



4-H Friday Update

April 12, 2013

WSU Grant-Adams Area Extension

Hello Everyone,

I've never included pieces from the internet in my Friday Update, but this one is very reflective and I'm thinking that most of you have a good dog story to tell, especially our 4-H dog members and leaders. So for this week here is some wisdom:

Does a dog have a purpose....from a six-year old.....Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa , and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker 's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?'" The Six-year-old continued,

"Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

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Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

Have a great life.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

— *Diane*

**Attention Rabbit and Poultry
Leaders and Members**

Grant County and Adams County
ownership date for rabbits and
poultry will be May 15
(certificates are not required).



Please see last weeks Friday
Update for mandatory
inspection details and FREE
testing available for Poultry.

REMINDER

Robotics Camp — St. Rose School — July 15-19, 2013
Watch for more information in the Friday Update

REMINDER

Area I Demonstration Night - May 6, 2013
Ephrata Public Library at 6:30 PM

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Teen Rally Planning Meeting - May 15, 2013
Ephrata Public Library at 6:00 PM

REMINDER

Grant County Steer Weight and Tag Day This Saturday
Grant County Fairgrounds April 20, 2013

The **Grant County Fair Steer Pre-Weigh and Tag day** will be held April 20th from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Grant County Fairground's cattle facilities. All Grant County Fair steers, 4-H and FFA, must be weighed and tagged at this time in order to show and sell at the fair. Each exhibitor is allowed to weigh in two steers maximum—they do not have to declare if they are 4-H or FFA at this time. **Trucks and trailers need to enter through the Paxton gate** (gate that you enter trough to bring your animals to fair).



There will be other events taking place at the fairgrounds, so be sure to use the Paxton entrance and proceed directly to the cattle weighing facilities. Individuals who have a conflict need to make prior April 20th to tag and weigh on Tuesday, April 23rd, by appointments only with Dan Lewis, 760-6658, or Mike Garneau, 766-9008.

REMINDER

Equine Educational Tuesdays Schedule of Events

Ken Ardell Pavilion, Moses Lake Fairgrounds
6:30 to 8:30 PM

- UU **June 4** – Ghost Gamers, "Tips on Gaming"
- UU **June 18** – Circle Burners, "Showmanship"
- UU **July 2** – White Trail Riders, "Desensitizing our horses from 'fair' normality's" (flags, grand entry, etc.).
- UU **July 16** – Wrangler Ranchers, "Trail".

Adams County Fairgrounds, Othello
6:30 to 8:30 PM

- UU **July 30** – Bits and Spurs and Round Up Rider's.

4-H Summer Camp

Grant-Adams Area 4-H is sponsoring a residential 4-H camp at Brooks Memorial State Park Environmental Learning Center near Goldendale, WA. June 17 – 21, 2013.

Download a 4-H Camp Registration Form [HERE](#)

If you have questions about camp, please contact:

Dawn Yearout, Camp Director, 509-989-7057, dawnyearout@yahoo.com

or Danielle Weitman, Camp Director, 509-750-0894



Cooking Projects — Check out this Baking Webinar from Home Baking Association

There is no doubt that baking is a science. Recipes call for a very specific set of ingredients to ensure consistent results. If the directions are followed and the right ingredients are used, a hot and buttery blueberry muffin will most likely taste the same whether it is eaten in a city cafe, or a cozy kitchen. However, sometimes bakers want a little variety in a recipe whether it be for healthful consideration, or simply ingredient substitution.

Cabot Creamery and the Home Baking Association have teamed up to create a webinar on Baking Substitution Science. The webinar will provide information, tips, and tricks on baking substitutions including Greek yogurt, adding whole grains, multi-grain flours and meal, agave nectar, the new stevia/sugar light blend, and how to reduce sodium in your recipes.

Register now for the Baking Substitution Science Webinar! The Home Baking Association and HBA member Cabot Creamery will present the following 45-minute "Baking Substitution Science" presentation.

Due to high demand we are offering the same webinar on two dates:

WEBINAR 1: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - [RSVP Here](#)

WEBINAR 2: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 - [RSVP Here](#)

TIME: Both webinars are 4:30PM EST / 3:30PM CST

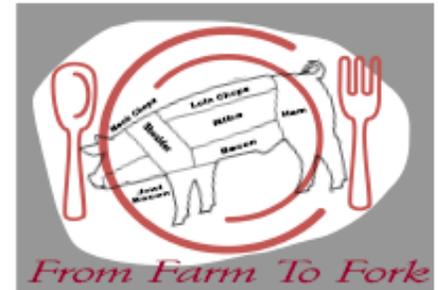
PRESENTER: Sharon Davis, Family & Consumer Sciences Education - Home Baking Association

WHERE: Connection information will be sent upon RSVP



WSU TO HOST FIRST PORK 300 SHORT-COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE PORK INDUSTRY

Washington State University Extension and Departments of Animal Sciences are excited to announce the first *WSU PORK 300* short-course will be offered June 21-22, 2013 at the WSU Department of Animal Sciences on the Pullman Campus. This course will be held immediately prior to the 2013 Annual WAAE Summer Conference for Washington Ag Teachers, which begins June 23 in Spokane.



WSU PORK 300 is a two-day, hands-on workshop designed for progressive individuals involved with the swine industry. This course will also be an excellent educational opportunity for agriculture instructors who teach animal science classes; coach Livestock Evaluation and/or Meats Evaluation CDEs, are directly involved in the swine industry or advise FFA youth who raise show pigs. The course will focus on teaching producers, feeders, and marketers (regardless of the size or type of operation) how to produce, evaluate, and market quality pigs and pork 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 pigs and pork products marketed through various outlets. This program will increase one's understanding of pork 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 swine production, feeding, processing, and marketing.

The registration fee for *WSU PORK 300* is \$175 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 May 15, 2013. There is a late fee of \$25 per person for registrations received after May 15.

For additional information on *WSU PORK 300*, contact: Jan Busboom, WSU Extension Meat Specialist, (509)335-2880 or busboom@wsu.edu; or Sarah M. Smith, Regional Extension Specialist, (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". Individuals who wish to pay for the course with a credit card can do so by going to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/353044> and following the directions for on-line purchase.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this event can call (509)754-2011, Ext 413. If accommodations are not requested by June 10, 2013, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodations on site.

Sarah M. Smith



**2013 Farm Walk Educational Series
Tilth Producers of Washington &
WSU Small Farm Program**

Grade A Goat Dairy: From Pasture to Product Farm Walk

HERON POND FARM

6110 East Jamieson Road, Spokane, WA

Monday, May 6, 2013

Farm Walk 12:30-4:00 pm

Heron Pond Farms, LLC, located at the base of Tower Mountain in Spokane, WA, is a small, sustainable, family-owned farm providing quality artisan cheeses and heritage pork to local, discerning individuals, markets and restaurants. They are dedicated to humanely raising healthy, happy, hormone free, Dairy Goats and Large Black Hogs in a pasture-based setting that encourages the animals to behave naturally. During this farm walk, visitors will have the opportunity learn what goes into creating a Grade A Dairy. See the operation starting from the milking room and ending at the cheese cave. Meet the happy goats and pigs that make Heron Pond Farms their home. **Cheese tasting included.**

For more information and to register: <http://tilthproducers.org/>

Fair Information

[Washington State Fair Dates](#)

Grant County Fair 2013

August 13 - 17

Hot Summer Fun — Red, White Blue

[Grant County Fair Exhibitor Guide and Information](#)

Adams County Fair 2013

September 11-14

Harvest Ways and Fair Days

[Adams County Fair Exhibitor Guide and Information](#)

Washington State 4-H Fair

September 6 - 22, 2013

[State 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide and Information](#)



4-H online calendar: <http://4h.wsu.edu/calendar.htm>

Grant-Adams Area Youth & Families Events Calendar

<http://county.wsu.edu/grant-adams/calendars/Lists/Events/Yo.aspx>

Go for a BIGGER Piece of the Green!

[Major 4-H Events Outside your County](#)

[Teen Leadership Opportunities](#)

National 4-H Curriculum Pre-Press Ordering Sale

The National 4-H Curriculum pre-press period is **April 8 - May 10th**. If you use curriculum from National 4-H, this is the best time of the year to order to save on member or leader project books; most books ordered during this period will receive a 25% discount; [more information](#).

NEWS FROM THE

4-H MALL



The 4-H Necktie

The 4-H Mall is proud to announce its newest product, the 4-H necktie. Made of woven silk, it is a high quality product that will surely please any 4-H'er. [Shop Now](#)

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CURRICULUM
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Thanks to a contribution from Tractor Supply Company, customers will receive a free select set of animal curriculum for every \$25 spent on 4-H curriculum!*

**GET 25% OFF
NEARLY ALL 4-H
CURRICULUM
THROUGH MAY 10**



Pre-Press Sale

Nearly all 4-H Curriculum is still available at discounts of up to 25% through May 10! We know you may be holding out, but supplies are limited, [make your order today!](#)

*limits apply, no endorsement of TSC is implied by this promotion

Important Dates & Information

- [4-H Volunteer time reported](#) – Report each month.
- [Taxes – e-postcard is due by May 15th](#).
- [Put the Child First](#) – should be completed online by all leaders.

Grant-Adams Area 4-H Leaders Council meets the **first Monday** every other month at 7:00 p.m., alternating between Moses Lake (Fuller Building, Grant County Fairgrounds) and Othello (4-H Bldg, Othello Fair Grounds): Watch the Friday Update for any changes.

October - Othello

December - Moses Lake

February - Othello

April - Moses Lake

June - Othello

August - Moses Lake

Area Council meetings are determined by your area.

Grant County Livestock Sale Committee meets the **second Thursday**, February through September at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant County Fairgrounds Fuller Building.

General Due Dates for Grant-Adams Area 4-H

December 1 Enrollments are Due for Existing Clubs

December 1 Club Financial Summary is Due

June 1 Enrollments are Due for New Clubs

July 15 Pork Quality Assurance Needs to be Completed

August 1 Secretary Books are Due to Extension Office

Taxes Due May 15. All clubs generating money (having a banking account) must do an e-file for taxes due May 15. Copy your work as it shows an attempt to file. If you are audited, an attempt to file will satisfy your legal obligation. Information at:

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

Animal Ownership Dates for Grant County Fair

January 1 Dairy - Sale Springer & Bred Heifer Certificates are Due

April 1 Horse Ownership Certificates are Due

April 1 Beef Ownership Date(Weigh & Tag Day to be announced)

May 1 All other Dairy Ownership Certificates are Due

May 8 Market Swine Ownership Date

May 12 Llama Ownership Date

May 15 Poultry Ownership Date

May 15 Rabbit Ownership[Date

May 12 Llama Ownership Date

June 8 Market Goat Ownership Date

June 10 Market Sheep Ownership Date

June 12 Llama Ownership Date

Animal Ownership Dates for Adams County Fair

February 1	Dairy - Sale Springer & Bred Heifer Certificates are Due
April 1	Horse Ownership Certificates are Due
April 30	Beef Ownership Date
May 1	All other Dairy Ownership Certificates are Due
May 15	Poultry Ownership Date
May 15	Rabbit Ownership[Date
June 12	Llama Ownership Date
June 15	Market Swine Ownership Date
June 15	Market Sheep Ownership Date
July 8	Market Goat Ownership Date

Any class of animal must comply with minimal state requirements. (See Publication [EM 0758E - Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy](#))

[Download a printable pdf of Important Dates for Grant-Adams Area HERE](#)

[Download Ownership Certificates](#)

[Download Livestock Health Records](#)

Along with county events the Washington State 4-H Program has Several [Teen Leadership Opportunities](#) (such as the KYG Conference) and [Major Events outside of your County](#) (such as the [4-H Teen Conference](#)).