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# 4-H FOCUS



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## CLUB, VOLUNTEER & PROGRAM NEWS



### 4-H Volunteer GivePulse Raffle Drawing!

Attention volunteers be sure to get those hours input into GivePulse! The Yakima County 4-H program will be performing a raffle drawing. The volunteer with the most hours entered within GivePulse from October, November & December will have a chance to win \$50! Winner will be announced on **Monday, January 29.**



### Upcoming Leaders' Council Meeting

The next Yakima County Leaders' Council Meeting will be held **January 22, at 6:30 pm** in the WSU Extension Office large conference room. Attendance to this meeting is crucial as this will be the official day to nominate leaders for positions on the executive board. If you are unable to physically attend the meeting, the zoom link may be requested by contacting Katlyn at [Yakima.4H@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4H@wsu.edu) or by calling 509-574-1574.

### Winner of the Gingerbread House - Coloring Competition"

Last month's 4-H focus newsletter featured a gingerbread house coloring competition. Based on neatness, creativity and originality the winner would be gifted a 4-H prize cup. Please join us in congratulating Annelise S. for her awesome entry!



### 4-H "To Do" List

- **Enrollment:** If you are a member or leader who has not enrolled for this 2023-2024 4-H year, please enroll in 4-H Online as soon as possible. If you need fee enrollment sponsorship, contact Katlyn at [Yakima.4H@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4H@wsu.edu)
- **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, 2023**.
- **Club Plan:** Make a plan for this year's 4-H club activities & goals, the location of your meetings & status of your club (open/closed). Annual Club Plan is due **February 1, 2024**.

### New Year, New Merchandise

Start 2024 off with exciting new items from Shop 4-H! From a 4-H theme Pickleball Paddle Set to the newest apparel, our recently released new items will have you covered all year round. [Start shopping now!](#) Shop 4-H even dropped their latest Winter 2024 Discover 4-H Subscription Box! Keep yourself healthy mentally and physically while learning about healthy habits, eating nutritious food, and staying active! Each quarterly box may include a first look at new activities and curriculum. [Check it out!](#)

### 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

It's almost time for the WSU/4-H Scholarship Applications! All 4-H applications are due no later than **March 15**. Now is a great time to start preparing your documentation. You can review the application requirements and criteria at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>



### 4-H Scholarship Application

## CLUB, VOLUNTEER & PROGRAM NEWS, CONTINUED...



### 4-H GROWS HERE

#### Wishing Mayor Barbara Harrer a Happy Retirement!

Join us in wishing Mayor Barbara Harrer a happy retirement from being the Mayor of Harrah, Washington! She has truly inspired the community with all the incredible things she's done during her career. Yakima County 4-H is honored to have her support as a local volunteer & club leader with the Harrah Humdingers 4-H club. To read an article released on Barbara Harrers behalf, be sure to visit [Yakima Herald Republic website](https://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local-news/barbara-harrer-retires-after-12-years-as-mayor-of-harrah-wash/). Thank you for all you've done & congratulations again, Mrs. Harrer.

#### Green Valley 4-H Fundraising Event

Wrapping up the year of 2023, Green Valley 4-H club did a fundraiser for the Mabton School District's homeless kids closet. There were donations of all sorts of items, ranging from food, toiletries, clothing items and more!

As the Green Valley 4-H reporter Seth stated, "I think that it feels really cool giving everyday stuff to kids in need around Christmas time, it really helps bring out the Christmas spirit."

We couldn't agree more. Awesome job Green Valley!!

#### Harrah Humdingers 4-H Club & Holiday Festivities

The Harrah Humdingers 4-H club has certainly been busy this holiday season. Decorating cookies for our annual Christmas party & making over 700 Christmas cards to donate to our local veterans.



#### Sagebrush Riders 4-H - Holiday party

This year the Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club accompanied Santa at Highgate Senior Living to sing Christmas carols & decorate cookies with the elderly residents. This event certainly brought holiday cheer to everyone!

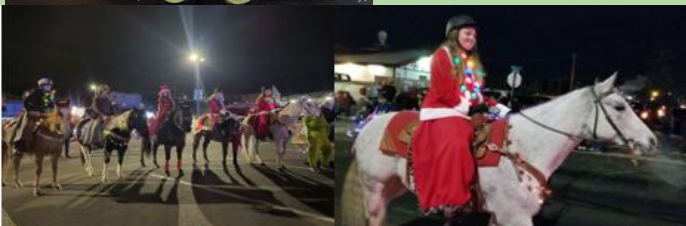
#### Naches Valley 4-H Christmas Party

'Tis the season of parties, gift giving, games & friends. Many of our clubs held their very own celebrations in spirit of the holidays to come. Pictured here are the many smiles from the Naches Valley Annual Christmas party!



#### 2023 Annual Selah Lighted Parade

Thank you to everyone who participated in this years annual Selah Lighted Parade! There was such an amazing turn out featuring 3 of our local 4-H clubs, including, Selah 4-H, Naches Valley 4-H & Sagebrush Riders 4-H Club. We made sure to include some photos of the event in case you missed it!



## TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

#### Know Your Government

On President's Day weekend members of the Know Your Government (KYG) 4-H Club will have the opportunity to gather in Olympia, **February 17, 2024** for the Know Your Government Teen Conference. This conference will have a focus on the election theme, called "It's Your Choice". Youth members at this event will pick a candidate and campaign for other delegations to also vote for them. Making a really fun and engaging year for new 4-H youth members to join! If this is something your high school youth member may be interested in, please join us at the pre-conference meeting on **January 15 & February 4**. Both of the Know Your Government pre-conference meetings will be held at the WSU Yakima County Extension Office large conference room. During these meetings families will get more information on the state conference in Olympia & 4-H members will gain strategies & tools that can be utilized at the event.



## 4-H ENROLLMENT NEWS

### 4-H Youth Membership Fee

The youth membership fee is due at the time of enrollment and is done through the 4-H online system. The fee is \$25.00 per youth member. Volunteers do not need to pay the fee. You have the option to pay by credit card, send in a check. To request sponsorship for the membership fee, send an email with member(s) name to [yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:yakima.4h@wsu.edu).

### Annual 4-H Club Plan Due February 1st!

Club plans are due soon! We kindly ask that club leaders have these filled out, completed, and sent back to the office **February 1, 2024** with the exception of the financial summary. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like any help in filling this paperwork out please call to Katlyn at the Extension office at 509-574-1600.

### Annual Financial Summaries

Annual Financial Summary Report for October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 were due **December 1st**. If your club does not have a checking or savings account, please make a note to that fact on the form, sign the form and return it. This submission may also be completed by emailing Katlyn at [yakima.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:yakima.4h@wsu.edu) by simply stating “\_\_\_\_ 4-H club has no checking account”. Any forms that are not completed or signed will be returned. Instructions are in the [Leader's Guide to the Treasurer's Book \(C1059E\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact Katlyn at the Extension office 509-574-1600.

### 4-H Club Bank Accounts and EINs

4-H Clubs are given non-profit status under the umbrella of the Washington State 4-H Program. 4-H clubs must be a chartered club in good standing, in order to have a bank account, to fundraise, or to accept funds or gifts and claim non-profit status for their club. To have a 4-H bank account, clubs are required to have an EIN with the IRS. New EIN applications must be completed by 4-H office staff. If your club needs an EIN, please contact Katlyn at the extension office by calling 509-574-1600. Clubs are NO longer allowed to have “shoebox accounts”. Clubs are not required to have bank accounts or EINs, but learning about money is a truly valuable life skill.

## EQUINE NEWS

### Attention Senior 4-H Horse Members! WA State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest that is coming up on February 3

Below are links to the rules and registration details (including registration deadline).

What do you need to know about this contest?

- The WA State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest is a fun way to demonstrate your equine knowledge.
- This contest is open to Senior Division 4-H members only and is comprised of three categories: Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, and Team Presentation.
- The top blue ribbon scoring individuals qualify to represent Washington State 4-H at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, KY in November.
- YOU should give it a try!
- The contest is held virtually. After (free) registration, you'll be assigned a presentation time. Just log into Zoom at your appointed time and give your presentation (following the guidelines outlined in the rules).
- Don't have the tech that you need to participate? Let us know what you need and we'll help you figure it out!
- Worried about tech challenges? We host a tech-check zoom the weekend before to help you work out all the bugs!
- What do you have to lose? Put your presentation skills to work and see where they take you! We can't wait to hear what you have to say about horses!!
- If you would like to schedule a practice presentation with Yakima County 4-H contact Katlyn at 509-574-1600 to schedule a time.

[WA State 4-H Equine Presentation Contest Rules](#) – contest is **February 3, 2024**

[WA State 4-H Equine Presentation Contest Registration Form](#) – registration is open and closes **January 25, 2024**

Visit the [WA State 4-H Horse](#) page for information about other opportunities and more resources!

Questions? Contact our State 4-H Equine Coordinator: Kim Baker | 425-520-3908 | [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2024**  
**WA STATE 4-H**  
**EQUINE**  
**CONTESTS**

**UPDATE**  The State Equine Presentations Contest date has changed from September at State Fair to **February 3, 2024** (on Zoom)! Help us spread the word!

 <b>FEB 3, 2024</b> Location: <b>Virtual</b>	<b>STATE EQUINE PRESENTATIONS CONTEST</b>
 <b>MAY 4, 2024</b>  <b>MAY 5, 2024</b> Location: Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake	<b>STATE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST</b> <b>STATE HORSE BOWL CONTEST</b> <small>Teams are encouraged to try both contests. Fun Derby Party Saturday after Hippology Contest!!</small>
 <b>SEPT 2024</b> <b>STATE FAIR</b> <b>DATES TBD</b> Location: State 4-H Fair Puyallup, WA	<b>STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST</b> <small>Will be held during State Fair. Dates will be published with the State Fair schedule.</small> <b>STATE GROOM SQUAD CONTEST</b>

Rules, Registration and Information: [WA State 4-H Horses](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/)  
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>



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## EQUINE NEWS, CONTINUED...



### WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series Continues!

Hands-on Fun for Everyone! **Every fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 pm** on Zoom! For example, on December 28th everyone learned about Body Condition Scoring.

If this is something you may be interested in, be sure to register online at <https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience> or by email to: [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu).

### Washington 4-H Horse Program Q and A Session Continue

The Q and A session for parents, leaders, county faculty/staff and 4-H members will continue to be offered monthly on the **first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm to June 2024**. It will be on the following Wednesdays, **January 3rd, February 7th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th**. So "mark your calendars"!

Come join us anytime with your questions. The zoom meeting ID is 452-082-9765 with no passcode. You must have a zoom account to participate. The meetings are facilitated by Kim Baker, 4-H State Equine Coordinator and/or Jennifer Leach, State 4-H Equine Specialist.



## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Swine Regulations Identification Requirements

According to the WSDA "All swine that leave the farm of origin, moving through a public livestock market or collection facilities and all participating exhibition swine, must have official USDA-approved identification" In other words, if you buy piglets this year, the seller needs to have already applied an RFID tag when you get them. Free identification tags and applicators to Washington State Fairs & youth swine exhibitors may be attained by calling, David Hecimovich the WSDA Animal Disease Traceability Coordinator at 360-725-5493 or by email at [dhecimovich@agri.wa.gov](mailto:dhecimovich@agri.wa.gov).

To request an instructional form on how to apply the applicator you may contact the Extension Office by emailing [Yakima.4H@wsu.edu](mailto:Yakima.4H@wsu.edu) or by calling 509-574-1600.

Looking for more information?

- [Click here to find out how to get an official, USDA-approved, individual identification.](#)
- [Click here to learn about our import requirements.](#)

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Dog Pulling Event

Are you interested in training your dog on weight pulling? In February and March the International Weight Pull Association will host a sanctioned event **February 24 & 25** at the Yakima County Sundome during the Central Washington Sportsman Show. Here you could earn fun ribbons and points towards a medal near the end of the season. There is no age restriction for this event as both youth and adults are invited to participate with their dogs.

Some things to know:

- This is NOT considered a 4-H event and would be held as an event from outside of our organization.
- Dogs do not need to have any registration to participate in weight pulling.
- Owner must be able to handle their dog out in public.
- Mixed breeds are allowed.
- Dogs may be fixed or intact.
- No weight pulling previous training needed.
- Practice events are free of charge.
- Dogs must be over 1 year old before **Feb 23rd** to pull at this event.
- Recommended that dogs over 6 months old start to practice.
- Dogs can only perform up to the age of 13 years.

For further information on practice times and locations, please contact Trisha at 509-941-8819 or by emailing [sweetlikeafile@gmail.com](mailto:sweetlikeafile@gmail.com).

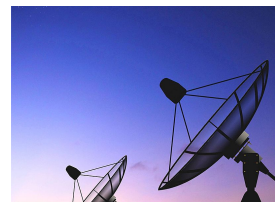
### Solar Brilliance: Exploring the Secrets of Our Sun ☀️

Developed by Utah State University and EDP Renewables, help youth dive into the world of experiential learning! 4-H youth will build a solar energy model, get their hands dirty (well, not literally), and learn about renewable energy. From understanding the principles of photovoltaics to assembling the components, every step is a chance to explore, discover, and apply real-world knowledge. [Click here to be redirected to 4-H.org & start the activity!](#)



### Travel to Outer Space...and Back Again

Developed by Utah State University and brought to you by HughesNet, learn about how data travels worldwide with the help of 8,000 active satellites orbiting our planet. Discover how satellites transfer data from one place to another, the definition of "decomposition", and much more! [Click here to be redirected to 4-H.org & start the activity!](#)



## 4-H RESOURCES & IMPORTANT LINKS

### Quick Links

- ✿ 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/>
- ✿ Volunteer Reporting Hours - Give Pulse  
<https://wsu.givepulse.com/group/453176>
- ✿ 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>



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 2024

3	Washington 4-H Horse Program Q & A Session	Kim Baker <a href="mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu">kim.baker@wsu.edu</a> or 425-520-3908
7	Beef Tag & Weigh Day, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, Toppenish Livestock Commission	<a href="#">CWJLS webpage</a> or the <a href="#">CWJLS Facebook page</a>
7	12:00 - 12:30 pm, Yakima County 4-H Know Your Government Pre-Conference Meeting, WSU Extension Office, Large Conference Room	Kathryn Dunn <a href="mailto:kjdunn2022@gmail.com">kjdunn2022@gmail.com</a>
15	10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Yakima County 4-H Know Your Government Pre-Conference Meeting, WSU Extension Office, Large Conference Room	Kathryn Dunn <a href="mailto:kjdunn2022@gmail.com">kjdunn2022@gmail.com</a>
22	Yakima County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Extension Office, Large Conference Room	Katlyn <a href="mailto:yakima.4h@wsu.edu">yakima.4h@wsu.edu</a> or 509-574-1600
25	WA State 4-H Equine Science & Horsemanship Series	Kim Baker <a href="mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu">kim.baker@wsu.edu</a> or 425-520-3908
25	WA State 4-H Equine Presentation Contest Registration Opens & Closes	Kim Baker <a href="mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu">kim.baker@wsu.edu</a> or 425-520-3908
29	4-H Volunteer GivePulse Raffle Drawing	Katlyn <a href="mailto:yakima.4h@wsu.edu">yakima.4h@wsu.edu</a> or 509-574-1600

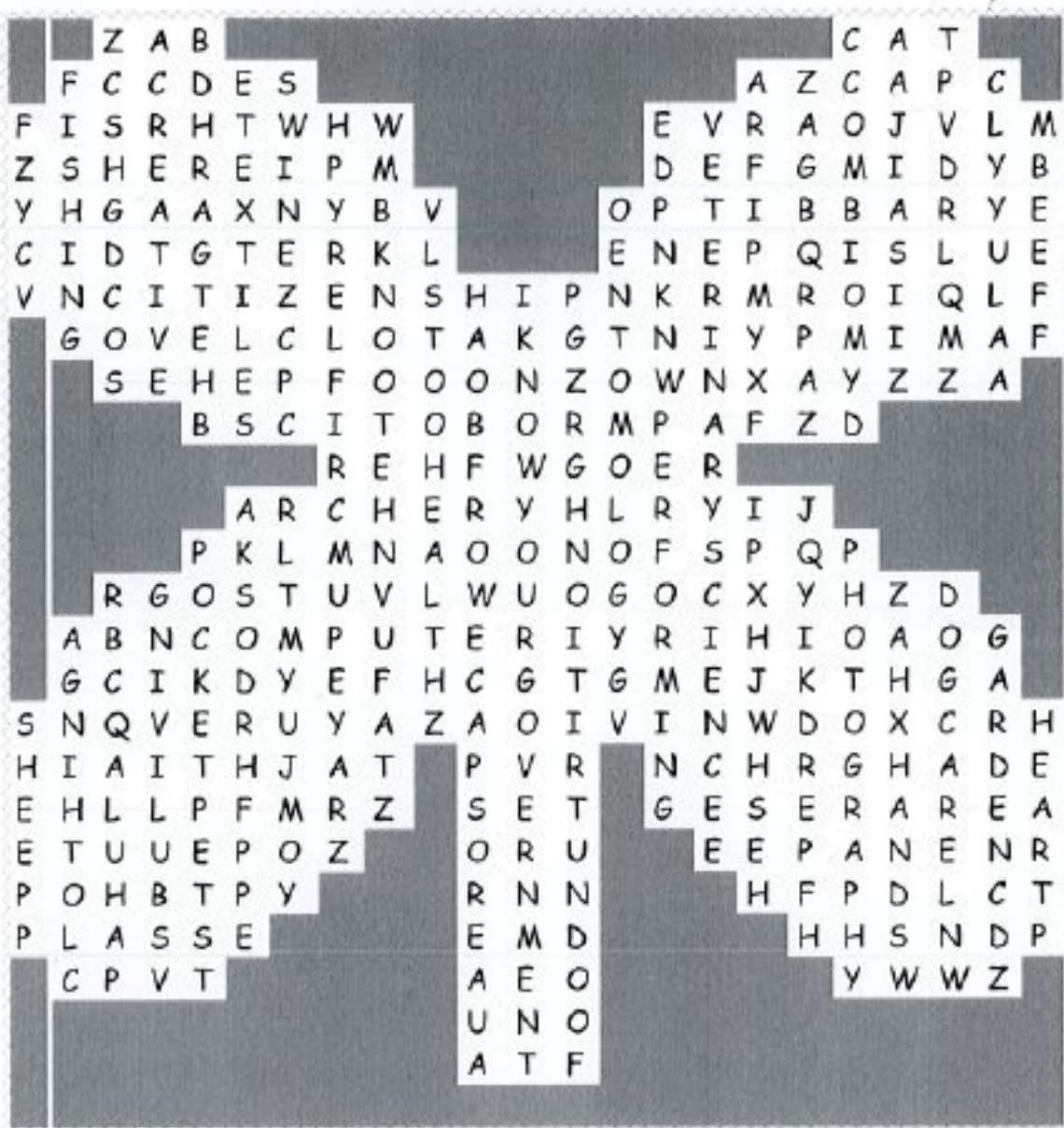
### February 2024

1	Annual 4-H Club Packets Due!!	Katlyn <a href="mailto:yakima.4h@wsu.edu">yakima.4h@wsu.edu</a> or 509-574-1600
3	WA State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest	Kim Baker <a href="mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu">kim.baker@wsu.edu</a> or 425-520-3908
4	10:00 am - 2:30 pm, Yakima County 4-H Know Your Government Pre-Conference Meeting, WSU Extension Office, Large Conference Room	Kathryn Dunn <a href="mailto:kjdunn2022@gmail.com">kjdunn2022@gmail.com</a>
7	Washington 4-H Horse Program Q & A Session	Kim Baker <a href="mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu">kim.baker@wsu.edu</a> or 425-520-3908
17	Know Your Government Teen Conference, Olympia, WA.	Kathryn Dunn <a href="mailto:kjdunn2022@gmail.com">kjdunn2022@gmail.com</a>



## 4-H PROJECTS & PROGRAMS - WORD SEARCH

A common misconception of 4-H is that the only projects we have consist around raising livestock... Although, that is a special component within our program, we offer many other projects as well! Can you find all the projects that makeup our 4-H clover?



**WORD LIST** – Words go Across ➡, Up ⬆, Down ⬇, Diagonal ↗↘↙↚, Backwards ⬅

AEROSPACE	ARCHERY	BEEF	CAT	CAVY	CITIZENSHIP
CLOTHING	TEXTILES	COMPUTER	CREATIVE	ARTS	DAIRY
ENTOMOLOGY	FAMILY	LIVING	GARDEN	GOAT	HANDS
HEAD	HEALTH	HEART	HORSE	LLAMA	PERFORMING
PHOTOGRAPHY	POULTRY	RABBIT	RIFLERY	ROBOTICS	SHEEP
SPORT	FISHING	SWINE			

These searches are found together as one word

DOG CARE  
POCKET PETS

FOOD NUTRITION  
VETERINARY SCIENCE

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