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**EXTENSION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER**

The 4-H Motto is "To Make the Best Better."

It seems like a good motto but over the years, it is a motto that has received its share of criticism. Kids today have too much pressure in their lives already. Why put even more on them by asking them to improve on perfection, or so the argument goes? No question about it, young people today, and older folks too for that matter, are under a lot of pressure.

Others have suggested it implies a segregation of sorts. is a temptation when doing 4-H work to focus on the best and brightest – to play favorites. It should never happen, but it does. This comment is a good reminder that 4-H is about all youth.

The issue with both of these concerns is that they both miss the point. The motto is not about grouping youth into categories (brightest, best, worst, indifferent, etc.) or an instruction to the staff to go out and help the best be better. Nor is it an instruction, or pressure, to improve on anyone's best efforts. The motto is a lifestyle suggestion.

However, suggesting that someone should always seek to make their best better is not asking them to improve on perfection. Who amongst us is living at the level of perfection? Nobody is perfect. This is what makes humans so wonderful! That we are not perfect forces us to choose between failure and a search to improve. Most of us choose to seek improvement – to

make our best better. Therein lies our greatness. The question is, "What level are we living at?" And the answer is, "Exactly!"

Most of us are presently doing our best. Most of us WANT to do our best. Very few of us sit back – have the luxury to sit back – and say, "I could do better. I just don't want to." If you are approaching life's challenges (i.e. job, family, life) with the attitude of "I'll only do what is necessary to get by," you are already behind; you've already lost.

Most of us strive to be the best we can be. We want to be successful. We want to excel. We walk into any, and every, situation believing we are putting forth our best effort. However, we all know, even at our best, we will fall short. What is there to do then? Give up? Join the 'lost'? No! Try to do better!

In 4-H, we are taught we can always improve. We always have more to learn. We can always take things to the next level. We are taught that we can only do what our experience has prepared us to do. We therefore make mistakes; however, we look at them not as mistakes but as learning experiences. I have more ability today than I did yesterday and I'll have more ability tomorrow than I do today.

We are taught to, well, make the best better. And that is the point. – 4-H Tuesday News, by Ron Drum

**ANNUAL 4-H MEETING AND RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

The Annual 4-H Meeting and Luncheon will be held **Saturday, October 25** at the Lower Naches Grange. The annual meeting will start at 10:00 am. Youth Presentations will be given and election of officers will be held. All 4-H leaders, members and families are invited to attend this meeting.

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

The Awards Luncheon will be at noon and is sponsored by Pacific Power & Light and Pomona Granges. During the luncheon a silent auction will be held. See you at the luncheon, October 25!

**2014 CLUB AWARDS**

Many 4-H clubs have contributed a great deal to our community or to furthering project work in home economics or agriculture. Perhaps your club would like to apply for one of these awards this year. Traveling trophies are waiting to be awarded



to deserving clubs. Applications are available on the Yakima County 4-H website <http://yakima.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/forms/> and in the Extension office. The applications are due in the Extension office by **October 10, 2014**. Please consider the following opportunities:

**Toppenish Rotary Club Trophy – Livestock (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and Home Economics (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place):**

Represents outstanding achievement in Home Ec. and Agriculture project clubs. Club must have had at least 75% member attendance at the club meetings. Applicants are judged on outstanding achievements, number and type of entries at fairs and other contests.

**Inez Walter Trophy:** Represents an outstanding horse club in community service work. The service may have been of benefit to persons or groups outside of 4-H or to other 4-H'ers.

**Lew Evans Memorial Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place):**

Represents quality of community service, project, percentage of member participation, harmony and the goodwill developed within the club and the community.

**Outstanding First Year Club:** Represents a first year club in any project area that is outstanding in the number of club members taking part and the extent of harmony and goodwill created.

**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD AND "I DARE YOU" SCHOLARSHIP**

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity for you to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old who strive to be their personal best and positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities.

Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's motivational book "I Dare You!", and are eligible to be nominated for the "I Dare You" Scholarship.

Choose any four youth ages 15-18 that have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership from your 4-H community. These nominations are due in the Extension office on or before **October 10, 2014**. Forms are available in the Extension office or can be downloaded from the Yakima County 4-H website at <http://yakima.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/forms/>.

**LEADER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

Do you know a 4-H leader who deserves some special recognition? That special Leader who has helped you succeed in 4-H. Nominate them for the "Leader of the Year" Award. Nomination forms are available in the Yakima County Extension office or can be downloaded from our 4-H website forms page at <http://yakima.wsu.edu/4-h/forms/>.

The deadline for the nomination form to be completed has been extended to September 15.

**4-H CLUB ENROLLMENT PACKETS**

The new 4-H enrollment year is right around the corner. Enrollment packets will be ready to be picked up first week in September. Leaders must fill them out completely, obtain all signatures and return them to the Extension office, with your club's assessment fees by **December 1, 2014**. Special arrangements can be made by calling Jenny Loyd at 509-574-1600. Some key things to remember are:

- ❖ Make sure all names and addresses are complete and correct. Please double-check all email addresses for accuracy as well, since the 4-H Focus and other 4-H information will be sent out by email.
- ❖ Make sure to include parent names, member's birth dates, year in 4-H, grade in school and that all projects are listed.
- ❖ Club financial records for the past project year are also due at the same time enrollments are due.
- ❖ All 4-H Clubs are required to have their own EIN number and must report yearly to the IRS. Annual Electronic Filing Check out the Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations, Form 990-N (e-Postcard) at [http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-\(e-Postcard\)](http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-(e-Postcard)).
- ❖ WSU is now providing Leader Liability and L&I Insurance for enrolled leaders.
- ❖ Each club MUST report their 4-H Volunteer hours into the Volunteer Hours Database at the 4-H Volunteer Hours Reporting System Information Page at <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/reporhours.html>. If you do not have access to the computer, please keep track of your hours and submit to Bonnie at the Extension office to input them into the system.

If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at 509-574-1600. Some of the forms are available for download at our county 4-H website listed at the bottom of the Newsletter

**C1130E, 4-H CLUB ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Yes, I know that many of you are still hip-deep in fair activities, either in the preparation or the recovery from, however it's also time to think about year-end wrap-up activities. I want to alert you that the [Year-end Financial Summary](#) statement has been updated and is now a fill able form available from Extension Publications. Please bear in mind that this form is due to your office from each 4-H unit by **December 31**.

**FAIR AND SHOW NEWS****CENTRAL WA STATE FAIR – MODERN LIVING BUILDING ENTRIES – Saturday, September 13**

All 4-H Exhibits for the Modern Living Building will be accepted on **Saturday, September 13 between 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm**. This also includes the Flowers, Produce and Food entries, along with the 4-H Contest and Activities entry forms.

Check the premium book for entry rules and guidelines on the fair website at [www.fairfun.com](http://www.fairfun.com) or call Diane Jones 966-5336. If there is a conflict with the September 13 date for entering your exhibits, you may enter them the week before, September 6 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm by calling Diane Jones.

Don't forget the "FROM THE PANTRY" contest on Saturday, September 27 and/or Sunday, September 28. This contest will be age appropriate. When you arrive for the contest you will pick a recipe from the recipe box,

get the ingredients from the cupboard. You will prepare the food item. You will have one hour from start to finish. All supplies to prepare this food item will be supplied in the kitchen.

Please read the 4-H Contest & Activities information sheet and entry form attached to the end of the focus or download it from our website at <http://county.wsu.edu/yakima/youth/Pages/4-HForms.aspx>.

Let's do our best to do more great exhibits than last year. Remember 4-H is to "Make the Best Better", and you were all great last year!

### "GOOD LUCK" TO OUR STATE 4-H FAIR PARTICIPANTS IN PUYALLUP!

Yakima County is sending the following exhibitors to the WA State 4-H Fair in Puyallup:

Dog Obedience: Senior Kyla Lundberg and Junior Amelia Haller.

Livestock Judging: Intermediates Jack Stroud, Brian Calhoun, Tahlia Klebaum, Guy Church, Samantha Barber, Kammie Schneider, Kayliegh Finnell and Laynee Schneider.

Equine Judging: Seniors Lillie McLemore and Charley Gifford

Dairy Judging: Intermediates Marika Van Slageren, Arie Prins, Kayla VanWieringen, Simon Prins, John Prins and Cobi Van Slageren.

Public Presentations: Juniors: Ailis Ferry, Amelia Haller, and Intermediate Kayla VanWieringen.

Performing Arts: Junior Justin Adamson

Western Games Horse: Senior Julian Pettijohn, Kaytlin George and Intermediates McKinlie Desserault and Kyle Tremblay.

Performance Horse: Senior Alyssa Miller and Intermediate Natalie Hernandez

Dressage Horse: Senior Alyssa Miller

Groom Squad: Seniors Alyssa Miller, Lillie McLemore and Colleen Ferry

We wish them all safe travels, good luck and lots of fun making memories.

## PROJECT NEWS

### 4-H RECORD BOOK MEDAL OF HONOR JUDGING

Record books should be finished in September.

Members have the opportunity to turn their record books in to compete for Medal of Honor.

The project member record book judging is an excellent way to recognize your club members for their efforts in completing their record books. Record books are due in the Extension Office by Thursday, **October 15**, in order to be considered for Medal of Honor and Completion Judging.

Leaders – complete the top portion of the Medal of Honor judging form completed by listing the categories to be considered. The form to nominate your members for these yearly awards can be found on the 4-H forms website at [http:// yakima.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/forms/](http://yakima.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/forms/) or available at the Extension office,

Record books are due in the Extension office by October 15.



### YOUR RECORD BOOK IS NOW AN APP!

Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad! Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tractor Supply Company, National 4-H Council brings you this easy, flexible way to keep all your 4-H market livestock records all together in one place. Click to download the 4-H Livestock Record on the iPhone App Store! <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/4-h-livestock-record/id898568078?mt=8>

## COUNTY NEWS



### 2015 4-H EVENT CALENDAR ITEMS ARE DUE!

Be sure to get your 4-H event dates, times, contact names and numbers into the Extension office by **December 1**. We would like to get the yearly event calendar posted to the web by December 15 for the upcoming year and this is only possible if the dates are sent in on time. You can add or change dates throughout the year.

Email event information to Bonnie Abercrombie at [Yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4h@wsu.edu), fax to 509-574-1601, drop off at the office or regular mail the information to WSU Extension, 2403 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Union Gap, WA 98903.

## STATE NEWS

### STATE 4-H FORUM

Washington State 4-H Forum is being held in Wenatchee, **October 17-19**. "We are the Heart of WA 4-H" is this year's theme.

Workshops are scheduled for Friday, October 17 9:00am-3:45 pm. Some topics are "Preserving the Taste of Summer", "Ready, Set, Record Book...Online", "Cool Communication for Hot Situations"

Saturday, October 18 the keynote speaker is Mac Bledsoe. He is a former 4-Her and famous for his "Parenting with Dignity" Program. Sunday capstone will be presented by Jon Magnus, who has spoken at statewide programs. Saturday workshops are scheduled throughout the day. For more information and workshop schedules visit the State 4-H Forum website.

For more information, schedules and registration visit the State 4-H Forum website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/forum/registration.html>



## TEEN NEWS

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to encourage youth to apply for the following 4-H State leadership positions:

- Conference Facilitator – 2015 Know Your Government Conference  
<http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/kyg/documents/CApplication14.pdf>
- State Ambassador – 2014 fall through 2016 Teen Conference  
[http://4h.wsu.edu/StAmb/amb\\_app.pdf](http://4h.wsu.edu/StAmb/amb_app.pdf)
- Teen on State Advisory Board – 2 year position  
[http://4h.wsu.edu/members/documents/TeenAdvBoardAppl\\_000.pdf](http://4h.wsu.edu/members/documents/TeenAdvBoardAppl_000.pdf)

All applications are due September 1. - Jan Klein, [jklein@wsu.edu](mailto:jklein@wsu.edu)

### SE DISTRICT TEEN RALLY

Yakima County is hosting the SE District Teen Rally this year. Teen Rally will be held **November 7-9** at Camp Fife, located in the heart of the Cascades in Goose Prairie, just off of Chinook Pass.

Grades 7-12 are invited to attend. All youth within the district are encouraged to participate.

Teen Rally is a fun way to meet teens from other counties, learn new things and have a blast.

More information and registration forms will be posted on the Yakima County website and Yakima County Facebook. If you are interested in being an adult chaperone or help out in the planning of Teen Rally please contact Leanne Logozzo 307-8043 or Jenny at the Extension office 574-1600.

### 4-H TEENS NEEDED FOR SURVEY!

There are several opportunities for 4H teens to continue to grow and learn in Washington State 4H outside of the local 4H programs. At the State level, we want to continue to provide and promote those opportunities, but, we also see the foundational importance of local county support for participation of their teens in these State 4H opportunities. In other words: are we providing programs and opportunities that enhance your local 4-H county work and priorities for teens?

Please take just a few minutes to fill out the following survey so that we might know what 4-H State teen opportunities you see viable and beneficial for your support and promotion at the county level. There are only 10 questions and they relate to:

- District Rallies
- County Ambassador Program
- State Ambassador Program
- Know Your Government Program
- Conference facilitators, KYG Conference
- State Teen Conference
- National 4H Congress
- National 4H Conference

Take the survey at the following website.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/4Hteeninput>

Your voice is very important to me; please chose to participate. – Jan Klein, 4-H Adolescent Leadership Specialist, Spokane

## NEWS YOU CAN USE



### 420% OFF ALL NEW ITEMS

We've just released our 2015 catalog of the 4-H Mall assortment, and it contains 50+ items that

have been added since last year's edition! Receive 20% off all products in the New Items category on the 4-H Mall, including animal project decals, tiaras, and fun apparel. Shop before midnight on Friday, September 5 to save! <http://www.4-hmall.org/home.aspx>.

### 4-H COMPANION ANIMAL PHOTO AND VIDEO CONTEST

Please share this photo contest opportunity with your members, 8-18 years of age, to produce their best companion animal photo or video. All the details are on the following weblink:

[http://www.extension.org/pages/71127/4-h-companion-animal-photo-and-video-contest#.U\\_e\\_gcVdWSo](http://www.extension.org/pages/71127/4-h-companion-animal-photo-and-video-contest#.U_e_gcVdWSo).

Contest deadline is November 4, 2014.

– Pat BoyEs, [bovesp@wsu.edu](mailto:bovesp@wsu.edu)

### WSU 4-H GRADUATE STUDY – YEAR 4

Thanks to the 30 counties that were able to be a part of the study in 2013. This is a great increase from our first year when 19 counties sent us data. This data has been shared with Extension Administration, county officials, and community groups.

Now we are ready to begin the **fourth year** of our study and we have two goals:

1. Participation of 35 counties (90%)
2. For each county to reach 90% of their club leaders.

The more participation we have the more we can be sure our results are reliable and apply to 4-Hers across Washington State. Please help us reach our goals.

Included your club enrollment packets will be the 4-H Graduate Leader Survey (form to be completed by 4-H Club Leader). Please complete this survey and return to the Extension office as soon as possible.

By participating in this study you will gain:

- Information about your county 4-H program
- Information about WA state 4-H program
- Data to use in promoting your program and producing scholarly work
- Experience in program evaluation

– Mary Katherine Deen and Gary Varrella

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Alison White  
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

**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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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

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| 1         | Labor Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Office Closed                               |   |
| 1         | 4-H State Teen Leadership Opportunities applications due                                    |   |
| 5-21      | Washington State 4-H Fair, Puyallup   | <a href="http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm">http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm</a> |
| 11        | 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd                  | Greg Boisselle 941-8720   |
| 13        | 12:00-5:00 PM, Central WA State Fair Modern Living Building Entries due                     | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 13        | Yakima 4-H Family Hike Day, Shadow Mountain Ranch, Cowiche (time TBA)                       | Alison White 574-1600   |
| 15        | Leader of the Year Nomination due to Extension office                                       | Jenny Loyd 574-1600   |
| 15        | 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office                  | Yvonne Graham 305-1871  |
| 18        | 2:00 PM-8:00 PM, "Set the Table" Set up your 4-H table display for CWSF, judging Friday AM  | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 19-28     | Central Washington State Fair, State Fair Park, Yakima Fairgrounds                          | <a href="http://www.statefairpark.org">www.statefairpark.org</a>                          |
| 21        | Noon-6:00 PM, CWSF 4-H Public Presentations, Modern Living Building, Yakima Fairgrounds     | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 27-28     | CWSF, 4-H Kitchen Activities, Modern Living Building, Yakima Fairgrounds                    | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 27-28     | CWSF, 4-H Kitchen Activities "From The Pantry" Contest, Modern Living Building, Fairgrounds | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 28        | 2:30 PM, CWSF, 4-H Fashion Revue/Creative Consumers of Fashion Modern Living Building       | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 28        | 2:30 PM, CWSF 4-H Performing Arts/Talent Show, Modern Living Building, Yakima Fairgrounds   | Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175  |
| 9/27-10/1 | National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, Madison, Wisconsin, Gary Fredericks 360-577-3014, Ext 3 | <a href="mailto:garyf@wsu.edu">garyf@wsu.edu</a>  |

**OCTOBER 2014**

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| 8     | 4-H National Youth Science Day, Register by October 1 for a chance to win \$150.00, <a href="http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/">http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/</a> |  |
| 9     | 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd   | Greg Boisselle 941-8720  |
| 10    | Leaders, Members' and Clubs' Award nominations due in Extension Office  | Jenny Loyd 574-1600  |
| 13    | 6:30 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 2223 N 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Yakima   | Kimberly Lansing 539-0247  |
| 15    | 4-H Record Books for Medal of Honor Judging due in Extension office   | Jenny Loyd 574-1600  |
| 15    | American Pastured Poultry Producers Association Scholarships Due,   | <a href="http://www.appa.org/blog/24228">http://www.appa.org/blog/24228</a>                        |
| 17-19 | Washington State 4-H Forum, Wenatchee   | <a href="http://www.4h.wsu.edu/volntr/sab/sablist.html">www.4h.wsu.edu/volntr/sab/sablist.html</a> |
| 20    | 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office  | Yvonne Graham 305-1871   |
| 25    | 10:00 AM, Annual Leaders' Meeting, Recognition Awards to follows, Lower Naches Grange   |  |
| 25    | 11:00 AM, Annual Honorary Leaders' Meeting, Recognition Awards Luncheon to follow, Lower Naches Grange  |  |
| 25    | Noon Annual Leaders' Luncheon Recognition Awards, Lower Naches Grange   | Jenny Loyd 574-1600  |

**NOVEMBER 2014**

7-9 SE District Teen Rally, Camp Fife, more information to come later Leanne Logozzo 307-8043 Jenny Loyd 574-1600  
10 6:30 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 2223 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Yakima Kimberly Lansing 539-0247  
11 Veteran's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed  
13 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd Greg Boisselle 941-8720  
17 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871  
27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday, Extension Office Closed  
11/29 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia  
-12/3

**DECEMBER 2014**

1 Club Enrollments Due with assessment fees Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600  
1 2015 Calendar of Events Information due to Extension office Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600  
Know Your Government Informational Meeting, more information to come later Extension Office 574-1600  
West Valley Fair Board does not meet in December. Next meeting January 8, 2015  
15 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871  
25 Christmas Day Observed, Extension office closed  
31 Club's Annual Financial Summaries due in Extension Office for year 10/1/13 to 9/30/14 Jenny Loyd 574-1600

**JANUARY 2015**

1 New Year's Day, Extension Office Closed  
19 Martin Luther King Observed, Extension Office Closed

**FEBRUARY 2015**

16 President's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

**MAY 2015**

25 Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

**JULY 2015**

3 Independence Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

7 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

**NOVEMBER 2015**

11 Veteran's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed  
26-27 Thanksgiving Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

**DECEMBER 2015**

25 Christmas Day, Extension Office Closed