I know each of you will join me in wishing our 4-H Secretary, Sylvia Hales, the very best as she pursues another direction in her life. Sylvia’s last day in the office will be February 9. Any requests she receives after February 7 may be fulfilled by some of us program staff; we ask only for your patience as we navigate this period of change.

I am aware that change can be a difficult process. Consequently, I am also aware that change doesn’t always have to be a negative experience. While the change process is uncomfortable at times, please keep in mind that past “great ideas” required a change. Rather than express frustration with change, try to be reflective on the possibilities of the end result. Now, please don’t misunderstand me. I know we will all feel lost without Sylvia at our helm. Sylvia’s skills and strengths will be missed.

Our program has experienced many changes in the past few years. I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to reflect upon how you approach change with your youth. Are we inspiring our youth to embrace change and work towards a greater result? If the past is any hint at the future, I believe our youth will need resiliency and flexibility to navigate the world they will inherit. Remember, we lead by example and prepare for the future!

Congratulations to Kim Lobb for being inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame!

Remarks from the Park...

by Jana Ferris
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**Carpe Diem**

The secret of getting ahead, is getting started.  
~Mark Twain

A reminder to volunteers using the Extension Ed Center. Please make sure when leaving that:

- All doors in the building are locked
- Blinds are closed
- Heaters are ON at 60 degrees in the winter
We aren’t born with pilot’s licenses. The Wright brothers had a passion about the possibility of flying and they followed that spark! They had curiosity and perseverance and kept trying even when their attempts failed. Their first airplane was underpowered and difficult to control but it flew and they kept working on their design. We come into the world eager to learn and try new things. We learn how to walk after repeatedly falling down and getting back up. Our 4-H members need and want to feel they are capable of solving problems and meeting challenges. Here’s how 4-H leaders create learning environments where it is safe to ask questions, make mistakes, practice new skills and eventually gain mastery.

- Ask your 4-H’ers what they want to learn and keep asking. What are you curious about?
- Create a learning environment where questions are encouraged and respected.
- Think about different learning styles (visual, auditory, etc.) – the ways your members approach tasks differently when you set up learning/mastery opportunities.
- Create experiential learning activities. These are hands on learning activities that include time to reflect on the learning. What happened? What might you do differently? What would you repeat next time? Where might you use these same skills?
- Ask each member to create project goals that are SMART. Put the goals on paper and have the youth sign and date as well as their parent and you as the leader. Make a plan to check back in with the youth on their goals every month to see if they need to be adjusted.
  - S – Specific
  - M – Measurable
  - A – Attainable
  - R – Realistic
  - T – Trackable
- Praise efforts and perseverance of members as they continue to try different ways of doing things when their 1st try or 18th try don’t get the results they hoped for. (WD-40 got its name because it took 40 attempts by three engineers to create the product they were hoping for.)
- Increase the difficulty of the projects with input from your 4-H member as they master skills.
- Celebrate your 4-H member’s mastery of a skill they have been working on. Ask your

4-H members to encourage and support their other club members as they work on their own personal goals. Fan those sparks and enthusiasm! Praise your 4-H member’s efforts and persistence! Help your members track their goals! Celebrate when a member reaches a personal goal! Who knows what we may read in the future about what a 4-H alumni accomplished based on past experiences that occurred in their 4-H club.

"The greatest thing in our favor was growing up in a family where there was always much encouragement to intellectual curiosity." Orville Wright
You Are Invited To The Annual Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program

Tack Sale

Thousands of new and used equine-related items!

Saturday, March 3, 2018 • 10am-3pm
Evergreen State Fairgrounds: 14405 - 179th Ave. SE, Monroe, WA 98272
Event Center Building #604 & 4-H Building #501
Enter the Fairgrounds from Hwy. 2 onto Cascade View Drive, by the Monroe Co-op

Accepting Consignments:
Wednesday, February 28: 4pm-8pm
Thursday, March 1: 9am-8pm
Friday, March 2: 9am-5pm

Consignment Fee: 18% on sold items.

Please note: All items must be equine-related, clean and in useable condition.
We are unable to accept any helmets, as we cannot guarantee the integrity of the helmet.

Unsold Items Pickup: Sunday, March 4, 11am-2pm

Appointments available for those with 75+ items to consign.

For more information/make an appointment, call/text/email Bonnie Davis:
360.348.2020 or 4HTackSale@gmail.com

Join the Facebook Group Snohomish County 4-H Tack Sale 2018
Volunteers Welcome!

www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13577D90EA2C3EE2-tack2018

Proceeds benefit Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program

Free Parking at the Fairgrounds  Streamlined Checkout  Credit Cards Accepted
Huge Saddle Selection  Separate Blanket Building  Hundreds of Boots  Gates
Grooming & Barn Supplies  Jewelry & Clothing  Stock Panels  Training Equipment

Thank you for your generous support of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program
Local 4-H Clubs Join with Snohomish County JOANN Fabrics Stores to Spread Love and Grow Local 4-H Programs with Paper Clover Campaign and Valentine’s Day Service Projects this February

WSU Snohomish County 4-H and JOANN Fabrics stores want to see more Snohomish County kids learning by doing, creating and making. Thousands of local 4-H members, staff, volunteers and supporters will join with JOANN customers to ensure more kids get that chance through a new Paper Clover campaign to bring hands-on 4-H programs to Snohomish County.

The Paper Clover campaign will take place in 865 JOANN Fabrics stores nationwide during Feb 1-28. Supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love for by purchasing $1 and $4 Paper Clovers to equip local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need.

Proceeds from the Paper Clover campaign will directly support Snohomish County 4-H programs. Each Paper Clover will include instructions for a special Valentine’s Day craft idea that customers can create to share with someone special. With a $4 Paper Clover, customers will also receive a coupon for $4 off their next purchase.

4-H Members & Volunteers get a 15% discount card!

Sign up here for your card  http://www.joann.com/4-h/

SENIORS, GET YOUR HORSE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP PACKETS
Deadline for submitting application is April 1st

The Snohomish County 4-H horse program awards five $1000 scholarships each year to qualified applicants who are either in their last year of 4-H eligibility or applying/accepted into their first year of post-secondary education. Applicants must have been a member of the Snohomish County 4-H horse program for a minimum of three years and must be a member during the time that they’re applying for a scholarship. Scholarship packets are available for pick up at the Extension Office, or may be requested in electronic format by phoning Sylvia Hales, 4-H secretary, at 425-357-6044. If receiving the forms electronically, please remember that you will need to make 3 copies of the Reference Form. There will also be packets available at the January 18 Horse Program meeting. Questions? email linda 4 travel@hotmail.com (remove spaces)
You Don’t Have to Be Perfect!

by Beth Wangen

Our youth development theme this year is caregiver burnout (also known as compassion fatigue), and how to prevent it. Other topics addressed this year in Cloverleaf articles include sharpening the saw, the importance of sleep, and how to squeeze more nutrition into your diet.

This month our topic is Mistakes. We have often touted the benefits, in youth development terms, of allowing youth to fail and make mistakes. If we allow ourselves the same grace, we can affect youth development even further.

Whether or not one feels driven toward perfectionism, our initial reaction to our mistakes is often to hide them. Embarrassment is a natural and normal emotion, and we cannot control our emotions. We can only control how we react to those emotions. When we feel embarrassed or ashamed, we naturally want to hide the mistake that gave rise to the emotion.

In 4-H, however, we often talk about the importance of mistakes. We won’t always be around to protect our youth from failure, so we’d best prepare them to deal with it. What’s more, we know that we learn more from mistakes than from success. Thus we encourage parents and volunteers to let youth experience mistakes and failures, so they can learn how to move on and learn from those errors. This is called building resilience. Why, then, do we think we must be perfect? Or appear perfect? If we hide our errors, how are we teaching our youth to handle mistakes?

We know that our children will follow our example much sooner than our advice, so shouldn’t we be seizing opportunities to point out our mistakes, verbalize the feelings around those mistakes, and show our youth how we deal with those difficult situations?

Here’s an example. Perhaps you had a patch to award to one of your 4-H members at the meeting tonight, and you cannot find it anywhere. You could say that your dog ate it, or you could take the opportunity to show the group how to gracefully acknowledge a mistake. “I’m quite embarrassed about this, but I’m afraid I have misplaced your patch. I know I have it somewhere, and I’m sure it’ll turn up, or I’ll get another one. I’m so sorry. I realize this must be disappointing for you [if child seems disappointed]. Would it be alright if we present it to you at the next meeting?”

Notice the importance of acknowledging the feelings of the person affected by your mistake. This is the key component of an apology. Consider the individual and how he or she actually feels.

In this scenario, you have demonstrated three things:
1) Acknowledging a mistake and your feelings
2) Apologizing
3) Taking steps to correct the problem

We should all be LOOKING for opportunities to demonstrate how to handle mistakes. It’s not natural, so we may need to help each other. We can even practice saying the words when nobody is around.

There’s no need to orchestrate mistakes for this purpose; mistakes happen. Why? Because we’re human. Go forth and err! And then seize the teachable moment.

Poster Committee Revival!

The ad hoc committee on INFORMATIONAL POSTERS is being revived! These are the posters youth submit to each department at Fair, to share a fun or interesting fact while practicing their design skills. The goal of this committee, in brief, is to develop a succinct scoring rubric for judges to use, and to communicate the standards to the various parties concerned. This committee will conclude its work by the end of March.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Beth at beth.wangen@wsu.edu or 425-357-6005
The 2017 reunion of young(ish) 4-H alumni was a hoot! Did you miss out? Get in the loop! There’s a Facebook page where alumni can post meet-ups: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SnohomishCounty4HAlumni/ OR you can get on our e-mail list by sending a note to beth.wangen@wsu.edu.

Member Jacket Award Applications and Volunteer Jacket Award Nomination forms are available NOW!

Honor your favorite 4-Her with a classy, personalized 4-H Jacket!
Get your Jacket Award forms by clicking HERE

For more info please contact Marty Sullivan at sullivan87@frontier.com or 425-788-1158.
Please promote the 4-H jacket application process with your members.
The Washington Swine Information Day will be held on February 9, 2018 from 9:00 AM until 5:15 PM at the Pillar Rock Grill (Moses Lake Golf & Country Club) in Moses Lake, Washington. Swine producers of all sizes; 4-H/FFA youth producers; agency representatives; agriculture educators; and fair/show representatives are invited to participate. The event has been organized and sponsored by Washington Pork Producers, National Pork Board Checkoff, and Washington State University Extension.

Washington Swine Information Day features an array of presentations that have been organized to meet the diverse and unique needs of Pacific Northwest Swine Producers. This year’s program will feature a one-day shortened version of the WSU Pork 300 short-course. WSU PORK 300 is an intense three-day, hands-on workshop held on the WSU Campus. The class has been recognized by industry leaders and producers as a highly educational program for producers and industry stakeholders of all sizes and market types. The condensed PORK 200 program offered during Swine Information Day on February 9th will focus on live animal evaluation, carcass estimation, economics of pork pricing, pork taste/flavor, pork quality and retail cuts. The program will focus on teaching individuals how to produce and market quality pigs and pork products. Dr. Steve Larsen, Assistant Vice President of Science and Technology of the National Pork Board, will discuss the proposed voluntary pork grading system and consumer demands concerning pork quality and pork cuts.

In addition to the WSU PORK 200 activities, the afternoon session will also include other important resource information for both adult and youth swine producers. Dr. Paul Kuber will discuss the new national quality assurance program, “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals”, and how youth may participate in this new program. Youth participating in Washington Swine Information Day will receive a free $12 coupon to certify in the on-line YQCA class. YQCA will be replacing the Youth Pork Quality Assurance program. The day will also feature an update of resources available from the National Pork Board; compliance with the sow traceability and sow tags; as well as feral swine issues in Washington and handling conflicts with wildlife on your farm.

Registration for the day’s event is $25 per person and includes seminar, handouts, lunch and break refreshments. An all-day youth registration, $20, is also available to 4-H and FFA members. Individuals may also attend just the afternoon session for $10. There is a $15 per person late charge for registrations postmarked after January 31, 2018.

Please pre-register so we can ensure adequate accommodations and meals.

A complete seminar agenda and registration brochure is available at http://extension.wsu.edu/animalag/event/washington-state-swine-information-day/ or by contacting Sarah M. Smith, WSU Extension Regional Specialist at smithsm@wsu.edu or (509)754-2011, Ext 4363.


Additional funding for this event was made available by Pork Checkoff funding.
We are focusing a “spotlight” on a 4-H alumni each month. If you know of a recent alumni with an interesting story, let us know!

Angie Lubrin

What did you do in 4-H? Clubs/Activities involved in?

I didn’t have the conventional start to 4-H, I started when I was a freshman in high school. I was involved in Cavies and Photography.

How did your involvement in 4-H help you on your path?

My time in 4-H definitely helped set forth my career path in the Animal industry. It taught me responsibility, leadership, judgment, and social skills. Between the community service, and the leadership skills I learned it helped me apply to Technician school and then onto my first job in a private veterinary clinic.

What was the most valuable part of 4-H?

I think the most valuable part was being able to apply skills that I learned in 4-H to real world scenarios. For example I was able to take the skills I learned from being in the cavy program and applied them by helping the Everett Animal shelter develop the small animal program when I was just 16 years old.

What are you doing now?

Right now I am the licensed veterinary technician at the Everett animal shelter where I assist my doctor with surgeries, exams and other daily medical tasks. I am also the Snohomish County Veterinary Science Program leader, where I give youth an insight to what it is like working in the veterinary field.

What are your future goals/plans?

I plan on staying in shelter medicine as it is my favorite part of the veterinary field. I’m hoping to continue to apply my skills as a technician to teach people what it’s like to be a veterinary technician.

Is there anyone in 4-H you would like to thank publicly?

I would like to thank Kelsey Olin and her mom Carol Olin for giving me the 4-H bug. If it wasn’t for them my life would be very different now, and I would have never been able to go on this amazing 4-H journey.

Do you have any advice for today’s 4-Hers?

Stick with it, and remember your mottos. Learn by doing the best you can at what you love. Always try to make your best better every day.
February 24th & 25th, 2018
Evergreen State Fairgrounds • Monroe, WA
Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

United Northwest Model Railroad Club & Snohomish County 4-H Foundation
27th Annual Washington State Model Train Show & Marketplace
Evergreen State Fairgrounds • Monroe, WA
In the Evergreen Event Center (B), Pavilion (A) & 4-H Building (C)
February 24th & 25th, 2018
Sat: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Sun: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Directions From Seattle:
East via I-90 or SR-520* to I-405 North
North on I-405 to SR-522 (Exit 23)
East on SR-522 to Highway 2
Right at the stoplight
Go west on Highway 2 for 1/2 mile
Evergreen State Fairgrounds is on the right.
(*Please Note: SR-520 bridge is now tolled.)

Directions From SeaTac Airport:
Follow freeway directions towards Seattle
SR-518 turns into I-405 North
Stay on I-405 North towards Renton/Bellevue
East on SR-522 to Highway 2
Right at the stoplight
Go west on Highway 2 for 1/2 mile
Evergreen State Fairgrounds is on the right.

Interested Vendors and Layout Exhibitors!
Please contact Show Coordinator: Jamey Morrison
email: tables4unw.trainshow@gmail.com
50,000 sq. ft. is filling up fast! Be sure to reserve your space before it’s too late!
Hey Photographers,

On **Saturday, February 17th**, please join Little Rascals 4-H Club at the downtown Seattle Public Library for a Photo Shoot to capture photos of architecture and cityscapes as well as some abstract photos of the library itself, which we just covered in our recent workshop. The library is new, remarkable in its design, and a striking element in the downtown.

**We will meet at 3:00 PM at the entrance to the Central Library at:**

1000 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA  98104  
[https://www.spl.org/locations/central-library](https://www.spl.org/locations/central-library)

Following our time at the library, those who wish can join us on a walk down to the waterfront and Pier 54 where we can shoot some nightscapes as the sun goes down. Sunset will be at 5:35 PM that Saturday, so views across the water toward the Olympic Mountains will be outstanding. One thing to keep in mind is to not go alone in the city and always be aware of your surroundings as you are shooting photos. Parents and Leaders will be available to make sure we are all in groups of at least two or three.

*Looking forward to seeing you there,  
Dan Dovey, Photography Program Leader*

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**Calling all Judges for Public Presentations!**

It’s that time again and this year I’m going to try using the sign up genius for judges to sign up so that I can see who signed up quickly and also this way you’ll get reminders that the PP is coming up. This can also be sent out to clubs so we can get more judges.

Remember we will still take judges day-of;  
this just gives me and idea of who I will have.

Also if your club wants to host a PP, let me know.

Please let me know if you can think of another way that may help recruit judges.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CA9A72BA4F58-volunteer

For More Info or to Volunteer contact, Dena at dehoneybug@yahoo.com

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**Snohomish County Rabbit Program**  
**Presents**

**2018 Rabbit Clinic**

**Saturday - Feb 3**  
9am-2:15pm

Two level series intended to help the 4-H members at their level of experience.

GET REGISTERED HERE
Bark-N-Time 4-H Honors Their Local Police Officers

Article by: Lily Ziemer, Club Reporter

On Tuesday, January 9th, The Bark’n’Time 4-H dog club went to the Arlington Police Station on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We wanted to let the police officers know that we support their hard work that they put in for us. We made and signed a poster for them, and gave them a cake. They took us on a tour through the department and we saw the holding cells, security rooms, the evidence room and much more. We noticed black tape over their badges. When we asked about it we learned that it meant they were mourning the death of one of their fellow officers who was killed by an armed robber while on the chase. The robber and his helpers were all caught within the next few days. Our club had a great time celebrating the hard work our police officers put in to keep our community safe.

Cartooning
Creative Arts Workshop

Join Bonnie & Mary Johnson for a fun filled workshop learning the fundamentals of cartoon art. Multiple styles will be explored using pen and ink. Subject focus will be on animals so bring a picture of a pet or favorite animal for inspiration.

Cost: $5 includes all materials
Open to all age groups!

For more info contact Shelly Johnson at sjohnson3000@att.net or CLICK HERE for flyer & registration

Technology Launch

The season launches on January 6 with the kick off event and runs through April. We are meeting at two events this year.

Wilsonville, OR
March 9 – 11
Glacier Peak HS
March 23 -25.

The Jr FLL team will also be giving their Jr Expo at the Glacier Peak event.
On Saturday, January 13, the winter rains gave way to sunshine. Snow covered Cascade and Olympic Mountains reminded everyone why the Puget Sound region is a wonderful place to live. That day was also perfect to conduct an aerial survey of Trumpeter Swans that migrated from Alaska and Canada to winter in the Snohomish River valley.

The Northwest Swan Conservation Association’s Director and well-known biologist Martha Jordan was the chief observer and photographer. The Adopt A Stream Foundation’s Director Tom Murdoch was the pilot. This flight was part of an annual count that is conducted each winter at several locations around Washington State, the largest winter gathering spot in the world for these magnificent birds.

“We flew over all of the wetlands, ponds and small lakes in the valley from the mouth of river north of Everett, upstream past Duvall to Fall City and back again,” said Jordan. “The biggest concentration of swans was where we expected, in ponds managed by private hunt clubs and private agricultural fields east and west of Snohomish’s Harvey Field Airport.”

Jordan counted 1,361 Trumpeter Swans during the January 13 Snohomish River valley flight. Counts from other locations are being compiled now and will be released soon by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Jordon and Murdoch have been conducting aerial swan surveys in the Snohomish River valley for several years. Murdoch says, “It’s always exciting to circle above a large flock of Trumpeter Swans or Snow Geese, however, it’s a downer when we locate a single isolated swan that is not moving.” Jordon advises that these birds are either very sick or dead from lead poisoning.

When waterfowl swallow food, they also routinely swallow small stones and gravel that lodge in their gizzards. These stones, referred to as gizzard stones, act as teeth in the gizzard that help grind hard food like corn and other seeds. This process is necessary for Trumpeter Swan digestion. Unfortunately, swans and other waterfowl can ingest lead pellets from fields used for skeet shooting or small lead fishing sinkers in waterways like Shadow Lake in Snohomish County’s Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve below.

Three lead shotgun pellets or one small lead fishing line sinker will cause lead poisoning and a slow, agonizing death for 28-pound Trumpeter Swans. Dead birds are then scavenged by raptors like Bald Eagles and a wide variety of mammals that, in turn get lead poisoning. This is a serious problem that can be easily solved. Hunters and target shooters can use readily available toxic (lead) free ammunition and anyone trying to catch a fish can use toxic (lead) free tackle.

Once a sick or dead Trumpeter Swan is located from the air the hard work begins. Jordan and Northwest Swan Conservation Association volunteers wade in the wetlands or use small boats to retrieve the dead or sick swans. All are removed from the site for analysis by the WDFW and the sick birds are quickly euthanized to relieve their suffering.

Jordan is very grateful to the farmers and hunt club members that provide habitat for swans and other waterfowl in the Snohomish River valley and around the State. That habitat is also enjoyed for its magnificent views by flocks of human bird watchers.

On Thursday, January 25 at 7pm, Martha Jordan, who occasionally serves as a surrogate mother to baby swans in the spring, will be appearing at the Adopt A Stream Foundation’s Northwest Stream Center in Snohomish County’s Mc Collum Park (600 -128th Street SE, Everett WA). There, she will share information about the current gathering of Trumpeter Swans, Snow Geese and Tundra Swans in Washington State. Reservations are required by calling 425-316-8592; $5 for Adopt A Stream Foundation members, $7 for non-members.

Photos: courtesy of the Northwest Swan Conservation Association
Receive 80 hours of classroom and field training on Puget Sound with experts on topics like water quality, climate change, marine wildlife, coastal processes, citizen science, community outreach and more! Then, volunteer 80 hours back over the next 2 years in projects that you select.

Why is Being a Beach Watcher Awesome? You will get to immerse yourself in Puget Sound knowledge! Not only will you learn about where you live, you will also get hands-on experience. You’ll have the option to share what you have learned to help others better appreciate, understand and conserve Puget Sound health OR get involved in one or several Puget Sound related research projects OR bring your own ideas to craft your own volunteer experience. The options to volunteer are wide-ranging!

2018 WSU Beach Watcher Training Program
Every Wednesday from March 21 — May 30 AND Saturdays April 7, May 5 & May 19 from 9 AM — 4:00 PM
Based out of WSU Campus - Everett at 915 N. Broadway

There is a materials fee of $55 (Electronic version) or $75 (Hard copy).
All applications are due on March 7. A free background check is required.

Find our application at [http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers](http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/naturalresources/beachwatchers)