



# 4-H Focus Newsletter



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## Greeting

Hello! Please take a few minutes to read the newsletter as it contains important reminders for Palouse Empire Fair! If you have questions about any of these items, give us a call in the Extension Office, 397-6290. Happy August and stay cool, Janet, Cat, Kelly and Steve

## PEF Demonstrations Sign-Up

There are still spots available to present demonstrations at PEF. Those who give demonstrations at PEF will receive an extra \$20 in their premium check. Please contact [esappel@hotmail.com](mailto:esappel@hotmail.com) to schedule a time for presenting.

## Fashion Revue

The fashion revue contest will take place at 9:00 am on Friday, August 16 in the Community Building, PEF. If you plan to attend, please contact us today to R.S.V.P.

## Beef Barn Set-Up

Due to some local schools starting before Labor Day weekend, we have rescheduled the fair set up day to be on **SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH AT 9AM**. We will set up panels, kickboards, and the arena, etc.

## Science of Free Time Study

WSU Child Cognition Laboratory is seeking participants ages 12-17 for a science of free time study. Compensation is \$25. Please email [child.cognition.lab@wsu.edu](mailto:child.cognition.lab@wsu.edu) with questions or to schedule a session.

## Old McDonald's Barn

Old McDonald's Barn is a friendly barnyard for Fair visitors of all ages. Visit the animals and learn interesting facts from the 4-H and FFA youth and community volunteers. Old McDonald's Barn relies on Palouse Empire Fair families and the community for its animal exhibits. If you have an animal that you would like to exhibit in Old McDonald's Barn: Contact: [PEF@co.whitman.wa.us](mailto:PEF@co.whitman.wa.us) or WSU/ Whitman County Extension Office (509-397- 6290) or email Shawn Druffel [shawnmdruffel@gmail.com](mailto:shawnmdruffel@gmail.com). Application Deadline: August 16, 2019. Due to the limited space, animal shall be selected by a committee from entries. Individuals who provide animals for exhibit will receive 50 Premium Points.

## Educational Poster Info

Here are a few pointers on creating an educational display for the Fair:

An educational display stimulates thought, teaches facts, or shows a process. Often posters have less than 60 seconds to get their message across, so planning is important!

What is a super poster?

- Grabs Your Attention. Visuals should be interesting, colorful, and creative. Their appearance should draw you to read them.
- Have a Border. A border will "lift" your visual off a drab wall. Creative borders can create the illusion of movement. Borders can be actual lines or open margins. Your poster should have at least a one inch border on all sides.
- Have Consistent Lettering. Select a lettering style that is easy to read (must be able to read at least 10 feet away). Don't use more than three different styles or it will look cluttered. Height should be consistent within a word (unless for a special effect).
- Have a Third Dimension. Gimmicks are the most effective way to attract the reader. Try to create the illusion of the poster jumping towards you.
- Include Essential Information. Keep basic information direct and to the point. A reader should be able to get all the information as they walk past.
- Pay Attention to Detail. Check and double check spelling. Erase any pencil lines you've used as guides. Keep your poster clean and neat.

## Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease

A case of rabbit hemorrhagic disease (RHD) was diagnosed in a pet rabbit in San Juan County (Orcas Island) earlier this July. Since then, a second owner of domestic rabbits on Orcas Island reported several deaths; samples from this premise have been shipped to the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Pullman and results are pending. This disease is rare, with few cases in the U.S. that are very limited in geographic distribution. This disease is very contagious for rabbits, but is not a human health concern. RHD risk to domestic rabbits can be reduced by biosecurity practices. Preventing contact with wild rabbits and their habitat is critical; keeping pet or farmed rabbits indoors will reduce risk significantly. Other recommended practices include:

- On a regular basis, clean equipment, cages, feeders, and waterers thoroughly with soap and water and apply an effective disinfectant for the recommended contact time.
- When possible, maintain a closed colony.
- Isolate or cull sick animals promptly.
- Care for healthy animals first, then sick animals.
- Wash hands, launder clothing, and disinfect footwear after handling sick animals.
- Wash hands before and after handling rabbits and between groups of rabbits.
- Clean and disinfect footwear before entering and after leaving rabbit housing areas; have designated farm and non-farm footwear.
- Control insects, birds (including poultry), and rodents in the rabbit area.
- Do not allow visitors or insist they wear protective footwear and do not contact your rabbits.
- Quarantine any new or returning rabbits well away from the main colony for at least 30 days.
- No vaccine is currently available for use in the U.S.

If you have questions about this disease or would like more information, feel free to contact the extension office at 509-397-6290.

## YQCA/Quality Assurance

If you are still in need of quality assurance training, you can complete it online at <http://yqca.org/>.

## Information from the Fair Office

Be PROACTIVE!

Check to see if the Fair Office received your Animal Entry Form!

Go to: [PalouseEmpireFair.org](http://PalouseEmpireFair.org)

Select: County Fair

Select: Animal Entry Forms  
(scroll towards bottom of the page)

Select: Animal Entry Forms Received As Of August 05, 2019

(Listed by animal, and then by Exhibitor Number)

## Cookies for the Market Sale

The Palouse Empire Fair Foundation asks that each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter bring a dozen cookies for use at the Palouse Empire Fair Jr. Market Stock sale that occurs on Saturday afternoon at the fair. Cookies can be given to Janet Luft, Tarri Steiger or bring them to the Sales arena on Saturday before the sale begins. The cookies are a nice way to say “thanks” to the stock sale buyers! The buyers and the foundation appreciate your tasty efforts.

## Livestock Judging Contest at Palouse Empire Fair

Note that registration for the Livestock Judging Contest begins at 7:30am, with the contest starting promptly at 8:00am in the YAP building. With the Round Robin Contest and the Market Sale following the Livestock Judging Contest, it is important that we are timely in the day's events. Remember to bring a pencil with eraser and your clip board. 4-H members who qualify at PEF have the opportunity to participate in the State Livestock Judging Contest at Washington State 4-H Fair in Puyallup.