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Features

WSU Extension 4-H Small and Companion Animal Committee Presents Virtual Cavy Basics Zoom on February 13th!
The Washington State 4-H Small and Companion Animal Committee invites you to attend an introductory workshop on the 4-H cavy project, caring for and handling cavies (guinea pigs). This workshop is appropriate for 4-H youth members, 4-H volunteers, parents/guardians, and general public interested in cavies. Youth age 9 and younger should attend with an adult.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Feb 13, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcuduCtqzsoHNXvWu_VgSjr12SrOuiC mzCl

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

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**WSU CAHNRS Corner for Tuesday, February 8th**

*New Scholarship to Bring Native American Students to WSU College*

Elizabeth Perez, Director, Recruitment and Retention, CAHNRS

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Hello, 4-H Community!

In this week’s CAHNRS Corner, we share an article highlighting the creation of more opportunity and access to higher education!

**CAHNRS News**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, HUMAN, AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES**

**New Scholarship to Bring Native American Students to WSU College**

*Washington State University’s College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences will offer academic scholarships to incoming Native American students thanks to a new gift.*
Increasing scholarships is one of our big goals,” said Zoe Higheagle Strong, Executive Director for Tribal Relations and Special Assistant to the Provost. “The financial gap between wanting to attend college and being able to afford it is a major barrier for many Native American students. We’re not anywhere close to providing enough scholarships at WSU, but we are committed to this work.”

The scholarships are funded by a $50,000 gift from Northwest Farm Credit Services and will be awarded for the start of the 2022-23 academic year.

“Northwest Farm Credit Services is pleased to partner with WSU on this initiative, which will make higher education more accessible to Native American students pursuing CAHNRS related degrees,” said Josh Siler, Washington President, Northwest Farm Credit Services.

**WSU acknowledges that its locations statewide are on the homelands of Native peoples, who have lived in this region from time immemorial.**

One goal of the scholarship is to honor WSU’s land grant legacy, said Elizabeth Perez, Director of Recruiting and Retention for CAHNRS. Additionally, every Native tribe is different, but a commonality is that they consider themselves stewards of the land, she said.

“We need to be respectful of the history of land grant institutions and how they were established,” Perez said. “The lifeblood of our college’s land grant mission is
a connection to the land and wildlife. We want our support to be more than words, but to support Native students and tribes in a tangible way.”

Students who are enrolled or are descendants of a Tribe will qualify. The goal is to support students with a variety of backgrounds.

“We all agree it’s important to have a holistic approach to looking at students,” said Sharon Kanichy, WSU Assistant Director of Tribal Relations & Recruitment. “We want to help people who need the support.”

Students entering any CAHNRS major will be eligible, though current students are not. One reason for the recruitment angle is the low number of Native undergraduate students in CAHNRS. Applications can be submitted online.

“Students taking photos at Heyburn State Park as part of the Native American Student Center retreat.

“When Elizabeth approached us about starting a scholarship, we noticed there weren’t many Native Americans in CAHNRS programs,” Kanichy said. “Seeing the close ties to the land grant mission of the college, that was a big void. We need to fill that and this scholarship will help.”

The gift established a scholarship fund, which other people or organizations can also give to, Perez said.

Kanichy, Strong, and Perez also hope students will take advantage of services available on campus, so they have support once they arrive on campus.

“We hear all the time that people haven’t heard of our Native American Student Center,” Strong said. “Going to college can be lonely for any minority student, but our center can give them a home away from home. We want students to feel more connected.”

That extra support helps retain students and increase their likelihood of earning their degrees, she said.
Those interested in applying for the scholarship should contact Perez or Kanichy.

Springtime Youth Calf Sale Coming To Monroe On March 19th!

2022 Calf Grant Applications Due February 22
- Application Link Here!

Mark your calendars for the 29th annual Springtime Youth Calf Sale! The sale will be held on March 19, 2022. at 1:00 pm, in the Dairy Barn at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.

The link to the 2022 Calf Grant Application is HERE. The due date for grant applications is February 22, 2022.

The link to the 2022 Calf Scholarship Application is HERE. The due date for scholarship applications is March 1, 2022

Questions? Please contact sale chairman, Liz Holtcamp at sycs4h@gmail.com. For more information about the Springtime Youth Calf Sale please go to this link: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/dairy-endowment-fund/programactivities/springtime-youth-calf-sale/.

Also find us on Facebook at Springtime Youth Calf Sale

The State Dairy Quiz Bowl contest will also be held on March 19, 2022 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe at 9:00 am in the Dairy Barn.
The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl contest determines the individuals that will represent Washington participating at the National event. This year the contests will be held on March 19, 2022 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington at 9:00 am.

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.

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PLEASE NOTE THIS CORRECTION: Last week’s heading stated that the Dairy Judging Contest was also scheduled for March 19th. The Dairy Judging Contest is not scheduled for March 19th; it will be held this summer. More information to follow soon!

Youth Livestock Field Days Are In-Person for 2022! New! Brochures and Registration Links!!

WSU and UI Extension are co-sponsoring two in-person Youth Livestock Field Days on Saturday, March 12th, and Saturday, March 26th, 2022. Topics covered at each event include Interstate Livestock Paperwork, Health Care, Meat Science, Feeding and Nutrition, Selection of Project Animals, Low Stress Handling, Fitting and Showing, and other topics.

The cost for each field day is $10, which includes a grab and go lunch and handouts. Participants are encouraged to dress warmly, as most activities will be outside. Respective Washington and Idaho Covid Protocols will be followed. Please have individuals register via Eventbrite, space is limited.

On Saturday, March 12th, a 4-H/FFA Swine Field Day will be held from 8:30 am to approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Asotin County Fair Grounds in Asotin, WA. All individuals attending (including adults) are required to pre-register and pay registration fees no later than March 4, 2022 at: https://2022swine.eventbrite.com

Download the Swine Field Day Brochure HERE!

The 4-H/FFA Beef Field Day will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 am to approximately 3:00 p.m. on the University of Idaho Campus in Moscow, ID. All individuals attending (including adults) are required to pre-register and pay registration fees no later than March 18, 2022 at: https://2022beef.eventbrite.com

Download the Beef Field Day Brochure HERE!

For more information, please contact Mark Heitstuman at the WSU Asotin County Extension Office at (509) 243-2009, heitstuman@wsu.edu, UI Nez Perce County Extension, 208.799.3096 or UI Benewah County Extension, 208.245.2422.
Practice Horse Judging Contest Now Available!

Do you coach, or participate in, competitive Horse Judging or Hippology? Are you looking for classes to practice? Check out this opportunity. Register for this course and you will have access to 6 classes to judge, along with the official placings, and an official critique, to learn why the classes were placed the way they were. The course becomes available January 15, and closes on July 15. You can access as many times as you want in that time period, and can join anytime. This is completely self-directed, so go at your own pace, whenever you wish.

Go to: https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HorseJudgingContest
Snoqualmie Valley Evergreens 4-H Hosts Evergreen Club Rabbit Show, March 5, 2022!

The Snoqualmie Valley Evergreen 4-H Club’s Rabbit Show will be held on March 5, 2022 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, Washington, at 9:00 am. Rabbit Health Check and Registration starts at 8:00 am.

The full show catalog can be accessed for download via the QR code above, or by clicking the link HERE.

State 4-H Ambassadors Announce 4-H Youth of the Month for January!

The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors recognize the 4-H Youth of the Month honoree for January, Anna Hansen of Skagit County! The Ambassadors are proud to highlight 4-H youth monthly throughout the year!
REMINDER! Save the Date: Washington State Junior Horse Show!

2022 Washington State Junior Horse Show
4-H Show June 24-26 | Open Show June 25-26
Sue Sultze Ranch Horse Clinic June 23

Buckles and Premium Money will be awarded!

For updates, please visit https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/4-h-horse-events/

Want to be involved? Contact Kim at ms.berly@yahoo.com
EPA Launches “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge for High School and College Students

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of $50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to $5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022.

The recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules can be found at https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y

Challenge Website: https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/companies-crushing-pollution-video-challenge

TRI P2 Search Tool Website: https://www3.epa.gov/enviro/facts/tri/p2.html

Quick Facts on the Challenge:

Eligibility

- Students: high school (grades nine -12) or college/university
- Other members of the public (those living close to a TRI facility)
- Must live in the United States or U.S. Territories
- Participants may be an individual or a team

Timing

Submissions accepted: December 1, 2021 – March 1, 2022

Review of submissions: March – May 2022
Prizes awarded: Late May/Early June 2022

Prizes

EPA will award a total of $50,000 in prize money to multiple participants as outlined below:

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More From National 4-H Council….

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

4-H is many things, but at the core, we are a community. We uplift each other and celebrate our differences as we come together to support ALL kids. Follow along on our social channels as we honor Black History Month and celebrate our youth, alumni, volunteers and supporters who are making an impact through 4-H every day.

FOLLOW & SHARE
Applications are now open for the 2023 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Now is the chance for 4-Hers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose. Learn more about the application process and set your calendars to apply by March 28, 2022.

OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE LIVES: PROJECT YELLOW LIGHT

Distracted driving car crashes are one of the leading causes of death of our youth and we need your help to change that. Project Yellow Light is a national scholarship competition open to all high school juniors and seniors and all undergrad college students. Create a broadcast video, radio, social video or billboard PSA warning your peers of the dangers of distracted driving and win up to $8,000! Winners not only have an opportunity to have their work shared nationwide, but also do something for the greater good.
Registration for this year’s in-person National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science closes on February 15. Don’t let your 4-H’ers miss out on the opportunity to work with industry leaders and peers and pitch their community impact plans for a chance to win $2,000 to bring their ideas to life.

REGISTER NOW

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE 2022 NATIONAL HEALTHY LIVING SUMMIT
The current COVID surge and omicron variant have introduced new complexities as states begin to plan their travel to and participation in the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit, scheduled for February 10-13, 2022. After consulting with Extension leadership and the Healthy Living Summit planning team, Council has postponed the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit to April 21-24, 2022. The deadline to register has been extended to April 4, 2022. Any participant currently registered for the Summit who is unable to attend during the new April dates will receive a full refund.

LEARN MORE

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR YOUNG ALUMNI ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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National 4-H Council needs your help to identify & nominate dynamic, proven leaders to serve on the Young Alumni Advisory Committee (YAAC). This group serves as a bridge to the young alumni community, informing Council’s Board of Trustees & working closely with Council associates to provide counsel, work on strategic initiatives and help grow our network of 4-H alumni. Applicants must be nominated by a 4-H professional or volunteer by February 28, and completed applications are due on March 28. Nominees should be between the ages of 18-22 as of July 1.

REGISTER NOW

COW CARE 101

Now with 5 additional activities, this series from the University of Tennessee Extension brings kids an up-close look at how cows work (they grow fungi in their stomachs?!), and what it takes for farmers to take care of them. By the end of each activity, kids will have newfound knowledge as well as a fun craft to take their bovine knowledge to the next level.

GET STARTED
Attention 12th grade 4-Hers!

The WSU 4-H Scholarship Applications will open on January 1, 2022. There are a variety of scholarship available! The deadline to apply is March 15, 2022.

Like last year, the scholarships are available to all approved 12th grade 4-Hers who have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H participation. An applicant must have an approved 4-H enrollment prior to the application deadline.

Please note that the supplemental documents required for the application (resume, essay, letters of recommendation, and academic transcripts) must be combined into a single PDF file before uploading to 4-H Online. The scholarship requirements as well as instructions on how to apply can be found at http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/

Questions regarding the requirements or scholarships themselves, should be directed to Britta Nitcy (nitcy@wsu.edu).

COVID-19 RESOURCES

4-H UPDATE – GOVERNOR INSLEE’S VACCINATION PROCLAMATION

Announcement Revised September 7, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee issued a health and safety proclamation on August 20, 2021, in response to a continued state of emergency that exists in all counties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The health and safety proclamation, as ordered by the Governor, includes employees, contractors and volunteers engaged in activities with state agencies and in educational settings. Therefore, WSU (including WSU
Extension and the 4-H program) is required to comply with Governor Inslee’s recent vaccination proclamation directives.

With regard to volunteers, below are a series of references, deadlines and explanations that provide further details.

- **The Proclamation (21-14.1) can be found [HERE](https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/).**
- **Deadline:** All current WSU Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated or exempted by October 18th. Volunteers who are not fully vaccinated or who do not have an approved exemption on file by October 18 will be put on inactive status. They will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities with WSU Extension until proof of full vaccination can be observed or until an exemption request has been reviewed.
- **Proof of vaccination:** Contact your local 4-H office for information on how to share proof of your vaccination status.
- **Exemption process:** The state-level exemption process (for religious or medical reasons) can be found at [https://extension.wsu.edu/volunteer-exemption/](https://extension.wsu.edu/volunteer-exemption/)

More information on WSU’s Vaccination Policy is available on the web at [https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/](https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/).

Questions regarding WSU’s Vaccination Policy can be directed via e-mail to extension.vaccinepolicy@wsu.edu

**COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

All other protocols for health and safety remain in effect and should be followed. The Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program policy is referencing requirements set forth by the Washington State Department of Health’s K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year document. WHILE INDOORS, EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. This policy is required to protect the safety of all and to model the behavior for youth, who are still required to wear masks.

**If an activity is conducted outdoors, it is now required that masks be worn in any outdoor setting involving 500 or more people.** People should continue to practice physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible.

**Your county may have more protective protocols in place. County protocols supersede the information presented here. Please contact your local County Extension 4-H Office with any questions.**

The Washington State Department of Health released a recap of recent COVID-19 news and updates on September 7, 2021. It is available by clicking [HERE](https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/).
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