plus training sessions scheduled, April 12 and July 12 starting at 10 a.m., both will be held in the Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds 4-H building.

Fifty-two youth attended the training on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco, but some did not receive a youth workbook. If you still need a PQA Plus workbook, they can be picked up in the Kennewick Extension office.

Club leaders are no longer required to complete the PQA Plus training. However, it is highly encouraged that they attend with their members so they are familiar with the new program. Swine producers that wish to be certified must be trained in the Adult PQA Plus program. If you are interested call the Kennewick Extension office and I will plan a training session later in the year.

Youth can still be certified in the current PQA program through May 2008. If you want to use the current interactive education CD as a method of getting your swine members certified, it must be done by May 15<sup>th</sup> to meet the deadline. If they choose to do the CD only they will be certified for one year. If intermediate and senior members take and pass the proctored PQA exam, they may be certified for up to three years or until they reach the next age level. The PQA age levels are: Intermediates 12-14 years of age; and Seniors 15-18 years of age. The age level is based on age as of January 1 of the current program year.

*WSU County Extension Office Phone Numbers:*

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