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THANK YOU

A Thank you card was received from Ponderosa Care Center "Thank you for all the Valentines you gave us. It was very kind of you. Sometimes young people forget we were once young like you. Have fun and thanks again for your kindness".

I don't have the list of names for those that attended the craft day at Joann's, THANK YOU!

ENROLLMENTS AND ENROLLMENT FEE

Washington State 4-H instituted an **enrollment fee for youth members** beginning October 1, 2017 of \$25.00 per youth per year. When you were enrolling in 4HOnline, you had the option to "Pay by Credit Card" or "Pay by Check" in the Payment Section.

The Yakima County 4-H Program began a fundraising campaign this fall and has raised **sponsorship** funds for any youth for whom this fee is an obstacle for enrollment. If you are a parent or a leader, you can contact either Jenny or Bonnie at the 4-H office and request sponsorship funds be used to cover a youth's

enrollment fees. These requests are **confidential**, you need only send an email to Bonnie or Jenny.

If you are a **leader/volunteer**, you **MUST re-enroll every year**. Leaders and volunteers **DO NOT pay an enrollment fee**.

If you have NOT enrolled a youth member yet this year, please enroll them as soon as possible. log into the system at <https://wa.4honline.com>. If youth are showing livestock at a fair, especially CWJLS, please take the time to enroll them as soon as possible so they are eligible for fair participation. As you know, 4-H has ownership requirements and fairs have deadlines that will be here soon.

After you have enrolled, please log back in to see if your enrollment is "Active". If your status is "**Active**", you have completed the 4HOnline steps needed and we have received your payment.

If your status is "**Pending**" and you checked "Pay by Check" in the payment section, we may not have received your check in the Extension Office yet. The fee in Yakima County is \$25.00 per enrolled youth. Checks can be made out to the **WSU Yakima County Extension** and mail to: WSU Extension 4-H Attn: Bonnie, 2403 S. 18th Street Suite 100, Union Gap, WA 98903

If you have questions regarding enrollment status or need to request sponsorship funds to cover the 4-H youth enrollment fee, please contact Bonnie or Jenny at 509.574.1600 or via email.

Thank you so much to all our volunteers who make our program possible. 4-H truly "Makes the Best Better", let's all work together for all the youth of Yakima County.

TOP OF THE CROP AWARDS, CLUB CHARTER CELEBRATION RESULTS

Congratulations to the "Top of the Crop" horse project members:

Graduating Senior 2017: Lillie MeLemore,
High Point Western Games: Senior Anissa Capps,
Intermediate Amelia Haller, Junior Delilah Haller.

Senior Natalie Hernandez Bronze medal in Trail,
Silver medal in Showmanship, Gold #1 Medal in Western
State 4-H Fair Western Games members: Seniors
Anissa Capps, Kaytlin George, Kyley Tremblay.

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving 2017-2018 club charter. America's Future, Busy Bees, Desert Valley 4-H Club, Discovery Makers, Fort Simcoe Herdsmen, George's Renegades, Grow Em & Show Em, Prime Cut 4-H, Selah 4-H Club, Selah Rebel Riders, Spring Meadows and Valley Critter Sitters. They were awarded certificates at the club charter celebration in January.

If you haven't received your charter, contact Bonnie or Jenny in the Extension office to see what forms you are missing. Remember your club needs to be chartered to be considered an active 4-H club.

2017-2018 YAKIMA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following for volunteering your time to "Make 4-H Better"

President: Katie Newman

Vice President: Marcie O'Neal

Secretary: Katrina Colby, backup Becky Johnson

Treasurer: Leanne Logozzo

VP for Membership: TJ Jones

Correspondence Secretary: Amelia Haller

Historian: Gloria Marley

Upper Valley Representatives: Diane Jones and Becky Johnson

Central Valley Representatives: Barbara Harrer and Katie Newman

Lower Valley Representatives: Robin Scott and Jennifer Rand

JOANN FABRIC IS A NEW 4-H NATIONAL PARTNER

Also remember: Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases at JOANN Fabrics every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H. Visit <http://www.joann.com/4-h/> to get started.

COUNTRY FARM & GARDEN TRUE VALUE PRODUCTS – ANIMAL FEED

Country Farm and Garden True Value, a local store recently started carrying animal feed. They are offering 4-H participants 10% off feed and animal supplies. In addition, they are offering their location to you if there are any fundraisers or events that you need space for. The Store is located at 6 West Washington Avenue, Yakima. Contact Molly 575-8877.

VOLUNTEER/LEADER NEWS

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for volunteering your time to the 4-H Program and mentoring the youth of the Yakima Valley.

We appreciate all your efforts as a volunteer and we value your time. Unfortunately, especially during a winter like our current one, not everyone who works in the office is readily available.

If you are heading into the Extension office to pick up supplies, please call ahead if possible and let Jenny or Bonnie know what you need and when you will be coming to the office. We will make sure one of us is available or your supplies will be ready for you to pick up, hopefully this will keep you from making an extra trip.

Both Bonnie and Jenny have commitments that take us away from the office. If we know you are coming and what you need, we will do our best to make your mission successful. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of our 4-H youth and helping to build responsible citizens!

YOUR TIME MATTERS! DONATE HOURS TO 4-H

Leaders, every hour you spend supporting 4-H is a donation. By donating your volunteer hours, you give Yakima County 4-H the numeric proof we need to show our funders and higher-officials that our programs are greatly valued and needed. Officially donating (reporting) your hours also make you eligible for the Department of Labor and Industries medical aid program. Participation in the medical aid program allows an injured volunteer's medical expense to be paid by the Department of Labor and Industries. **What qualifies as volunteer hours?** Anything and everything you do for 4-H! Teaching, planning, prepping, shopping, paperwork, training, driving, calling, mentoring, presenting, emailing members. <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx>.

Before you can log your hours, your account will need to be activated into the Volunteer Reporting System. Contact Bonnie 574-1600 set up your new account or if you are having problems logging into the volunteer reporting site.

FAIR / SHOW NEWS

FLEECE & FUR AND SPRING MEADOWS 4-H CLUBS ANNUAL SPRING 4-H PET FAIR

Sign up today to attend the Spring 4-H Pet Fair & Small Animal Show on **March 24, 2018**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Fruitvale Grange, 2908 Castlevale Rd., Yakima sponsored by Fleece & Fur and Spring Meadows 4-H Clubs. Public is welcome to come watch the 4-H'ers show their small animal projects. There will be Fitting & Showing for all animals along with raffle tables, concession stand, poster contest and costume contests. Come see dogs, rabbits, cats, cavy and other small animals. 4-H'ers can download the [Fleece & Fur and the Spring Meadows 4-H Spring Fair Flyer & Entry Form](#) or contact Katrina Colby (253) 335-9737 or Miranda Best (509) 961-0449.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULE 5 C CHANGED

(C) Animals must be under the care and management of the exhibitor for the following time prior to the fair:

Beef 120 days, Swine 90 days, Lambs 60 days

The Exhibitor must have the proper paperwork from the County/State that the exhibitor resides in. The animal has to reside in the same county as the exhibitor. Furthermore, final decisions on this topic will be at the discretion of show management.

Please pass the above rule change to your 4-H members, parents and leaders/volunteers.

All show changes or news, required forms and general information can be found on the website <http://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/>



PROJECT RECORD BOOK

Please note a NEW CHANGE regarding record books for the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show. Please read your CWJLS Premium book regarding the new format for show project record books.

3 RING BINDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED—Pages must be in a folder with fasteners

4-H: Level 2 book (CO934) **only accepted** along with Market Add Sheet (C0728E) in this order—

- 1) Cover: must be neat with full name, address, club name, years in 4H, 4H Division and County.
- 2) Planning Calendar: Include all events pertaining to your project and all County events such as poster contests, talent shows, fairs, etc. Check what events you attended.
- 3) Code of Ethics: Must be signed by member, parent, leader and dated.
- 4) Project Record/Plans: Needs three complete and realistic plans for your project and have member, leader and parent sign and date. Complete at beginning of 4H year.
- 5) Project Journal: Needs to show all project work and activities. Must be used from the beginning of the project to now. Show what was done, how it was done, what was learned, etc. Make comments.
- 6) Market Add Sheet (C0728E): Complete information with beginning inventory, dates you weighed your animal, all feed, etc. purchased. These items will be listed in your project journal. You won't be able to complete the Income portion until after the market animal is sold.
- 7) Pictures, and highlights: Make sure you caption the pictures and date them. Complete the Highlight page, what you learned, any problems and list your successes.
- 8) **Do not use page 14 in the book, the information will be available in the Market Record add sheet!! C0728E**
- 9) 4-H Story: Start with a nice introduction. Your story won't be complete until the end of the 4-H year.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP TIMELINES

4-H members need to be completely enrolled (forms completed, signed and turned in to the Extension office, their Club Assessment fee paid) and their animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Rabbits and Poultry – 45 days **Cavies** – 45 days
Dogs – 60 days **Cats** – 60 days
Goat – 60 days **Llama** – 90 days
Sheep and Swine (Breeding & Market) – 60 days
(Swine see Rule 5C for CWJLS) 90 days

Equine – 90 days *(Make sure your horse certificate is on file 90 days before first show/event)*

Dairy–90 days, Dairy Heifer Replacement– 60 days, *(Make sure your dairy certificate is on file 90 or 60 days before first show/event)*

Market Beef – 120 days, Breeding Beef – 90 days

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

WESTERN GAMES MEDAL PROGRAM

If you are interested in serving on a committee to create a Western Games Medal Program for Yakima County, please contact the Extension office and leave your name and phone number.

APRIL FOOLS BOER GOAT WEEKEND

April 28 & 29, State Fair Park, Yakima, hosted by Cascade Boer Goat Association. Saturday, April 28, free educational classes start at 8:00 AM, hoof trimming, showmanship, blood draws and fitting goats. Youth showmanship, Jackpot market classes & jackpot commercial doe classes, ABGA Sanctioned Open Show #1 to follow youth show. Sunday, April 29, 9:00 AM, ABGA Sanctioned Open Show #2. Raffle of donated items during lunch to benefit this show and upcoming events.

Cascade Boer Goat Association is adding \$150 to the showmanship jackpot. A free pee wee showmanship class will be offered to any youth 6 years and under. Pee wees will not be part of the showmanship jackpot. Showmanship jackpot ages, Junior 7-10, Intermediate 11-14, Senior 15-18 years.

Jackpot market goat classes. 100% of entry fee will be added to the jackpot.

For more information email cbgashow@gmail.com, call or text Patti 509-388-6565. Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/208151579730873/>

Entry forms are also available at the Extension office.

PROJECT NEWS**DAIRY ENDOWMENT YOUTH CALF SALE, CALF GRANT, & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Dairy Endowment's Annual Springtime Youth Calf Sale is being held on **March 17, 2018** at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA.

Grants of \$500 are available to 4-H youth toward the purchase of dairy calves. Grant applications are due by February 19. Download the grant application form here:

<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/01/SYCS-Calf-Grant-2018.pdf>

The Dairy Endowment also offers two \$500 scholarships, **due March 1**. To qualify you must have purchased a calf or helped at the Springtime Youth Calf Sale, must be/have been enrolled in 4-H or FFA, and be a senior in high school or currently attending college. If interested, download the application form here:

<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/01/SYCS-Scholarship-App-2018.pdf>.

CWJLS LAMB SHEARING

Central Washington Junior Livestock Show Lamb shearing is scheduled for **April 7** at 9:00 AM at the Toppenish Junior Livestock Showgrounds. Contact David Funk by phone or text to schedule your appointment 570-2947. Cost is \$10.00 per lamb.



THE MARKET STEER GUIDE TO SUCCESS

Dani Peters, 4-H Youth Development Faculty, Oregon State University Extension Services, Hood River County, Oregon has created a wonderful handout titled *"The Market Steer Guide to Success"*. In the handout it explains considerations for selecting a steer, how to feed a market steer from beginning to finishing, training and preparing him for show and a section on Meat Quality Assurance. This handout is available in the Extension office or as a download at <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/mcarec/sites/default/files/4h-youth/marketsteerguide.pdf>

COUNTY NEWS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS DATES AND 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 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:

<p>Upper Valley TBD Diane Jones Call for appointment 833-3175</p>	<p>Central Valley TBD Call to schedule presentation. Barbara Harrer 70 N Falen Harrah, WA 98933 848-2883</p>	<p>Lower Valley 4/7/2018 Call to schedule presentation appt. Robin Scott 839-4937</p>
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County Public Presentation Contest, TBD
 Call Barbara Harrer to schedule appointment

THE STRAWBERRY ROAN CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Delilah Haller from Sagebrush Riders for the winning drawing of her depiction of the "The Strawberry Roan," lyrics. Her drawing can be found on the 4H Facebook page.

DESIGN THE CLOVERBUD RIBBON CONTEST

We have had several great ribbon designs returned for our new Cloverbud ribbon. They are in the process of being judged and voted on. Thank you, Natalee, Naydah and Nadia Bucio, Alexandria Southwick, Savannah Henry, Kayla and Kaleb Colby, Cara Elzie, McKenna Larsen, Dylan and Hailey Schlosser, Addison and Wyatt Blanchard for returning some beautiful designs.

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:

UV – 3/12/18	CV – TBD	4/7/18
Diane Jones, 833-3175	Barbara Harrer 848-2883 70 N Falen, Harrah	Robin Scott 839-4937

County Expressive Arts (Poster) – **April 16, 2018** (Blue Ribbon Winners Only) – Diane Jones 833-3175

4-H 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 24** at the Yakima County Extension Office Conference Room from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. To schedule appointments for the April 24 judging, contact the Extension office 574-1600 before entry deadline, April 15.

The Fashion Revue Show will be held on Friday, **April 27**, 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 evening, April 27.

Fashion Revue packets will be sent to the Clothing Project Leaders. Forms and more information is available on the Yakima County 4-H website, under 4-H Forms. <http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-forms/fashion-revue-forms/>

STATE NEWS

STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY

Registration deadline is **April 1st** and is \$20.00 per individual. This state contest is a self-sustaining event, hence the registration fees. Counties are limited to eight senior and intermediate 4-H individual youth contestants. Counties may combine up to four individuals at each level to form a team. Members must be currently enrolled for 2018 prior to the contest.

Counties with four or more individuals competing must designate two adult volunteers to assist during the contest. If the requirement to provide two adult volunteers is a challenge, please contact the volunteer state coordinator, Kim Lobb.

Additional registration details and the registration packet can be found at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/03/WashingtonState4-HHippologyContestRules.pdf>.

The registration **REQUIRES A COUNTY 4-H EDUCATOR SIGNATURE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you have questions about the State Hippology Contest, please contact Kim Lobb, State Hippology Coordinator (who is a volunteer) at kmlobb@gmail.com or (425) 737-7535. If you have questions about membership requirements and/or county 4-H staff signature requirement, contact Jennifer Leach, State 4-H Equine Specialist at jleach@wsu.edu, (360) 577-3014 Ext. 4.

YOUTH BEEF AND SWINE FIELD DAYS

All interested 4-H and FFA youth and adults are invited to participate in the Youth Beef and Swine Field Days hosted by WSU and University of Idaho Extension. The **WSU/UI Youth Beef Field Day** is scheduled for Saturday, **March 17, 2018**, at the Lewiston Livestock Market in Lewiston, ID. Topics for the day include: health care, selection, feeding and nutrition, low stress handling, calculating yield grade using an app, quality assurance, judging and fitting and clipping demonstration. The registration fee of **\$8 per person is due by March 9**. Note that registration is capped at 100 participants so sign up soon! The registration fee includes lunch and handout materials. The **WSU/UI Youth Swine Field Day** will be held on Saturday, **March 24, 2018**, at the Asotin County Fairgrounds in Asotin, WA. Topics for the swine field day include: selection and trends, low stress handling, nutrition, health care, quiz bowl, record keeping using an app, and Fitting and Showing demonstration. The registration fee of **\$8 per person is due by March 16**. Note that registration is capped at 100 participants so sign up soon! The registration fee includes lunch and handout materials.

Both field days provide hands-on activities for youth, so they will learn skills to experience a fun and successful market animal project. This will be one of the best opportunities for the year so register early to guarantee your participation. Enrollment forms for both

field days are available on-line at:

<http://extension.wsu.edu/asotin>

For questions contact Mark Heitstuman, WSU Asotin/Garfield County Extension Director, 509.243.2009, heitstuman@wsu.edu; or Janet Schmidt, WSU Whitman County Extension Director, 509.397.6290, schmidtj@wsu.edu or Kathee Tift, University of Idaho Nez Perce County Extension Director, 208.799.3096, ktift@uidaho.edu.

SAVE THE DATE! 4-H HORSE CAMP

Mason County 4-H is gearing up for another outstanding 4-H Horse Camp to be held June 17 – 23 and all Washington State 4-H Horsemanship project members are invited! Members enjoy a week of equitation, showmanship and western games classes, trail rides, craft projects, and fun outdoor activities. Camp is held at beautiful Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp, located just outside of Shelton, Washington.

Please save the date and consider joining us for a week of fun and learning with your horse. Camp will be limited to the first 30 registered campers. Cost \$160. Registrations available in March.

For additional information contact Camp Director Melissa Seals at 360-280-5458, 4-H Program Coordinator Kathy Fuller at 360-427-9670 Ext 681, fuller@wsu.edu, or visit us at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/>. View the flyer at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2018/01/4-h-horse-camp/>

TEEN NEWS

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Now is the time to start working on your scholarship and grant requests.

The 4-H scholarship opportunities webpage has been updated. Check deadlines, most are due March 15.

<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/> for the 2018 4-H scholarships. You will find that we have consolidated all 4-H scholarships and there will be one 4-H scholarship application through 4HOnline.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Scholarship Opportunities webpage or 4-H Scholarship Instructions, please contact Britta Nitcy at nitcy@wsu.edu or 509-335-6479 or Gayle Ashworth at ashworthg@wsu.edu or 253-445-4570.

The College of Agricultural, Human, & Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) awards approximately \$600,000 in scholarships to students pursuing CAHNRS majors. Students apply by filling out the general WSU scholarship application found on the WSU Future Students website: scholarships.

To be considered for CAHNRS scholarships, be sure to indicate the CAHNRS major in which you are interested on the application. For more information <http://academic.cahnrs.wsu.edu/scholarships>



NEWS YOU CAN USE

TAKING CARE OF OUR EARTH, SPRINGTIME YOUTH FUN

This three session Saturday class series is FREE, and will be held on **March 24, March 31 and April 7 from 10:00 AM to Noon** at the Master Gardener Greenhouse, 1522 South 18TH Ave, Yakima. Classes will be limited to 20 students ages 5 and up.

At our first class, students will plant a variety of vegetables from scraps that are usually thrown away i.e. sweet potato, celery bottom, pineapple top, avocado pit, etc. They will learn about seeds (and where to find them!) and the different types of roots that plants have.

In the second class, we will read The Diary of a Worm. Students will learn about composting and will make their own composting bin to take home. They will also check on the progress of the previous week's plantings.

Our final class will tie it all together and we hope to send the children home with a variety of interesting plants, a notebook that they have compiled and an appreciation for our earth's resources and how to help protect them. There is no fee for this class! [REGISTER HERE!](#) <http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/home-garden/master-gardeners/master-gardener-events/#youth>

RAISING DAIRY CATTLE SEMINAR

Thursday, **February 22**, 6:30 pm, Bleyhl Sunnyside Store, 1720 Eastway Drive. This is a free seminar, RSVP to save your seat, 509-837-5755.

From calf to cow, learn about nutrition for sustainable dairy cattle growth and productivity you can't miss! Count on Purina for dairy feeds and technologies to help you and your herd reach your goals.

K&S SHOW PIGS, UPPER VALLEY SHOW SWINE SALE

Saturday, **March 24**. Viewing at 9:00 AM, sale at 11:00 AM. West Valley Fairgrounds, 3120 South Wiley Rd., Yakima. Auctioning off show pigs for July, August and September's Fairs. Bred to some of the best quality boar's including Abundant by Genetic Edge, Party Up North by Shaffer's Gold Rush, Made Ya Look by Cain Farms among others. Contact Scott Fleming 949-9639, or visit K&S Show Pigs on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/KSShowpigs/>. Cash only to be paid at time of sale. *This is being sent out for information, Yakima County 4H does not endorse any firms, products, services, or sellers.*

YA4-H! TEEN TEACHING OPENINGS

YA4-H! (Youth Advocates for Health) is a grant-funded program that allows teens to become health advocates, teachers, models for younger youth and researchers in the community. YA4-H! Teen Teachers will work in teaching teams, Teen Teachers and the local YA4-H! Program Coordinator, to teach hands-on lessons

and activities, primarily focused on healthy food choices, physical activity, and cooking skills. Lessons will be taught to youth, ages 8–12, at Yakima County schools, summer camp programs and other community youth organizations. YA4-H! Teen Teachers will develop leadership and teaching skills through this educational and fun program through practical on-the-job training and mentorship with Washington State University staff and faculty. A unique feature of YA4-H! is that trained teen teachers lead the lessons, not adults. YA4-H! supports teens as health advocates, teachers, models for younger youth, and researchers in our community.

Complete details and application forms are available at the Yakima County Extension office or the 4-H website: <http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/job-opportunities/>

RESOURCES:

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

Yakima County WSU Extension Website:
<http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/>

Yakima County 4-H Websites:
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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2018

1	Clubs, Groups, Council Annual Club Plan Due to the Extension office	
2-4	Pierce County Spring Kick-Off Horse Clinic, http://www.pc4horseleaders.com/events/spring-kickoff-clinic/ , Connie at koltsnkitties@gmail.com	
3	11:00 AM, Crafts at JOANN Fabric Store, Tieton	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
8	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
9	WA State Swine Information, http://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-state-swine-information-day/	
15	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
15	Report January’s Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx
19	Extension Office Closed, President’s Day Observed	
17-20	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia, Contact Katie Newman kathrynnewman16@gmail.com , 945-5311	
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
22	6:30 PM, Raising Dairy Cattle Seminar, Bleyhl Sunnyside Store, 1720 Eastway Dr., Sunnyside	RSVP 837-5755
28	CWJLS Preliminary Entry Deadline, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332

MARCH 2018

8	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
12	Upper Valley Poster Contest	Diane Jones 833-3175
15	7:00 PM, CWJLS Required Meeting , Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
15	Report February’s Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx
17	Youth Beef Field Day, Lewiston Livestock Market, Lewiston, ID, http://extension.wsu.edu/asotin	

17	Dairy Endowment Youth Calf Sale, Calf Grant & Scholarship, http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/03/WashingtonState4-HHippologyContestRules.pdf .	
19	6:00 PM, County Council Meeting, Volunteers, Leaders, 4-H Members/Parents are invited. First Street Conference Room, 223 North First Street, Yakima	
19	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
24	Taking Care of Our Earth, Springtime Youth Fun, Master Gardner Greenhouse, 1522 S 18 th Ave, Yakima, http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/home-garden/master-gardeners/master-gardener-events/#youth	
24	Youth Swine Field Day, Asotin County Fairgrounds, Asotin, WA http://extension.wsu.edu/asotin	
24	Fleece & Furs and Spring Meadows 4-H Clubs Spring Pet Fair, Fruitvale Grange, Katrina Colby 253-335-9737 or Miranda Best 509-961-0449	
24	K&S Show Pigs, Upper Valley show swine, West Valley Fairgrounds, Contact Scott Fleming 949-9639, <i>Yakima County 4H does not endorse any firms, products, services, or sellers.</i>	
31	Taking Care of Our Earth, Springtime Youth Fun, Master Gardner Greenhouse, 1522 S 18 th Ave, Yakima, http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/home-garden/master-gardeners/master-gardener-events/#youth	

APRIL 2018

1	4-H State Hippology Contest Registration deadline	Kim Lobb kmlobb@gmail.com , 425-737-7535
7	9:00 AM, CWJLS Lamb Shearing Day, Toppenish Showgrounds, Call to schedule appt.	David Funk 570-2947
7	Lower Valley Poster Contest, bring to public presentation day	Robin Scott 839-4937
7	Lower Valley Public Presentations, Call to schedule presentation	Robin Scott 839-4937
7	Taking Care of Our Earth, Springtime Youth Fun, Master Gardner Greenhouse, 1522 S 18 th Ave, Yakima, http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/home-garden/master-gardeners/master-gardener-events/#youth	
10	CWJLS FINAL ENTRY Deadline , Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
12	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, WV Fire Station, 10000 Zier Rd., Yakima	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Report March's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx
16	County Poster Contest, Drop off at Extension before April 16, or deliver to Diane	Diane Jones 833-3175
16	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
19	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
21	9:00 AM, CWJLS Clean Up Day – Toppenish Showgrounds, 4-H, FFA, Parents help is needed	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
24	4:00-7:00 PM, Fashion Revue and modeling judging of garments	Ilene Bushnell 728-1693
27	6:30 PM, Fashion Revue, Fruitvale Grange	Ilene Bushnell 728-1693
28-29	April Fools Boer Goat Weekend Show, State Fair Park, Yakima, cbgashow@gmail.com	Patti 388-6565
Apr 29- May 2	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Showgrounds, Exhibitor record books due at office between 11:AM-3:00 PM.	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332

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3	CWJLS After show clean-up. All help is needed from members, parents, leaders	
5	Sagebrush Riders 4H Horse Show, More information to come later	
6-11	Level 2 Shooting Sports Training Workshop, Madrid, Iowa	Tonie Gwin tgwin@co.pacific.wa.us
10	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting,	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Report April's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx
28	Extension Office Closed, Memorial Day Observed	
17	7:00 PM, CWJLS Meeting, Show Office, Toppenish Showgrounds	Ken Stroud 877-5776, Peggy Cuillier 877-6332
21	6:30 PM, YVF&R Meeting, Grandview Livestock Building, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
26	Western Games Qualifier, more information to come later	Angela Faulkner

JUNE 2018

14	7:00 PM WV Fair Meeting, Blue Barn, West Valley Fairgrounds, Wiley City	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
15	Report May's Volunteer Hours	http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx
16	Western Games Qualifier, more information to come later	Angela Faulkner
17-23	4-H Horse Camp, Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp, Shelton, WA, http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2018/01/4-h-horse-camp/ Kathy Fuller 360-427-9670, Ext 681	