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ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE!
LIMITED RESUMPTION OF 4-H IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

On March 11, Governor Inslee announced that all counties will move to phase 3 on March 22. PLEASE WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION 4-H OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A 4-H IN-PERSON MEETING, ACTIVITY OR EVENT. ALL NEW IN-PERSON PLANS MUST BE APPROVED BY YOUR LOCAL 4-H STAFF/FACULTY AND LOCAL COUNTY DIRECTOR.

We reference the Governor’s Agricultural Events COVID19 Requirements for agricultural and animal events and the Department of Health’s Youth Development guidance for other in-person 4-H activities. We are also following recommendations by WSU’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety. The Governor will re-examine the COVID-19 situation and may make changes on April 12. NOTE THAT CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS MAY BECOME MORE OR LESS RESTRICTIVE, depending upon the course of the COVID-19 virus.

For the 4-H Youth Development Program, WSU has expanded the group size from 5 to 15 youth participants plus at least two adults (Extension personnel and/or Certified 4-H Volunteers). If the event is anticipating larger numbers, please consider staggered participation or “shift” scheduling to stay within the limits. More information can be found on the 4-H In-Person Resources Page linked below.

As always, all safety protocols must be followed and any activity that can be accomplished at a distance should be.

IMPORTANT LINKS:
Governor's COVID19 Agricultural Events Guidance – Updated March 19, 2021
In-Person Extension Activity Plan 4-H (03/12/2021)
DOH/OSPI/DYCF Schools/Child Care Guidance 2021
Charles F “Chuck” Todd, born August 22, 1936, passed away on March 25, 2021 at home in Auburn. He is predeceased by his parents Louis L Todd and Vivian West Todd, brother Eugene and nephew Matt. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Darlene, and children Brian and Charlene, all of Auburn. He is also survived by five Grandchildren (Nathan, Ashlie, Matthew, Emily and Aiden) and their mom Becca, all of Lacey, and eight great-grandchildren. He leaves behind his brother Donald of Atlanta, Georgia, and his sisters, Priscilla La Roche (Brother-in Law Darryl) and Sharon Putnam, both of Tacoma, Sister in-law Nona and husband Ben Smith, and many nieces and nephews across the country.

Chuck grew up loving the outdoors. He loved mountain climbing, back-packing, hiking and, later, car camping when the kids came along. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and the Mountaineers. He graduated from Federal Way High School and Seattle University. He worked as an Electrical Engineer for Boeing and Tacoma City Light. Chuck and Darlene loved traveling and exploring, and he got a chance to visit all the continents. Chuck did volunteer work at the Pacific Science Center for many years.

Chuck spent his “spare time” volunteering for 4-H. He was honored as King County’s 4-H Leader of the Year, and he received the Outstanding Service Award from the WSU Foundation in 2012 for over 31 years of service to the program. For many years, Chuck was an advisor for the State Ambassadors, and he served as Treasurer of the State 4-H Advisory Board up to the time of his passing. He served as a mentor, organizer and chaperone in many WSU youth programs. Chuck also co-wrote the first nationally juried and published 4-H computer curriculum. He enjoyed making friends in 4-H, and earned many awards for his work, culminating in his induction into both the Washington State (2001) and the National (2019) 4-H Hall of Fame.

Memorials can be made to the Washington State 4-H Advisory Board, c/o WSU King County Extension 4-H, Attn: Nancy Baskett, 560 Naches Ave SW, Suite 130, Renton WA 98057-2219. The family will plan an informal get-together at a later time.
Virtual Showdown Returns!!

SKAGIT VALLEY LIVESTOCK 2021
VIRTUAL SHOWDOWN
WASHINGTON STATE

Registration due April 30th. Video submission May 1th - 7th.

Feedback from judges to get you prepared for showing season!

DIVISIONS
LARGE ANIMALS: Beef, Dairy Cow, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep and Swine
SMALL ANIMALS: Cats, Cavies, Rabbits and Poultry
SMALL FARMERS: Tiny Tots

BANNERS
Overall Champions, Reserves, Best In Show and Reserves in Show all get banners!

$25.00 for first animal
$10.00 for ea additional (no maximum)
T-Shirt for first animal entered.

Register Online:
WWW.SKAGITVALLEYLIVESTOCK.COM

Live Web Link: www.skagitvalleylivestock.com/showdown
Know Your Government 2022 Planning Zoom Set For April 27th!

Join the Know Your Government Coreteam on a ZOOM call Tuesday evening April 27 at 6PM to hear what is in the planning stages for KYG 2022! This is a great way to have input and hear how the program will be headed.

Date & Time: Apr 27, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 905 187 1258
Passcode: 2021

The Experience 4-H Small Animal Series Continues!
REMINDER! CAVY BASICS WORKSHOP IS THIS SATURDAY!

Don't miss the virtual Cavy Basics
4-H workshop on April 17, 1 p.m. PST.
It's FREE!

For 4-H members and leaders new to the cavy project.

Even during challenging times, 4-H'ers keep learning by doing. #Opportunity4All
Cavy Basics (this workshop is a repeat of same workshop previously offered in January):

Cavy Basics is a Zoom workshop covering introductory information for youth new to caring for and raising cavies. Youth do not need to own a cavy to participate in the Zoom. Topics covered will include feed, water, housing, and basic handling for safety (picking up a cavy, holding a cavy, posing a cavy on a table).

When: April 17, 2021, 1:00 to 2:30 PM Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIvceGsqTkrGdRue2ANWVZ4cbCVn8QjmEqo

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
The WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Small Animal Committee is offering the following workshops in April and May:

Cavy Basics
See the above reminder!

Introduction to Judging Contests for Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Members:
You get to be the judge! An introduction to judging contests and how to mark your scorecard. Judge a few practice classes from photographs of rabbits and cavies. Note to parents: This workshop may be challenging for younger 4-H members as understanding number patterns is part of participating in a Judging Contest. Youth age 9 and younger should have an adult helper present during the workshop.

When: May 15, 2021, 1:00 to 2:30 PM Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtd-irrD0vHNP_CC-ojyESIwcoHoRMXIPS

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

WSU Extension Small Animal Committee Presents
Workshop: Raising Rabbits for Home Use

The WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Small Animal Committee is presenting the following workshop:

Raising Rabbits for Home Use

Have you been thinking about or have you just started raising rabbits for your family? Raising Rabbits for Home Use is an introduction to raising rabbits for meat. This workshop will be informational with an opportunity to ask questions.
Raising Rabbits for Home Use is designed for adult 4-H volunteers, parents/guardians, and teens (such as Int./Sr. 4-H and FFA members). The information presented may not hold the attention of a younger audience.

When: Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 06:30 to 8:30 PM Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kd-qgrD4iHtPMBrq6JT4lJ-1ZQo29gykF

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Spring 4-H Continuing Volunteer Education Evening Classes Offered in April!

Snohomish County’s Spring Continuing Volunteer Education Classes continue on evenings in April. These classes are open to all Extension programs statewide.

Classes to be offered are:

**Group Basics** – April 19th, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Delegation** – April 20th, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Conflict Management** – April 28th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

For further information, including class descriptions, and to sign up for classes, click [this link!](https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/4H)
More State Equine Contest Updates!
Registration for the Washington State 4-H Hippology Contest is now open!

The Washington State 4-H Hippology Contest will be held June 5 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Registration for the contest is now open!

Hippology Contest Registration is due MAY 1, 2021.

The entry fee for the Hippology Contest is $20.00 per contestant. Full information and the fillable registration form is available by clicking [Here](Updated April 16, 2021).
Washington State 4-H Equine Science & Horsemanship Series
Offered Tuesdays Through April 27

All are welcome to join the statewide fun!
Come learn about horses with us!

REGISTER HERE TO RECEIVE THE LINK TO JOIN:
Registration link: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcodeygqzsrHdd48glKLK4-7XRcoiAYC29x

Washington State 4-H Dairy Judging and Quiz Bowl Contests Set For July

The State 4-H Dairy contests for Judging and Quiz Bowl determine the individuals that will represent Washington by participating at the National events. This year both contests will be held on July 20, 2021 at the Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington.

General Dairy Judging Team information can be found by clicking here.

General Quiz Bowl Team information can be found by clicking here.

If you have an individual 4-H’er or team that wants to compete, please contact Gary Fredricks at 360-577-3014 Ext. 3, or at garyf@wsu.edu.
Applications for National 4-H Dairy Conference are Now Open!

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 16TH**

What happens at National 4-H Dairy Conference and how can I attend?

*Almost every year,* a few 4-H dairy youth travel to Madison, Wisconsin to attend National 4-H Dairy Conference. There is so much to do and experience in only six days! Delegates make ice cream using liquid nitrogen, put their hand inside a cow’s stomach, square dance, and see 125,000 frogs. They tour an organic dairy, methane digester, the Wisconsin State capitol, cheese plant, Hoard’s Dairymen, and ABS bull barns. On top of this, they spend the afternoon at World Dairy Expo, seeing the best dairy cows from around the globe. Then there is the opportunity to get to know other delegates from across the United States and Canada.

This is only a small part of the experiences found at 4-H Dairy Conference. Sound interesting and fun? It is a wonderful trip – that you can attend, with most expenses covered by the 4-H Dairy Endowment! If you are interested in attending, fill out an application to be on this year’s team!

**UPDATE!** The Application deadline has been extended to April 16; the application can be found at: [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/program-activities/dairy-conference-team/](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/program-activities/dairy-conference-team/)
About the Dairy Endowment Fund

The Dairy 4-H Endowment Fund was established by a group of dairy youth advocates. The purpose of the Fund is to provide ongoing financial support for youth development, regardless of the economic climate of the dairy industry. Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Quiz Bowl, and Dairy Conference are three of the state and national 4-H dairy events supported by the Fund. The fund also supports two scholarships for college and travel scholarships for youth to participate in national dairy-related educational events.

Want to know more about how you can take advantage of the National trips and Scholarships? Check it out at: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/

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JOANN 4-H Spring Campaign Runs Through April 30

JOANN and 4-H are once again teaming up to collect donations at the register and offer special discounts for JOANN/4-H Rewards Card members. The activation will help in the effort to ensure every kid has an equal opportunity to succeed by bringing 4-H to more kids nationwide via local unrestricted funding. Visit any JOANN store through April 30, 2021 to participate or donate online at https://4-h.org/4HJOANN.

In addition, this year during the campaign, JOANN will be hosting a free, take home craft event on April 18 in all stores. The kits will include LEGO DOTs and
kids will be able to create a bunny and chick and coloring pages. In each craft bag with be messaging about donating to 4-H and creating opportunity for all.

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**A Fun Online Activity for Youth is Available From the Center for Disease Control:**

**Play “Solve the Outbreak” on the CDC Website Today!**

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to get clues and analyze data to Solve the Outbreak and save lives. In this fun, interactive app you get to try your hand at becoming a Disease Detective. You’ll travel the world chasing outbreaks like the ones real-life CDC Disease Detectives help fight. Should you quarantine the town, send for more lab results, or alert the media?

The better your answers, the faster you’ll climb the ranks and achieve Disease Detective status! Master Level 1 to unlock even more exciting scenarios and earn honors for your demonstrated expertise!

Link to the CDC Activity Page:

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**Links to Animal Science Resources**

Dr. Susan Kerr

From Ohio 4-H Youth Development, a good resource for swine project youth:

**Swine Zoonotic Disease Fact Sheet 0**

Diseases commonly spread between swine, and some also spread between swine and humans. As a responsible livestock owner, you can take measures to reduce the spread of pig-to-pig and pig-to-human diseases.

Also from Ohio 4-H, a nice variety of lesson plans for 4-H Animal Science youth can be found at: [https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/livestock/livestock-resources/animal-sciences-lesson-plans](https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/livestock/livestock-resources/animal-sciences-lesson-plans)

Kansas State has some good 4-H marketing photos you can use. **All you need to do to credit them if you use them is to include “K-State Research and Extension, https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/” in the caption.**

Revitalized HALTER Courses Now Available!

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 is 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/)

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:


More Information on HPAI:
Washington State Veterinarian News: Batten Down the Hatches Against Avian Influenza

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.
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.

If your horse is 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](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.

**COVID-19 RESOURCES**

**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