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**YOUTH MEMBER NEEDED FOR GRANGE PRESENTATION**

On April 13, the Tri-Pomona Grange is having a meeting and they have requested a youth to speak briefly about the "History of 4-H and Connections with the Grange". The presentation would be brief, only 10-15 minutes. The Washington State Grange has long been a supporter of 4-H by funding leader pins and supplies for the Annual Awards Celebration. If you have a youth who is interested in speaking, please contact Jenny or Bonnie at 574-1600. Jenny has information about 4-H history and Grange connection to be used for the presentation. We look forward to hearing from you.

**LEADER VOLUNTEER NEWS****WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H E-FORUM SESSION**

Oregon 4-H is hosting the 2015 Forum and presenting the first-ever Western Regional 4-H Forum via technology. Billed as an E-Forum, volunteers, staff, and interested community members will have the opportunity to participate in evening sessions (6:30-8:00 pm). Please RSVP to the Extension office by Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 PM to insure enough handouts.

**Thursday, February 12, "Widening the Circle: Special Connections"** – How to work with youth with special needs, featuring Temple Grandin – Colorado State University as she talks about her experience learning with autism. Then, with the help of an instructor from *Kids Included Together* (KIT), we will practice skills and gain confidence in working beside 4-H youth who have special needs, such as physical, social, or learning disabilities. Understand strategies to recruit and engage youth with various levels of ability. Learn how to adapt 4-H activities and make accommodation for youth with special needs.

At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify ideas and strategies to be successful in recruiting youth with various levels of abilities; model inclusive behavior; identify techniques and resources for accommodating youth with special needs; and, include young people not currently served effectively by the 4-H program.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session – Save the Date!** Monday, March 2, "Youth Connecting in Your Community" – Community service ideas and support for youth and leaders.

Visit <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015> to learn more about the topics! All leaders are invited to the Yakima County Extension Office on these dates to participate in the e-sessions!

**SPORTSMANSHIP MOTTO:** "Keep your head when you win and your heart when you lose."

**SAVE THE DATES!**

- ✿ February 9, 7:00 pm, 4-H "TOP OF THE CROP" Recognition Night, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room Building, (Old

Pizza Hut) 1<sup>st</sup> & Lincoln.

- ✿ February 12, 6:30pm-8:00 pm, 4-H E-Forum Webinar Session, WSU Conference Room
- ✿ February 23, 6:00 pm, County Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Conference Room.
- ✿ February 28, CWJLS Preliminary Animal Entry Deadline, Central WA Jr Livestock Show

**WELCOME BABY JOSEPHINE MARIE WHITE!**

Baby Josie was born Friday, January 16 at 9:03 am.  
8 lbs and 20.25 inches long.

Congratulations to Alison and Kevin White!



### FAIR JUDGES' TRAINING OFFERED

Fair judges training offered on March 7 at, Almendinger Center, WSU Puyallup for potential fair judges in a variety of disciplines (baked foods, photography, preserved foods, quilting, public presentations, kitchen food activities, needle arts, and plant science – open to new or experienced judges. The registration deadline is February 25. Attendees may choose up to three different workshops of the eight disciplines offered between 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, depending on which workshop you are attending. Lunch is included. For more information and registration information see the [event flyer](#).



### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

Northwest 4-H Shooting Sports "Double Discipline" Leader Training, April 25-26, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Receive certification for two disciplines in a single weekend! Training Disciplines offered: Archery, hunting, pistol (handgun), rifle, and shotgun. Minimum of 6 participants needed per discipline for that option to be held. Registration is \$60.00 per participant for one discipline certification or \$95.00 per participant for two discipline certifications (includes facilities, instructors, lunch, refreshments and printed materials). Registration must be received by Friday, April 3, 5:00 pm to Jim Wilson, 1808 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, (208) 446-1680, [jwilson@uidaho.edu](mailto:jwilson@uidaho.edu). Registration forms are available in the Extension office and on our 4-H website <http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/>.

### VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING

Volunteers, please remember to report your volunteer hours on the Volunteer Hours database at <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/default.aspx>. Your user name will be your last name with first initial of your first name. The password is password!. Make sure the exclamation mark is on the end of password. You can change your user name and password after you log into the volunteer database.

If you experience problems reporting your hours, please send the following information: Location of activity, what the activity was, date of activity, start and end time of activity to Bonnie at [Yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4h@wsu.edu), to input the hours for you.

Washington State law requires that all volunteers working in support of WSU programs are covered by worker compensation insurance. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industry uses the dates and number of hours that volunteers work to determine the amount of insurance that must be purchased to adequately cover our volunteers. To be in compliance with state law, WSU Extension has developed an online tool to facilitate collection and analysis of volunteer contributions.

## IRS TAX QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO 4-H

When are contributions tax deductible? Contributions to 4-H are tax deductible if they follow the proper guidelines. If someone donates \$100.00 and does not receive anything in return, the \$100.00 is deductible. However, buying things to support 4-H is not normally a donation.

If a person buys an item at a 4-H auction, it is not deductible unless they clearly pay more than what the item is worth (fair market value), and then, only the same amount over the fair market value is deductible, even if payment is voluntary and/or if the individual isn't present for the event. Example, you purchase an item at an 4-H fundraiser or auction, the item is fair market valued at \$50.00 and you pay \$75.00. Only \$25.00 of that donation is tax deductible.

How does the club show proof of their tax deductible status? Provide a copy of the IRS ruling letter which appears in the *4-H Leader's Guide to Handling Funds* in the 4-H Youth Development Program, C1059E, or copy of your non-profit EIN letter from the IRS.

Are out of pocket expenses by volunteers deductible? Expenses are deductible if directly related to their duties as a 4-H volunteer (e.g., fees, materials, awards, travel expenses, and consumed supplies). The volunteer cannot receive reimbursement for their time. If expenses are not directly related to the duties of the 4-H volunteer, they are not deductible. For example, the cost of hiring a baby-sitter to allow an individual the time to volunteer for 4-H is not deductible.

Does the 4-H club have to send donors special receipts for each donation? The IRS requires donors to have "written substantiation" of any donation of \$250.00 or more. A canceled check is not considered adequate proof. Even though the donor has the obligation to request a form, it just makes good sense that we don't make a donor ask? Donors will feel better if we send them acknowledgement of their gifts, no matter what the amount. Send a Thank you note as well.

Does each club need an EIN? Each club that will be handling funds should have an EIN number and club treasury. A family club/group is a club/group that does not accept members not in their immediate family. For that reason, family clubs/groups are not eligible for tax-exempt status and should not apply for an individual tax-exempt number (Employer Identification Number – EIN, Form SS-4).

Fundraising. Remember the money raised by 4-H must be spent on 4-H. It is illegal to raise money in the name of 4-H and then use it for other purposes. 4-H funds are not for personal financial gain. Funds should be raised for specific purposes. Clubs/groups should raise their funds through their own efforts. For

example, a club needs a new sewing machine and will cost \$75.00. Their fundraising budget/request should state that they are raising funds to purchase a new machine, or they are raising funds to financial support their club's expenses for publications, fair entry fees, etc. Lotteries and raffles have legal restrictions. Check with your 4-H office before planning a raffle or lottery.

When a club is dissolved, there are special IRS rules that must be followed. The IRS states your money must be transferred to a like organization (your County 4-H Leaders Council). The money and equipment **cannot** be given to club/group members. Check with the County Extension office for further instructions for dispersing of funds and equipment.

**EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS – 501(c)(3)**

To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may financially benefit private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

The exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3) are charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and preventing cruelty to children or animals. The term *charitable* is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; erecting or maintaining public buildings, monuments, or works; lessening the burdens of government; lessening neighborhood tensions; eliminating prejudice and discrimination; defending human and civil rights secured by law; and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170.

The organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, and no part of a section 501(c)(3) organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. If the organization engages in an excess benefit transaction with a person having substantial influence over the organization, an excise tax may be imposed on the person and any organization managers agreeing to the transaction.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations are restricted in how much political and legislative (*lobbying*) activities they may conduct. For a detailed discussion, see Political and Lobbying Activities. For more information about lobbying activities by charities, see the article Lobbying Issues; for more information about political activities of charities, see the FY-2002 CPE topic Election Year Issues.

**CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Each club is required to have 4-H Club Constitutions and By-Laws established to follow the State 4-H policies. To promote and provide guidelines and policies for Jefferson County in cooperation with Washington State University Extension and National 4H guidelines and policies designed for the 4-H program. If you haven't done your club's Constitutions and By-Laws yet, your next meeting could be a great time to start. If you need the generic fill in the blank form, please contact Bonnie at the Extension office.

**PROJECT NEWS**

**ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & OWNERSHIP**

1. The use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substances will not be tolerated in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development program. Extension personnel, 4-H volunteers, families, youth and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances and to report those who do use any illegal substances. The administration of any drug or medication which could affect an animal's disposition or performance resulting in an unfair advantage is unacceptable. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the nation's food supply.
2. 4-H members in Washington State need not own their 4-H project animals. Members may lease a market animal if it is not to be sold at a junior livestock auction.
3. Animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following period of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Market Beef.....	120 days
Breeding Beef .....	90 days
Equine .....	90 days
Llama.....	90 days
Dairy (except replacement heifers) ...	90 days
Dairy replacement heifers .....	60 days
Dairy goats .....	60 days
Sheep & Swine (breeding & market) .	60 days
Cats .....	60 days
Dogs .....	60 days
Cavies .....	45 days
Rabbits & Poultry .....	45 days

4. Showing horned cattle:
  - Market Steers:** must be polled or dehorned; healed or re-growth must not extend more than two inches from the hairline.



**Breeding Beef:** animals with horns must have standard safeguards on the horn tips; dehorning is encouraged as a management practice.

**No dairy animals** with horns are permitted except in the Junior Heifer Calf class. The definition of horns includes “scurs”, “nubbing” or “stubs” that extend more than one-inch beyond the skin.

No unaltered male livestock (beef, sheep, goat, swine, dairy, equine) may be exhibited except beef bulls born in the current 4-H club year and rams under 24-months of age.

**If your club is showing at the Central WA JR Livestock Show, May 3-6, your club SHOULD BE COMPLETELY ENROLLED AND CLUB ASSESSMENTS FEES PAID** for the members to be eligible to show market beef, swine or sheep at the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show. If you have questions or concerns, about members' enrollment and eligibility for CWJLS, please contact Bonnie at the Extension office 574-1600, [Yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4h@wsu.edu).

#### ANIMAL SCIENCE YAKIMA COUNTY 4-H AND FFA PROJECTS

Agriculture Education/FFA and the 4-H Youth Development Programs in Washington State exist to promote the maximum personal development of participants. To achieve this and avoid program duplication, guiding principles must be understood and used by all professional leaders.

1. Agriculture Education teachers should encourage students to enroll or re-enroll in the 4-H program.
2. County Extension agents and adult volunteer leaders should encourage members to enroll in Agriculture Education classes available in local secondary schools and to become members of the Washington FFA Association.
3. A member may participate in all judging or bowl division activities in FFA and 4-H unless contests are held simultaneously. Then, the member must choose one.

4. Youth who are enrolled in both 4-H and FFA will not carry or exhibit the same enterprise or project during the same program year (October 1 through September 30). Different enterprises and projects will be defined as specifically as possible. Yakima County 4-H Leader's Council has defined “Project” as the following: “...*These are examples of different enterprises or projects: beef breeding, beef marketing, sheep breeding, sheep marketing, swine breeding, swine marketing, production dairy cow, dairy heifer and calf, poultry breeding, poultry marketing, horse breeding and production, horse performance, vegetable gardening, container gardening, home horticulture, etc. Refer to the appropriate names of enterprises or projects used by both organizations...*” Members cannot exhibit the same project or individual animal in both FFA and 4-H divisions during one program year. Project

records that inventory project or enterprise must accompany each article or animal when it is entered at an exhibit or fair. – Taken from the MOA between 4-H and FFA



#### WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY

The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 6, 2015 from 8:30 am until 5:15 pm at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. The educational seminar is designed for progressive pork producers and stakeholders. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board, and Washington State University Extension.

The Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest Swine Producers. This year's program will feature a one-day shortened version of the WSU Pork 300 short-course that was offered in the summer of 2013. WSU PORK 300 is an intense three-day, hands-on workshop held on the WSU Campus. The class has been recognized by industry leaders and producers as a highly educational program for producers and industry stakeholders of all sizes and market types. The condensed program, WSU PORK 200, to be offered during Swine Information Day on February 6 will focus on live animal evaluation, carcass estimation, economics of pork pricing, pork carcass fabrication, and retail cut identification. The program will focus on teaching producers and marketers how to produce and market quality pigs and pork products.

The day will also feature Dr. Tim Safranski, State Extension Swine Breeding Specialist from the University of Missouri. Dr. Safranski will present on swine reproduction for small pig producers concerning artificial insemination and farrowing management.

Registration for the day's event is \$30.00 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, \$15.00, is also available to 4-H/FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10.00. Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals. A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at [www.animalag.wsu.edu](http://www.animalag.wsu.edu), under “Upcoming Events” or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at [smithsm@wsu.edu](mailto:smithsm@wsu.edu) or 754-2011, Ext 4313. To register with a credit card, go to [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) and enter event number 1112920.

**FAIR AND SHOW NEWS**

**CENTRAL WA JR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE**

Feb. 19, 7:00 pm, Show meeting, show office  
 Feb. 28, Preliminary Entry Deadline  
 Mar 19, 7:00 pm, Mandatory meeting, show office  
 Apr 10, Final Entry Deadline  
 Apr 16, 7:00 pm, Show meeting, show office  
 Apr 25, 9:00 am, Clean up day for fairgrounds, Parents, leaders, members help is needed.  
 May 3-6, Central WA JR Livestock Show  
 May 6 – Market Animal CWJLS sale day  
 May 7, After show clean-up day. 4-H/FFA members, leaders & parents are needed to help.  
 May 21, 7:00 pm, Post show meeting, show office  
 June-Jan – No scheduled meetings.

All meetings will be held at the Toppenish Fairgrounds, show office, 428 South G St, Toppenish at 7:00 pm. Contact Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776.

Please come out and support the 4-H/FFA members who will be showing their animals. You can support members by buying an animal or just donating a certain amount of money by “add on” support.

**“WE LOVE 4-H” EQUI-FAIR**

This year the “We Love 4-H” horse show will include an Equi-Fair at Yakima State Fair Park. Saturday, April 18 is showmanship, trail, working ranch horse, general horsemanship, WAHSET pattern clinics. Sunday, April 19 will be the show. More information will be in the March 4-H Focus, on facebook and the webpage.

There will be lots of activities besides horse events this week-end. For more information contact Kim Lansing 539-0247.

**EQUI-FAIR BOOTHS AVAILABLE**

If your 4-H Club would like to showcase a club activity or promote 4-H at the Equi-Fair on April 18-19 at State Fair Park, please contact Kim Lansing at 539-0247. This will be a fun Equine event where clubs, both horse and non-horse, can allow their members to shine.



**COUNTY NEWS**

**“TOP OF THE CROP” HORSE COUNCIL RECOGNITION NIGHT**

You are cordially invited to a special recognition event to honor participation in horse project’s highest achievements. The Yakima County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Night will be held on Monday, February 9, in the First Street Conference Room, 223 North First Street, Yakima. All horse project family members are welcome. There will be a short meeting starting at 7:00 pm before the event begins. For more information please contact Kim Lansing 539-0247



**4-H EXPRESSIVE ARTS CONTEST GUIDELINES (Poster Contest)**

The Expressive Arts (Poster Contest) gives 4-H members an opportunity to use the visual medium of poster fine art to promote public understanding and support of the 4-H program. 4-H’ers are encouraged to develop their visual communication skills as a means to communicate to the external audience about 4-H.

All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board of 14” by 22” dimensions. They may be horizontal or vertical.

The 4-H member’s name, age, full address, age division, grade in school, leader’s name, club name and a brief artwork interpretive statement **MUST** be affixed to the back of the poster board in the upper left-hand corner.

Examples of posters include illustrations of 4-H youth preparing healthy meals titled “4-H is Good for Me”; A frog leaping across a lily pad titled “Leap for 4-H”; 4-H’ers working with the rocketry curriculum could be titled “Shoot for the Stars”.

The poster contest guidelines are available in the January Focus, 4-H website and in the Extension Office.

Turn your posters in on the following dates for each area:

<b>UV – 2/26/15</b>	<b>CV – 4/8/15</b>	<b>LV 3/10/15</b>
Diane Jones, 833-3175	Barbara Harrer 848-2883 70 N Falen, Harrah	Robin Scott 839-4937 Turn in at Public Presentation night

County Expressive Arts (Poster) – **4/15/15** (Blue Ribbon Winners Only) – Diane Jones 833-3175

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS DATES & GUIDELINES

Member manual #EM4787, *How to Make a 4-H Public Presentation* is available in the Extension Office. The leader manual is EM4788. Registration forms and score sheets are available for download on the 4-H website.



**A. Title:** Choose a short, interesting title that gives a hint of the subject of your demonstration, but doesn't tell the whole story.

**B. Introduction:** A good introduction will get your audience interested in your demonstration.

1. Be sure to introduce yourself.
2. Tell your audience why you want to demonstrate this particular thing.
3. Tell your audience how important it is for them to learn what you are doing and what you are going to demonstrate.
4. If your method will save time and effort, explain how much time and effort can be saved.
5. If your demonstration will show people a way to save money, explain how much they can save by doing it your way.
6. Explain how easy it is to do it this way.
7. Originality is good – use your own creativity. For example, you may want to use a question to begin your demonstration.

**C. Body:** The body is the part of the demonstration in which you tell and show how to do something.

1. Have your steps in a logical order and show all the steps as you tell and show how to do something.
2. In each step tell what you are doing, how you are doing it and why you are doing it.
3. Talk about what you do, rather than do what you talk about.

**D. Summary:** In the summary, review briefly the important parts of your presentation.

1. There are generally two or three main points and you can briefly summarize the details on these points. Don't re-state your entire demonstration.
2. Exhibit your finished product, if you have one.
3. Have recipes, materials or plans available to hand out.
4. Tell where you got your reference material and information.
5. Ask for questions. For example: "This concludes my presentation. Are there any questions?" Be sure to repeat the question before answering.
6. At the conclusion of the question period, thank the audience for their attention.

**E. In a Presentation:**

1. Use your own words and speak clearly.
2. There is no need to memorize your presentations. Cue cards with only key words may be used.
3. Look at the audience and talk to them. Speak in a conversational tone.
4. Let the audience see plainly every step of the demonstration. Be careful not to place things between the audience and you. Have a table beside you on which you keep extra equipment.
5. Tell where you obtained your information.
6. If you don't know the answer to a question, rather than give the wrong answer, you could say that you do not know the answer but you will try and find it.
7. Charts must be neat and should be printed. Use dark lettering that is visible at 20 feet.
8. Display charts only when you are talking about the subject that is on the chart.
9. Dress appropriately for the task you are doing. Always be neat and clean.
10. Avoid chewing gum. It is difficult to speak clearly with gum in your mouth.
11. Be enthusiastic and SMILE!! ☺

Public Presentations are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Upper Valley	Central Valley	Lower Valley
<b>3/16/15</b>	Call Barbara to schedule presentation.	<b>3/10/15</b>
Diane Jones	Barbara Harrer	6:00 pm
Call for appointment	70 N Falen	Robin Scott
833-3175	Harrah, WA 98933	Sunnyside Library
	848-2883	839-4937

### County Contest, 3/20/15 & 3/21/15

March 20, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM & March 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Call to schedule your time – Barbara Harrer 848-2883  
WSU Conference Room, 2403 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Union Gap

### FASHION REVUE

By now clothing members are working hard on their projects in preparation for the Annual Fashion Revue – the big event in the 4-H Clothing Project! Judging of garments will be Tuesday, April 21 at the Yakima County Extension Office Conference Room from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm. To schedule appointments for the April 21 judging, contact the Extension office 574-1600 before entry deadline, April 15.

The Fashion Revue Show will be held on Friday, April 24, practice at 6:00 pm and show at 6:30 pm at the Fruitvale Grange, 2908 Castlevale Rd, Yakima. For information on the Fashion Revue Show, contact Ilene Bushnell 728-1693, or the Extension office.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to enter the Creative Consumer Fashion contest. The Creative Consumer



of Fashion Activity is designed as a fun learning experience for youth to showcase their clothing and textile knowledge and their creative consumer skills. This is a coordinated outfit contest to fit a selected occasion where the items don't have to be sewn by 4-H members. The outfit must match the occasion and the objective outlined in the commentary. Coordinated outfits can reflect such occasions as: Prom, Sports, Beach, etc. Here is a chance to show off consumer and fashion sense. A commentary will be needed for modeling on Friday night. These entries will be judged on Tuesday night also.

Fashion Revue packets are being sent to the Clothing Project Leaders. Forms and more information is also available on the Yakima County 4-H website on the left tabs under Youth Development, 4-H Events. <http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/>

Each club is asked to bring 2-dozen cookies, plus help with refreshments, clean-up or programs at the event. We are hoping to get cookies from several different countries.



### ALL AREA PERFORMING ARTS

The All Area Performing Arts (Talent Contest) is an event 4-H'ers and their families will not want to miss. This event will be held in conjunction with the Fashion Revue Show on April 24 at the Fruitvale Grange, 2908 Castlevale Rd, Yakima. All Blue Ribbon winners will be invited to compete at the Central WA State Fair this fall. All participants must be enrolled in Yakima County 4-H to participate in this fun 4-H promotional event.

Registration information and forms are available in the Extension office or on-line at the 4-H website <http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/>. For more information contact the Extension office 574-1600 or Ilene Bushnell 728-1693.

## STATE NEWS

### STATE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST INFORMATION

The Washington State Hippology Contest is going through some awesome changes to help you be better prepared for the National contest. This year's State Hippology Contest will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Snohomish Community Church. Registration for the contest is due April 1. For complete details and registration form and the letter of introduction from our new contest coordinator, as well as samples that outline the format and scoring criteria for Prepared Team Problem, Team Impromptu, ID stations, etc., visit the 4-H State Equine Project webpage <http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/horse.htm>.

### BIRD FLU PROMPTS EMERGENCY QUARANTINE OF POULTRY IN WA STATE

UDSA/WSDA have jointly moved to contain an avian influenza outbreak in Benton and Franklin Counties. Their actions include an emergency quarantine of poultry in Benton and Franklin counties which will last for at least the next eight (8) months which will, of course, include the upcoming show/fair season. We have a significant number of 4-H poultry project members and backyard flock keepers who will be impacted by these restrictions.

Please work with your show/fair management to ensure that you are not planning to allow poultry from Benton and Franklin Counties to exhibit at your upcoming shows. Learn more about the situation and actions you should take; expect to be receiving additional updates. In the meantime, here is a link discussing in general terms the quarantine: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/bird-flu-prompts-emergency-quarantine-of-poultry-in-washington-state/ar-AA7VRGV>. - Pat BoyEs, [boyesp@wsu.edu](mailto:boyesp@wsu.edu)



### SE DISTRICT SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL

On Target 4-H Shooting Sports Club in Kittitas County would like to invite all SE District Shootings Sports Clubs to the Washington State SE District Shooting Sports Invitational, March 14-15.

Venues will be in Archery, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol, .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol will be held at an indoor range. Shotgun will be held at the Yakima Valley Sportsmen Association range in Selah.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Glenna Maskal [glennamas@yahoo.com](mailto:glennamas@yahoo.com), 899-4518, or Dale Larson at Kittitas County Extension office [dale.larson@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:dale.larson@co.kittitas.wa.us) 962-7507.

## TEEN NEWS

### IGNITE YOUR FUTURE! 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE JUNE 28-30

The Teen Conference planning team is seeking applications for exciting, hands on, workshops that address the goals of the conference: educational options after high school, career exploration, and life skill development. All workshops are on Monday, June 29. Workshops sessions are either 1 or 2 hours in length.

Please submit your workshop proposals at: <https://hhhhteenconf.wufoo.com/forms/workshop-proposal-form-4h-teen-conference/>. Deadline is February 27. - Jan Klein, [jklein@wsu.edu](mailto:jklein@wsu.edu)

**2015 TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

The event your middle school teens have been waiting for! March 21-22 at Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum.

Teen Summit is a weekend for teens 7 through 10 grades to gather for workshops and activities designed and facilitated especially *for them* by the Washington State 4H State Ambassadors.

Workshop topics this year include: Public Speaking, Teamwork, Personal Strengths, Tech Promotion, Handling Peer Pressure and Leading Activities. There is also an informational session and orientation for the County Ambassador program so all County Ambassadors and their advisors are encouraged to attend. *One adult chaperone registration will be awarded to the county with the most teen registrations!*

Teen Summit registration opens February 2, and ends March 2. Cost is \$95.00.

For more information, registration, and flyer visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/summit.html>.

**NATIONAL 4-H HALL OF FAME CEREMONY**

The 2015 National 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for October 9, 2015 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The 4-H Hall of Fame Committee is soliciting applications for a 4-H member to serve as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one to provide entertainment (vocal or instrumental) for this event. Each LGU 4-H program is invited to nominate one candidate for consideration as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one candidate to perform for the event.

Applications for [HoF MC](#) and [HoF Entertainer](#) are due no later than May 1. If you have questions, please contact [Jeannette Rea Keywood](#) or 856-459-1900 Ext. 4522

**NEWS YOU CAN USE****2015 COUGAR YOUTH WEEKEND**

The 2015 Cougar Youth Weekend, hosted by the WSU Dairy Club, will be held March 17-19 at the WSU Knott Dairy Center in Pullman. The event is open to youth, ages 8-18 (3-12 Grade), working in teams addressing dairy fitting and showing or dairy judging; registration deadline is Friday, February 27. [Click here](#) for more information.

– Liz Holtcamp, [kylak2@yahoo.com](mailto:kylak2@yahoo.com)

**RESOURCES:**

State 4-H Website:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/>

Yakima County WSU Extension Website:

<http://yakima.wsu.edu>

Yakima County 4-H Websites:

<http://yakima.wsu.edu/4-h/>

<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>



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Alison White  
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

**DATES TO REMEMBER****FEBRUARY 2015**

6	8:30 AM-5:15 PM, Washington Swine Information Day, Pilar Rock Grill, Moses Lake	Sarah Smith 754-2011, ext. 4313
9	7:00 PM, Horse Council "Top of the Crop" Recognition Awards Night, First Street Conference Room	Kimberly Lansing 539-0247
12	7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
12	6:30 PM, Western Regional E-Forum Session "Widening the Circle: Special Connections", WSU Extension Office Conference Room, Jenny Loyd 574-1600, <a href="http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015">http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015</a>	
14-17	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia	Leanne Logozzo <a href="mailto:llogozzo@hotmail.com">llogozzo@hotmail.com</a> or Barbara Harrer 848-2883
16	President's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	
16	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
19	7:00 PM, Central WA JR Livestock Show Meeting, Show Office	Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776
23	6:00 PM, County Council Leaders' Meeting, WSU Conference Room	Janet Boucher 949-0864
26	Upper Valley Expressive Arts (Poster Contest)	Diane Jones 833-3175
28	Preliminary Entry Deadline Central Washington Junior Livestock Show	Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776



**MARCH 2015**

- Central Valley Public Presentations, Contact Barbara Harrer to schedule appointment  
6:30 PM, Western Regional E-Forum Session "Youth Connecting in Your Community", WSU Extension Office Conference Room, Jenny Loyd 574-1600, <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015> Barbara Harrer 848-2883
- 2 Fair Judges Training, Almendinger Center, WSU Puyallup, Registration deadline February 25. Download contact and registration form at [http://4h.wsu.edu/documents/2015JUDGE\\_TRAINING\\_FLYER.pdf](http://4h.wsu.edu/documents/2015JUDGE_TRAINING_FLYER.pdf)
- 7 Lower Valley Expressive Arts (Poster Contest), Turn in during Public Presentation night Robin Scott 839-4937
- 10 6:00 PM, Lower Valley Public Presentations, Sunnyside Library Robin Scott 839-4937
- 10 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 12 SE District Shooting Sports, On Target 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Kittitas, Glenna Maskal 899-4518 [glennamas@yahoo.com](mailto:glennamas@yahoo.com), 899-4518, Dale Larson, [dale.larson@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:dale.larson@co.kittitas.wa.us) 962-7507
- 14-15 Upper Valley Public Presentations, Contact Diane Jones to schedule appointment Diane Jones 833-3175
- 16 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 16-18 National Ag Day, National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland, [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org), Beth Hecht [bhecht@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:bhecht@fourhcouncil.edu) 301-221-4859
- 17-19 Cougar Youth Weekend, WSU Knott Dairy Center, Pullman <http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/dairyendowment/CYW.html>
- 19 7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, REQUIRED Meeting to pickup final entry packet Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776
- 20 4:00 PM-8:00 PM, County Public Presentation Contest, WSU Conference Room, 2403 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Union Gap Barbara Harrer 848-2883
- 21 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, County Public Presentation Contest, WSU Conference Room, 2403 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Union Gap Barbara Harrer 848-2883
- 21-22 4-H Teen Leadership Summit, Camp Koinona, Cle Elum. <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/summit.html>

**APRIL 2015**

- 3 Registration Deadline: 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Jim Wilson, 208-446-1680, [jwilson@uidaho.edu](mailto:jwilson@uidaho.edu). Download information and registration forms on the 4-H website <http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/>. Training April 25-26
- 8 Central Valley Expressive Arts (Poster Contest) Barbara Harrer 848-2883
- 9 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 10 FINAL Entry Deadline Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776
- 15 County Expressive Arts (Poster Contest) Blue Ribbon Winners from Area Contest Winners Only Diane Jones 833-3175
- 16 7:00 PM, Central WA JR Livestock Show Meeting, Show Office Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776
- 18 State Hippology Contest, Snohomish Community Church, <http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/horse.htm>
- 18-19 Equi-Fair & We Love 4-H Horse Show, Yakima State Fair Park, more information to come later Kimberly Lansing 539-0247
- 20 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 21 4:30 PM-7:00 PM, Fashion Revue Judging of garments, WSU Conference Room Ilene Bushnell 728-1693
- 24 6:30 PM, Fashion Revue and Talent Show, Fruitvale Grange, 2908 Castlevale Rd, Yakima Ilene Bushnell 728-1693
- 25 9:00 AM, CWJLS Clean up Say, Show grounds, 4-H, FFA & Parent help needed Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776
- 25-26 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Jim Wilson, 208-446-1680, [jwilson@uidaho.edu](mailto:jwilson@uidaho.edu). Download information and registration forms on the 4-H website <http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/>.

**MAY 2015**

- 1 Marion Bunnell Fund Applications Due Extension Office Jenny Loyd 574-1600
- 1 National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony applications deadline Jeannette Rea Keywood 856-459-1900, Ext 4522
- 3-6 Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Fairgrounds Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776
- 7 CWJLS Clean-up Day. Parents, Leaders and Exhibitors are needed to help with the clean up.
- 14 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 18 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 21 7:00 PM, Central WA JR Livestock Show Meeting, Show Office Peggy Cuillier 877-6332 or Ken Stroud 877-5776

**JUNE 2015**

- 11 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 15 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 25-28 Training School, Yakima Fairgrounds, more information to come later Kimberly Lansing 539-0247
- 25 Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 28-30 4-H Teen Conference, more information to come later

**JULY 2015**

- 3 Independence Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 9 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 18 West Valley Fair Horse and Dog Show, West Valley Fairgrounds, more information to come later
- 18 West Valley Fair Blue Barn entries due, more information to come later Diane Jones 833-3175
- 20 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 22-25 West Valley Fair, West Valley Fairgrounds, Theme:“Red, White and Moo” more details to come later, Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 31 Tentatively – Lower Valley 4-H Horse Show, Sunnyside, more information to come later Kimberly Lansing 539-0247

**AUGUST 2015**

- 13 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 14-16 Washington State Junior Horse Show, Yakima Fairgrounds, more information to come later Kimberly Lansing 539-0247
- 15-16 Central WA Antique Farm Auction Expo, Fulbright Park, Union Gap Cheryl Hall 949-2100
- 17 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

- 7 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 10 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 21 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871

**OCTOBER 2015**

- 8 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 9 National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony during 4-H youth Conference, Chevy Case, Maryland, more information to come later
- 19 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871

**NOVEMBER 2015**

- 11 Veteran’s Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
- 12 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd Greg Boisselle 941-8720
- 16 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

**DECEMBER 2015**

- 21 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
- 25 Christmas Day, Extension Office Closed
- West Valley Fair Board does not meet in December. Next meeting January 2016 Greg Boisselle 941-8720

To have your events included in the calendar, please send your information to Bonnie at [Yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4h@wsu.edu), or fax 574-1601

