

# THURSTON 4-H NEWS



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## THURSTON PRESENTATION TEAM WINS IN KENTUCKY!

Congratulations to Camille T. and Charlotte P., members of the Thurston County Blazing Saddles 4-H Club! Camille and Charlotte went to Louisville Kentucky to represent Washington State at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup competition earlier this month (November 3-5). Charlotte writes "We competed in the national equine team presentation portion, and won first place with our presentation on The Mental Health Benefits of Equine Activities. ...continued on page 5.

## 4-H ONLINE

To maintain membership, 4-H members and volunteers need to re-enroll annually at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Email the 4-H Office if you would like to request a member fee scholarship. For step-by-step instructions please visit the WSU 4-H resources page for the 4-H Online Family Enrollment Help Guide:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/member-resources/>.

**Looking for a new 4-H Club?** Visit the Thurston County 4-H "joining" web page: <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/join/>

Each 4-H club needs at least two certified 4-H Adult Volunteers, who are officially re-enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 year, to begin conducting gatherings. 4-H staff will reach out to clubs needing additional leadership.

4-H volunteers due for a new background check will be contacted by the 4-H Office and then will be sent a Sterling Volunteer background check email.

## CLUB REPORTS DUE

**Annual Financial Reporting is Due 12/1.** Each 4-H club or project committee, whether they have a bank account and hold funds or not, is required to submit. Financial forms can be found at this link: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-clubs/club-financial-information/>.



## STATE FAIR CONT.

### Equine Senior Performance/Dressage Section

Fitting & Showing, Fifth Place, Madison N.  
 Saddle Seat Equitation, Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Saddle Seat Equitation, Third Place, Baeya K.  
 Saddle Seat Equitation, Fourth Place, Madison N.  
 Hunter Seat Equitation, Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Hunter Seat Equitation, Third Place, Baeya K.  
 Bareback Equitation, Seventh Place, Madison N.  
 Bareback Equitation, Eighth Place, Baeya K.  
 Discipline Rail - English, Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Reining, Fifth Place, Madison N.  
 English Dressage, 1st Level, Champion, Charlotte P.  
 English Dressage Seat Eq., Res. Champ., Charlotte P.  
 Western Dressage, 1st Level, Res. Champ., Baeya K.  
 Western Dressage Seat Eq. Fifth Place, Baeya K.

### Equine Senior Western Games Section

Fitting & Showing, Third Place, Charlotte P.  
 Fitting & Showing, Seventh Place, Kaidence Y.  
 Fitting & Showing, Eighth Place, Taylor M.  
 Texas Barrels, Seventh Place, Taylor M.  
 Idaho Figure Eight, Sixth Place, Cloey Y.  
 International Flags, Res. Champion, Cloey Y.  
 International Flags, Fifth Place, Kaidence Y.  
 International Flags, Seventh Place, Taylor M.

### Equine Intermediate Western Games Section

Fitting & Showing, Third Place, Angel T.  
 Fitting & Showing, Fourth Place, Kaitlyn O.  
 Pole Bending, Fourth Place, Kaitlyn O.

### Equine Intermediate Performance/Dressage Section

Fitting & Showing, Res. Champion, Leah A.  
 Fitting & Showing, Third Place, Emma O.  
 Hunter Seat Equitation, Fourth Place, Leah A.  
 Stock Seat Equitation, Fifth Place, Leah A.  
 Trail Equitation, Sixth Place, Juniper W.  
 Discipline Rail - English, Champion, Leah A.  
 Eng. Dressage, Training Level, Res. Champ., Emma M.  
 Eng. Dressage, Training Level, Fourth Place, Leah A.  
 English Dressage Seat Eq., Third Place, Alivia S.  
 English Dressage Seat Eq., Fourth Place, Leah A.  
 Western Dressage, Basic Level, Third Place, Juniper W.  
 Western Dressage Seat Eq., Third Place, Kaitlyn O.  
 Western Dressage Seat Eq., Fourth Place, Emma O.  
 Western Dressage Seat Eq., Fifth Place, Juniper W.

### Goat Show

Jr. Meat Goat Fit & Showing, Champion, Aryanna M.  
 Jr. Meat Goat Fit & Showing, Res. Champion, Hadley H.  
 Int. Meat Goat Fit & Showing, Champion, Avery C.  
 Meat Goat Type, Champion, Madison K. (Sr.)  
 Other Breeds Goat, Champion, Avery C.  
 Other Breeds Goat, Res. Champion, Aryanna M.

### Sheep Show

Int. Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion, Tyson M.  
 Supreme Ewe - Crossbred, Tyson M.  
 Champion Ewe Lamb, Tyson M.

## STATE 4-H FAIR RECAP

Congratulations to all the 4-H members who qualified to represent Thurston County at the 2023 Washington State 4-H Fair, held at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Here's a partial list of our local youth who placed in top awards at the State 4-H Fair. We are still receiving results from the state competitions. For youth we may have missed, please forward your placings so we may share in the next newsletter. Send your results to [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us)

### Equine Harness Driving and Small Equine Section

Fitting & Showing, Sr., Reserve Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Fitting & Showing, Sr., Third Place, Cloey Y.  
 Reinsmanship, Sr., Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Precision Driving, Sr., Third Place, Charlotte P.  
 Pleasure Driving, Sr., Fourth Place, Charlotte P.  
 Small Equine Hunter in Hand, Sr., Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Small Equine Hunter in Hand, Sr., Third Place, Cloey Y.  
 Small Equine Hunter in Hand, Sr., Fifth Place, Kaidence Y.  
 Small Equine Obstacles in Hand, Sr. Res. Champion, Charlotte P.  
 Small Equine Dressage in Hand, Sr., Champion, Charlotte P.

### Equine Judging Contest

Junior Third Place, Lydia W.  
 Intermediate Third Place, Leah A.





## STATE FAIR CONT.

### Goat Judging Contest

Junior, Third Place, Caiden T.  
Junior, Fourth Place, Hadley H.

### Dog Judging Contest

Third Place Intermediate Team - Amelia A., Shiloh K., Aubrielle M., and Emberly M.

### Archery Judging Contest

Junior, Reserve Champion, Caiden T.

Please submit additional 2023 State 4-H Fair results to [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us).

Below photograph of State 4-H Fair Thurston County Archery Team (Christa F., Joanne K., Cody C., Zephyr S., Caiden T. Not pictured Sheldon W. and Levi W.)



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Thank you to the Thurston County 4-H clubs and 4-H families who participated in National 4-H week (October 1-7, 2023) and helped to promote 4-H during the Tractor Supply Clover Days campaign (October 4-15, 2023). Photograph above the Yelm Nerd Herd 4-H Club at Tractor Supply in Yelm. 4-H members pictured are Anja G., William C. and Alex W.

## NEW 4-H CALENDAR

Have you picked-up your Thurston County 4-H 23-24 Calendar yet? We have produced a new 4-H Calendar to help families and 4-H volunteers be in the know about Thurston County 4-H opportunities, dates, and deadlines. Pick up a copy at the 4-H Office or print a copy from home. Email ahead of time to request a stack to distribute at your next club meeting! Print a copy from this link: <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2056/2023/10/2023-24-Thurston-County-4-H-Calendar-1.pdf> ← Calendar Example



4-H Calendar available now!





## 4-H COUNCIL LYNCH CREEK FUNDRAISER

The Thurston County 4-H Council is your county-wide advisory board. The 4-H Council raises and manages funds to help support the Thurston County 4-H Program. The 4-H Council supports scholarships for 4-H membership, provides financial support to 4-H members attending camps and conferences, and purchases 4-H recognition items/awards to for county fair and achievement afternoon.

**You can help the 4-H Council reach their fundraising goals!** The Thurston County 4-H Council has an online fundraiser set-up with Lynch Creek Farm. You can purchase a holiday wreath or other nature craft item. Beautify your home or gift a beautiful wreath from the Pacific Northwest to your friends/family out-of-state! Every time someone shops online through the 4-H Council's fundraising page with Lynch Creek, we receive 15% back from eligible items purchased. It really is that easy! Join us as a teammate online by entering our invite code **3GC5BJ** at [Lynch Creek Farm](#).



## YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE NEW WORKSHOPS!

**NEW!** This workshop series focuses on raising animals and growing food for home use. The series is an example of community partners working together to provide positive youth development opportunities to the next generation of youth farmers, crafters, and gardeners! Workshop presenters throughout the series will include WSU Extension staff, local farmers, farm/garden related organizations, 4-H Volunteers and 4-H/FFA teen leaders. Youth who complete multiple workshops or the whole series will receive recognition! Email the 4-H Office for more details. This year's series will highlight poultry, rabbits and gardening/preserving the harvest. Next year will introduce new topics such as bee keeping and goats.

Future topics:

**12/10 – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Gift Giving** Learn to make a reusable shopping bag out of a plastic feed sack sewing project. Save your feed sacks! Prior experience sewing a straight line is encouraged.

Sign-Up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAAD29A0F4C61-46394546-4hfeed>

**1/21 – Breeding and Raising Rabbits** Raising rabbits for meat, show, fertilizer (rabbit droppings) and sales.





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This was the first time that a team from Washington has won, so everyone was very excited. We spent countless hours in the months leading up to the competition practicing, preparing, and refining our presentation, so it was very exciting to see our hard work pay off. We also had an amazing time after the competition traveling around Kentucky with Washington's representatives in the other phases of the competition and touring all sorts of equine facilities."

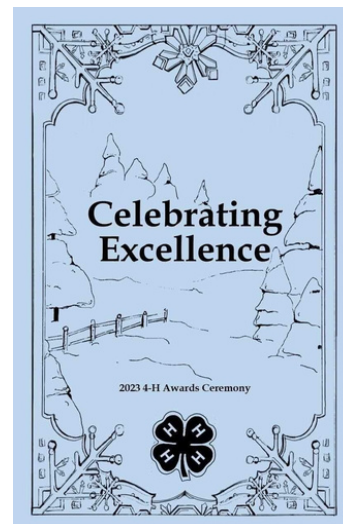
At this year's Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, 215 youth from 23 states completed. In addition to earning top honors, the girls also received a \$500 scholarship and a trophy. In the photo above Camille and Charlotte stand outside the stall of famous race horse American Pharoah. American Pharoah is a Thoroughbred racehorse who won the American Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Contact the 4-H Office to learn about equine contests! The state-level qualifier for equine presentations will be held 2/3/24. You don't have to own a horse to participate in the equine contests!

## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT AFTERNOON 12/3

Don't miss the 2023 4-H Achievement Afternoon at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, Expo Building, **Sunday, 12/3, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Achievement Afternoon is the Thurston County 4-H annual awards celebration. Come **"Celebrate Excellence"** and recognize local 4-H members for their project learning achievements and leadership skills.



4-H members who submitted Record Books will be recognized for Record Book awards and Project Completion awards. All 4-H members will receive year pins and first year members will be invited to participate in a new member initiation ceremony. Please plan to dress in your 4-H show clothes or business casual type clothing. Parents/guardians may want to take photographs for future Record Books!

We will have cake and refreshments! Special guest presenters will also help us kick-off the celebration! Come with your 4-H spirit and have a good time with your 4-H friends!

## 4-H PROJECT MTGS.

Be in the know - get a 4-H calendar, read e-mails from the 4-H Office (Kris or Emily) and look for emails from RegMax - Washington State 4-H Youth Development <no-reply@4honline.com>. Upcoming county-level 4-H project learning opportunities (all 4-H members invited):  
11/29 - 4-H Still Life Project, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom (Kitchen Safety and Measuring) Zoom link: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/99148308600?pwd=TC9xankrREZNUUJDQXkyMThNRzBpUT09>  
12/1 - 4-H Sewing, 6 to 8 p.m., at the 4-H Office (Sew a Christmas stocking)  
12/14 - 4-H Robotics, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the 4-H Office  
Questions or to RSVP: [tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us)





4-H Poultry Project members attend a pre-fair clinic.



4-H members and the 4-H Garden at the fairgrounds. The Thurston County Fair Board selected the 4-H Garden to receive the 2023 special Fair Board award.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all our 4-H volunteers and 4-H Fair Superintendents for a great Thurston County Fair!

Please help us determine how many volunteer hours were contributed to the Thurston County Fair. If you haven't already, please take the time to set-up your GivePulse account and log your County Fair volunteer hours and volunteer hours since the County Fair.

WSU requires that all certified volunteers regularly log hours of service. Please keep track of your volunteer hours so that you can enter them into **GivePulse**. If you are an enrolled Thurston County 4-H volunteer, you will receive an email with instructions on how to claim your **GivePulse** account. Once you have claimed your account, you may begin registering for events (volunteer opportunities) and entering impacts (reporting hours). You can find training videos to help you get started with **GivePulse** here:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/youth/forms/4-h-leaders/>

Please email the 4-H Office if you need to request a resend of the GivePulse account instructions.

## COUNTY FAIR B&W RIBBON

Congratulations to the Petersen Barn for winning the Black & White Ribbon at the Thurston County Fair! The Washington State Fair Association Fair Commissioner selected the Petersen Barn (small animal barn) as the best exhibit area during the 2023 fair.



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Washington State University (WSU), U.S. Department of Agriculture and Thurston County cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify the WSU Extension Office seven days prior to the event.

### 4-H OFFICE

Contact 4-H staff  
[tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us)  
360-867-2157



Need to meet with 4-H staff? Please contact staff before visiting the 4-H Office to ensure someone is there when you arrive.