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Happy New Year!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Holiday Community Service

Thanks to Sagebrush Riders, Harrah Humdingers, and the youth who participated in the 4-H holiday craft night for community, over 40 cards and 20 homemade gifts were donated to local nursing homes. Giving joy in these times means more than ever!

If you have Club News to share, we want to feature it here next month. Tell us what your club is up to!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Central Washington Junior Livestock Show BEEF TAG AND WEIGH

**January 9, 2022
From 1-3pm at
Toppenish Livestock
Sales Yard**



When you purchase your steer please get your brand inspection paperwork from your buyer. Not just a bill of sale. You need to have your brand papers when you come to tag and weigh. This means you and the seller must contact a brand inspector. Please print out your Market Health Record and have the seller fill out the Producer Affidavit and Animal Information. Market Health Record can be downloaded from the 4-H website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-forms/>

New Publications from WSU for 4-H Livestock Projects!

Successfully Navigating 4-H Market Livestock Projects- Raising a 4-H market livestock animal (beef, lamb, swine, or goat) can be an overwhelming experience, particularly for the first-time family. There are several steps and actions the 4-H member, leader, and family will take throughout the year to complete this project experience. Carefully reading this publication and following the provided guidance will help 4-H members, leaders and families successfully navigate the many steps involved with raising a market livestock project from start to finish.

"Meating" the Grade: Raising Market-Ready Youth Lamb Projects- Market lambs are popular 4-H and FFA projects for many youth. While youth learn to select, feed, manage, show and sell their market animals, they also develop many important life skills. They learn how to set goals, solve problems, make good decision, keep accurate records, and manage money. One of the outcomes of this process is that youth produce a market lamb that hopefully meets or exceeds the quality standards set forth by the American lamb industry and, ultimately, consumer of lamb.

These are available for purchase at your local Extension office or for download at <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>

CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ANIMAL OWNERSHIP TIMELINE

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

Beef-120 days

Lambs-60 days

Swine-90 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.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP TIMELINES

4-H members need to be completely enrolled in 4-H Online 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 premium book for CWJLS)

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



TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

2022 Know Your Government HAS LEVELED UP!

Students across Washington are invited to come together and learn about the legislative process through interactive programming!

Friendly competition will encourage engagement with real bills, real legislators and real civic-minded students across the state.

Participate in Zoom meetings with facilitators & delegates, hear from speakers and participate in challenges involving local & State governments!

Open to ALL 13 years old and up
Cost is \$15 per participant
Get started here:
<https://sites.google.com/view/kyg-2022>

Learn how bills are created

Learn how to be a positive contributing citizen

Explore new ideas and perspectives

Check our website for updates!
<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/>

Teen Equity & Inclusion Task Force Presents Virtual Symposium On Dress Codes On January 9th – Register Now!



ADDRESSING THE DRESS CODE

A 4-H Virtual Symposium

**JAN. 9TH
1-5 P.M.**

4-H YOUTH
AGES 12-19

Register at
wa4hteenequity.weebly.com

4-H youth ages 12-19 are invited to join the Teen Equity & Inclusion Task Force in a January 9th virtual symposium on dress codes. Activities include a panel discussion, games, a group project and engaging dialogue with 4-H teens from around the country. Topics of focus include body positivity, cultural awareness, economic disparity, and gender equality as they relate to dress codes. Come join in our exploration of what relevant and inclusive dress codes can look like. Each participant will receive a supply kit prior to the symposium.

Register at

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5322231> or
wa4hteenequity.weebly.com

BLUE RIBBON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2022



The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to local students for continuing education. 4-H member students may be eligible for some of these opportunities.

Go to <https://www.thefair.com/foundation/scholarships/> and click any of the scholarships listed to see specific qualifications, or apply directly at: <https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com>.

Students only need to submit one application for all scholarships offered online. The application system will automatically apply students for the scholarships they qualify for.

For any Scholarship questions, please email kima@thefair.com.



4-H Scholarship Applications Open January 1

Attention 12th grade 4-Hers!

The WSU 4-H Scholarship Applications will open on January 1, 2022. There are a variety of scholarship available! The deadline to apply is March 15, 2022.

Like last year, the scholarships are available to all approved 12th grade 4-Hers who have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H participation. An applicant must have an approved 4-H enrollment prior to the application deadline.

Please note that the supplemental documents required for the application (resume, essay, letters of recommendation, and academic transcripts) must be combined into a single PDF file before uploading to 4-H Online. The scholarship requirements as well as instructions on how to apply can be found at

<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>

Questions regarding the requirements or scholarships themselves, should be directed to Britta Nitcy (nitcy@wsu.edu).

EQUINE NEWS

ExtensionHorses.org Offers New Hippology Short Courses!

Looking for that holiday gift for your equestrian friends? Or for yourself? Check out these two short courses on Horse Health and Horse Nutrition from Extension Horses. They are available from December 15 to May 15. You can start at any time, and each course has six lessons from University and industry experts from around the country. At \$50 per course, that is less than \$10 per lesson.

Click here to enroll:

<https://catalog.extension.org/?category=6&keyword=Hippology+Shortcourse&cond=advand&searchcategory=>



Online Short courses in Horse Nutrition and Health

Available for Holiday gift season. \$50/course
Enroll at: Catalog.extension.org

EXPLORE 4-H!

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH 4-H



Explore new hands-on activities to spark curiosity for the kids in your family, and learn how you can pay it forward to more kids waiting to unlock their potential.

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/holiday-2021/>

CODE YOUR COMMUNICATION!



In our newest STEM activity from HughesNet, kids will learn the basics of binary code and put their learning into action by making a beaded bracelet featuring their coded initials.

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/code-your-communication/>

LEARN TO CODE!



Learn to code with this fun activity from our partners at Microsoft. Kids will play the “Collect the Clovers” online game, collecting as many 4-leaf clovers as they can while avoiding the bees! Using a Microsoft Arcade tutorial, they’ll learn how to code their own version of the game!

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/camp/stem/coding>

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR HEALTHY LIVING AND AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMITS



The National Youth Summit Series are immersive, three-day experiences where you dive into the issues, expand your career horizons and grow as a leader while working with and learning from other teens and experts with shared passions. The 2022 Healthy Living and Agri-Science Youth Summits are now open for registration and will take place in-person in the Washington, D.C. area.

<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>

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May 1-4	Central Washington Junior Livestock Show	https://www.centralwashingtonjuniorlivestockshow.com/
June 23-26	Washington State Junior Horse Show	https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/4-h-horse-events/

Volunteers wanted for Shooting Sports-Training in January Available

Training Location:

Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club, 3334 Brooks Hill Road, Langley, WA 98260 (On South Whidbey Island)

Training Times:

Friday, January 14th, both disciplines: 1:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday, January 15th, Archery discipline: 6:30am-11:30am

Saturday, January 15th, Rifle discipline: 12:00pm-5:00pm

If you are interested, contact Yakima County 4-H office to see if financial support is available

Cost is \$60 per person. Link to sign up: https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_29P4dO6sABV5sN0



ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARIES DUE

The Annual Financial Summary Report, Property Inventory Form and Audit Procedure Forms for October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 were due in the Extension office on **December 1**. If your club does not have a checking or savings account, please make a note to that fact on the Annual Financial Summary Report, [sign the form](#) and return it. Any forms that are not completed or signed will be returned.

Forms were mailed out in the 4-H club leader packet and are available on the 4-H website and in the Extension office.

The Annual Club Plan form is due **February 1, 2022**, but you can turn it in at any time beforehand. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah or Jenny at the Extension office 574-1600.



4-H "TO DO" List



- ☐ Enrollment: If you are a member or leader who has not enrolled for this 2021-2022 4-H year, please enroll in 4Honline as soon as possible
- ☐ If you need fee enrollment sponsorship, contact Sarah at sarah.boerum@co.yakima.wa.us
- ☐ Financial Forms: If you are a club leader and the 4-H Office does not have your club financial documents, please turn them in ASAP, financial forms were due **December 1, 2021**.
- ☐ Club Plan: Make a plan for this year's 4-H club activities & goals. Annual Club Plan is due **February 1, 2022**.
- ☐ Make sure members are enrolled for the appropriate animal ownership timelines.

HAVE A NEED/FILL A NEED

Volunteers: YOUR TIME MATTERS TO US.

Every hour you spend supporting 4-H is a donation. All Certified 4-H Volunteers are required to report hours; reporting protects and supports you and the local program!



By reporting your 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. In addition, reporting your hours makes you eligible for the Dept. of Labor and Industries medical aid program (this program allows an injured volunteer's medical expense to be paid by the Department of Labor and Industries), and allows you protection under the state of Washington tort claims law, RCW 4.92.060, for acts or omissions while performing, or in good faith purporting to perform, your official volunteer duties.

What qualifies as volunteer hours? Anything and everything you do for 4-H! Teaching, planning, prepping, shopping, helping at fair and other events, paperwork, training, driving, calling, mentoring, presenting, emailing, even reading this! If it's for 4-H, it counts!

Email Sarah at sarah.boerum@co.yakima.wa.us or call at (509) 574-1574 if you need assistance.

COVID UPDATE: Find Yakima County 4-H

Guidelines link:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/2020/03/yakima-county-4-h-covid-19-response/>

Quick Links

- ☐ Volunteer Sterlings Background screening
<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en>
- ☐ 4-H Online Enrollment Link
<https://v2.4honline.com/>
- ☐ 4-H Online Enrollment: Creating Family Profile Youtube
<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima>
- ☐ 4HOnline Enrollment Guide
<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites.pdf>
- ☐ Yakima County 4-H From Home
<https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-hfromhome/>
- ☐ Yakima County 4-H website:
<http://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/>
- ☐ Yakima County Facebook Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>
- ☐ State 4-H Website:
<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>
- ☐ WSU Extension Publications,
<https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>
- ☐ Volunteer Reporting Hours
<https://volunteers.cahnrs.wsu.edu/logon.aspx>

Freebies: Assorted Horse Supplies

Call and make an appointment to pick up or view at the Yakima County WSU extension office: (509) 574-1574



WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19

The *WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19* was developed to help parents and their families navigate the pandemic and the days to follow. The publication is available at https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf.



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“WSU Yakima County Extension empowers our families, communities, and local partners through a network of educators and volunteers to provide research-based outreach and creative solutions to enhance agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life.”

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