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A BIG 4-H THANK YOU

Thank you to the following for donations to support the Yakima County 4-H Program Membership Fee – Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo Raise the

Paddle, Central WA Appaloosa Horse Club, Long Ranch, Virgil Gamache Farms, Inc, Yakima County Cattleman's Assn., Callipyge Genetics, LLC, Sam & Sandi Hull, Dottie Record, Jenny Loyd, Bonnie Abercrombie and Gina Ord for your generous donations.

Thank you to the following for donations to the Yakima County Benefactor Team. Our 4-H Anonymous Donor, Selah Heights Grange #508, PacificCorp, Firewater Ranch and Alison White for donating to the Benefactor Program.

Special thanks to these benefactors for investing in the 4H youth who will become the future leaders of the Yakima Valley and our nation. If you wish to know more about this program, please contact Jenny Loyd, 574-1600 or visit our 4-H website http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/.

PENDING ENROLLMENTS/ 4-H YOUTH ENROLLMENT FEE

As you all already know, Washington State 4-H instituted an **enrollment fee for youth members** beginning October 1, 2017 of \$25.00 per youth per year. When you were enrolling in 4HOnline, you had

the option to "Pay by Credit Card" or "Pay by Check" in the Payment Section.

The Yakima County 4-H Program began a fundraising campaign this fall and has raised **sponsorship** funds for any youth for whom this fee is an obstacle for enrollment. If you are a parent or a leader, you can contact either Jenny or Bonnie at the 4-H office and request sponsorship funds be used to cover a youth's enrollment fees. These requests are **confidential**, you need only send an email to Bonnie or Jenny...or call the Extension Office and ask to speak to them.

If you are a **leader/volunteer**, you **MUST reenroll every year**. Leaders and volunteers **DO NOT pay an enrollment fee**.

If you have NOT enrolled a youth member yet this year, please enroll them as soon as possible. Start by logging into the system at https://wa.4honline.com. If youth are showing livestock at a fair, especially CWJLS, please take the time to enroll them as soon as possible so they are eligible for fair participation. As you know, 4-H has ownership requirements and fairs have deadlines that will be here soon.

If you have logged in to 4HOnline to enroll or reenroll for this 4-H year, please log in to the system again and check to see if your enrollment is "Active". If your status is "**Active**", you have completed the 4HOnline steps needed and we have received your payment.

If your status is "Pending" and you checked "Pay by Check" in the payment section, we may not have received your check in the Extension Office yet. The fee in Yakima County is \$25.00 per enrolled youth. Checks can be made out to the WSU Workshop Fund and mail to:

WSÜ Extension 4-H Attn: Bonnie 2403 S. 18th Street Suite 100 Union Gap, WA 98903

If you have **questions** regarding enrollment status or need to request sponsorship funds to cover the 4-H youth enrollment fee, please contact Bonnie or Jenny at 509.574.1600 or via email.

Thank you so much to all our volunteers who make our program possible. Thanks to everyone, both youth and parents, for your patience as we navigate 4HOnline enrollments and the new fee challenges. 4-H truly "Makes the Best Better", let's all work together for all the youth of Yakima County.

TOP OF THE CROP AWARDS, CHARTER CELEBRATION, COUNCIL MEETING

Put this event on your calendar, we hope you can attend. Top of the Crop is the Horse awards event for the county for the past year.

Save the Date! 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 27 for the 4-H Charter Celebration & Top of the Crop Celebration (Horse Awards) at the First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1st St Yakima.

We'll gather to share and celebration club goals and plans, cheer on horse members receiving Top of the Crop awards, and vote on Yakima County Council business. Come for cake and cheer...and help finishing your Annual Club Plan, if needed.

Many of the policies and procedures are voted on at Council meetings. This is a great time to meet the committee members and provide your input and wonderful ideas to "Make the Best, Better".

JOANN FABRIC IS A NEW 4-H NATIONAL PARTNER

We need your help on **February 3 from 11:00** am-2:00 pm to make and deliver custom Valentine's Day cards to local children's hospitals, senior citizen centers, and others in the community. Visit your local JOANN store on Tieton Drive in Yakima to participate.

Also remember: Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases at JOANN Fabrics every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H.

Visit http://www.joann.com/4-h/ to get started. Hope to see you at JOANN's on February 3!

COUNTRY FARM & GARDEN TRUE VALUE PRODUCTS – ANIMAL FEED

My name is Molly. I work for Country Farm and Garden True Value, a local store and we recently started carrying animal feed. We would like to offer 4-H participants 10% off feed and animal supplies. In addition, we would like to offer our location to you if there are any fundraisers or events that you need space for. The Store is located at 6 West Washington Avenue, Yakima. Phone number is 575-8877. Please let US know if there is anything we can help you with

4-H CLUB NEWS

SAGEBRUSH RIDERS 4-H CLUB NEWS

Sagebrush Riders 4-H club celebrated their members during an awards and Christmas party. The year-end award winners were:

Delilah Haller = Most Improved Junior Kassidey Brownlee = Most Improved Intermediate

Anissa Capps = Most Improved Senior Natalie Hernandez = Inspirational Kassidey Brownlee = Community Service Amelia Haller = Sportsmanship

Sagebrush Riders also recently elected this year's new officers. They include:

President = Kassidey Brownlee Vice President = Amelia Haller Secretary = Fiona Dunbar Treasurer = Anissa Capps Reporter = Delilah Haller

Sargent at Arms = Kaycie Leslie

As we head into the new year, we are updating our club constitution and bylaws, planning for our May 5 horse show, and making plans to promote 4-H and increase our membership. Delilah Haller, Reporter

VOLUNTEER/LEADER NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - LEVEL 2 SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING WORKSHOP

Save the date! A level 2 (train the trainer) workshop from National 4-H Shooting Sports will be available between **May 6-11, 2018** in Madrid, Iowa.

A western location has not been announced yet. If you need additional information, contact Toni Gwin at tgwin@co.pacific.wa.us.

FAIR / SHOW NEWS

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP TIMELINES

4-H members need to be completely enrolled (forms completed, signed and turned in to the Extension office, their Club Assessment fee paid) and their animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Rabbits and Poultry – 45 days **Cavies** – 45 days **Dogs** – 60 days **Cats** – 60 days **Cats** – 90 days

Sheep and Swine (Breeding & Market) – 60 days (Swine see Rule 5C for CWJLS) 90 days

Equine – 90 days (Make sure your horse certificate is on file 90 days before first show/event)

Dairy–90 days, Dairy Heifer Replacement– 60 days, (Make sure your dairy certificate is on file 90 or 60 days before first show/event

Market Beef – 120 days, Breeding Beef – 90 days Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods

CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULE 5 C CHANGED

(C) Animals must be under the care and management of the exhibitor for the following time prior to the fair:

Beef	120 days
Lambs	60 days
Swine	90 days

The Exhibitor must have the proper paperwork from the County/State that the exhibitor resides in. The animal has to reside in the same county as the exhibitor. Furthermore, final decisions on this topic will be at the discretion of show management.

Please pass the above rule change to your 4-H members, parents and leaders/volunteers.

All show changes or news, required forms and general information can be found on the website http://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/

COUNTY NEWS

DESIGN THE CLOVERBUD RIBBON CONTEST

Calling all 4-H members to design a new ribbon to be given out to our Cloverbud members (formerly known as primary members)! This ribbon will be used when Cloverbud members enter items in fairs or at events like Fashion Revue and the Talent Show. Use your creative talents to make a special affirmation to our youngest members that we appreciate all their efforts. Your design will need to fit on a ribbon the size of 7 inches tall and 2 inches wide. Drop off or email your design ideas to the Yakima County WSU Extension Office 4-H Program to Bonnie or Jenny. Deadline for entries is **January 31, 2018.**

STATE NEWS

WASHINGTON STATE SWINE INFORMATION DAY

The Washington Swine Information Day will be February 9, 2018, 9:00 AM - 5:15 PM at the Pillar

Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. Swine producers of all 4-H/FFA vouth producers: sizes: 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 Checkoff, and Washington State University Extension.

Washington Swine Information Day features a one-day shortened version of the WSU Pork 300 short-course. WSU PORK 300 is an intense threeday, hands-on workshop held on the WSU Campus. The class has been recognized by industry leaders and producers as a highly educational program for producers and industry stakeholders of all sizes and market types. The condensed PORK 200 program offered during Swine Information Day on February 9th will focus on animal evaluation, carcass estimation, economics of pork pricing, pork taste/flavor, pork quality and retail cuts. The program will focus on teaching individuals how to produce and market quality pigs and pork products. Dr. Steve Larsen, Assistant Vice President of Science and Technology of the National Pork Board, will discuss the proposed voluntary pork grading system and consumer demands concerning pork quality and pork cuts.

In addition to the WSU PORK 200 activities, the afternoon session, Dr. Paul Kuber will discuss the new national quality assurance program, "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals", and how youth may participate in this new program. Youth participating in Washington Swine Information Day will receive a free \$12 coupon to certify in the on-line YQCA class. YQCA will be replacing the Youth Pork Quality Assurance program. The day will also feature an update of resources available from the National Pork Board; compliance with the sow traceability and sow tags; as well as feral swine issues in Washington and handling conflicts with wildlife on your farm.

Registration for the day's event is \$25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$20, is also available to 4-H and 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 31, 2018. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals. A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at http://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-

state-swine-information-day/ or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at smithsm@wsu.edu or (509) 754-2011, Ext 4363. To register with a credit card, go to www.BrownPaperTickets.com and enter event number 3220888 (https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3220888).

Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding

TEEN NEWS

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Early Registration for Know Your Government Ends Friday! Attention all KYG Participants: Early Registration Closes this Friday, January 5 at 10:00 pm. If you haven't registered now would be the time because after this Friday, the price goes up to \$350

The 2018 Know Your Government Conference will be **February 17-20** in Olympia. The theme is "Lobbying for change: The Legislative Process. If you are interested in attending Know Your Government or have questions, please contact Katie Newman, kathrynnewman16@gmail.com, 945-5311, or Jenny at the Extension office at 509-574-1600. The next KYG meeting will be held in **Monday**, **January 15**, **2018**, **10:00 am**, at the First Street Conference Room, 223 First Street, Yakima.

Participants need to be in the 9th grade or above, to be able to attend the required preconference meetings, enroll in KYG and complete the project journal portion of their record book.

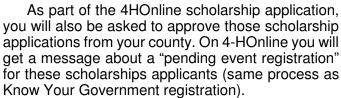
Know Your Government registration for youth members is open now! KYG registration is done through 4HOnline. Event and registration information can be found by visiting http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/kyg/

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Now is the time to start working on your scholarship and grant requests.

The 4-H scholarship opportunities webpage has been updated

http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/ for the 2018 4-H scholarships. You will find that we have consolidated all 4-H scholarships and there will be one 4-H scholarship application through 4HOnline. The application opens January 1, but we'd like to give you this advanced notice, so you can update your county scholarship sites.



If you have any questions or comments regarding the Scholarship Opportunities webpage or 4-H Scholarship Instructions, please contact Britta Nitcy at nitcy@wsu.edu or 509-335-6479 or Gayle Ashworth at ashworthg@wsu.edu or 253-445-4570.

The College of Agricultural, Human, & Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) awards approximately \$600,000 in scholarships to students pursuing CAHNRS majors. Students apply by filling out the general WSU scholarship application found on the WSU Future Students website: scholarships.

To be considered for CAHNRS scholarships, be sure to indicate the CAHNRS major in which you are interested on the application. For more information http://academic.cahnrs.wsu.edu/scholarships





NEWS YOU CAN USE

PIERCE COUNTY SPRING KICK-OFF HORSE CLINIC

Spring kick-off clinic, judging contest and tack sale, February 2-4, 2018, Washington State Horseman Tacoma Unit #1. For more information email Connie at koltsnkitties@gmail.com.

- Targeted instruction in your division
- 5 arena sessions with your horse
- 5 hands-on workshops with your horse
- Judging contest
- Tack sale

Two (2) full days of learning with your horse. All ages, all levels, all disciplines. Open to all 4-H horse members from any county.

http://www.pc4hhorseleaders.com/events/spring-kickoff-clinic/



RESOURCES:

State 4-H Website:

http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/

Yakima County WSU Extension Website: http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/

Yakima County 4-H Websites: http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/ http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H "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
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

Jennifer Loyd
Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development

Bonnie Abercrombie Program Specialist, 4-H Office Support

	DATES TO REMEMBER JANUARY 2018		
1	New Year's Day – Extension Office closed		
1	4-H Scholarships Applications Open up online, http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/		
7	1:00 PM-3:00 PM, CWJLS Beef Pre-Tab and Weigh Day	Barbara Bailey 985-9048	
10	10:00 AM, KYG Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 S 1st Street, Yakima kathrynnew	man16@gmail.com, 945-5311	
10	Strawberry Roan Horse Contest, Yakima County Extension Office 2403 S 18th Street, Union Gap	Bonnie or Jenny 574-1600	
11	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720	
15	Extension Office Closed, Martin Luther King Jr., Day Observed		
15	Report December's Volunteer Hours http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.		
15	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871	
18	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds Ken Stroud 877-5	5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332	
27	1:00 PM, Top of the Crop Awards, Charter Celebration, Council Meeting	Jenny Loyd 574-1600	
31	Cloverbud Ribbon Design Deadline, Yakima County Extension Office	Jenny Loyd 574-1600	
	FEBRUARY 2018		
1	Clubs, Groups, Council Annual Club Plan Due to the Extension office		
2-4	Pierce County Spring Kick-Off Horse Clinic, http://www.pc4hhorseleaders.com/events/spring-kickoff-clinic/ ,		
	Connie at koltsnkitties@gmail.com 11:00 AM, Crafts at JOANN Fabric Store, Tieton	Jenny Loyd 574-1600	
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8	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720	
9	WA State Swine Information, http://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-state-swine-ir		
15 15		5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332	
19		vsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx	
17-20	Extension Office Closed, President's Day Observed		
	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia, Contact Katie Newman kathrynnewman16@gmail.com, 945-5311		
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871	
28	CWJLS Preliminary Entry Deadline, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332	

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	MARCH 2018	
8	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
15	Report February's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.asp
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	
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	APRIL 2018	
10	CWJLS FINAL ENTRY Deadline, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
12	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Report March's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.asp
16	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	
19	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
21	9:00 AM, CWJLS Clean Up Day – Toppenish Showgrounds, 4-H, FFA, Parents help is needed	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
Apr 29- May2	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Showgrounds, Exhibitor record books due at office between 11:AM-3:00 PM.	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
	MAY 2018	
Apr 29- May2	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Showgrounds, Exhibitor record books due at office between 11:AM-3:00 PM.	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
3	CWJLS After show clean-up. All help is needed from members, parents, l	eaders
5	Sagebrush Riders 4H Horse Show, More information to come later	
3-11	Level 2 Shooting Sports Training Workshop, Madrid, Iowa	Tonie Gwin tgwin@co.pacific.wa.us
10	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting,	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Report April's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.asp
21	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	y, Grandview Yvonne Graham 305-1871
28	Extension Office Closed, Memorial Day Observed	
17	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
	JUNE 2018	
14	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Report May's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.asp
18	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	y, Grandview Yvonne Graham 305-187
	JULY 2018	
12	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
4	Extension Office Closed, Independence Day Observed	
15	West Valley Fair Horse Show, More information to come later	
16	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	
15	Report June's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.asp
	AUGUST 2018	
3-11	Possible YVF & Rodeo Gaming Show, More information to come later	
9	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting,	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
10-12	WSJHS, More information to come later	
15	Report July's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.asp
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	y, Grandview Yvonne Graham 305-187
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13	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting,	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
17	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way	y, Grandview Yvonne Graham 305-1871

4.4	OCTOBER 2018	
11	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting,	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
	NOVEMBER 2018	
10	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting,	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
12	Extension Office Closed, Veterans Day Observed	
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
22-23	Extension Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day Observed	
	DECEMBER 2018	
13	WV Fair Meeting, No Meeting held in December	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
25	Extension Office Closed, Christmas Day Observed	
	JANUARY 2018	