



Walla Walla County



4-H Newsletter

April/May 2020



Upcoming Dates

Apr 20-30	Public Presentation Contest A (online)
Apr 30	Registration deadline for Public Presentation Contest A
May 14	Leaders' Council meeting (virtual)
May 18-21	Public Presentation Contest B (virtual)



What a World!

These days we are all struggling to adjust to a “new normal”, with our kids at home, people working from home and having little to no social interaction, the changes can be hard to balance. Here’s where 4-H comes into the equation!

4-H is about life skills.

What does that mean to us and our kids?!

4-H builds resilience.

Have a conversation with your kids about their struggles. This may include topics such as not being able to see friends, help them to discover ways to cope such as connecting online or by phone.

4-H builds lifelong interests. This is a perfect time to explore other

hobbies or projects. Hobbies are proven stress relievers for adults and youth alike. Having a hobby that is inexpensive and can be done from home gives youth and adults the opportunity to relax, even when everything seems to be crashing down.

4-H builds research, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

This is a perfect opportunity for youth to research something they have always been interested in. Whether it is reading a book about the topic or going online to find information, youth will learn how to find the answers to questions and become well informed in the process.

4-H is year-round. There is much talk about the cancelation of fairs, junior shows and market sales. 4-H will go on! Although these activities are a wonderful opportunity for youth to showcase what they have learned and receive recognition, 4-H will continue with or without these events. 4-H is a year-round program and is about lifelong learning. Things happen that are out of our control. How you deal with these challenges says more about your character than every success in a lifetime. **4-H is about learning to deal with the bad and good situations that life has instore.** Talk to your Kids!



“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”

Maya Angelou



The **2019-20 4-H CALENDAR:** A printable copy is on the Walla Walla County 4-H website <http://extension.wsu.edu/wallawalla/4h/4-h-events/> or available at the Extension Office.

WSU Extension & 4-H

WSU Extension has discontinued all Extension activities and events that are not virtual through May 5th.

4-H is following K-12 public schools so 4-H

activities are suspended until June 19.

4-H may not have youth meeting with another person for any reason or expected to haul an animal anywhere or to go

pick up anything, anywhere until the restriction is lifted and WSU states that it is ok.



Should I Buy An Animal For Fair

This article was written by Matthew Zeiger a 4-H Educator out of Colorado.

As 4-H educators, we have been receiving a lot of questions related to whether families should move forward with purchasing market livestock for fair.

- What if we don't have a fair?
- What will I do with my animal?
- Or, the one that hurts the worst, what if I lose all my money?

My response to all these questions is a question itself.

What are you in this for?

What do you hope to gain?

If you are in 4-H so that your child can learn about the effort that goes into raising livestock and producing food animal products, *get the animal.*

If you are in 4-H so that your child can become a better citizen or learn about goal setting or gain effective leadership skills, *get the animal.*

If you are in 4-H so that your child can be a step above their peers, so that they can develop a sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity, *get the animal.*

If you are in 4-H so that your child can learn about resilience, determination and never giving up hope (even in the middle of a pandemic), *get the animal.*

But, if you are in 4-H so that your child can sell their animal for twice what you invested in it, *don't get the animal.*

If you are in 4-H so that your child can bring home a big banner or a shiny trophy, *don't get the animal.*

If you are in 4-H so that you can boast to co-workers and friends about how your child beat out 15 other people's children to be the coveted "Grand Champion," *don't get the animal.*

Ultimately, if you do this thing called 4-H so that you can clean up at the county fair and earn awards, money and bragging rights, *don't get the animal.* Because I can't guarantee you those things this year.

I can only guarantee you this:

- The agricultural community is powerful. The loyalty and camaraderie among us is bigger than words can describe. Even if we are unable to have fair in the traditional sense, we will do everything humanely possible to ensure youth have the opportunity to display their work. Whether it's posters or videos or, fancier yet, virtual judgments, we will go to the ends of the Earth to save the 4-H experience for your children.

- We will work cooperatively with the Junior and Senior Fair Boards and Sale Committee to help with arrangements for animals.

- We will not strand you with a project; instead, we will work right alongside you to figure out where that animal can go. Whether it's taking it to a packer five minutes up the road or loading it on a trailer headed halfway across the U.S., we will do the best job that we can to help you navigate the "end-game."

- And lastly, we can guarantee you that your child will learn. That, despite limited club meetings or seven days at the county fair, your child will learn the important things. The things that matter. They will fill the days of this pandemic with hope as opposed to grief. Your child will develop a relationship with their animal(s) like they never have before, because, quite frankly, it's one of the few things they have left.

Is there a chance their experience will be different this year? Yes.

Is there a chance they will lose money? Yes.

As a result, is their 4-H year a lost cause? Should they just give up?

I'll leave that up to you.

NEXT 4-H Leaders Council Meeting

We will be holding a 4-H Leaders Council meeting virtually on **May 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

Clubs will receive one credited meeting for April. Please remember clubs with one leader are required to attend 3 meetings and clubs with two or more leaders are required to attend 5 meetings. More details about this meeting will follow.



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Public Presentations

It is time for Public Presentation... but we can't be together.

Without an audience how do we create a "public presentation"?

Our team has been working hard to find a solution for the April Public Presentation Contest and I think we have it. We will be using Google Classrooms to provide a platform for youth to upload their Public Presentation video.

These videos will then be evaluated and scored by our judges, and the score sheets and premiums will be awarded.

As for May — with the current restrictions, we will be implementing a virtual contest. This contest will be slightly different; it will be completed via Zoom in front of live judges. The May contest will continue with the standard requirements and will be the state qualifier.

I will be sending out more information about how to submit your public presentation. The **deadline** for submission for the May contest is **Thursday, April 30th**.



This year only: youth will not be required to participate in April to participate in May, however April will be good practice for May.

We are highly encouraging youth to participate in both contests. If you missed the public presentation deadline but would still like to participate, please complete the registration form by **April 30th** and send it to Melanie at mowens@wsu.edu.

The registrations forms are on the Walla Walla County 4-H website at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/wallawalla/4h/4-h-events/>



Online Resources and Meetings

Social time is not only important to us but also our kids. In this time of no social interaction it can be very difficult for them to understand why they cannot go hang with friends that "aren't sick". Have them brainstorm ways to keep in touch with their friend using an online platform for groups such as Google Hangouts or Facebook Live or individually with FaceTime or Skype. Suggest a game such as Pictionary or trivia they can play over the phone or internet. There are also lots of games that can be played without youth being together in person. Try two truths and a lie. See if you can stump your friends and find out how well they know you! Meet with your club virtually using Facebook Live. Facebook offers a free

service to meet online with your group. You can also use Google Hangout or Zoom.

The national 4-H website is offering weekly suggestion for activities. Visit them at: <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>

Virtual Meeting Ideas:

- Send out a quiz via email and have everyone complete it prior to the meeting. Discuss the answers during the meeting.
- Give each youth or family a minute to share something fun they have done during quarantine.
- Say the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge together. Have all but the person leading the pledge mute their microphones, but everyone should say

them together.

- Brainstorm ideas for how the club members can work together but separately and how members can showcase work virtually.
- Have time for show-and-tell. I know we are not in preschool anymore, but one of our core needs is positive feedback from our peers. In everyday life we can show-and-tell in less obvious ways. This is a great way for your kids to inspire each other.
- Use the chat box to play jeopardy or trivia. Read a question or show a picture. The first one to answer the question correctly in the chat box gets a point. Keep track of the point and when we can meet again, present a small award to the winner(s).

4-H GROWS HERE!

Manna Pro Contest Standings *as of March 11th*

STATE	PICTURES SUBMITTED	WEIGHTED VOTES
Vermont	26	12999.00245
Ohio	332	9003.163813
Wyoming	16	8880.966939
Arkansas	69	7402.954386
Montana	23	7272.44818
Nebraska	42	7194.468428
West Virginia	41	6922.152026
Iowa	63	6469.80703
Oklahoma	74	6171.280802
North Dakota	13	6046.771955
Kansas	53	5811.489071
Indiana	112	5404.052607
Idaho	27	5388.461518
Minnesota	85	5013.636471
South Dakota	13	4995.215304
Oregon	58	4736.294975
Wisconsin	83	4565.908697
Washington	97	4512.741351
Michigan	126	3988.273348
Colorado	62	3856.776014

There is still time!



4-H Picture Mosaic Contest

February 1 – April 30

From February 1 – April 30 Manna Pro is hosting a contest to build a 4-H picture mosaic online. This is a chance for 4-H members, supporters, and friends to upload pictures to Manna Pro's site. Those pictures are integrated into tiny pieces to make a larger photo.

Manna Pro is providing \$6,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000 prizes to the three states that upload the most photos weighted by state population.

Full rules are at: <https://www.mannapro.com/4h>
General guidelines are as follows:

- Each person can enter up to 5 entries total during the entire campaign period.

- Promotional materials will be available via our social channels @national4h @mannaprohomestead @cityyolks.

- Participation is defined as having an established social media presence (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) as of Feb. 1, 2020 and using that presence to share, post and promote the campaign materials during the promotion period. Prizes will be awarded in the form of a payment to a National 4-H Council approved fiscal organization, as designated by the State Program Leader/administrator, associated with the Grand Prize Winner's state/LGU.

*Everyone,
post your pictures!*

WSU Extension is a great 4-H News Resource!

Visit: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/news/>



Stories include:

- Keeping Your Distance to Stay Safe – APA Article
- COVID-19 Resources Available from WSU Extension
- Additional Equine Resources Added to Horse Project Page
- WSDA Recommendations from Groups of People Handling Groups of Animals
- Spring Horse Events Postponed
- Spokane Junior Livestock Show Goes Virtual
- Horse Judging from Home Offered Via Zoom!
- 4-H Shooting Sports National Workshop is Rescheduled!
- Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease PowerPoint Presentation by Dr. Susan Kerr
- 2020 Congressional District Art Competition Open to 7th Through 12th Graders
- JoAnn Pay It Forward Campaign
- Application Window Open Now for 2021 4-H Youth in Action Awards!
- New Guides for the 4-H Horse Advancement Program!
- And more 4-H news!

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