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Your SUPPORT is needed and greatly appreciated at any of the 4-H meetings and events. Please try to send at least one representative from your club.

- **HORSE COUNCIL MEETING.** The Horse Council meeting will be Monday, November 11, 7:00 pm, First Street Conference Room, 2223 N 1st Street.
- **ANNUAL LEADER LUNCHEON.** The Annual Leaders Luncheon Awards Night will be November 16, 12:00 pm, WSU Extension conference room, Leader meeting before luncheon at 10:00 am.
- **WSJHS MEETING** and elections of officers Monday, November 18, 7:00 pm at First Street Conference Room, 2223 N 1st Street.
- **EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED.** Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day), Thursday-Friday, November 28-29 (Thanksgiving holiday).

4-H ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE

Congratulations to Hillbilly Hogs, Black Rock Wranglers and Country Kidz for being the first to get their packets in and following the checklist for a complete enrollment packet!

All club 4-H enrollments are due. Make sure you complete all the necessary information for your members and leaders. Please follow the checklist in your enrollment packet and return all the necessary forms along with your assessment fee. Annual Financial Summaries are also due with your 4-H enrollments. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office.

WORKSHOP SATURDAY

Workshop Saturday is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2013, 9:00 am-12:00 pm and held at Davis High School in Yakima.

Plans are being made for the workshops now. We need the input from leaders, especially the new leaders, of your ideas, needs or what you would like to be on the schedule. Please let Diane Jones know before December 20, so she can schedule it into the program.

New leader training will be scheduled. The bullying/harassment and discrimination/prevention training must be taken by all leaders and adults working with our members and will be offered at this time. The Shooting Sports program information and working with Record Books are tentatively scheduled.

Please mark this day on your calendar, more information to come out in the December newsletter. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the workshop, please call Diane 966-9336 evenings, 833-3175 days.

COUNTY NEWS**ANNUAL LEADERS' MEETING AND RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

The Annual Leaders' Meeting and Luncheon will be held **Saturday, November 16, 2013** at the Extension office conference room, 2403 S 18th Street, Union Gap. The annual meeting will start at 10:00 am. Annual reports will be given and election of officers will be held. All Club Leaders and Project Leaders are invited to attend the meeting.

All Honorary Leaders are invited to the Honorary Leaders' meeting at 11:00 am.

The Recognition Awards Luncheon will be at noon and is sponsored by Pacific Power & Light and WSU Yakima County Extension. During the luncheon a silent auction will be held, giving you time to bid on your favorite items. See you at the luncheon November 16 at noon!

VALUE OF VOLUNTEERISM

So what's the value, in dollars terms, of a volunteer in America? Independent Sector announces that the estimate for the value of a volunteer hour has reached \$22.69 per hour in 2012.

Obviously, no number can adequately capture the true value that volunteers bring to the 4-H Program nor can it measure the enrichment of their services in young lives. However, as we continue to strive to measure the impacts of the work we are committed to the quantified measure of the input of volunteers can be very helpful.

In 2013 – 4,374 volunteers reported 356,884 hours. Approximately 81.5 hours per volunteer!

Yakima County had 444 volunteer hours in 2013. Seven volunteers out of 188 reported hours.

REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

The new 4-H year has begun and what better time to start tracking your Volunteer Hours!

To report Volunteer Hours, go to the Volunteer database <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>. Select "Volunteers", Login in using your assigned User Name and your password. If you do not know your user name or password, please contact the Extension office. Select "Enter Activity" and complete the necessary fields, and "Save".

If you do not have access to a computer, or having problems logging in, please fax your hours and information to Bonnie 574-1601. Information should include the date the Volunteer hours were done, how many hours, and what activity was performed. Activities such as Club/County 4-H Event, Help at Fair (setting up displays, judging entries), Deliver and prepare for Educational training, Office/Support Work, driving 4-H members to events, etc can be counted for Volunteer Hours.

The challenge is on – Who will be the 2014 "Volunteer of the Year"?



FAIR NEWS

CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK 2014 SHOW SCHEDULE

Below are the dates and deadlines for the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, May 4-7, 2014. For more information contact Ken Stroud 877-5776.

Jan 5 – 1:00-3:00 pm, Mandatory beef pre-tag and weigh-in, Toppenish livestock sales yard, Contact Barb Bailey 874-2593

Jan 16 – 7:00 PM, Show meeting, show office

Feb 20 – 7:00 PM, Show meeting, show office

Feb 28 – Preliminary Entry Deadline

Mar 20 – 7:00 PM, Show meeting, show office
Required meeting to pick up final entry packets

Apr 10 – FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE

Apr 17 – 7:00 PM, Show meeting, show office

Apr 26 – 9:00 AM, 4-H/FFA & parent help needed for clean-up day, Toppenish Show Grounds

May 4-7 – CENTRAL WA JR LIVESTOCK SHOW

May 4 – Animals must be weighed in, Record books are due in office between 11:00am-3:00 pm, Health record forms & country of origin declaration must be turned in at weigh in or you will be sent out of line to return with it completed.

May 7 – 9:00 AM, Sale Day

May 8 – After show clean-up day. 4-H/FFA and parents are needed to help out.

May 15 – 7:00 PM, Post show meeting, show office

June-Jan – No scheduled meetings

PROJECT NEWS

EARLY BIRD CLUB LAMB AUCTION EARLY TO MID FEBRUARY - 2014

M & K Show Lambs and Golob Farms are going to put together an early club lamb auction to help kids get quality lambs that will be ready for the early May livestock shows. There will be 20-30 top quality lambs that will have been lambbed in October-November.

To see pictures of our lambs go to www.golobfarm.info.

Auction site – Central WA Jr Livestock Show Fairgrounds - 500 S. Division Street Toppenish. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please e-mail josh@golobfarm.info.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP TIMELINES

4-H members need to be enrolled and their animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Rabbits and Poultry – 45 days	Cavies – 45 days
Dogs – 60 days	Cats – 60 days
Goat – 60 days	Llama – 90 days
Sheep and Swine (breeding & Market) – 60 days	
Equine – 90 days	

Dairy–90 days, Dairy Heifer Replacement– 60 days
Market Beef – 120 days, Breeding Beef – 90 days

Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods.

WORKING WITH LARGE ANIMALS

Young members working around horses, cattle, sheep, emu, llama, etc should be aware of possible hazards when working with large animals.

Adults should check working area for hazards to 4-H member or animal. Does the member have an escape route? Has the member been trained on lifting techniques? Does the member know about the animal's behavior?

The main hazards can be caused from animal movements, kicks and bites can cause injury. Weight of feed sacks or hay bales can cause strain on muscles. Does the child understand the behavior of the animal they are working with? Do they feel comfortable around this animal? Some large animals are more aggressive than others and give warning signs of distressed. Some warning signs of horses, llamas, and emus are pinning their ears back or try to kick at you; cattle may put their head down and paw at the ground or butt you with their head; sheep and goats may try to run or jump away and cause injury.

Things to remember: wearing proper gear can eliminate hazards. Steel-toed shoes or boots with non-skid soles, learn proper lifting techniques of heavy objects. Wearing gloves and good handwashing after working with animals helps prevent spreading of germs.

EVERY TIME... EVERY RIDE...

Everyone should wear protected headgear when preparing to mount or when mounted on a horse. Experience, training and the quietest horse in the world are no guarantee of safety. It's the height that puts the rider at risk – sometimes fatal risk. A rider's unprotected head can receive over 1000 G's of force in ANY fall, at ANY speed –

simply because the fall begins from the top of a horse or pony. Today's energy absorbing, SEI* certified helmets can reduce the force to minimize or prevent injury.

Every Time... Every Ride... is a 20 minute, educational video that demonstrates the need for SEI* protective headgear. Interviews blended together with excellent footage of horses in a wide variety of sports how the benefits of wearing the proper helmet-as well as the unfortunate consequences of riding without one.

This video is available for purchase through the WA State 4-H Foundation, Puyallup, 206-840-4570.

STATE NEWS

2014 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

The 2014 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest entries are due **February 1, 2014**. This year's topic is "Beekeeping in Colonial Times." To the earliest European settlers in the New World, honey bees were an important part of their existence. Cargo manifests show that honey bees were among the first shipments of animals. How were they shipped? Why were they important? Why were they so important to the colonists? How does that differ from today?

Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only.. Requirements: Write on the designated subject only, all factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical style endnotes, a brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date-of-birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number must accompany the essay. The essay should be 500 to 1000 words, not include the endnotes. Prepare your essays double-space, 12 pt. Times or similar type style.

Prizes for the top three national winners, provided by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, are \$750, \$500, and \$250. Each state winner will receive an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

For more information see the [complete rules](#), visit the Foundation website: <http://honeybeepreservation.org/category/essay-contest/> or contact the State 4-H Office at 205-445-4550. Essays should be forwarded to the State 4-H office at Williamsl@wsu.edu by February 1, 2014.



TEEN NEWS

2014 4-H KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

"Lobbying Change: How a Bill Becomes a Law", the 2014 Know Your Government Conference is February 15-18 in Olympia.

If you are interested in the Know Your Government Conference and program, please contact Leanne Logozzo llogozzo@hotmail.com or Barbara Harrer 848-2883. There will be an orientation meeting and four workshop meetings.

There will be more information on meeting dates, times, and schedules in the upcoming Focus Newsletters or our Yakima County 4-H Facebook page: www.facebook.com/yakimacounty4h.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE AG STUDENTS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Please be advised that the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) is again offering its William C. Berg Academic Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship thanks to the sponsorship of BASF Corporation.

Five (5) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships are available to students entering at least their second undergraduate year (or any year of graduate school) pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agricultural, agribusiness, or an AG-vocation field.

Applicants or a parent/guardian must be a member of the NCGA. Funds are for the 2014-2015 school year. Past scholarship winners and employees and the families of employees of any division of BASF or their subsidiaries or the NCGA are not eligible for the scholarship.

Applications must be postmarked on or before December 13, 2013.

Rules, requirements and more information along with a downloadable application are available at: <http://www.ncga.com/topics/college-scholarships>

The NCGA-BASF college scholarship program has been named in honor of Ohio farmer William C. Berg. A retired postal worker and farmer for more than 40 years, Bill served in various positions for both the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association and the National Corn Growers Association. He served as a judge for the NCGA-BASF scholarship program for its first five years and recommended many important adjustments to it that have ensured its continued success and enhanced the experience of the scholarship recipients. Bill passed away unexpectedly in 2012

and NCGA and Ohio Corn wished to honor his legacy. Program recipients can be proud to receive a scholarship honoring this staunch supporter of modern American agriculture.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, Joe Hodes, Marketing Manager, National Corn Growers Association hodes@ncga.com, 636-733-9004 x137, 636-733-9005 (fax).

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

The National Youth Summit is a series of national conferences for high school students, both 4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers. Participating students advance their skills in specific subject areas, visit related organizations in D.C., meet and interact with mentors, and explore potential career opportunities.

All students and their adult chaperones will prepare to become Champions of Agri-Science, Robotics or Healthy Living, and will be taught how to re-teach this material to their peers and their community.

Register TODAY!

National Youth Summit on Healthy Living

January 9 - 12, 2014, Washington, D.C.

National Youth Summit on Agri-Science

January 16 - 20, 2014, Washington, D.C.

National Youth Summit on Robotics

February 13 - 17, 2014, Washington, D.C.

Sponsors have helped reduce the cost of registration by \$200. Registration includes conference sessions, hotel lodging, meals, and transportation to/from D.C. sites. Payment method is a frequently asked question. *We do accept checks for Summit registration.*

Fundraising Ideas:

- Ask companies and local businesses face-to-face or with written letters and emails; some groups have approached their local Farm Bureau or related-organization
- Website pledges for individual or company donations
- Silent auction, bake sale, wreath sale
- Holiday gift wrapping service
- Pursue local or regional grants

Please let me know if I can provide you with any tools or information to encourage teams to participate in the Summits. **Early bird registration has been extended until 11/15/2013.** Please feel free to contact our team at: info@nationalyouthsummit.org.

WASHINGTON CATTLE WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

Washington Cattle Women sponsor and provide a \$2,500 scholarship to an enthusiastic and ambitious student, age 17-20, that is passionate about the beef community and representing farmers and ranchers through consumer promotions, educational outreach, and media interviews. Competition for the 2014 Washington Beef Ambassador will be held on November 15, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, WA (must be present). For more information, contact Amber at wabeefambassador@gmail.com no later than November 6, 2013. - Jeannie Kiehn

RESOURCES:

State 4-H Website:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/>

Yakima County WSU Extension Website:
<http://county.wsu.edu/yakima/Pages/default.aspx>

Yakima County 4-H Websites:
<http://county.wsu.edu/Yakima/Youth/Pages/default.aspx>
<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>

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Alison White
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2013

- 5 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Application deadline to submit application to County 4-H staff member <http://spirit.prudential.com>
- 6 RSVP for Leader Luncheon Award Night,
- 11 Veteran's Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Office Closed
- 11 7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room (Old Pizza Hut) Kim Lansing 539-0247
- 12 6:30 PM, Shooting Sports-Archery meeting, WSU Extension Conference Room
- 14 7:00 PM, WV Fair Meeting, Fire Station Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 16 10:00 AM, Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Conference Room, Union Gap Jenny Loyd 574-1600
- 16 11:00 AM, Honorary Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Conference Room, Union Gap
- 16 12:00 PM, Yakima County Leaders' Recognition Luncheon, WSU Conf. Room, Union Gap Jenny Loyd 574-1600
- 18 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg., Livestock office, fairgrounds Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Office Closed

DECEMBER 2013

- 1 4-H Enrollment Packets Due to Extension office Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
- 10 6:30 PM, Shooting Sports-Archery meeting, WSU Extension Conference Room
- 12 7:00 PM, WV Fair Meeting, Fire Station Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 16 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg., Livestock office, fairgrounds Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 25 Christmas Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Closed

JANUARY 2014

- 1 New Year's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 5 1:00-3:00 PM, MANDATORY Pre-Tag & Weigh Day for CWJLS show steers, Toppenish Livestock Sales Yard Barb Bailey 874-2593
- 20 Martin Lutheran King Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

FEBRUARY 2014

- 15-18 Know Your Government Conference, Olympia Jenny Loyd 574-1600

Yakima County 4-H Club Spotlight

November 2013

Harrah Humdingers

The Harrah Humdingers are primarily a community service oriented and home economics club. The members organize several yearly events that take place in the Harrah Community including, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Night Out Against Crime, Annual Bicycle Rodeo, Annual Candy Sacking at the Union Gospel Mission. This year they also organized a three day summer day camp with different themes and fun learning activities. Mrs. Harrer commented, "I think it is important to teach kids how to give back to the community and maintain a good environment."

The younger members commented to Mrs. Harrer that they enjoyed the baking projects and crafts that they did in preparation for the fair. As an older member Beth Johnston-Newman said she enjoys being a positive role model for the younger members and offering encouragement in the various projects they pursue.

The next community service project that the Humdingers will be participating in will be The Annual Candy Sacking for the Union Gospel Mission.

By: Theresa Barney,
4-H Outreach Intern