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28th Annual VIRTUAL Springtime Youth Calf Sale
March 20, 2021

SALE CATALOG COMING THIS WEEK!

The catalog for the 28th annual Springtime Youth Calf Sale will be available soon! as soon as it is available, a link will be posted on the 4-H Dairy Endowment webpage.


Also find us on Facebook at Springtime Youth Calf Sale.

Apply for 2022 Youth In Action Awards!!

Do you know a 4-H teen (15-19 years old) that is making a difference in their community? Encourage them to apply for this opportunity! Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. PST on Monday, March 29th.

Each year, Youth in Action Winners experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- $5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

For more information, inspiration, and the application visit: https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!overview

In addition, the 2021 Youth In Action winners put on a webinar about the process as well. Click here to view.
Experience 4-H! Join the Virtual Pop Art Workshop This Saturday!

Register in advance for this meeting at: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAude2trjMvGdT2bMgprk-IjGKqWoSxUgNI

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
Super Saturday Workshops to be Presented by Walla Walla County
4-H Starting This Saturday!
Check out this series of upcoming workshops!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
9:30 - MAGIC
11:00 - DOG TOYS

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
9:30 - SMALL ANIMALS
11:00 - GARDENS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
9:30 - VET. SCIENCE
11:00 - HONEY BEES

For More Information, please contact, WSU Walla Walla County Extension at wallawalla.4h@wsu.edu or 509-524-2685

Register at https://forms.gle/LUWDCDmBySYKLM8b6 today!!
March’s “In The Swine Barn” webinar with WSU and SDSU will target 4-H/FFA and youth swine producers getting ready to select their show pigs for this upcoming fair/show season. The webinar will focus on what to look for when selecting a show pig and getting it off to a good start. Dr. Bob Thaler, SDSU Swine Extension Specialist, visits Olson Yorkshire show pig barn in Irene, SD to help showcase what to look for when selecting a show pig. Featured in show pig selection webinar is third generation pig farmer and nationally recognized show pig producer and judge Ben Olson. Dr. Thaler and Mr. Olson will help youth, leaders, advisors and parents understand what to look for when selecting a young show pig for optimal success growing and showing their pig project. The webinar will also feature helpful information for purchasing, transporting, and getting your newly purchased show pig off to a good start.

In The Swine Barn Webinar Series is a collaboration between WSU Extension and SDSU Extension, Washington Pork Producers and support from the National Pork Board. The webinar series is tailored to small acreage pig farmers in the Pacific Northwest. Larger scale producer or pig farmers from outside the area are also welcome to attend as lifelong learners. The webinars are free to attend; however, individuals must register to receive log-in information.

Register in advance for this webinar:
https://wsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UNVTcujJSuKeQK-OQQbIjw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. We look forward to seeing you on the webinar!
You are welcome to attend a livestock virtual 4-H clinic ZOOM with local experts and gain knowledge on livestock species-specific topics to help you be successful in your project area and show ring. During the clinic, attendees will be divided into beginner and advanced breakout Zoom rooms with area experts, including a Purina nutritionist, local veterinarians, breeders and more.

**GOAT CLINIC SATURDAY MARCH 13**

It’s FREE and open to 4-H youth only! Please remember, for security purposes, youth and families must have a WSU Zoom account to be able to participate in the Zoom.

Registration required – register for this and all clinics here (if attending more than one, register separately for each):

[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAud-ypqD8iGNVP0p6hddDIfGk-j1VzBIJn](https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAud-ypqD8iGNVP0p6hddDIfGk-j1VzBIJn)

Contact Kate McCloskey with questions or concerns at kmckcloskey@spokanecounty.org

Door Prizes Sponsored by Country Store!!
State Equine Contest Update!
2021 State Horse Bowl Registration Packet and Information Now Available!

The 2021 State Horse Bowl Packet is now available! Registration Deadline is April 10, 2021.

Registration information and forms can be found here. Horse Bowl Rules information can be found here.
Arabian Horse Association Offers Activities for Youth!

Mini Hippology Contest
ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 14TH

- You must be a member to participate.
- This will be an individual contest only, no teams.
- Contestants will click on the test link to access the contest.
- Once you click on the link you will need to complete the entire contest.
- There are no time limits.
- The contest will consist of the following:
  - 25 written questions
  - 2 stations
  - 5 slides
  - 1 Judging class (consisting of profile view of 4 halter horses that you will then place)

- The divisions will be as follows:
  - 14 & under
  - 15-18
  - 18 & over

- We will award a Champion and Reserve Champion in each division.
  - Champion will receive an AHA Grab bag full a goodies.
  - Reserve Champion will receive an AHYA grooming tote.

This activity and more can be found at this link:
https://www.arabianhorses.org/youth/more-activities/
Do you love the thrill of competing? Arabian Horse Youth Association has many opportunities and levels for you to compete at. Whether that is with your Arabian horse or even if you do not have a horse, AHYA has opportunities for you.

Check them out at: https://www.arabianhorses.org/youth/competition/#RYTT

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**Shooting Sports Training Coming in April!**

Our good friends in Idaho are once again sharing their training opportunities with the “neighbors.” These classes will be small and held in Post Falls, Idaho (just across the state line from Spokane). If you want to attend, you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

For volunteers that intend to participate, please make your county leadership and the state 4-H Leadership aware of your intention, i.e., the discipline in which you will become certified. **Idaho and Washington share the same basic standards for certification.** Please note that your county may have additional county certification policies.

You will have your county 4-H leadership email; please also email our State Shooting Sports Committee Lead: Ashley Hernandez-Hall (a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu).

**Rifle Training is April 10, 2021** – The Information Packet link is here.

**Archery and Pistol Training is April 17, 2021** – The Information Packet is here.

The registration forms, etc. are included in the packets.
Extension Horses HALTER courses are revitalized!

The revitalized Horse Adult Leader Training and Educational Resource program, called HALTER, is a progressive series of four lessons designed to offer equine science information, student activities, and techniques to foster positive youth development. Each level builds on the previous one: once each level and the associated requirements are completed, participants will receive a certificate of completion. This is an excellent tool and program for anyone working with horses.

**Topics in each level include:**

**Halter Level 1**
- Keeping your horse at home
- Basic horse care and management
- Horse Power: Positive Youth Development and Horses

**Halter Level 2**
- Introduction to Horses and Horse Activities
- Understanding Bits for Horses
- Learning Styles and Riding Instruction
- Ages and Stages for Working with Youth
Halter Level 3
- Basics of Horse Ownership
- Equine Body Condition Scoring
- Top Ten Coaching Tips for Youth Riders

Halter Level 4
- Equine Pasture Management
- Effective Horse Training and Rider Development
- Parenting Tips for Horse Shows

Cost is $10 per course. A 20% discount is provided with purchase of all four courses.

Enroll at: https://go.unl.edu/halter

Produced by Extension Horses (https://horses.extension.org/)

Applications Open for Legislative Youth Advisory Council

The Washington Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is codified in law as the official nonpartisan youth advisory body to the state legislature, and is now accepting applications for the 2021-2023 cohort.

Overseen by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Washington State Leadership Board, LYAC is composed of 22 student members from a wide variety of geographic, political, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Some of LYAC’s several projects include:
- Meeting with senators and representatives to advocate for policies relevant to youth priorities
- Testifying before the state legislature in support of legislation
- Advising government officials, policymakers, and leaders in various fields
- Collaborating with nearly 200 community organizations to promote statewide change
- Hosting events around the state with hundreds of youth attendees
- Talking with media outlets such as the Associated Press, Teen Vogue, and KING-5 about student voice
- Partnering with government agencies such as the Attorney General’s Office and the Department of Health to provide your perspective; and
- Writing, lobbying for, and passing actual laws.

LYAC members each serve a two-year term, during which they will be at the forefront of civic engagement and governmental progress. To learn more, visit walyac.org.
Applicants must:

- Be entering 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in Fall 2021
- Have consent of their parent or guardian
- Live in Washington State

The application page can be found at walyac.org. All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2021 at 11:59 PM. Direct any questions to lyacwashington@gmail.com or Yubi Mamiya at yubimamiya@gmail.com.

Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Virginia 4-H Invites all to a FREE 4-H Volunteer Leader Conference,
March 20, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Eastern Time

Ruth Wallace and Daniel Hale of Virginia 4-H have been leading 4-H volunteers from the Central District, and they have planned a virtual Spring Conference for the Virginia Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders! The conference theme is “4-H: Big Enough for Everyone!”

The conference will take place from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Registration is FREE and open to everyone. There are fourteen great workshops divided into three concurrent sessions from which to choose. In addition, the conference will feature an opening keynote from Meriel Martinez, Professional Development Coordinator from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, and a closing capnote with Ethel Reeves, Director of Equity & Community Relations for Lynchburg, VA City Schools.

To register for the conference, go to: https://forms.gle/CJENcC25dRRL1Jv88

Also, please check out the conference homepage, which contains detailed descriptions of each session and a complete schedule:

https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/vaspringconference21/home

As in the past, all sessions will be recorded. All conference registrants will be provided links to view the recordings of each session. That way, anyone can see a session they missed or that may have had a time conflict with another session they wanted to attend.

There is absolutely something for everyone! Thank you for your support of VAA4-HVL, and for all that you do to keep making the best better in 4-H!
Invitation from Santa Barbara 4-H: Career Spark Interviews for Youth Age Thirteen and Up!

Are you interested in politics, public service, and/or community activism?

Join us for our March Career Sparks Interviews, every Thursday night at 5:30PM PDT / 8:30PM EST – a weekly webinar series where youth ages 13 and up can meet young professionals making waves in their careers and industries.

Sign up at ucanr.edu/career_spark_interviews or follow us on Facebook Live at Santa Barbara County 4-H facebook. #CareerSparkInterviews #4H #4HGrowsHere #TrueLeaders #Careers #WorkforceDevelopment #CommunityOrganizer #Pharmacist #CareersinPolitics #PoliticalCareers #Advocacy #Ag #Healthcare #Leadership #publicservice #politics

Individual Posts:

Jasmin Venz:
On March 11 at 5:30PM PDT / 8:30PM EST, join us for a Career Sparks Interview with Jasmin Venz. She is a community pharmacist and prides herself in making healthcare affordable for all. She is a Regional Clinical Services Manager for a major retail chain in Georgia. Youth ages 13 and up are invited to learn about Jasmin’s work and how she got into this career. Sign up at ucanr.edu/career_spark_interviews. #CareerSparkInterviews #4H #4HGrowsHere #TrueLeaders #Careers #WorkforceDevelopment #Pharmacist #Healthcare #STEMCareers #STEM #Manager #Leadership #publicservice #politics

Rita Casaverde:
On March 18 at 5:30PM PDT / 8:30PM EST, join us for a Career Sparks Interview with Rita Casaverde. She is a District Representative for Congressman Salud Carbajal. As an activist, Rita has advocated for issues of immigration, climate and women’s rights. Youth ages 13 and up are invited to learn about Rita’s work and how she got into this career. Sign up at ucanr.edu/career_spark_interviews. #CareerSparkInterviews #4H #4HGrowsHere #TrueLeaders #Careers #WorkforceDevelopment #DistrictRep #SocialJustice #Activist #CareersinPolitics #PoliticalCareers #Advocacy #Ag #womensrights #immigration #climate #Leadership #publicservice #politics

Lorenzo Olvera:
On March 25 at 5:30PM PDT / 8:30PM EST, join us for a Career Sparks Interview with Lorenzo Olvera. He serves as the Director of the Senate Diversity Initiative in the Democratic leadership office of Senator Chuck Schumer. Lorenzo served in
the Obama Administration as Deputy White House Liaison and Director of Leadership and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Youth ages 13 and up are invited to learn about Lorenzo’s work and how he got into this career. Sign up at [ucanr.edu/career_spark_interviews](http://ucanr.edu/career_spark_interviews).

#CareerSparkInterviews #4H #4HGrowsHere #TrueLeaders #Careers #WorkforceDevelopment #CareersinPolitics #PoliticalCareers #Advocacy #civilrights #whitehouse #Obama #Diversity #Congress #Leadership #publicservice #politics

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**Washington State 4-H Scholarship Applications Are Open!**

The 4-H Scholarship application is now available for Washington 4-Hers in the 12th grade. Information can be found at [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/)

Please note: 4-H Scholarship applicants must be enrolled and approved in 4-H Online to be eligible. Previously, applicants only needed to be enrolled in the previous two years.

12th graders are encouraged to check out the available scholarships and apply! **Applications close on March 15th.**

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**Highly Pathogenetic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Info Available for Poultry Project Youth**

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is very active right now around the globe. Outbreaks are presently occurring in North Korea, China, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Iran, Poland, Norway, France, and Ukraine.

Wild waterfowl are one of the main ways the virus moves around. A major migratory flight path for wild waterfowl includes Washington State; many waterfowl species (swans, ducks, geese) overwinter in the state as well. These birds can carry the avian influenza virus and spread it to chickens, in which it is much more deadly. Please refresh your knowledge of the biosecurity practices recommended to keep your birds safe and take these actions every day!

Here are some good resources:
Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza are happening in several countries around the globe now. Please share this important info with 4-H members, commercial poultry owners, and any other stakeholders who would be affected by an outbreak in the U.S. We do NOT want this disease to get a foothold here! Thanks.

Link to the WSDA document here.

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Plea for 4-H Horse Project Youth to Vaccinate for Equine Influenza

Dr. Susan Kerr, WSDA Education and Outreach Coordinator

4-H horse project youth, your horse depends on YOU to keep him/her safe and healthy!

There were 33 confirmed cases of equine influenza in Washington State in 2020. There were an additional 29 suspected cases, and 25 more horses were exposed to the virus by infected horses. These cases were distributed throughout the state. Fortunately, none of these horses died, which is typical for this disease.

Part of influenza treatment involves strict rest, and some horses do not return to normal for six months! Can you imagine not being able to ride or exercise your sick horse for weeks or months? Horses infected with the influenza virus can
develop secondary pneumonia, which can be much more serious and require antibiotic treatment.

If your horse is at risk of catching influenza from other horses, why not prevent this disease and all its complications by vaccinating him/her? The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) recommends horses at risk be vaccinated for influenza every six months.

Is your horse at risk of influenza? YES if he/she has contact with other horses “outside its bubble” at shows, trail rides, schooling, etc. Also YES if you keep your horse at a stable where other horses are coming and going and mixing with other horses. Even if your horse doesn’t go anywhere, another horse can bring the virus to him/her.

If your horse stays at your home barn with a steady “bubble” of barn mates and doesn’t have direct or indirect contact with other horses, he/she is at minimal risk of influenza.

A very good article with more details about equine influenza is available at https://www.equinediseasecc.org/disease-information.

For more information about equine vaccinations, see the AAEP’s recommendations at https://aaep.org/horse-owners/owner-guidelines/owner-vaccination-guidelines or speak with your veterinarian.

The foundation of animal welfare is preventing animal illness, pain, and suffering. Vaccinating against diseases of concern is a very simple and effective way to do this.
IMPORTANT REMINDER Regarding WSU Extension Adult/Youth Interactions during COVID-19

As we are all in communication via technology with youth at this time, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of WSU Extension’s policy on interactions. Under this policy, AT NO TIME should one adult be meeting or communicating with youth WITHOUT the presence of another adult. This policy pertains to Zoom conferences, telephone conversations, text messages, social media posts, etc. To facilitate communication, make certain to cc another adult on written communications, and invite another adult to be present during virtual meetings. The second adult is recommended to be a WSU volunteer; other adults can serve in this role if you’re in a pinch.

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A Reminder: COVID-19 Resources Available from WSU Extension

The WSU Extension COVID-19 Updates and Resources page is updated as new information becomes available. The Link to the page is https://extension.wsu.edu/covid-19/

WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families has created a resource for parents during COVID-19. The WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19 was developed to help parents and their families navigate the pandemic and the days to follow.

The publication is available at https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf