



4-H FOCUS



FEBRUARY 2009

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

This will be my last letter to you although you can always find me at the Pasco Extension office. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I have assumed the Franklin County Director position. This means I will have the administrative responsibilities for the Franklin County office (facilities, faculty and staff), plus two grant funded projects; Washington Regional Afterschool Project (WRAP!) and Pathways (working with Latino child care providers). Ask me anytime to give you an update on how things are going. I wish to thank you for all your dedication to learn, teach and realize the impacts you have on others through the 4-H youth development program.

At this time I want to announce to you that Natalie Kinion will be temporarily assuming the 4-H Youth Development position for the two counties, until it can be permanently filled. Natalie was a long time 4-H member in Pasco and taught several years at Pasco High before joining Extension as the WRAP Specialist. As a young adult she has been involved with 4-H camp as a volunteer for the last five years making it an outstanding and memorable experience for our members. You will find, as I have, that she brings many skills and contagious energy to her work. I think you will receive the kind of excellent leadership that you so deserve.

On that note, I also want to inform you we have a vacant WRAP Specialist position open that we are looking to fill immediately. The qualifications are a bachelor degree and two years of experience related to youth development. This position will work at large in nine counties in Southeastern Washington to increase the quality and availability of supervision for school-age children (5-12) in out of school time. Anyone interested should call our office for position description and prepare to submit their resume as soon as possible.

Lastly, I'd like to say it has truly been my honor to have served you and my heart will always beat green for 4-H.

4-H Forever,



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 6 *Swine Information Day at the Red Lion in Pasco. Contact Jean Smith at 509-735-3551 or smithjea@wsu.edu for registration brochure.*
- Feb 9 *4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Highlands Middle School Library, 425 S. Tweedt Street, Kennewick, WA*
- Feb 10 *Horse Bowl practice, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension conference room, Kennewick*
- Feb 10 *Free webcast on Pasture Management for Horse Acreages by Dr. Dave Freeman from Oklahoma State University. Register now at www.myhorseuniversity.com*
- Feb 17 *4-H Horse Parent and Leader's Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension conference room, Kennewick*
- Feb 17, 24 *Horse Bowl practice, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension conference room, Kennewick*
- March 1 *Entry deadline for the North Central Washington Livestock Show*
- March 3, 10 *Horse Bowl practice, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Kennewick Extension conference room, Kennewick*
- March 9 *4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Highlands Middle School Library, 425 S. Tweedt Street, Kennewick, WA*
- March 10 *Free webcast on Horse Manure: A Renewable Resource by Dr. Ann Swinker from Penn State University. Register now at www.myhorseuniversity.com*
- March 21 *Benton Franklin Fair Steer Weigh and Tag Day, 8 a.m. to noon, Benton County Fairgrounds*
- March 28 *Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show Steer Weigh and Tag Day, 9 a.m. to noon, CBJLS fairgrounds, Connell*
- March 28 *4-H Camp-In, Pacific Science Center, Seattle. WA*
- April 2-4 *North Central Washington Livestock Show, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake*
- April 4-5 *April Fools Boer Goat Weekend, Skamania Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA For more information contact Becki Crighton at 503-631-3996 or email at Becki@CopperCreekBoers.com*
- April 10 *Entry deadline for the Junior Livestock Show of Spokane*
- May 3-6 *Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish*
- May 5-10 *Junior Livestock Show of Spokane, Spokane County Fair and Expo Center*
- June 10-14 *4-H Camp, Camp Wooten*
- June 28-30 *2009 4-H Teen Conference, Pullman, WA*
- August 25-29 *Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo*
- Sept 9-11 *Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show, Connell, WA*

WELCOME THESE NEW & RE-ENROLLING CLUB

<i>All 4-Him</i>	<i>Artemis Ridge Riders</i>	<i>Badger Mtn Kids</i>	<i>Barn Sour Bunch</i>
<i>Barnyard Tails</i>	<i>Black Eyed Pigs</i>	<i>Canyon Ranchers</i>	<i>Checkerboard 4-H</i>
<i>City Crew</i>	<i>Columbia Basin Livestock</i>	<i>Country Classics</i>	<i>Country Pleasure</i>
<i>Critters-N-Cousins</i>	<i>Dune Dusters</i>	<i>Eltopia 4-Hers</i>	<i>Ewe Kids</i>
<i>Finley Livestock</i>	<i>Flat Bottom 4-H</i>	<i>Fur-Ever Friends</i>	<i>Goats, Inc.</i>
<i>Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Horse Crazy</i>	<i>Hot Links Unleashed</i>	<i>Hover's Clovers</i>
<i>Kahlotus 4-H</i>	<i>King's Kids</i>	<i>Lil' Buckaroo's</i>	<i>Little Farmers</i>
<i>Lucky Horseshoe</i>	<i>Lucky Shamrocks</i>	<i>Magical Unicorns</i>	<i>Mesa 4-H</i>
<i>Miscellaniax</i>	<i>Nuttin But A Horse</i>	<i>Oats "N" Fun</i>	<i>Okie Dokie</i>
<i>Pasture Pals</i>	<i>Precious Creatures</i>	<i>Rada Rabbits & Cavies</i>	<i>Richland Wagoneers</i>
<i>Round-Up Livestock</i>	<i>Rustler's Rhapsody</i>	<i>Simply Country</i>	<i>Star Spangled Kids</i>
<i>Stardust</i>	<i>The Bean Jarr</i>	<i>The Jolly Ranchers</i>	<i>Thundering Hooves</i>
<i>Town & Country Riders</i>	<i>Town & Country Swine</i>	<i>Trailblazers</i>	<i>Whispering Willows</i>
<i>Windy City Farmers</i>	<i>Zippity-do-da</i>		

Benton-Franklin 4-H Council Brief

January 12, 2009

Agents Report:

- Last year Franklin County had 496 4-H members and a total of 199 leaders.
- Last year Benton County had 729 4-H members and a total of 116 leaders.
- Looking for 4-H members to participate in the Farm Fair on March 17-18

Old Business:

- 4-H Cook Books are still available for sale. \$10.00/\$6.00 goes to 4-H Council and \$4 goes to club.

New Business:

- Preparation for Know Your Government takes place at 10:00 a.m. every Saturday. Know Your Government will take place February 14-17 at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia.
- Exchange students will be coming this summer. If you would like to host one of these students, contact Mary Walch at 586-0237.

Goal Setting:

- Attendees divided into 3 groups to set goals for 2009 in the areas of finance, life skills, and public relations.

Attending the regularly schedule business meeting, 4-H Council members self-selected into committees. Committee goal setting was facilitated by Council officers to focus on the question: "*What would you like to see the Council accomplish in the next 9 months?*"

1. Finance Committee

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to raise the funds necessary to support 4-H activities in the Benton and Franklin County area.

2009 Goals

- 1 - 4-H donation drive/Booster Club
(Contact Person: Allen Walch 586-0237 & Bill Shibley (542-3720)
- 2 - Sell remaining cook books
- 3 - Provide scholarships to 4-H camp

Other ideas generated during the session were:

- Increase donations to CD for scholarships
- Increase dollar amount of college scholarship
- Stay financially strong

2. Life Skills Committee

The purpose of the Life Skills Committee is to identify and implement ways of developing the life skills of

2009 Goals

- 1 – Organize a community wide project for community service (i.e., at fairgrounds, parks, organizations, Earth Day.
- 2 – More record books at fair.

Other ideas generated during the session were:

- Support for leaders with more training (ways to keep motivated)
- Continue monthly training sessions

3. Public Relations Committee

The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to identify and implement ways of promoting 4-H to the general public in the Benton and Franklin County area.

2009 Goals

1. Gear Up for Fair
2. Annual Picnic

STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING AT PANHANDLE 4-H CAMP *by Janet Schmidt*



Hold the dates of **February 27, 28 and March 1, 2009**, for 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp. Disciplines offered at the training will include shotgun, pistol and archery. Archery and pistol will be held onsite and shotgun will be held nearby at a local gun club. The registration fee for the training is \$75 and includes lodging and all but one meal. Archery registration with NAA Level 1 Certification is \$95. Registrations are requested by **February 23**. See the online [Tuesday News](#) for more information and for registration form.

STATE 4-H FAIR 2009 EQUINE SCHEDULE

The 2009 Equine Schedule for the WA State 4-H Fair will be:

- September 10-14 - Senior Performance (all counties)
- September 12 - Horse Judging Contest and Groom Squad
- September 14-17 - Senior Western Games
- September 18-21 - Dressage and Harness
- September 20 - National Equine Presentations
- September 21-24 - Intermediate Performance
- September 24-27 - Intermediate Western Games

One senior performance section has been eliminated as we can no longer fill two sections.

The harness section is being reinstated and combined with the dressage section. This will allow for growth in this section and will be held over the middle weekend of the fair.

Tentative allocations for all sections are being determined and will be announced this spring.

STATE 4-H FAIR 2009 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

The outbreak of MCF in cattle at the 2008 Western Washington Fair has necessitated changes in the livestock schedules at the 2008 fair. Following a meeting of open class, FFA, and 4-H representatives, the following schedule will be utilized for our 4-H exhibitors at the 2009 WA State 4-H Fair:

- September 12 - 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- September 18-20 - 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
- September 18-22 - 4-H Beef, Dairy, Swine, Llama, and Goat (all types) Shows
- September 19 - 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and 4-H Dairy Goat Judging Contest
- September 20 - 4-H Rabbit Judging Contest and 4-H Cavy Judging Contest
- September 24-28 - 4-H Sheep Show

We are currently working out barn assignments and show schedules. Those items will be included in the premium book, available online in May.

STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

The State 4-H Hippology Contest is on the calendar for **Saturday, May 2**, in Snohomish. The event will be held at the Graystone Stables and Equestrian Center, beginning with registration at 8:30 am. A packet containing contest details, driving directions and registration has been sent to county hippology coaches. This information is also available at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/horse/hippology09.pdf>. Please direct any questions to **Cheryl Mendenhall** at: 425-760-7520 or beakymcgee@verizon.net.

DAIRY PROJECT INFORMATION

The 2009 Dairy project youth events calendar is now available online at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/publications/dairy/2009calendar.pdf>.

A few upcoming dates to keep in mind are:

- February 20* Springtime Calf Sale Grant Contest applications due
March 1 Springtime Calf Sale Scholarship Contest applications due (contact: Liz at 360-856-2385)
March 1 4-H Dairy Endowment Foundation Travel Grant entries due
March 18 Cougar Youth Weekend applications due – contact: wsudairyclub@gmail.com

CAMP IN AT THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER *by Janet Edwards*



What could be more exciting than heat, light, gas and color change? Pull apart molecules and learn the chemistry behind colored fire, fountains of foam, and flaming dollar bills! Pack up your enthusiasm along with your pillow and sleeping bag and a couple of friends and come to the annual Camp In at the Pacific Science Center on **March 28**. Don't miss out on the fun. Register now to beat the **March 13** deadline. See the brochure for all the details at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/campin/index.htm>.

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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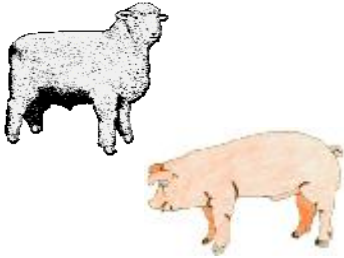
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ANIMAL SCIENCE

Articles by Jean Smith

CBJLS DATES SET

The Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show will be held the second week in September. The animals will come in on Wednesday, September 9th and the Market classes will be held on Thursday and the Fitting and Showing will be on Friday. The theme of the show this year is "I Herd It's Fun". The spring Steer Weigh-in and Tag Day will be March 28th, however the tag day for sheep and swine has not been set yet.



HORSE BOWL MEMBERS NEEDED



If you have knowledgeable intermediate or senior horse project members that enjoy competition that requires a quick mind and fast responses, please encourage them to consider coming to the Tuesday horse bowl practices. We need at least one more senior and possibly one Intermediate or we may not be able to participate in the state contest. We practice every Tuesday at Kennewick Extension office from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to prepare for the State Horse Bowl Contest that will be held on April 4th. The exact location for the state contest has not yet been announced. Horse Bowl members are encouraged to attend as many of the Tuesday night practice sessions as possible. If you have more questions call Ann Wight at 509-588-6194 or Hope Harkins at 509-627-1293.

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Kennewick Extension office has several new resources that can be checked out for 4-H club use. There are three new interactive CDs learning labs: the Rabbit Learning Lab Interactive CD-ROM, the Poultry Learning Lab Interactive CD-ROM, and the Dog Learning Lab Interactive CD-ROM. In addition, there are two learning labs that allow for hands-on activities: the Rabbit Learning Lab and the Poultry Learning Lab. The learning labs have activities on topics such as anatomy, breed identification, reproduction and genetics, quality assurance, equipment and facilities, ailments and disorders, animal evaluation and much more.

The check-out policy for educational resources at the Kennewick Extension is club leaders may check out a maximum of two item with a \$25 deposit for a two maximum of weeks. Failure to return item(s) within two weeks will result in forfeiture of deposit. The borrower assumes the liability for all damages incurred to checked-out items. Failure to return any item will result in termination of all further check-out privileges.