



May -June, 2009

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PLEASE READ: See schedule below for certificate due dates!! Small Animal weigh-ins coming up and COMPLETE certificates are due at weigh-in. Non-weight project certificates due the same date. Mandatory Work Day August 8th!

~GREEN CARDS ARE DUE at the Fair Office JULY 1st!~

NEXT LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING -NOTE LOCATION

Leaders Council Meeting at **ROCK CREEK CENTER**, Monday, July 13, 2009, at 6:30 PM!!!!

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LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

NORTHWEST JUNIOR SHEEP EXPOSITION

The 2009 Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition (NWJSE) will be held July 16-17 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. The NWJSE 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. The NWJSE uses ultrasound technology 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 of several organizations and donors, over - \$3,000 in cash prizes and awards will be presented. The show also precedes the Annual Ram and Ewe Sale sponsored by the Washington State Sheep Producers held on July 18 at the same location.

Premium books and entry forms are available on WSU Grant-Adams Area Extension web page at <http://grant-adams.wsu.edu>. For more information contact Sarah Smith at 509-754-2011, by email smithsm@wsu.edu. – Sarah Smith



Miniature Donkeys Looking for Homes

The Forgotten Kingdom, a local rescue group, is looking for homes for some young miniature donkeys. These donkeys will stay small, less than 40 inches in height. Miniature donkeys are cool animals that have been used for protection of herds of animals like goats or sheep as well as pets. Miniature donkeys can also be used to drive carts and in general are a lot of fun to have around.

For more details and information call Paul at 425.210.3807 or the Forgotten Kingdom at 425.585.0623



Leaders Council main fundraiser horseshow needs help from leaders from all projects – not just horses!! For further information call: Brandy (360) 513-6023 or Sherril (360) 607-3927



We are taking the opportunity to notify horse owners participating in premises registration that the West Nile virus (WNV) season will soon be upon us. Although the first confirmed case of WNV in a horse last year wasn't reported until August 1st, there is no guarantee it will take that long for it to show up this year.

For more information on WNV, please visit the Washington State Department of Health WNV website at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/WNV.html>. Veterinarians who learn of potential WNV cases in horses or other animals should contact the State Veterinarian's Office at (360) 902-1878.



Clinton Sherman, Sherman Ranch, Stevenson, WA has approximately 10 acres of grass in the field available for hay – you mow, etc. and you can have it free. (509) 427-8795.



Tom Linde – Stevenson Farmer's Market, Every Sat. beginning in June. 4-H kids are encouraged to bring produce, flowers, crafts, etc. Located at the 1st Independent Bank parking lot next to the Information Center.



Happy Trails Day Camp will be held for two weeks beginning Monday, July 6, 2009, at the Camas Camp & Ranch in Camas, WA. There will be seminars and hands-on training on horses, livestock, small animals, "being green", gardening, etc. The camp will be held Monday through Friday. Participants must be enrolled in 4-H. For information contact Tina Goodnight at 360-907-2331 or camascampnranch@comcast.net.



Leadership Council

President: Bev Gadbow

Vice President: Kay Day

Secretary: Sherril Allen

Treasurer: Jennifer Graham

**Minutes for the following meetings are
NOT approved. They are for information only!**

**SKAMANIA COUNTY
WSU EXTENSION LEADERS COUNCIL
(And sub-committees)**

Leaders Council

Monday, June 8, 2009

Called to order: 6:30 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance, 4H Pledge

Present: Jennifer Graham, Sherril Allen, Martha Thomas, Kay Day, Jeannie Sizemore, Sally Mansur, Connie Higdon, D'Anna Miller, Cyndi Gonser, Sally Haigh, Tammy Harrison, Brandy Audette, Cherrie Melton, Jennifer Crandall, Bev Gadbow and Todd Murray

Secretary's Report: April minutes approved with the addition of adding Martha Thomas to attendees

Treasures Report: Report reviewed and approved with correction to show KYG with a balance of zero. Sally turned in \$28.00 to be deposited.

Office Report: Sally Introduced Todd Murray, the new WSU Extension Educator. Sally reports we may not be able to continue to meet at the school, she proposes bringing the meetings to the Rock Creek Center. Emily Johnson was selected to receive a Washington State 4-H scholarship of \$500.00. Congratulations to Emily! Sally announced that she is now fulltime, YEAH!

Fair Board Report: Sally reports that the board didn't have much discussion around 4-H this meeting, though covering the grandstands for fair was addressed in the minutes.

Livestock Meeting Report: Connie reported that they will be doing the awards different this year; they will be giving their trophies and buckles during fair so the kids can display them.

Horse Barn Report:

Leaders Council Open Buckle Series will be the last weekend of June 27th & 28th.

Old Business: Sally has looked into the question of the \$2.00 enrollment fee for horse kids. It is for liability coverage.

New Business: Sherril asked Sally to check and see if she can locate the timer, no one seems to know where it is. Also need help in setting up the stalls and prepping the arena, the council approved to pay up to \$500.00 for hiring help. Sally will also arrange shavings to be delivered by Friday morning since we will have some gamers hauling in Friday evening before the event Saturday morning. There will be a 'last chance before fair' Leaders Council meeting Monday July 13th, 6:30 at Rock Creek

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35

Respectfully submitted by Sherril Allen

Horse Advisory Board

No Minutes provided

Miscellaneous

Extremely important advice from your Skamania County Fair Veterinarian:

Preparing Your 4H Project for Fair

Research and learn basic care including:

- 1) Housing
- 2) Feeding
- 3) Vaccinating
- 4) Parasite control
- 5) Grooming
- 6) Training to show

Housing: Should provide shelter from rain, wind, and sun. Keeping your animal comfortable will keep it healthier and more productive. Some examples are: providing a friend (no one likes being alone), allowing adequate feeding space, clean water and feed buckets, a muddy and/or shady area for pigs to rest, and clean bedding.

Feeding: Appropriate for that species, and high quality feed and hay without mold should be fed. Always make any changes slowly, if not diarrhea, bloat, and/or death may result. Feed according to the amount of gain or production wanted, and only use feed for that species. Be sure there is enough bunk space for each animal so one doesn't get too much, and another, not enough.

Vaccinating: Cattle, sheep, and goats need CDT or an 8 way Clostridial with tetanus. Also IBR/PI3 intranasal vaccine to prevent respiratory infections is highly recommended. Leptospirosis, BVD, BRSV, Hemophilus, and Brucellosis (females only) are also needed in cattle. Remember vaccinations help

prevent disease, but there are inherent risks associated with bringing your animal to fair. Disease and death may occur in spite of the best of preventative programs. Vaccinations should be given at least 3 weeks before the fair, so they have time to be effective.

Parasite control: All animals must be free of external parasites. The most common problems seen are lice and mites. Both can be treated with pour-on products such as Ivomec or Eprinex. All susceptible animals in the environment need to be treated. Withdrawal periods must be followed. They are on the label of the product. Keeping flies to a minimum is very important to the comfort and efficient productivity of your project. Removing manure, keeping the stable area clean, maintaining water areas and keeping water fresh are environmental ways to decrease flies and insects. Fly control insecticides also can be applied to the animal and the environment.

Internal parasites (“worms”) can decrease the growth and productivity of your animal and in some cases lead to death. All animals should be de-wormed, or have a fecal examination done by your veterinarian, when first obtained and periodically throughout their life. There are many different products available and it is best to consult your veterinarian or experienced herdsman for information on parasite control. Withdrawal times must be carefully followed to insure public safety. Please do not de-worm the day or two before fair as parasites may pass during the fair.

Grooming: Bathing, brushing, and clipping hair should be started many weeks before fair. Not only does frequent grooming help train the hair, but it helps train your animal to enjoy being touched. It also is good for your animal and allows you to check their skin for problems. Keeping the coat and skin healthy will be helpful as this is what everyone sees first at the fair. Be careful to not allow hogs to get sunburned by providing shade. Make sure sheep do not have sores, especially from shearing that can be hidden under their wool.

Foot care is an essential part of grooming. Hoof rot must be prevented with proper hoof trimming and a clean, dry stable area. If hoof rot is present it must be treated with antibiotics, and footbaths or treatments. The animal must be free of hoof rot to show at the fair. A properly trimmed hoof is important for show animals. Do not trim your animal’s hooves too close to fair because soreness and lameness may result.

Training to show: Your project animal must be handled and worked with daily for at least 6 weeks prior to fair. This may mean just scratching their back, touching their feet (sheep and goats), or moving their feet with a show stick. The animal should get used to you moving him/her around the pen and stopping and standing still. Steers need to be trained to tie and halter broke to lead. Daily grooming will help you develop a positive relationship with your animal.

Please make sure your animal is in good health prior to coming to fair. Do not bring a sick or unhealthy animal to fair. The fair is a stressful time for animals. Unhealthy animals can be a source of infection for other animals, and can lead to death of the unhealthy animal, and disease and/or death of others.

 **REVISED 4-H CERTIFICATE DUE DATES**
2009 Skamania County Fair

CALENDAR



WHAT	WHEN & WHERE	CONTACT
Beef Weigh In	Saturday, April 11 – 9 AM – 11 AM Certificates due for all Beef Projects	Larry Sampson Paul Pearce
Final Punch List Due to Fair Office	Friday, May 1st	Tim O'Mahoney
Swine Weigh In	Wednesday, May 13 – 5 PM – 7 PM Certificates due for Equine/Llama/Swine	Livestock/Horse Superintendents
Goat/Sheep Weigh In	Wednesday, June 10 – 5 PM – 7 PM Certificates Due for Goats/Sheep/Cats/Dogs/Dairy Heifer	Larry Sampson, Paul Pearce, Cyndi Gonser
Rabbit/Chicken Weigh In	July 1 st – Time To Be Announced Certificates Due for Rabbits/Chickens	Livestock Superintendents
Work Day – Mandatory	Saturday, August 8 th – Two Shifts: 9 AM or 12 noon (tentative)	All Superintendents
Teen Horse Camp	July, Skamania County Fairgrounds	Charline Wright, Bev Gadbow
Youth Horse Camp	July, Skamania County Fair Grounds	Monica Townsend & Megan Reynolds
2008 Skamania County Fair	August 11-16, 2009	Fair Board
JEX (Japan Exchange Program)	December, 2009	Charline Wright or Sally Mansur, WSU Ext.

CATEGORY	DUE DATE & <u>WEIGH-IN*</u> TIME	DEADLINE NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • <u>Market Beef*</u>, • • Breeding Beef, • • Dairy 	Saturday, April 11, 2009, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 120 day minimum • • Except dairy replacements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Equine • • Llama • • <u>Swine*</u> 	Wednesday, May13, 2009, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 90 day minimum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Dairy Heifer replacement • • <u>Goats*</u> • • <u>Sheep*</u> (Breeding and Market) • • Cats • • Dogs • • Cavies • • Alpacas 	Wednesday, June 10, 2009 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 60 day minimum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Rabbits • • Chickens 	Tuesday, July 1, 2009 time not yet set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 45 day minimum

Please *note* that these due dates are the “bare bones” minimum before the Skamania County Fair. Certificates must be postmarked or received at the Skamania County WSU Extension office, POB 790, 710 Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, WA 98648 on or before the due date. FAX copies are acceptable (509-427-3975). To be accepted, certificates must be correctly filled out and signed. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to ensure that certificates are complete and submitted by the due date. Exhibitors not making the 4-H deadline can show in open class at the Skamania County Fair, but are not eligible to go the Puyallup State Fair. And remember, certificates are not “green cards.”

Horse Camp Registration 2009

(For both campers and Counselors)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

4-H Club Name _____

Leader Name _____

Years Riding _____

Years in 4-H _____ JR. _____ INT. _____ SR. _____

Please Circle T-Shirt Size:

Child: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large 2XL 3XL

I would like to be a camp counselor.

I would like to be considered for a scholarship.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Parents working at 4-H horse camp will eat with the 4-Hers at no cost. Siblings and non volunteering parents will be charged \$7.50 per day to eat with the campers.

ALL VOLUNTEERS AND ANYONE WORKING WITH THE 4-H YOUTH MUST
HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED PRIOR TO CAMP.

If you have questions please call 427-4314

Please send registration and check made out to "Horse Camp" for \$75.00 to:

Jeannie Sizemore
1342 Trout Creek Rd.
Carson WA 98610

Applications must be received by June 15th, 2009

**OPEN PERFORMANCE SHOW
SKAMANIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

Saturday August 8, 2009

Skamania County Fair Grounds-Stevenson, WA

Entries close at 9:30 am

Show Starts 10:00 am

Fees:

Pre Entry for all day \$60.00

Late Entry for all day \$70.00

Pre Entry per Class 10.00

Late Entry per class 12.00

Name _____ Horse's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Judge: Rob Weber, Moses Lake

Classes:

Halter

- 1. Yearlings and under
- 2. Mares
- 3. Geldings
- 4. Halter Championship

English Pleasure

- 13. English Pleasure 9 and under
- 14. English Pleasure 10 thru 14
- 15. English Pleasure 15 thru 18
- 16. English Pleasure 19 and Over

Western Pleasure

- 21. Western Pleasure 9 and under
- 22. Western Pleasure 10 thru 14
- 23. Western Pleasure 15 thru 18
- 24. Western Pleasure 19 and over

Showmanship

- 5. Showmanship 9 and under
- 6. Showmanship 10 thru 14
- 7. Showmanship 15 thru 18
- 8. Showmanship 19 and over

English Equitation

- 17. English Equitation 9 and under
- 18. English Equitation 10 thru 14
- 19. English Equitation 15 thru 18
- 20. English Equitation 19 and over

Western Equitation

- 25. Western Equitation 9 and under
- 26. Western Equitation 10 thru 14
- 27. Western Equitation 15 thru 18
- 28. Western Equitation 19 and over

Bareback

- 9. Bareback 9 and under
- 10. Bareback 10 thru 14
- 11. Bareback 15 thru 18
- 12. Bareback 19 and over

lunch break

Please circle classes entered

*******High Point and Reserve High Point is for same horse and rider teams**

*******There will be no riding on the Fairgrounds except in the arena**

*******Helmets are required for riders under 18**

Pre Entries must be postmarked by Tuesday August 4th, 2009

Mail to: Bev Gadbow

38415 SE 46th St.

Washougal, WA 98671

Make checks payable to: Skamania County Fair Board

Waiver: I understand that the Skamania County Fair does not provide insurance to their participants. I certify that I am physically and mentally able to participate in the Open Class Performance Show. In addition, I hereby release and discharge Skamania County, its actions, claims or demands I, my heirs, distributors, guardian, legal representatives or assigns now have or may hereafter have for injury, death, or damage resulting from my participation in this show.

Participants Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

OPEN GAME SHOW
Skamania County Fair Board
Sunday August 9th, 2009
Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA

Sign up for Jrs. For fair run 8:00 All sign ups at 9:00
Jr. showmanship 9:00 Show Starts 10:00

Jrs. fair run free. Everyone running for show prizes \$6.00 per class or \$30.00 all day
(Payable at show)

Places to 6th in each class
Hi-Point and Reserve awards for the day
9 and under, 10 thru 14, 19 and over

**Key-Hole, Pole Bending, Two-Barrel Flags, Idaho Figure 8, Texas barrels
and International Flags**

**** ASTM-SEI equestrian-approved helmet is required for all riders under age 18****
No dress code- Boots required- No riding on fairgrounds except in arena
Same horse and rider team for high point

Rider name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Waiver: I certify that I am physically and mentally able to participate in the Open Class Show. In addition, I hereby waive and forever discharge claims for damages which the above listed individual, their heirs, executors and administrators may have accrue against Washington State University Extension, Skamania County, or their representatives, agents and accompanying 4-H program leaders, arising from any injuries, physical or mental, suffered in connection with this Fair Board Sponsored activity.

Participant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

- **State 4-H Information/Links**

 **WSU TO HOST SECOND LAMB 300 SHORT-COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE SHEEP INDUSTRY**

Washington State University Extension and Departments of Animal Sciences are excited to announce the second *WSU LAMB 300* short-course that will be offered October 1-3, 2009 at the WSU Department of Animal Sciences on the Pullman Campus.

WSU LAMB 300 is a three-day, hands-on workshop designed for progressive individuals involved with the sheep industry. The course will focus on teaching producers, feeders, and marketers (regardless of the size or type of operation) how to produce and market quality lambs and lamb products. Participants will learn how environmental, nutritional, genetic, and managerial factors contribute to meat quality. Participants will also learn how meat quality factors influence the price producers receive for lamb and lamb products marketed through various outlets. This program will increase one's understanding of lamb quality and marketing, enabling participants to make informed decisions to improve profitability, competitiveness, and wholesomeness of the livestock they are producing. The course will feature nationally recognized speakers in the area of sheep production, feeding, processing, and marketing. The featured speaker for the 2009 course is Mr. Greg Ahart and Mr. Jamie Callison. Ahart is the General Manager for Superior Farm Lamb Processing plant in Dixon, California and is nationally recognized for his vast experience and knowledge in various segment of the sheep industry. Callison is the Executive Chef for WSU's School of Hospitality and Business Management. Callison is well recognized for understanding the restaurant industry and the demands of developing niche markets to local restaurants.

The registration fee for *WSU LAMB 300* is \$150 per participant, which covers meals, materials, and parking arrangements. Hotel accommodations will be the responsibility of the participants. The course is limited to 32 participants and will be available on a first-pay, first-serve basis. Registration deadline is September 1, 2009.

For additional information on *WSU LAMB 300*, contact: Jan Busboom, WSU Meat Specialist, (509)335-2880 or busboom@wsu.edu; or Sarah M. Smith, Area Animal Science Educator, (509)754-2011, Ext 413 or smithsm@wsu.edu. More information and registration forms are available on the WSU Central Animal Agriculture web page at <http://animalag.wsu.edu> under "Upcoming Events".

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

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

 State Fair Premium Book can be accessed at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>

☘ Please use: http://www.skamaniacounty.org/4H/4h_cooperative_extension_office.htm for links to the State 4-H Calendar, other county newsletters, forms, green cards, and WSU's unlimited database.



Are You Ready?

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Skamania County. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through you local Extension office. If you require special accommodation, call W.S.U. Extension Skamania County at (509) 427-3930 at least two weeks prior to the event.