



# 4-H FOCUS



**DECEMBER 2007/JANUARY 2008**

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

4-H invests in research to enrich, inform, educate and guide our own program development and activities as well other youth development programs that help youth become successful, contributing members of society.

The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development (PYD) — the first-ever longitudinal study to measure the characteristics that contribute to PYD — is a major investment by 4-H. It was led by Richard M. Lerner, Ph.D., professor at Tufts University. The study was sponsored by National 4-H Council. Findings indicate that involvement in structured programs and activities during out-of-school time play a critical role in helping young people achieve success and minimize risk behaviors. The study involves more than 4,000 youth (about half of whom participate in 4-H), and 2,000 parents from 25 states and measures the impact personal and social factors have on a young person's development.

Enough data has been gathered and analyzed to share statistically valid information that not only proves the 4-H youth development program strengthens and improves communities, but also youth in 4-H are more likely to thrive and succeed than those who are not in 4-H.

The following messages have been developed to help you talk to families. The findings from The 4-H Study of PYD can provide you with key messages as you interact and speak with families concerning their current or potential involvement in 4-H. Families want their children to have the best opportunities to succeed, be leaders, be safe, have fun and help make their families and communities better places. When children are younger, parents are the primary decision makers about how children spend their time, selecting activities in which they participate. As children get older, parents still have influence over their children's extracurricular activities.

Chances are that families you reach out to are not familiar with PYD, so you may want to begin by explaining what the term means. The PYD perspective involves a set of ideas about how to promote positive outcomes for youth. The national discussion about PYD focuses on five characteristics, referred to as the 5 C's:

1) competence, 2) confidence, 3) connection, 4) character and 5) caring. Once these five characteristics develop, a sixth characteristic emerges: contribution. This sixth characteristic occurs when young people contribute to their communities, their families and themselves.

Happy Holidays,  
Lauri Sherfey

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

- Jan 6 *Mandatory Pre-Tag and Weigh Day for steers for the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Toppenish*
- Jan 8,15 *Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension Office*
- Jan 18 *Horse Certificates due for new horses and 4-H members attending the April 19<sup>th</sup> Western Games Clinic and Showmanship Qualifying Event*
- Jan 22,29 *Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension office*
- Feb 8 *2008 Washington Swine Information Day sponsored by the Washington Pork Producers, Red Lion, Pasco*
- Feb 5, 12 *Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension Office*
- Feb 15 *Horse Parent and Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension Office*
- Feb 15, 22 *Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension Office*
- Feb 16-19 *Know Your Government Conference, Olympia*
- Feb 28 *Deadline for the preliminary entry for the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show*
- Feb 29 *Horse Bowl Practice, 4:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension Office*
- March 6-9 *2008 Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF) in Boise, Idaho, <http://4-h.wsu.edu/>*
- March 22 *Benton Franklin Steer Weigh and Tag Day*
- March 27-29 *North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Moses Lake*
- 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 509-551-3484 or Rosamarie Acevedo at 509-845-3306.*
- May 4-7 *Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish*
- May 16-18 *Spring Equine Clinic, Franklin County Saddle Club, Pasco. Contact Debi Benitz at 588-8080 or Dana Henderson at 588-6529 for more information.*
- May 24 *Annual Whispering Willows show at BCJFRA in Benton City. Contact Ann Wight at 588-6194.*
- June 14 *Just Horsing Around Merit Show BCJFRA in Benton City. Contact Debi Benitz, 588-8080.*

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Grange Hall, Pasco  
November 12, 2007

### Agent's Report

- If you're interested in a sewing class there will one on January 24 and February 9. You will be making a strip quilted hot pad. There will be a few sewing machines there for you to use but if you have your own please bring it. For more information contact Vicki at 545-3511.
- There is a Sewing and Stitchery Expo in Puyallup on February 29 – March 1, 2008. There will be a bus going up, the cost is \$105. Contact Vicki if you're interested.
- Club of the year has not yet been selected; nomination forms are due to the Pasco Extension office by December 15.

### Announcements

- Clover Kids are selling Christmas trees and wreaths.
- Rabbit Nationals went well.
- Know Your Government is coming. It will be President's weekend. All high school students are welcome. Contact Mary Walch (586-0237) or Vicki (545-3511) if interested.

### Old Business

- Asked for nominations for new officers and there were none.

Elected new officers:

President –	Rebecca Harkins
Vice President –	Megan Weis
Secretary –	Shelby Kadinger
Treasurer –	Allen Walch

### New Business

- There is a Tri-Cities Americans Fundraiser. Each club would sell the discount tickets and for each ticket we sold we would get money back. They will give us three dates to choose from. A committee has been made to decide the details on the fundraiser and where the money will go. For more information call Vicki.

# COUNTY CUES

## CLUB RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDERS!

**Financial Forms:** If you haven't turned in your club enrollment packets, you need to do so by the end of December. Financial forms are due by January 31st for **ALL CLUBS**. If you don't fundraise, just sign the back of the form and put "No fundraising this year".

**By-Laws:** Any 4-H club that has not revised by-laws within the last 4 years must do so for the 2007-2008 year.

**E-Mail:** Also, please have members update their information, especially their email! This month we begin sending out the Focus via *email only* to all families (unless you have specifically requested postal mail delivery). If we do not have your current email address on file, email your address to the office at [franklinco@wsu.edu](mailto:franklinco@wsu.edu) to receive Focus electronically. Thank you for helping us with this time and cost saving measure.

## WELCOME THESE NEW & RE-ENROLLING CLUBS

<i>Artemis Ridge Riders</i>	<i>Badger Canyon Ranchers</i>	<i>Barynyard Hulagins</i>
<i>Blockbusters</i>	<i>Blockbusters Sheep</i>	<i>Boss Hog 4-H Club</i>
<i>Bringin' Home the Bacon</i>	<i>Canyon Country Del Norte</i>	<i>Canyon Ranchers</i>
<i>Clover Kids</i>	<i>Creative Kids</i>	<i>4-H 4 Kids</i>
<i>Hall Of Fame Hams</i>	<i>Horse Crazy</i>	<i>King's Kids</i>
<i>Lil' Buckaroo's</i>	<i>Lovin' Lopers</i>	<i>Lucky Horseshoe</i>
<i>Nuttin' But A Horse</i>	<i>Pasture Pals</i>	<i>Red Mtn Covey</i>
<i>Town &amp; Country Sheep</i>	<i>Town &amp; Country Swine</i>	<i>Wahluke 4-H</i>

## CLUBS & PROJECTS



### KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

4-H Senior Members interested in participating in the 2008 Know Your Government Conference in Olympia are encouraged to start making plans.

Pre-conference county sessions began December 8. There are four sessions leading up to the Statewide Community Caucus on **January 23, 2008**. County delegates may select a candidate to run for the 4-H Nominee to represent the 4-H platform. They will also be submitting planks to build the 4-H platform concerning local county issues.

The KYG Conference takes place **February 16-19, 2008** in Olympia, WA and will include selection of the 4-H Candidate Nominee, finalizing the 4-H Platform, speakers, workshops, a Capital tour and entertainment. For more information, please contact Allen and Mary Walch at 509-586-0237.

## SEWING PROJECT DAYS

Take advantage of either one of the following two sewing classes being offered at the Kennewick Extension Office. The project will be a strip quilted hot pad and will be given on Thursday, January 24th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. OR on Saturday, February 9th, 10:00 am –Noon. You must pre-register by calling the Pasco Extension Office at 545-3511. Once registered, you will be sent a material & supplies list needed for the class. Don't miss out on this fun winter project!

## CLUBS & PROJECTS

### **The 4-H Pledge**

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,  
my Heart to greater loyalty,  
my Hands to larger service,  
and my Health to better living  
... for my club, my community, my country and my world."

#### **Origins of the 4-H Pledge**

Otis Hall, State Leader of Kansas, was responsible for the original wording of the 4-H pledge, officially adopted by the State 4-H Leaders at the first National 4-H camp in 1927. The pledge remained unchanged until 1973, when it was revised to include "and my world."

**Head**--stands for clearer thinking and decision-making. Knowledge that is useful throughout life.

**Heart**—stands for greater loyalty, strong personal values, positive self concept, concern for others.

**Hands**—stands for larger service, workforce preparedness, useful skills, science and technology literacy.

**Health**—stands for better living, healthy lifestyles.

#### **4-H Emblem**

The first 4-H emblem was a three-leaf clover, introduced sometime between 1907 and 1908. The three "H's" represented head, heart and hands. In 1911, at a meeting of club leaders in Washington, a fourth "H" representing health was added and the current 4-H four-leaf clover emblem was approved. It is protected by the U.S. Congress.

#### **4-H Motto**

To make the best better.

#### **WANTED: 4-H CLUB INTERESTED IN FUND RAISER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Need 4-H Club to cut out and sew Herdsmanship banners for fair. Please contact Janis Ross if interested. 509-266-4322 or email [jross@3-cities.com](mailto:jross@3-cities.com)

#### **GEOSPATIAL SCIENCE PROJECT AVAILABLE**

**Geocaching** is a treasure hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers with other participants in the activity. Join us for this explorative and fun 4-H project! For more information, contact Bob Fairchild at 551-1820 (leave message).

#### **4-H BRAND NETWORK**

Joining the 4-H Brand Network - 4-H brand advocates at the grassroots level who are working together to strengthen the 4-H image.

The 4-H Brand Network intranet site is designed for you to learn, share and apply ideas and take advantage of many interactive marketing tools and resources that will help you strengthen the 4-H brand in your community.

Please take a moment to spread the word to others interested in learning more about the 4-H Brand Network, and invite them to register at: [www.4-HBrandNetwork.org](http://www.4-HBrandNetwork.org).

#### **DOG PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**

The statewide Dog Program Committee meeting will be **Sunday, April 13, 2008** in Ellensburg. Dog project leaders interested in engaging beyond the club level should save the date. The location and a reminder will be sent out in the spring.

## 4-H CAMP COMMITTEE

The camp committee will soon be scheduling it's first meeting for Camp Wooten 2008. Adults are invited to participate on this committee. Call Alissa at 545-3511 to find out the many different ways you can help. All your volunteer efforts are the reason why our Camp is so successful!



<http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>

### WHAT . . .

Four interactive, self-paced online training modules, complete with quizzes:

- ♠ About 4-H
- ♠ Positive Youth Development
- ♠ Getting Started in 4-H
- ♠ Leadership and Teaching

### FOR WHOM . . .

- ♠ Potential 4-H volunteers
- ♠ New, current, and re-entering 4-H volunteers
- ♠ Others who want to learn more about 4-H

### WHY ONLINE . . .

- ♠ Available anytime, anywhere
- ♠ Timely information updates
- ♠ Easy to access and use
- ♠ Instant feedback
- ♠ Can return to review information



Statewide Calendar, <http://4-h.wsu.edu/calendar.htm>

TUESDAY NEWS, Statewide news <http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/Tues/2007/112707.htm>



## 2008 Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum

Saddle up and Stampede to Idaho for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Discover the trail which leads to learning fun and round up skills to take back to your herd at home. Put your brand on some personal skills and gather up all the stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clear the dust as you ride along corralling new ideas.

Join over 500 volunteers from the 13 western states, and don't miss out on one of the most energizing and educational forums for 4-H volunteers. Don't get left in the dust of an event which will provide hands-on learning, and sharing of ideas, challenges and solutions. Grab your ponies, the **STAMPEDE IS ON!** March 6 - 9, 2008

Doubletree Hotel Riverside

2900 Chinden Boulevard • Boise, Idaho • 83714

For more information go to <http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=101451>

## STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Each year Washington State 4-H members, who are seniors in High School or completing their GED, are eligible for many scholarships.

Please note:

- Washington State University Scholarship Application is ON-LINE ONLY. Applicant must complete a WSU application and receive a student ID PRIOR to applying for the Scholarship
- The other Washington 4-H Scholarships require a completed 4-H Scholarship Application and Washington State 4-H Scholarship Supplemental Application Information. Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H Scholarships. These applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2008. These scholarships may be used at any institution offering post-secondary education (i.e. Seattle University, The Ohio State University, Technical and Community Colleges, Cosmetology school, DigiPen Institute of Technology, etc.).

A 4-Her may be awarded only one of the Washington scholarships mentioned above.

The scholarships available are:

Washington State University, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences State 4-H Scholarship: (Received by **January 31, 2008** at WSU)

- Dean's Merit Scholarship \$3,000
- Two @ \$1,500.00 for Leadership
- Two @ \$1,500.00 for Citizenship/Community Service

Washington State 4-H Scholarships: (Postmarked by **March 1, 2008** to State 4-H Scholarship Committee)

- J. Orville Young Memorial Scholarship -One @ \$500.00
- Lewis County 4-H Leaders Scholarships -Six @ \$500.00
- O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship -One @ approximately \$575.00
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Scholarship -One @ \$500.00
- Washington State 4-H Foundation Dairy Endowment Scholarship -Two @ \$500.00 (Must be/have been a 4-H Dairy Member. One for a senior in High School and one for a current college Student.)

More information about WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences scholarships can be found at:

<http://academic.cahe.wsu.edu/scholarships.htm>

General information about financial aid and WSU scholarships can be found at: <http://www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholar/>

The 4-H Scholarship Application form may be obtained from your local County Extension office or downloaded from the Washington State 4-H Website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/scholar.htm>

If you have any questions about the scholarships please contact me at (509)358-7937 or email [jklein@wsu.edu](mailto:jklein@wsu.edu)

# ANIMAL SCIENCE

Articles by Jean Smith

## CWJLS MANDATORY PRE-TAG AND WEIGH

The Central Washington Junior Livestock Show (CWJLS) will have a mandatory pre-tag and weigh day for 4-H and FFA Steers on January 6, 2008 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Toppenish.

Steers must be owned 120 days before the show. Please bring your brand slip for proof of ownership, haul slips may not be used. Steers will be tagged and a photo ID taken. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Bailey, CWJLS 4-H Beef Superintendent, 509-874-2593.

## SWINE INFORMATION DAY

The 2008 Swine Information Day is scheduled for Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco. This educational session is designed for progressive pork producers and will address critical and emerging swine production issues in the Pacific Northwest. National, state and local speakers will provide information about the new Pork Quality Assurance Plus program, animal health, swine reproduction, and much more. We plan to have split training sessions to certify both adult and youth producers in the PQA+ program. Program and registration brochures should be available in early January. It is important to register early to take advantage of a free lunch provided by the Washington Pork Producers and the National Pork Check-off.

## HORSE CERTIFICATES



All 4-H project horses need to have a completed Horse Certificate (CO233) on file with the Kennewick Extension office. Horse certificates are due May 15, 2008. Certificates are valid for a year and must be updated. Certificates for any new horse or new 4-H member should be turned in at least 90 days prior to any qualifying or exhibit activity. It is evidence that the horse has been under the member's care and management for at least 90 days.

The horse certificate is a recognition of the animal as a 4-H project. This certificate is valuable and should be kept in a safe place. Some events require an exhibitor to show their copy of the horse certificate prior to allowing the animal to be shown in a 4-H show.



- *Don't forget to turn your club enrollments in by December 31st.*
- *Enrollment forms are double sided and need signatures on both sides.*
- *Financial forms are due by January 31st.*
- *Club By-laws need to be updated every 4 years*

## **PRE-QUALIFYING SHOWMANSHIP**

There has been much discussion during the last few 4-H Horse Parent/Leader Meetings about State Fair qualifying events outside of the Benton Franklin Fair. To be on the 1<sup>st</sup> level eligibility list for State Fair an exhibitor must have a blue ribbon in showmanship. Therefore, one pre-fair qualifying event for showmanship has been planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>. This showmanship event is for all 4-H horse members even though it will be held in conjunction with a Western Games Clinic. If you plan on using this event as a pre-qualifier for showmanship, you must have a current horse certificate on file by January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you turned in certificates on all of your 4-H horse project animals, they are valid until May 15, 2008 when they must be updated for the 2008 Benton Franklin Fair.

## **PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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 at least an hour long educational program to become certified in PQA Plus. Your first opportunity to be certified in this new program is at the Swine Information Day on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco.

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 well in advance of the May 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 will be certified for 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.

## **PNW ALPACA SHOW**



The Pacific Northwest Alpaca Association will be hosting a trade show in April at TRAC in Pasco. They are looking for youth that would be interested in learning more about alpacas as well as helping handle animals. They expect between 400-500 animals in this two day event. They will be setting up the show on Friday, April 25, and the show will run Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, 2008. If you know of FFA or 4-H members who would be interested in helping, please contact Collins Griffith of Sand Dollar Alpacas at 509-586-1423 for more information.

*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](mailto:sherfey@wsu.edu) or County e-mail: [franklinco@wsu.edu](mailto:franklinco@wsu.edu)*

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