



4-H FOCUS

For Benton & Franklin Counties



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

Happy New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Yes indeed, the New Year is here. I wish to congratulate 4-H members on an amazing year of making your best, better. I wish to extend my appreciation of our 4-H leaders for your incredible contributions of time and talent and to our 4-H parents for all your support in helping your children learn and grow.

Sincerely,
Lauri Sherfey



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 16, 30	Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office
Oct 19-21	2007 State 4-H Forum, at the TRAC in Pasco, WA http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/
Oct 23	Horse Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office
Nov 12	4-H Council Medal of Honor Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Grange Building in Pasco, WA
Nov 13, 27	Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office
Nov 13	Horse Leaders Meeting, 7p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office
Nov 15	Volunteer Leader Training #1, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PASCO Extension Office
Nov 19	"Lamb of Merit" Program, 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA.
Nov 20	Volunteer Leader Training #2, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PASCO Extension Office
Nov 24	JR Ranch Annual Club Calf Sale, sale starts at 1:00 p.m., JR Ranch Sale Barn (just off highway 17 South of Othello). For more information call 509-488-2158.
Nov 27	Volunteer Leader Training #3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PASCO Extension Office, 404 W. Clark St, Pasco
Dec 6	Volunteer Leader Training #4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PASCO Extension Office, 404 W. Clark St, Pasco
Dec 10	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Kennewick Library, 1620 S. Union Street, Kennewick
Dec 11	Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office
Feb 16-19	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia
March 6-9	2008 Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF) in Boise, Idaho, http://4-h.wsu.edu/

4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2007

Announcements

United Way time is coming up, please don't forget to donate to the 4-H Council.

Heather Paul will be taking over the dog project and will be making some changes.

New Business - Start thinking about the nominations for the council officers.

Current Nominations -

Megan Weis – Vice-President

Rebecca Harkins- President

Alisha Wadsworth- Secretary

Allen Walsh- Treasurer

There are also three Teen Rep positions available.

Medal of Honor - We need to start planning for the ceremony. Rebecca Harkins will be MC for the ceremony.

Record books are due October 8 at the council meeting. The ceremony will be in November.

FALL VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING

Mark your calendars for the Fall schedule of new leader training dates. Attending these trainings is a requirement for volunteer leaders to re-enroll. This year all training classes will be held in the Pasco Extension office from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on November 15, November 20, November 27, and December 6. 4-H members and parents are always welcome. Cost is free. Call to register at 545-3511.

#1	Thursday, November 15 Topic: 4-H General Policies and Procedures	#3	Tuesday, November 27 Topic: Working With Youth
#2	Tuesday, November 20 Topic: 4-H Resources	#4	Thursday, December 6 Topic: Learning by Doing

Animal Science & PQA trainings will be held later in the year.

COUNTY CUES

CLUB RE-ENROLLMENTS

Reminder!: When you pick up your club enrollment packets, remember that the forms are double-sided and also need signatures on the back. **Also, please have members update their information, especially their email!** Project specific information that may miss the Focus newsletter deadline is sometimes sent out via email.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

United Way kicks off its fall campaign to strengthen our communities with contributions for non-profit agencies. You can have your tax-deductible contribution benefit 4-H by writing “I want my contribution to go to the Benton-Franklin 4-H Council”.

CLUBS & PROJECTS

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE



The 4-H Know Your Government Conference serves to strengthen the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application and inspiration.

This year, participants will explore political parties, the nomination process and the development of resolutions which support planks that together produce a party platform. Pre-conference orientation and preparation will include four meetings and a virtual Community Statewide 4-H Caucus via satellite. Each county will have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for 4-H President and share their plank resolutions. The 4-H KYG delegates will meet in Olympia **February 16-19** to ratify the 4-H State Platform and select their 4-H Presidential nominee.

Important dates to remember:

November thru January -Youth delegates, 9-12th grades will attend scheduled county meetings (There are 4 meetings in preparation for the Statewide Community Caucus, so meeting will start early this year)

January 20, 2008-County registrations due, candidate identified and resolutions submitted

January 23, 2008 -Statewide virtual 4-H Community Caucus

February 16-19, 2008-4-H Know Your Government Conference in Olympia, Red Lion Hotel

GOOGLE & MAP QUEST INFORMATION

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit MapQuest, you will get a map to the person's house. Everyone should be aware of this! If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where they live. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to: Google (<http://www.google.com/>) Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 509-545-3511) and hit enter.

In order to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simple click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours.

ATTENTION: COLLEGE BOUND HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Several of the geospatial and industry specific professional societies offer scholarships to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. These scholarships have often been under utilized in the past. Please keep these organizations in mind as they go through college, some of the scholarships are for degree seeking students who have successfully completed a couple of years of college. The best way to find out more is to do a web search on “GIS Scholarship” or “geospatial scholarship” and see what you get back, there are many local and user groups that offer scholarships – there are too many to include here.

EM2778, "4-H PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS" CATALOG AND CD READY!

Both the updated "4-H Publications & Projects" catalog (EM2778) and 4-H CD (EM2778CD) are ready for distribution. One EM2778 catalog has been mailed directly to each 4-H General Leader (enrolled as of 3rd Quarter). The 4-H Publication CD has been updated with some new features: a linked Index to make finding topics easier; inclusion of Word version Record Books files; more user-friendly homepage and links to related online sites.

OPEN FORUM FOR AVIAN QUESTIONS

Kids have so many questions about Poultry and Waterfowl and they have problems getting their questions answered. With this in mind Lynn Schlosser is hosting a MS Space dedicated to asking questions. The format is based on the fitting and show table. Lynn will give references for looking up information and will try to find the humorous questions that several judges use to stump kids. 4-H members can post answers to questions and give comments on topics (strongly monitored).

Where is it? <http://demamagoosehouse.spaces.live.com/> It is a free space with Lynn's email service and can add to the youth experience in Poultry and Waterfowl.

Thank you - to everyone who helped judge Record Books for the Benton Franklin Fair this year. This contest could not be held without the many hours of time spent by volunteers judging the Record Books.

STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

<http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/newsletters.htm>



CHANGES IN STATE AMBASSADOR ELECTIONS

Historically State Ambassador elections have been held by district at the District Rallies in the fall. Those elected began their 2 year term at that time. Recently the State Ambassadors voted to change the State Ambassador term to approximately 18 months, with elections to be held at the Know Your Government Conference in February. The online [Tuesday News](#) has the changes in the program and the responsibility listing of this leadership position opportunity. Applications will be due **January 10, 2008**. For more information and application, go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/StAmb/index.htm>.

LEADERS GUIDE TO HANDLING MONEY, C1059E

As the new 4-H year begins be sure to collect your copy of the latest edition of 4-H Leaders Guide to Handling Money in the 4-H Youth Development Program (C1059E). There have been a number of policy changes and everyone, whether you've been a 4-H leader for 4 months or 40 years, will need to implement the new procedures. Please review the new C1059E carefully.

NEW FACT SHEETS RELATED TO 4-H TAX EXEMPT STATUS

This message is to make you aware of the link to three new Fact Sheets related to 4-H Tax Exempt Status which are now available, they include:

- Tax Exempt Status for 4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organizations
- Electronic Filing Requirements for 4-H Groups
- Certification of 4-H Groups under National 4-H Tax Exempt Status

These Fact Sheets and additional materials can all be found at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/>. Look for the Tax Exempt link in the banner running along the left-hand side of the screen. Please feel free to print and share as needed.

Tax Exempt Status for 4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organizations

This Fact Sheet details the benefits of the special tax exempt status granted by the IRS to 4-H, which groups can be included, and steps to take to gain inclusion under the national 4-H GEN (including how to obtain an official letter documenting inclusion as a tax exempt group and a sample form for obtaining the EIN).

Electronic Filing Requirements for 4-H Groups

This Fact Sheet details the new IRS requirements for all small tax exempt groups and organizations. The important item to note is that ALL small tax exempt groups will now be required to electronically file, not just those raising \$25,000.00 or more.

Several states have contacted us asking if 4-H clubs can get an exemption from the new electronic filing requirements. Given that the new requirements were created for organizations such as 4-H which have a parent organization and a large number of subsidiaries, we will not be granted an exemption. In the past, it has been impossible for us to document to the IRS an accurate listing of our subsidiaries. This has resulted in legitimate 4-H clubs getting eliminated from our listing, and has allowed groups not authorized as part of 4-H to slip in and register for exempt status without our knowledge.

Certification of 4-H Groups under National 4-H Tax Exempt Status

This Fact Sheet details the new process, required by the IRS, for certifying our subsidiary organizations as legitimate groups. This year, state lists of clubs and organizations will be forwarded in October and your office(s) will have until December to review, make changes, and return your state listing. The returned list will need to include a formal signed letter, indicating that your institution certifies that included groups meet all requirements and are groups in good standing within your program.

Other Tax Related Fact Sheets and Materials:

1. Sample SS-4 Form – to assist groups in applying for an EIN.
2. Livestock Sales, Auctions and Similar Events
3. Fundraising: Private Support for the 4-H Program
4. Raffles, Lotteries, Gaming and 4-H

We are also updating the FAQ's related to Tax Exempt Status and plan to have those posted next week.

Additional related resources and forms can be found on the Washington State 4-H website by clicking on Staff, Resources and Forms, Clubs and Groups or by clicking <http://4h.wsu.edu/staff/clubs.htm>.



STATE FAIR RESULTS

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who represented Benton and Franklin Counties 4-H program at the Puyallup State Fair.

Equine Intermediate: Kelci Williamson-7th Place – Bareback Equitation

National Equine Presentations: Gina Nielsen- Reserve Champion Individual

Equine Senior: Kimberly Lawson-8th Place – Performance Fit & Show; Beth Allen- Champion Hunt Seat; Sydnee Carter-4th Place Hunt Seat; Kimberly Lawson-5th Place Hunt Seat; Rachel Pierson- 5th Place Stock Seat; Alexa Wendling-6th Place Stock Seat; Sydnee Carter-7th Place – Stock Seat; Beth Allen-5th Place Saddle Seat; Sydnee Carter-8th Place Trail; Sydnee Carter- Co-Grand Champions Senior Hunt Seat; Sydnee Carter-3rd Place State Senior Stock Seat; Beth Allen- Reserve Grand Champion – Saddle Seat

Cavy Judging Contest: Ashley Reithmayr- Champion Individual Judging and Oral Reasons; Megan Weis, 3rd Place

Rabbit Judging Contest: Ashley Reithmayr- Reserve Champion Individual

Fashion Revue: Sarah Ellis- Junior – Award of Merit; Rhiannon Johanson- Intermediate – Award of Merit; Gillian Johanson- Intermediate – Award of Merit; Micah Ellis- Intermediate – Award of Merit; Nikki Huske- Intermediate – Award of Merit; Mary Anne Ellis- Senior – Award of Merit

Clothing Judging Contest: Mary Anne Ellis-3rd Place

Public Presentations: Hannah Mowry- Award of Merit

Dog Show: Cody Hand- Reserve Champion – Fitting & Showing, Champion – Pre Novice Obedience

WE NEED YOUR HELP! BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Service Alternatives, a multi-faceted human services agency, is in the process of a statewide recruitment effort to increase the number of the foster homes for children. Service Alternatives receives approximately 2 to 5 children per week that need a foster home. Unfortunately, foster homes are in short supply throughout the state of Washington and it is sometimes difficult to find foster homes in a child's home community. Currently there are over 300 children in foster care in the Tri-Cities alone and many children from our area must be placed in other communities.

If you would like to open your home, and your heart, to a child in foster care, or if you would like more information, please contact me at (509) 374-9598, visit our web site at www.servalt.com.

Melissa Ellison, Foster Care Licensor

WSU County Extension Office Phone Numbers:

Pasco - (509) 545-3511----Kennewick - (509) 735-3551----Prosser - (509) 786-5609

E-mail address for Lauri Sherfey: sherfey@wsu.edu or County e-mail: franklinco@wsu.edu

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ANIMAL SCIENCE

Articles by Jean Smith

LAMB OF MERIT PROGRAM



The lamb evaluation program for the Benton Franklin Fair and the Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show has been set for 7 p.m. on Monday, November 19th at the 4-H Building (Building #4) at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

There will be cash or savings bond awards for the top placing lambs and certificates for all exhibitors with lambs that met the criteria. There will also be certificates for breeders of the top lambs that qualified for "Lamb of Merit". **Members must be present to receive awards.**

The Criteria for "Lamb of Merit":

1. *Hot carcass weight - Must weigh between 55 and 80 pounds*
2. *Adjusted fat thickness at the 12th rib - Must be 0.16 inch to 0.25 inch*
3. *Muscling - Leg Conformation score must be High Choice or better*
4. *Yield Grade - 2.9 or lower*
5. *Carcass acceptability - Carcasses must have acceptable color, firmness of fat and lean, and be free of defects that may significantly reduce carcass value.*
6. *Average daily gain - Minimum of 0.60 pound per day, based on the beginning weight taken a minimum of 60 days before the show. The final weight is based on hot carcass weight.*

HORSE LEADERS MEETINGS

The October 23rd Horse Leaders Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Kennewick Extension office at 7 p.m. This is a post-fair evaluation meeting, so please be positive and constructive with your comments regarding what you liked about fair and what you didn't like. Please think of suggestions on how to improve the department. We will also begin the planning process for the 2008 Benton Franklin Fair. One of the first items in the planning process is a discussion of judges. If we are to get good, qualified judges, they need to be confirmed by November. So, keep that in mind as one of the discussion items.

HORSE BOWL



Intermediate and senior 4-H members interested in competing in the 4-H State Horse Bowl Contest in April 2008 are invited to join in the practice sessions. The first practice session for the new 4-H year will be held on October 16, 2007 at 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office. We will be meeting twice a month through November and once in December to accommodate holiday activities. After the new year we will again be meeting weekly as we prepare for the state competition in April. For more information contact either Ann Wight at 509-588-6194 or Jean Smith at 509-735-3551.

JR RANCH ANNUAL CLUB CALF SALE



Steers and show heifers will be available for purchase as 4-H and FFA beef projects on Saturday, November 24, 2007 at the JR Ranch South of Othello, Washington, just off Highway 17. Follow directional signs that will be posted on sale day.

Calves will be vaccinated, halter broke, washed and clipped. They will range from 500 to 850 lbs., suitable for both spring and fall shows. Disposition is guaranteed. Delivery to central points will be coordinated. For more information, contact Jeff or Pam Schmidt (509) 488-2158 or jrranch@cbtn.net.

BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR HERDSMANSHIP RESULTS

Dairy: Rocky Top 4-H 1st

Horses:

Small Club

Fur-Ever Friends
Barn Sour Bunch
Lucky Horseshoe

Large Club:

Town & Country Riders 1st
Rhustler's Rhapsody 2nd
Lovin' Lopers 3rd

Goats:

Small Club:

Zipity-do-da 1st
Barnyard Hulagins 2nd
All 4-Him 3rd

Large Club:

Ewe Kids 1st
Critters N Critters 2nd
Just Kidding 3rd

Sheep:

Small Club:

Precious Creatures 1st
Finley 4-H 2nd
Born In A Barn 3rd

Large Club:

Simply Country 1st
Blockbusters 2nd
Badger Mtn. Kids 3rd

Swine:

Small Club:

Lucky Charms 1st
Hall of Fame Hams 2nd
Lord Is My Shepard 3rd

Large Club:

Swiners 1st
Finley Livestock 2nd
Country Classics 3rd

Beef:

Mesa 4-H 1st
Footloose 4-H 2nd
Blockbusters 3rd
Kahlotus 4-H 3rd

Rabbits:

Small Club:

Simply Country 1st
Miscellaniax 2nd
Just Kidding 3rd

Large Club:

Rada Rabbits 1st

Poultry:

Small Club:

All 4-Him 1st
Mini Racers 2nd
Crafty Canyon Critters 3rd

Large Club:

Rada Rabbits 1st