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Welcome back Elisabeth Nilsson!

Many of you know Lis is working from home until March. You can reach her via email elisabeth.nilsson@wsu.edu (Lis will be checking phone message remotely)

La Vonne will be in the office on Fridays from 10:30am to 1:50 pm and is working side by side with Elisabeth. If you need to meet another than Friday please let me know. Joy is also in the office, because she works in 2 other counties you will need to make an appointment to see her.

4-H Academy is March 10th!
Mark your calendar for this fun event! 4-H Academy is open to 4-Hers of all ages. It is a multi-tract class session day filled classes to learn a new craft, skill, or knowledge in your project.

This event will be at Faith Fellowship Church, 6251 NW Newberry Hill Rd, Silverdale. Registration will go live on February 5th. Links to register will be posted on Facebook and the 4-H WSU Extension website, http://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/youth/

If you would like to teach a class please email Kelly Sciarrotta at kellysciarrotta@yahoo.com.

4-H joins with Joann Stores to Spread Love and Grow Local 4-H Programs with Paper Clover Campaign in February!

Kick Off is February 3rd at Silverdale and Port Orchard JoAnn stores from 11am - 2pm.

Stop in and make a Valentine card for a veteran in our community and purchase your own Paper Clover!
Introducing Kitsap County’s Two New 4-H Clubs

**Agate of Kitsap and Kitsap Adventures Club**

Welcome **Agate of Kitsap Club** Leader, Carrie Thompson! Carrie has been involved with Market and 4-H programs in Kitsap County since 2012. Carrie got started in raising livestock back in her home town of Zapata, Texas. She has been raising rabbits for over 25 years. She grew up keeping chickens and being a volunteer at the local wildlife rescue. She has been showing in ARBA show for 14+ years. She currently raises rabbits, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and now has Shetland sheep. Carrie enjoys sharing her knowledge to those who wish to learn.

Agate of Kitsap 4-H Club meets in Mason County at the Agate Grange. Their 4-H Projects are rabbits, poultry, sheep, self-determined art, and self-determined citizenship with more to come.

For more club information, email Carrie at silverwolfrabbitry@gmail.com. Agate of Kitsap is open for Enrollment on 4honline.

Thank you, Carrie for your leadership of this new club!!

Welcome **Kitsap Adventures Club** Leaders, Becky Kahlvick and Alex Dunbar! Kitsap Adventures Club has projects in hiking and fishing with a focus on environmental learning.

Becky says she is “happiest in the forest and mountains and would love to share her love of hiking”. Alex will be leading the fishing project, providing opportunities to learn about fish, their habitat, and fishing skills.

Kitsap Adventurers Club is open for enrollment! Junior or younger must have parent participation.

Kitsap Adventures Club meets at the Clear Creek Community Club, 12641 Clear Creek Rd NW, Silverdale. The meeting will be February, 23rd at 6:00pm.

Thank you Becky and Alex for your leadership of this new club!

Flaming Arrows 4-H Archery Club

The youth in Flaming Arrows 4-H Archery Club made 250 arrows in January! Club members use up to three arrows on regular shoot nights and more during tournaments. In order have the essential number of arrows, the club came together, each picking arrow shaft materials, colors of fletching and chest paint and worked on making arrows over two Saturdays. While there are many steps involved in the process members made from 3 up to 12 arrows. Below are a few pictures from the two days.

Flaming Arrows 4-H members hard at work!

Do you like to play with Legos?

Kitsap County 4-H is hosting a Lego Robotics Competition in the spring and we are looking for outstanding people to lead a 4-H Robotics Club or project! Robotics teams can range from 4-8 youth. Materials and training can be provided to leaders and youth. For more information or to get started contact Sheila by phone at 360-337-7157, ext. #6268 or email at sheila.jernigan@wsu.edu.
Kitsap County Fair and Stampede Planning is Under Way

ATTENTION FAIR “SUPERS”

If you were a Fair Superintendent last year, are you planning to be a “Super” this year? Please send an email to Elisabeth at elisabeth.nilsson@wsu.edu to let us know if you plan to return (or not).

Fair Superintendent’s meetings have started. Next meeting date is Thursday March 8th at 6:00 pm at the Eagle’s Nest.

Join thousands of 4-H youth from across the nation at JOANN stores on Saturday, February 3, 11am - 2pm to participate in the Service Day and help make custom Valentine’s Day cards. The cards made in Kitsap stores will be given to local veteran’s homes.

Throughout the month of February, the 4-H Paper Clover campaign will be available in 865 stores located in 49 states. Shoppers at any of JOANN stores located in Kitsap will have the opportunity to support 4-H by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a $1 or $4 at the checkout. A coupon for $4 off your next purchase will be given for each $4.00 donation made.

JOANN stores are located in Port Orchard and Silverdale. Stop by your local JOANN store to participate in the Service Day event on February 3 or anytime between February 1-28 to support 4-H and purchase a Paper Clover.

All 4-H Clubs are welcome to come and volunteer during this fun event on Feb. 3rd. If you are interested please email Sheila.jernigan@wsu.edu. Invite all your friends and family to join the fun too!

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Volunteer News

Lost at Sea 4-H Summer Camp
June 24-28 ~ Cost: $180

Mark your calendar for 4-H Summer Camp! Registration will be coming soon! 4-H camp is held at Panhandle Camp near Shelton, WA. Eligible campers are Juniors to age 16. (Juniors are 8 years of age on Oct. 1 of current 4-H year). Scholarships are available upon request.

Adult Volunteers Needed:
Head Cook
Assistant Cooks
Nurse
Craft Director

Are You Still Missing Your Fair Check?

If you have not received your County Premium check please go to the Fair Office in the Eagle’s Nest building and fill out a lost check form to get the check reissued. All checks were sent out before the end of 2017. If you have any questions email Elisabeth.nilsson@wsu.edu.

Lost at Sea 4-H Summer Camp

Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H.

Sign up at:
http://www.joann.com/4-h-form/

Every purchase, Every day Supports 4-H!
Calling All 4-H Teens…
For Awesome Opportunities in Kitsap!

**4-H Teen Intern:**
How would you like to get on the job training? We are looking for an intern to work two days a week in the 4-H office. Intern will assist with organizing, inventorying, and cataloguing 4-H materials and assist with creating various marketing materials.

Skills needed: Basic knowledge of computer programs, organizational skills, professional etiquette and ability to easily interact with the public.

You will be provided with training and hands on experience that will help build your resume.

For more information and a complete job description please contact Joy at 360-337-7157, ext. #6266 or by email at joy.lile@wsu.edu.

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**Senior Scholarship Opportunities Now Open**

Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer a number of different scholarships. Current and former Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply. Applicants must have accumulated at least two years of 4-H affiliation. Previous recipients are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be a senior attending an accredited two or four year college or university in the fall. Deadline is March 15th at 9:59pm. For more information go to http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/.

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**4-H & Beyond Teen Club**

Join us for fun teen interaction and meet other teens from across Kitsap County! You will build strong friendships as we expand our communication, leadership and citizenship skills through hands on tasks and team building activities. The fun doesn’t stop there… Occasionally we go on adventures in the community and beyond! To find out more come be apart of 4-H & Beyond Teen Club!

4-H&B meets at the Fleet Reserve Building, 11281 Old Frontier, Silverdale on the 2nd Friday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. The next meeting is February 9th. We will celebrate Valentine’s with an activity you will love!! For more information contact Sheila by phone at 843-822-2722 or by email at sheila.jernigan@wsu.edu.

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**T.A.G. - Come check out Teen Action Group!**

Hey!! Are you a teen interested in challenges? Expanding your leadership skills? How about learning how to make stronger teams of youth working together? We are looking for youth between the ages 12 and up (4-H and non-4H). We are re-starting the Teen Action Group (TAG).

This is a Positive Youth Adult partnership. This is Leadership Project group. We will focus on teaching leadership to the teens and working on team building. This group is for teens 12 to 19. Parents are welcomed.

We will be meeting the first Friday of each month. In this first meeting we’ll be setting ground rules for our meetings and projects, goals for the group and deciding on community service projects.

Next meeting will be at Fire Station #56 Seabeck Holly, off Newberry Hill, Feb 2nd from 6PM to 8PM.

Shannon Cass and Corrina Coan will be leading this group. Any questions you can call or text me at 360-340-4129 days or 360-649-3607 after 5:00pm.
National 4-H Conference  April 7th-12th
National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world. For more information, go to https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/

Citizenship Washington Focus
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. Go to https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/ to register for CWF

Every summer, high school students from across the country travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), 4-H’s premier leadership and citizenship program for high school students. CWF is more than a Washington, D.C. field trip – it’s an opportunity for 4-H’ers to learn how to be citizen leaders and make a difference in their communities.

Last Chance…
Teens you could win a $25 Gift Card to AMAZON!
Be a part of the 2017 WA State 4-H Teen Program Survey and use your voice to shape the future of 4-H Teen Programs! Share your experiences in 4-H as a teen and give us feedback to help plan future programs.

HOST an international youth delegate and bring the riches of the world to your home!

Be a part of 4-H on a global level and host a Costa Rican, Japanese, or South Korean youth in Summer 2018 through States’ 4-H International.

Hosting periods are around 4 weeks between June and August.

For more information please visit: http://www.states4hexchange.org/ or contact Dianna Ullery 360-867-2153 or dianna.ullery@wsu.edu.

We need YOUR Help
In Taking the: Washington State 4-H Teen Program Survey!!!

Youth Participation:
During the next several months, your State Ambassadors and 4-H Volunteers will be asking all 4-H Teens ages 12-19, to complete a survey on current Teen Opportunities. This survey will help us determine what you, the YOUTH, want and how you see the program moving forward. Upon completion of the survey, your name will be entered in a drawing for a $25 Amazon gift card!

For More Information:
Please feel free to contact: Joy Lile at email: joy.lile@wsu.edu or phone: 360-337-5635

https://tinyurl.com/WA4HTeenSurvey2017
Upcoming 4-H Events

Horse Bowl Practice
Location: Tractor Supply
Time: 6:00 - 7:45pm
Dates:
February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th
April 14th - County Contest
This event is open to all levels of 4-H, however, only intermediates and seniors can complete at County and State contests.

4-H Public Presentations
March 23rd & 24th
Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church
18561 9th Ave. NE
Poulsbo, Washington
Watch for registration sign ups to come out soon!

Kitsap County 4-H KYG Fundraiser
Help Support Kitsap County 4-H Teens Attending the KYG Conference In Olympia, WA
Sunday March 18th, 2018
Applebee’s FlapJack Breakfast Fundraiser
Silverdale, Washington
Breakfast tickets cost $10.00
Breakfast includes:
Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Bacon or Sausage, and Milk, Juice or Coffee
ENJOY A SHORT STACK FOR A TALL CAUSE.

Dates to Remember:
February 2 — TAG (Teen Action Group)
February 3 — Paper Clover Kick Off at Joann Stores in Port Orchard & Silverdale
11:00am - 2:00pm
February 3 — Horse Bowl Practice
February 5 — 4-H Academy Registration Goes Live!
February 7 — 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm
February 9 — 4-H & Beyond Teen Club
March 10 — 4-H Academy
March 15 — 4-H Scholarships Due
March 18 — KYG Flapjack Fundraiser
March 23 & 24 — Public Presentations
Information about each event can be found in the newsletter!