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SAVE THE DATES!

- ✿ January 1, New Year's Day, Extension office closed
- ✿ January 3, CWJLS Steer Pre-tag & Weigh Day, Barbara Bailey 985-9048
- ✿ January 18, Martin Luther King Day Observed, Extension office closed
- ✿ January 27, 6:00 PM, **MANDATORY** Livestock Leader Meeting, YVF&R, Rm 306, Grandview High School
- ✿ February 15, President's Day Observed, Extension office closed
- ✿ February 19, 4-H Community Night (4-H Council meeting leader education youth activities)
- ✿ February 29, Upper Valley Poster Contest, Diane Jones 833-3175

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.

It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow".

– Melody Beattie

VOLUNTEER/LEADER NEWS

YAKIMA VALLEY FAIR & RODEO (GRANDVIEW FAIR)

Reminder: There is a Mandatory 4-H/FFA Livestock Leaders on Wednesday January 27, 6:00 pm in room 306 at Grandview High School.

Contact Ryan Maiden yvfr.livestock@gmail.com, 509-539-0260. See you there!

4-H ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE

All club 4-H re-enrollments are due January 31, 2016. Make sure you complete all the necessary information for your members and leaders. Please follow the checklist in your enrollment packet and return all the necessary forms along with your suggested donation for the assessment fee. If you are enrolled in more than one club, the assessment fee is collected from one club (the club you consider your primary club), not from each club you are enrolled in.

Each family will enroll their 4-H members into the 4-H online system. Start by logging into the system at <https://wa.4honline.com>. If enrolled in 4-H last year select "*I forgot my password*", enter your email address and select "*Family*" in the Role box. Click on "*Send My Password*". You will receive an email with a temporary password and directions on how to proceed with logging into the system. After you have logged in and enrolled your members, you will be able to edit your member's profile.

If you were enrolled in 4-H last year or this is your first time enrolling in 4-H, again start by logging into the system at <https://wa.4honline.com>. Select "*I need to setup a profile*". Complete the boxes and click "*Create Login*". Continue to "*Member Page*" and enter all information. Click "*Submit Enrollment*".

At any time you can update member profile by logging into the system <https://wa.4honline.com> and selecting "I have a profile", enter your email and password and continue to Member Page to make changes.

The office has set up "help" dates on January 13, 14, 15, from 10:00 am-3:00 pm, closed during the noon hour. January 26, 27, from 10:00 am-3:00 pm, closed during the noon hour. January 29, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. During this time you are invited to come to the office and use the office computer to enroll your members. If any of these times or dates don't work, please contact Bonnie 574-1600 to arrange a time that works for you.

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

Starting this 4-H year, there is no longer an assessment fee for members and leaders. Instead, we ask you to consider making a suggested donation of \$10.00 per youth-member or \$25.00 per family (3+ youth members). You do not have to make a donation to be in 4-H, and the office does not track which families do or don't donate. However, your contribution of any denomination is important to the local success of 4-H! Your donation will help secure much needed training materials, 4-H project books and other vital supplies in order to better support and prepare new and existing Yakima County 4-H leaders. Removing a mandatory fee helps families and clubs participate in 4-H, while adding a suggestion donation allows for sustainable and effective leader support without asking local leaders to operate large-scale fundraising efforts. It's a win-win!

Donations can be made payable to Yakima County Leaders' Council and are due at the time of enrollment. Clubs can collect from members and submit a collective donation, or allow individual families to send donations straight to Yakima County Leaders' Council.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARIES DUE NOW

Annual Financial Summary Report for October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 were due December 31. If your club does not have a checking or savings account, please make a note to that fact on the form, sign the form and return it. Any forms that are not completed or signed will be returned. Please send the forms in this week.

Instructions are in the [Leader's Guide to the Treasurer's Book \(C1059E\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at the Extension office 574-1600.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING

Thank you for being a 4-H volunteer! 😊 Report your hours online by clicking on the links below. Please remember to report your hours December hours by January 15. The leader who reports the most hours during the 4-H year (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016) will be recognized and awarded at the 2016 4-H Awards Luncheon! [Volunteer Hours Reporting website](#)

E-LEARNING FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Are you a new volunteer, or plan on becoming a leader soon? You can take the training module online. Please visit the state website www.4h.wsu.edu and click on the Volunteers link, then the E-Learning for 4-H Volunteers link to participate in the training modules. As soon as all modules are completed, print out the certificate and State Office will notify us.

COUNTY AND CLUB NEWS

“TOP OF THE CROP” HORSE COUNCIL MEETING AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

You are cordially invited to a special recognition event to honor participation in horse project's highest achievements. The Yakima County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Awards event will be held on Saturday, February 6, in the First Street Conference Room, 223 North First Street, Yakima starting at 2:00 pm. All horse project family members are welcome. There will be short horse council meeting before the event begins.

4-H COMMUNITY NIGHT!

Join us for an evening of youth activities, leader education and 4-H Council. All youth (4-H & non 4-H), parents and leaders are invited to attend.

- Youth Activities 5:30-7:00 pm. Open to all! Mix of crafts & cooking projects to try and take home!
- Leader Education 5:30-6:00 pm. Open to non leaders too! Interactive topic related to 4-H positive youth development.
- 4-H Council 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Open to all. Learn more about upcoming events & vote on program changes.

February 19, WSU Extension Conference Room, 2403 S 18th Street, Union Gap

RECORD BOOK MEDAL OF HONOR COMPLETION AWARDS

Congratulations 4-H members! Medal of Honor record book completion reflects organizational and financial project management through record keeping. 4-H is proud of your achievement. Keep up the good work! Medal of Honor winners are as follows:

Swine

Lillian Miles
James Miles
Rebecca Miles

Goats

Jordan Higbee
Haylee Peterson
Samantha Johnson
Trenton (TJ) Jones

Poultry

Lillian Miles
James Miles
Rebecca Miles

Sheep

Maddie Monson

Horse

Amelia Haller
Kassidey Brownlee
Delilah Haller (Primary)

Outdoor Living

Lillian Miles
James Miles
Rebecca Miles
Trenton (TJ) Jones

Dog

Amelia Haller
Delilah Haller (Primary)

Food & Nutrition

Trenton (TJ) Jones

Record Book Completion Certificates

Naches Valley Club: Sage Turner, Lincoln Turner, Lillian Miles, James Miles, Rebecca Miles, Trenton (TJ) Jones, Jordan Higbee, Haylee Peterson, Samantha Johnson, and Maddie Monson; Sagebrush Riders Club: Amelia Haller, Delilah Haller and Kassidey Brownlee. Congratulations!

CALLING ALL PRESENTERS!

Do you have a great idea for a Super Saturday style workshop? Let us know! We are hoping to include Super Saturday as part of the We Love 4-H Equi-Fair this year, April 16-17. Workshop topics can vary in length and include any 4-H related topic! Members can share demonstrations or teach a topic they know well. Leaders can share project knowledge and tips of the trade. Please contact the 4-H Office with your ideas!

**4-H EXPRESSIVE ARTS CONTEST GUIDELINES
(Poster Contest)**

1. Poster must have one main idea. The idea can be sophisticated, but it must be presented simply. (Examples: "Every Body Needs Milk" – "Left Turns Ahead".)
2. Keep words to a minimum, usually less than five.
3. Avoid using pencil, ballpoint pen, small font material and Day-Glo drugstore size photos. Broad felt-tip pens and paints, large cutouts and bright construction paper work better. Materials should be durable and able to be moved without destruction – raised material should not be more than 1/8" high.
4. Don't use too many colors that clash. Often, three colors are enough and they should be harmonious. Colors should be pleasing to the eye.
5. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board of 14" by 22" dimensions. They may be horizontal or vertical. (Some colors, such as white, are not good for television.)
6. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, age division, grade in school, leader's name, club name and a brief artwork interpretive statement **MUST** be affixed to the back of the poster board in the upper left-hand corner.
7. Avoid the use of commercial cartoons (such as "Peanuts", "Disney", and etcetera). If there are five changes by a member in a commercial design it is considered acceptable for submission.
8. If stencils are used to make lettering, it is suggested that they be filled in.
9. Top age division County entries will receive special recognition in the County 4-H Expressive Arts Program.
10. Our fairs offer other opportunities to display member's **current** project poster. Check your premium books for specific requirements.

Turn your posters in on the following dates for each area: Upper Valley – February 29, Diane Jones 833-3175; Central Valley – date to be determined, Barbara Harrer 848-2883; Lower Valley – date to be determined, can be turned in at Public Presentations, Robin Scott 839-4937; County Poster – date to be determined,

NEW YOUTH GARDENING 4-H CLUB

Well, we finally got enough snow to shovel and interrupt life. So, of course, it is time to dream of warmer weather and colorful gardens. Gardening opens whole new areas of exploration, awareness, enjoyment, amazement and learning for children.

Do you want to learn more about gardening, recognition of plants and flowers? Doris Sonsteli will be starting a 4-H garden club for 6-12 year olds in the Yakima and West Valley area.

If you are interested in learning more about gardening, recognition of plants and flowers, and to join the 4-H garden club, please contact Doris at 966-0978 for meeting dates and club information.

FAIR AND SHOW NEWS**UPCOMING HORSE EVENT DATES**

February 6, Top of the Crop Awards, 2:00-5:00 pm, First Street Conference Center,

April 16-17, We Love 4-H Equi-Fair, State Fair Park, Chris Kelley 452-9877, ckkelley36@gmail.com

June 24-26, Yakima County 4-H Equine Training School, State Fair Park, Chris Kelley 452-9877, ckkelley36@gmail.com

August 12-14, Washington State Jr. Horse Show, Gloria Marley 961-6417 gjmarley@msn.com

Please watch the 4-H Focus newsletter, facebook, and Yakima county website for more information and details as it become available.

Please attend the Horse Council meetings; there are lots of ideas and changes being discussed for the upcoming 4-H year! Next meeting scheduled February 6, elections, upcoming events. "Top of the Crop" Awards to follow February 6 meeting.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

University of Idaho Block and Bridle Club will be hosting a Fitting & Showing Clinic on April 2 in Mosco, Idaho. Open to all 4-H and FFA members, parents, leaders, and advisors. Speakers from the beef, swine, and sheep industries. Also a livestock judging contest. Rotate through workshops to earn tokens and spend tokens on awesome auction items. Cost of attendance is \$25, includes registration lunch and a clinic ball cap. For more information contact ui.block.bridle@gmail.com.

PROJECT NEWS**HORSE CERTIFICATE DEADLINE**

Equine must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for 90 days prior to the official county exhibit activity. Remember your horse certificate needs to be signed 90 days prior to the county event as well. Make sure the form is complete and you have all required signatures before bringing the form to the Extension office for agent's signature.

4-H PUBLICATION UPDATES

NEW: PNW669 “Judging Beef Cattle & Oral Reasons 101” – Idaho publication written for youth and beginning cattle producers, as well as those preparing for livestock judging.

REVISED: C1059E, “4-H Leaders’ Guide to Handling Funds in the 4-H Youth Development Program”; C1110E “4-H Archery Record, C11113, “4-H Shooting Sports Record Book”

OUT OF PRINT: PNW310 “Domestic Rabbits: Diseases and Parasites”.

WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 5, 2016 from 9:00 - 5:00 PM at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. The educational seminar is designed for progressive pork producers and stakeholders. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board, and Washington State University Extension.

The Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest Swine Producers. The morning session will feature information on keeping pork safe from farm to fork, market outlook for hogs and grain, and how to manage risk in volatile times.

The afternoon session has been organized to feature topics of interest to the growing small farm producers and show pig interest in the PNW. This past summer the U.S. Food and Drug Agency (FDA) issued a final ruling on the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD), fundamentally changing how medically important antibiotics can be legally used in feed or water for food-producing animals.

Registration is \$25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$15, is also available to 4-H/FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10. There is a \$15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 29, 2016. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals. Seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at www.animalag.wsu.edu, under “Upcoming Events” or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at smithsm@wsu.edu or (509) 754-2011, Ext 4313. To register with a credit card, go to www.BrownPaperTickets.com and enter event number 2483215. Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.

OTHER 4-H NEWS YOU CAN USE**4-H AT THE PIONEER POWER SHOW**

The Pioneer Power Show is a fun, free event on August 20-21, 2016. We are looking for 4-H clubs to have a booth at the event that will promote the 4-H program and also provide a fun activity for the youth attending the event. We would like to have our 4-H youth members present at the event. This event is hosted by the Central Washington Antique Farm Equipment Club. Although this is a two day event, your club is not required to attend both days. It would be fun if the youth activity was tied to pioneer crafts, farming, animals, or farm equipment, but any fun youth activity is welcome. Contact Cheryl Hall at cherylhall57@gmail.com or 949-2100 for more information, or Jenny at 574-1584.

**RESOURCES:**

State 4-H Website:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/>

Yakima County WSU Extension Website:

<http://yakima.wsu.edu>

Yakima County 4-H Websites:

<http://yakima.wsu.edu/4-h/>

<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>

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“WSU Yakima County Extension empowers our families, communities, and local partners through a network of educators and volunteers to provide research-based outreach and creative solutions to enhance agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life.”

Alison White

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Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development

Bonnie Abercrombie

Program Specialist, 4-H Office Support

DATES TO REMEMBER**JANUARY 2016**

- 1 New Year's Day, Extension Office Closed
- 3 Know Your Government Meeting, Time Leanne Logozzo 307-8043
- 3 1:00 PM-3:00 PM, CWJLS Steer Pre-tag and Weigh In Day, Toppenish Livestock Sales yard Barb Bailey 985-9048
- 13 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 4-H online computer enrollment help days, Use the office computer to enroll 4-H members, have office support help with any issues or problems with online enrollment Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 14 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 4-H online computer enrollment help days, Use the office computer to enroll 4-H members, have office support help with any issues or problems with online enrollment Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 15 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 4-H online computer enrollment help days, Use the office computer to enroll 4-H members, have office support help with any issues or problems with online enrollment Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 15 Report December Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 15-18 3RD Annual Agri-Science Summit, National 4-H Conference Center, high School Age Students, <http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/agriscience-conference/>
- 18 Martin Luther King Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 20 Submit your 4-H club Activities News and Announcements to Extension office, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, fax 574-1601
- 21 7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 24 Know Your Government Meeting Leanne Logozzo 307-8043
- 27 6:00 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo, **Mandatory 4H/FFA Livestock Leader Meeting**, Room 306, Grandview High School, Ryan Maiden yvfr.livestock@gmail.com, 539-02620
- 31 4-H Club Re-Enrollments Due. Must be entered on the 4-H Online System www.wa.4honline.com Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600

FEBRUARY 2016

- 5 Washington Swine Information Day, Moses Lake Golf & Country Club, Moses Lake Sarah Smith 574-2011, ext 4313
- 6 2:00 PM-5:00 PM "Top of the Crop" Awards and horse council meeting Kim Lansing 539-0247
- 7 Know Your Government Meeting Leanne Logozzo 307-8043
- 13-16 2016 Know Your Government Conference, Olympia Leanne Logozzo 307-8043
- 15 President's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 15 Report January's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 18 7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 19 5:30 PM, 4-H Community Night (Leader's Education, Leaders Council & Youth Activities) Alison White 574-1600
- 27 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 4-H online computer enrollment help days, Use the office computer to enroll 4-H members, have office support help with any issues or problems with online enrollment Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 26 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 4-H online computer enrollment help days, Use the office computer to enroll 4-H members, have office support help with any issues or problems with online enrollment Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 28 CWJLS **Preliminary Entry Deadline** Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 29 1:00 PM-3:00 PM, 4-H online computer enrollment help days, Use the office computer to enroll 4-H members, have office support help with any issues or problems with online enrollment Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 29 Upper Valley Poster Contest, posters can be turned into the Extension office Diane Jones 833-3175

MARCH 2016

- 15 Report February's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 17 7:00 PM, CWJLS **REQUIRED** Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds,, Pickup final entry packets Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 20 Submit your 4-H club Activities News and Announcements to Extension office, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, fax 574-1601
- 31 Yakama Legends Casino Grant Applications due, for application and information <http://legendscasino.com/community/>

APRIL 2016

- 2 University of Idaho Block & Bridle Fitting & Showing Clinic Ui.block.bridle@gmail.com
- 10 CWJLS **FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE**, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 15 Report March's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 16-17 We Love 4-H Equi-Fair, State Fair Park, Yakima, more information to come later date Chris Kelley 452-9877, ckkelley36@gmail.com
- 20 Submit your 4-H club Activities News and Announcements to Extension office, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, fax 574-1601
- 21 7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 23 9:00 AM, CWJLS Clean-up Day, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, ALL 4-H/FFA members, & parent help is needed. Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332

MAY 2016

- 1-4 Central WA Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 4 9:00 AM, CWJLS Market Animal Sale, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 5 CWJLS After show clean-up day. 4-H/FFA members and parents are needed, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 15 Report April's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 19 7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Rodeo/Livestock Show grounds, Last meeting of the year. No meetings June-January Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
- 20 Submit your 4-H club Activities News and Announcements to Extension office, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, fax 574-1601
- 30 Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

JUNE 2016

- 4 Kids Marathon, Sarg Hubbard Park, more information to come later Sarah James, james@wvwsd208.org
- 15 Report May's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 20 Submit your 4-H club Activities News and Announcements to Extension office, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, fax 574-1601
- 24-16 Yakima County Equine Training School, State Fair Park, Yakima, more information to come later Chris Kelley 452-9877, ckelley36@gmail.com

JULY 2016

- 4 Independence Day, 4th of July Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 15 Report June's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 20 Submit your 4-H club Activities News and Announcements to Extension office, Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, fax 574-1601

AUGUST 2016

- 12-14 Washington State Jr Horse Show, more information to come later Gloria Marley 961-6417, gmarley@msn.com
- 15 Report July's Volunteer Hours <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>
- 20-21 Pioneer Power Show Opportunity for 4-H Outreach cherylhall57@gmail.com or 949-2100

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 5 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

OCTOBER 2016

NOVEMBER 2016

- 11 Veteran's Day, Extension Office Closed
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday, Extension Office Closed

DECEMBER 2016

- 26 Christmas Day Holiday Observed, Extension Office Closed