



*Happy New Year!
2014 - A new year to make
your dreams come true*

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- January 1, 2014 – Extension Office closed – Happy New Year!
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- January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Extension office closed.

WSU EXTENSION 4-H VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORTING SYSTEM

Volunteer hours are a powerful reporting tool for 4-H to demonstrate the broad-based support for our programming by citizens across Yakima County. Demonstrating community support helps secure financial support for 4-H. Additionally, reporting volunteer hours provides documentation for coverage of any injuries sustained while volunteering.

All WSU Extension Volunteers must log on to <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/default.aspx> each month to report hours they worked for any WSU

Extension program. If you have problems signing in please contact Bonnie at 574-1600.

How much time will this take? Initially, setting up your account will take just a few minutes. After that updating your monthly hours should only take 10 – 20 minutes per month.

So far for 2013, Yakima County 4-H volunteers have reported 13 hours in “Support/Office Work”, 104.5 hours in “Help at Fair”, and 326.5 hours in “Club/County 4-H Event”. You’re doing great work, and a lot of it! Report your hours – it’s a WIN-WIN.

WORKSHOP SATURDAY

Workshop Saturday is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2014, 9:00 am-12:00 pm and held at Davis High School in Yakima.

A “New Leader Training” is scheduled. The bullying/harassment and discrimination/prevention training must be taken by all leaders and adults working with our members, and will also be offered at this time. The Shooting Sports program will be offering information, and many workshops, including “Working with Record Books,” are scheduled.

Please mark this day on your calendar! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the workshop, please call Diane 966-5336 evenings, 833-3175 days.

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 10, 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 CLUB ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS DUE

The club annual financial reports are due in the Extension office by January 31, 2014. Included in the 4-H enrollment packets were the "Guidelines and Duties for 4-H Club and County Council Treasurer's", 4-H Financial Audit Review Form", and "Annual Financial Summary Report to WSU Extension" for you to complete, sign and return to the office.

At the end of the 4-H year each club should appoint a committee to look over the club treasurer books and complete the Financial Audit Review. The review committee should check each month's reconciled bank statement and canceled checks, total all money spent and verify that a written bill or receipt is on file for each expense. Also verify that the Treasurer's total balance at the beginning of the year, plus all funds received, minus all expenditures, equal the bank statement balance at the end of the 4-H year.

After the audit and annual financial summary is completed and submitted to the Extension office, please remember to complete your IRS 990-N postcard. If you encounter problems, please print out the page with the error and fax it to 574-1601 or mail it to the Extension Office.

If you do not have a checking or savings account, please make note on the form "No checking or savings account", sign the form and return the form to the Extension office.

All forms can be found in the 4-H Youth Development Treasurer's Book, 4-H Leader's Guide to Handling Funds, and are also available to download on the Yakima County 4-H website <http://county.wsu.edu/yakima/youth/Pages/4-HForms.aspx>.

If your club is not continuing into 2014, please contact the Extension office for instructions on how to disperse any left over money and property.

4-H EXPRESSIVE ARTS CONTEST GUIDELINES (Poster Contest)

1. The posters must have a main idea, the idea can be sophisticated, but it must be presented simply. (Examples: "Everybody Needs Milk"- "Left Turns Ahead".)
2. Keep words to a minimum, usually less than five.
3. Avoid using pencil, ballpoint pen, small font material and Day-Glo drugstore size photos. Broad felt-tip pens and paints, large cutouts and bright construction paper work better.

Materials should be durable and able to be moved without destruction – raised material should not be more than 1/8" high.

4. Don't use too many colors that clash. Often three colors are enough and they should be harmonious. Colors should be pleasing to the eye.
5. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to standard poster board of 14" by 22" dimensions. They may be horizontal or vertical. (Some colors such as white are not good for television).
6. 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.
7. Avoid the use of commercial cartoons (such as "Peanuts", "Disney," etc.). If there are five changes by a member in a commercial design it is considered acceptable for submission
8. If stencils are used to make lettering it is suggested that they be filled in.
9. Top age division County entries will receive special recognition in the County 4-H Expressive Arts Programs.
10. Our fairs offer other opportunities to display member's current project poster. Check your premium books for specific requirements.

For more information contact: Upper Valley: Diane Jones 966-5336, Central Valley: Barbara Harrer 848-2883, Lower Valley: Robin Scott 839-4937.

PROJECT NEWS

WHAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE OF 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECTS?

Youth livestock programs have long been considered as model programs for youth development and for public understanding of American agriculture. An obvious purpose of 4-H animal projects is to teach young people how to feed, fit and exhibit their animals. However, the more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development.

The ultimate purpose or major goal of the 4-H Livestock Program is to provide opportunities for young people to develop the character and life skills they will need to become successful and contributing members of society.

1. Trustworthiness - *includes honesty, promise keeping and loyalty.* Adhere to 4-H program ownership rules, adhere to all withdrawal

times for feed, medication, dewormers, etc., use only approved medications or others only on the advice of a licensed veterinarian, support the ethical decisions of fellow members, leaders, judges and other officials, keep and complete accurate records

2. Respect - *includes proper treatment of and courtesy to all people, animals and things. Provide proper handling and humane treatment of all animals, give proper care to all animals, listen to and follow the advice of parents, leaders and advisors, accept the points of view of others, recognize that 4-H project animals depend upon 4-H members for their care*

3. Responsibility - *includes the pursuit of excellence, accountability and perseverance. Feed and water daily, even on difficult and busy days, go the extra mile—give additional time and attention to produce a high-quality project, adhere to deadlines for stock shows, never give up, set realistically goals, take pride in the personal efforts, participate in herdsmanhip duties, set a good example for other youth*

4. Fairness - *includes consistently applying all rules and standards appropriately for different age groups and ability levels. Keep an open mind toward new ideas, look at and listen to both sides of an issue, feed only approved livestock rations, use only approved medications, win and lose with the same grace and dignity, follow recommended behavior and conduct procedures and practices in the show ring, follow recommended fitting and grooming practices when preparing an animal for the show ring*

5. Caring - *includes promoting the well being of people. Caring denotes action, not just feelings. Help younger and less experienced youth, feed and water animals on a daily basis, provide clean facilities for all animals, always treat all animals humanely, treat others like you want to be treated*

6. Citizenship - *includes making one's home, community and country a better place for everyone to live. Accept and follow instructions, help younger and less experienced youth, be a team player, treat animals humanely, and ensure all animals are safe to consume.*

Remember, having animals is not a right – it is a privilege!

HORSE CERTIFICATES DEADLINE

If you plan on showing in the Sagebrush Riders Classic Horse Show on June 14, 2014, your horse certificate is due March 15, 2014. Make sure the form is complete and you have all required signatures before bringing the form to the Extension office for agent's signature. All other horse certificates are due May 1, 2014.



WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY February 7, 2014

The Swine Information day will be held February 7, 9:00am-5:15pm at the Pillar Rock Restaurant/Moses Lake Golf & Country Club in Moses Lake. The educational seminar is designed for progressive pork producers and stakeholders addressing swine production issues. Swine producers of all sizes, 4-H/FFA youth producers, agriculture educators and fair/show representatives are invited to participate.

The morning topics will focus on issues important to commercial and marketers of pigs from farrow to finish. Topics will include reproduction and economic outlooks for pigs and feed.

The afternoon session will focus on topics important to commercial marketers, but also to those involved with show pigs. Topics include critical discussion about porcine epidemic diarrhea virus prevention symptoms and prevention, sourcing show pigs for summer show, and the day will conclude with Pork Quality Assurance Plus training and certification for both adults and youth.

All-day registration fee of \$25 includes the seminar, WPP membership, break, lunch, and handouts. All-day youth registration, \$15, is also available to 4-H/FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for \$10.

For agenda and registration visit the website <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/542599>.



www.extension.org/

TEEN NEWS

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

Students that are in high school 9-12 grade are invited to participate in the hands-on civic education event. KYG is a 4-H sponsored event that allows students to learn about and participate in the three branches of government with their peers from across Washington State.

The next KYG meeting is January 6, 2014 5:30pm at the First Street Conference Room (Old Pizza Hut Building).

Other meeting dates are scheduled for Monday, January 20, 10:00am-4:00pm. For more information, please contact Leanne Logozzo 307-8043 or Barbara Harrer 848-2883

Know Your Government is February 15-18, 2014 held in Olympia, "Lobbying For Change" is this year's theme.

Know Your Government (KYG) website. <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/kyg/>

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN!

The December 4-H Focus listed several scholarships offered through the Washington State 4-H Program. If you are in the process of completing your scholarships, please double check your deadlines and submit your completed applications on time.

Please refer to the 4-H Youth Development Teen Program scholarship page for specific information and application process for each scholarship at <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm>.

2014 WEST VALLEY FAIR SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is designed to encourage the exhibitors at the West Valley Fair to pursue continuing education in the form of community college, trade school, or university. In 2014 the scholarship will be sponsored by former exhibitors at the West Valley Fair and will be in the amount of \$500. The requirements for application are as follows:

Eligibility: Open to students enrolled in or accepted to an accredited trade school, university, or college in the fall of 2014 (excludes Running Start). Students must have participated in at least two West Valley fairs between 2010 and 2013. Student must plan to exhibit in the 2014 fair (livestock exhibition is not required). Student must be a current member of 4-H or FFA.

Application Requirements: *Cover sheet:* Basic information sheet (at bottom).

Essay: 500-1000 word essay on the following topic, "How has participating in the West Valley Fair prepared you to be successful in the future?"

Recommendations: one letter of recommendation from an adult involved with the fair and two recommendation contacts from adults in a supervisory role (teacher, supervisor, 4-H leader, pastor, etc.)

Record books are NOT required.

Deadlines and disbursement: All application materials must be received by May 1, 2014.

Winner will be notified between June 1 and June 15 and award will be presented at the 2014 West Valley Fair.

Funds will be dispersed to the winner's school upon received verification of enrollment.

Submission: Please send scholarship materials to westvalleyfairscholarship@gmail.com or mail materials to the following address:

West Valley Fair Scholarship
% Hull Family
4014 S. Auburn St. Kennewick, WA 99337

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-H) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Seattle, WA. We work with 4-H Youth Development Centers of Extension in the US and international partners around the world to conduct cultural immersion and exchange programs. Since 1972, our exchanges have impacted nearly 50,000 youth and their families in 24 countries on 6 continents!

S4-H is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 4-H Extension professional from across the US. The 4-H National Headquarters at NIFA has authorized S4-H to use the 4-H name and emblem. S4-H is granted full listing by the Council for Standards on International Educational Travel (CSIET) and is designated by the US Department of State as a sponsor of J-1 Secondary Student exchange programs.

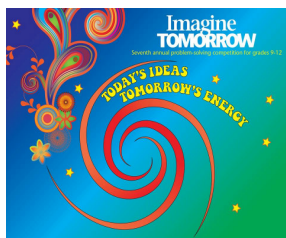
For more information on the 4-H International Exchange programs, visit the S4-H website <http://4h.wsu.edu/international/index.htm> or contact Carolyn Russo carolyn.russo@wsu.edu 574-2011.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE DELEGATES SELECTED

Congratulations to the 2014 Washington State 4-H Delegates selected to represent us at National 4-H Conference!

- ❖ Elizabeth Johnston - Yakima County
- ❖ Christeanna Friend - Pierce County
- ❖ Deidra Cotter - Spokane County
- ❖ Taylor Ruggles - Spokane County
- ❖ Hailey Fagerness - Snohomish County

National 4H Conference is April 5-10, 2014, in Washington DC. Congratulations, Beth!



IMAGINE TOMORROW

Washington State University, Pullman will sponsor the *Imagine Tomorrow* program, May 30- June. Students can compete for thousands of dollars in awards

to both individuals and schools.

Imagine Tomorrow challenges high school students grade 9-12 to seek new ways to support the transition to alternate energy sources. Students research complex topics, then innovate technologies, designs, or plans to mobilize behavior. They forge connections in their communities and create positive change. In this competition, as in life, solutions are limited only by imagination.

Registration is now open! On-line registration and more information is available at the *Imagine Tomorrow* website at <http://imagine.wsu.edu>.

STATE NEWS

ONLINE TRAINING FOR 4-H LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Check out the new on-line training modules for 4-H volunteer leaders! On-line training is an accessible, interactive, and fun way to learn about topics that are important for youth livestock projects! Available through the Veterinary Medicine Extension website at: <http://vetextension.wsu.edu/programs/4-H/index.htm>

- **Disease Prevention Module**

"Ensuring the health of people and livestock by implementation of bio-security practices."

- **Quality Assurance Module**

"Providing safe and wholesome products for consumers through 4-H livestock projects."

- **Housing Environments Module**

"Providing clean and comfortable environments to optimize livestock health and wellbeing."

4-H Animal Science Learning Modules

- **Youth Livestock Life Skills** [.PDF](#). This 10 minute module shows how youth learn life skills in a 4-H livestock project by focusing on decision making, goal setting, time management, leadership, and responsibility and commitment that can lead youth to college and successful careers. Presented by Janet Schmidt, WSU Whitman County, Extension County Director and 4-H Youth Educator.
- **Youth Livestock Health Record** [.PDF](#). This is a 15 minute module that teaches volunteers and youth the value and procedures for completed the 4-H Animal Health Record

and the need to document COOL and residue compliance. Presented by Sarah Smith, WSU Grant-Adams County Extension Animal Scientist.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

WHITE HOUSE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Something big is happening today, and you don't have to be a kid to be excited about it:

The first-ever White House Student Film Festival -- K-12 students from around the country are invited to create and submit one- to three-minute short web videos. Finalists could have their videos screened at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and posted on the White House website.

The topic: Highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom -- and imagining how technology will change the educational experience for kids in the future. Interested, or know someone who would be? Every student entry has to have a parent/guardian or teacher sponsor. Films can be submitted now through Jan. 29. If your video is an official selection you could have a chance to attend the mid-February screening at the White House. Check out the official [Student Film Festival page](#) for more information.

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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YAKIMA COUNTY EXTENSION

Washington State University Extension helps people develop leadership skills and use research-based knowledge to improve their economic status and quality of life.

Alison White
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

NEW and RE-ENROLLED CLUBS**

Club Name	Club Leader	Projects
America's Future	Robin Scott	Clothing, Rabbit, Goat, Horse
Baa Baa & Co	Jason Donaldson	Beef, Sheep, Swine
Green Valley	Brenda Prins	Beef, Dairy Cattle, Swine
Wild & Woolly Fleece Thieves	Valerie Antijunti	Beef, Sheep, Swine

DATES TO REMEMBER**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
6	Know Your Government meeting, First Street Conference Room (Old Pizza Hut) 223 N 1 st Street	Barbara Harrer 848-2883 or Leanne Logozzo 307-8043
9	7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
13	Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1 st Street, Yakima	Kim Lansing 539-0247
16	Central WA Jr. Livestock Show Meeting, Toppenish Fairgrounds Office	Ken Stroud 877-5776
20	Martin Lutheran King Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	
20	Know Your Government meeting, First Street Conference Room (Old Pizza Hut) 223 N 1 st Street	Barbara Harrer 848-2883 or Leanne Logozzo 307-8043
20	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo, (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
25	9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Workshop Saturday, Davis High School (Tenative)	Diane Jones 966-5336, 833-3175
31	WSU CAHNRS 4-H Scholarship Applications Must be received by January 31, 2014	http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm

FEBRUARY 2014

All of February - Smile Drive, National Children's Dental Health Month, WalMart Stores http://www.ncohf.org/get-involved/smile-drive/registration		
3	7:00 PM, Yakima County Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Conference Room, 2403 S 18 th Street, Union Gap	Linda Weeks 248-4669
10	"Top of the Crop" Horse Recognition Night, First Street Conference Room, Yakima	Kim Lansing 539-0247
13	7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15-18	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia, http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/kyg/	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
17	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
17	President's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	
20	Central WA Jr. Livestock Show Meeting, Toppenish Fairgrounds Office	Ken Stroud 877-5776
28	Preliminary Entry Deadline , Central WA Jr. Livestock Show	

MARCH 2014

1	Washington State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due	http://4h.wsu.edu/members/scholar.htm
13	7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Horse Certificates Due in Extension Office to qualify for June 14 Sagebrush Riders Horse Show	
17	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo, (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
20	7:00 PM, Required Meeting , CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Pickup final entry packets	Ken Stroud 877-5776
22-23	Teen Leadership Summit, Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum	http://4h.wsu.edu/members/summit.html
27-29	North Central WA JR Livestock Show, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake	Scott Moortimer 345-2541
28-30	WSU Cougar Youth Weekend, Pullman	Jennifer Callanan, cougaryouthweekend@gmail.com

APRIL 2014

1	WA State 4-H Foundation Dairy Endowment Scholarship must be postmarked by April 1, 2014	http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/dairyendowment/forms.html
10	Final Entry Deadline , Central Washington Jr. Livestock Show, Toppenish	Ken Stroud 877-5776,
10	7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
14	7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1 st Street, Yakima	Kim Lansing 539-0247
17	Central WA Jr. Livestock Show Meeting, Toppenish Fairgrounds Office	Ken Stroud 877-5776
19	"We Love 4-H" Horse Show, more information to come later	Nea Peterson 594-9799
21	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
26	9:00 AM, CWJLS Clean-UP Day, Toppenish Fairgrounds, 4-H, FFA & Parent Help Needed	Ken Stroud 877-5776,

MAY 2014

1	All Horse Certificates Due , Extension Office – Required to have parent, leader, and member signatures on the certificates	
1	Marion Bunnell Fund Requests Due, WSU Extension Office	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
1	Dairy and Goat Certificates due in Extension Office	WSU Extension

4-7 Central Washington Jr. Livestock Show, Toppenish Fairgrounds Ken Stroud 877-5776,
8 CWJLS, After show clean-up day. 4-H, FFA & Volunteers Needed, Toppenish Rodeo/Fair Grounds Ken Stroud 877-5776,
9 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station Greg Boisselle 941-8720
12 7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1st Street, Yakima Kim Lansing 539-0247
15 Central WA Jr. Livestock Show Meeting, Toppenish Fairgrounds Office Ken Stroud 877-5776
16-18 Shooting Sports State Competition, Eatonville Michele Weitman, 477-2166, mweitman@spokanecounty.org
19 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
26 Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

JUNE 2014

1 4-H National Congress Application Due, Atlanta, Georgia General Information: <http://national4-hcongress.com/>
Brochure: http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/natl_congress/Ntl_Congress_WA.pdf
9 7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1st Street, Yakima Kim Lansing 539-0247
12 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, WV Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
14 Sagebrush Riders Classic Horse Show, more information to come later Ann George 457-3850
16 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
22-27 Teen Conference, WSU Pullman Campus <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf/index.htm>
26-29 Training School, State Fair Park, Yakima Fairgrounds more information to come later Kim Lansing 539-0247

JULY 2014

4 Independence Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
7 7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 2223 N 1st Street, Yakima Kimberly Lansing 539-0247
10 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, WV Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
11-13 WA State Jr Horse Show, more information to come later Kim Lansing 539-0247
14 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Meeting, Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
24-26 West Valley Fair, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720

AUGUST 2014

1-3 Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo, (Grandview Fair), 4-H & Open Horse Shows Kim Lansing 539-0247
6-9 Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair), Grandview Fairgrounds <http://yvfair-rodeo.org/>
7 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, WV Fairgrounds, Wiley City Greg Boisselle 941-8720
18 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871

SEPTEMBER 2014

1 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
5-21 Washington State 4-H Fair, Puyallup <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>
11 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
Central Washington State Fair, State Fair Park, Yakima Fairgrounds www.fairfun.com

OCTOBER 2014

9 7:00 PM, West Valley Fair Meeting, West Valley Fire Station Greg Boisselle 941-8720
13 7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1st Street, Yakima Kimberly Lansing 539-0247
17-19 2014 State 4-H Forum, Wenatchee Michelle Lain, michelle.lain@wsu.edu 667-6540
20 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871

NOVEMBER 2014

10 7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, 223 N 1st 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 Greg Boisselle 941-8720
17 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
27-28 Thanksgiving Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

DECEMBER 2014

15 6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg. Livestock Office Yvonne Graham 305-1871
25 Christmas Day Observed, Extension Office Closed



Yakima County 4-H Club Spotlight

Know Your Government

One of the wonderful opportunities offered in our county through 4-H is Know Your Government, Also known as KYG. Beth Johnston-Newman is now participating for her 4th year and she wrote, “Washington State 4-H Know Your Government is an annual working conference provided for 4-H members who are high school age and interested in learning how our United States Government works. The conference is set up on a four year cycle of curriculum, with each year’s theme exploring a different branch of the government, executive, judicial, congressional with the additional topic of the media’s role in politics.” The KYG program provides a wonderful opportunity for those interested in government to get involved and actively learn how our government system works.

Every year, there is a specific theme on which the curriculum is based off of and that the participants learn about and get to role play. This year the curriculum is about the congressional branch, entitled “Lobbying for a Change”. Group of members will take a bill that has been previously rejected in the past year and make changes that they believe are necessary. At conference, the groups will then have the opportunity to lobby for their bills, then the bills will be reviewed by a committee and either passed or failed. Those that pass at a state will be given to our state legislature.

The feedback from members that have been, and are still involved include, “There are many things that I thoroughly enjoy, but what I cherish the most is the involvement we receive from our legislature members. From the legislative dinner where State Senators and House Representatives visit with the members in their district, to the bills and planks we send to them with our thoughts and ideas.” –Beth Johnston-Newman. Katie Dick, a 3rd year participant of KYG said that when she first joined she was a little intimidated, but gradually she discovered it was a really fun way to learn about the government and get involved. She also stated that she was excited about this year’s theme because she feels it is important due to all the laws and changes that are going on in the government.

If anyone is interested in joining KYG this year, there is still time to get involved. The next meeting will be January 6 at 5:30 pm at the 1st street Conference Room (the old Pizza Hut) on 223 N 1st Street, Yakima. For more information please contact Mrs. Harrer at (509)-848-2883 or Leanne Logozzo 307-8043,

llogozzo@hotmail.com.