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Your SUPPORT is needed and greatly appreciated at any of the 4-H meetings and events. Please try to send at least one representative from your club.

- **LOWER VALLEY LEADERS' COUNCIL MEETING** The Lower Valley Leaders' Council meeting will be Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Grandview Community Church.
- **HORSE COUNCIL MEETING** The Horse Council meeting will be held October 14 at 7:00 pm in the First Street Conference Room.
- **LEADER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**, November 16, WSU Yakima County Extension, Union Gap

DEAR 4-H LEADER,

As you start the new 4-H year, ask yourself, "Do I sit on my hands enough?" Some 4-H leaders sit on their hands. They are helpful, capable enthusiastic and love kids -- but they sit on their hands. They say it's a habit that works very well.

One of the most difficult things a 4-H leader must do is allow other people to use and develop their abilities. Whether it's a nine year old future chef, a first-year leader, the first meeting for the club president, or a committee planning the club booth, the 4-H leader is to sit on his or her hands.

We all know it's simpler and faster for the person who already knows how to do something to do it again. The muffins will be gently rounded instead of peaked, the meeting will be given by an experienced leader, the club business meeting will go more smoothly, and the booth will get a neatness award. But what happens to the people in the process? Johnny still doesn't remember to stop stirring. Mrs. Brown still hasn't had a meeting alone with the members. The club president decides the leader can do it better, so why try. The members of the club booth committee still haven't had the experience of carrying out an idea as a group,

It's not easy to decide when help is needed and when help would stifle developing abilities. Think about your last project meeting. Was there a time when you reached in to do something yourself, when a few directions would have enabled the member to do it himself or herself? Did you hurry to clean up because the members take too long: Should Johnny try to do something he really wants, but you think it's too difficult? There are no "right" answers. But consider it. Do you sit on your hands enough?

- 🍀 I hear -- I forget
- 🍀 I see -- I remember
- 🍀 I do -- I understand

4-H ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The 4-H club enrollment packets are ready for you to pick up in the Extension office. The enrollment forms have changed from previous years. Each member has their own enrollment form. Please have them review the form for accuracy, obtain all signatures and return to the Extension office.

Please note the change in the Assessment fee (\$1.00 per member/leader) will be due at the time you turn in your club enrollments.

Page 3 of your leader letter has a new Enrollment Checklist for you to use when completing your enrollments. As you complete the item, check it off. When the checklist is completed your enrollment is finished and ready to send to the Extension office.



2013 National 4-H Week, October 6-12

Don't miss out on the chance to celebrate your 4-H pride this year with National 4-H Week, and put your club in the spotlight! Use this toolkit to encourage new 4-H youth, volunteers, alumni, and supporters to get involved. For more information check out all the cool stuff on the website <http://www.4-h.org/Content/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2013-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/>

COUNTY NEWS

ANNUAL LEADERS' MEETING AND RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Annual Leaders' Meeting and Luncheon will be held **Saturday, November 16, 2013** at the Extension office conference room, 2403 S 18th Street, Union Gap. The annual meeting will start at 10:00 am (door prizes will be given to those attending the business meeting). Annual reports will be given and election of officers will be held. All Club Leaders and Project Leaders are invited to attend the meeting.

The Honorary Leaders' meeting will be at 11:00 am, all Honorary Leaders are invited to this meeting.

The Recognition Awards Luncheon is sponsored by Pacific Power & Light and WSU Yakima County Extension and will start at noon. During the luncheon a silent auction will be held, giving you time to bid on your favorite items.

Yakima's clubs deserve to be recognized for their achievements. Nominate your club today! The September focus listed the award names and their descriptions. The forms are available in the Extension office and available to download on the 4-H Extension website at: <http://county.wsu.edu/yakima/youth/Pages/4-HForms.aspx>. The deadline for submitting the application for the recognition awards has changed. **The new deadline is October 22.** Applications must be in the Extension office by 5:00 PM. They can be emailed to Yakima.4h@wsu.edu, faxed to (509) 547-1601, or delivered to 2403 S 18th Street Ste. 100, Union Gap, WA 98903.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

It's time to say "Thank you" to all the individuals and businesses who've helped, donated time, or sponsored your club and/or event. Please send your list to Bonnie at the Extension office, so they may be invited to the Leader Luncheon and receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of 4-H.

WELCOME THERESA – OUTREACH INTERN

Theresa Barney, a senior member of the Harrah Humdingers 4-H Club, is Yakima County's new 4-H Outreach Intern! This internship, which doubles as her senior project, allows Theresa to assist with social media communication and outreach events, as well as learn more about 4-H opportunities and clubs in Yakima County and share what she's learned with the community! Theresa is a senior at Toppenish High School, where she has been a class officer and involved in several clubs and activities. Outside of school she has been a member of the Harrah Humdingers 4-H club for 10 years, holding many offices and participating in community service projects including Night Out Against Crime, Easter Egg Hunt, Bicycle Rodeo, and the annual Christmas Candy Sacking for the Union Gospel Mission. Thank you Theresa for being a member of our team!



FREE GPS/GIS SCIENCE KITS

4-H National Youth Science Day is Oct. 9! This year's theme is "Maps & Apps" which focuses on GPS/GIS mapping technology and challenges youth to artistically and scientifically create a community park among other tasks using mapping technology! Would you like a kit of supplies and lessons for your club? Each kit has enough materials for 5 youth but could be shared with more individuals if needed. The Extension office has 8 kits in stock that will be shared with clubs on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact us or check out: <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx>

4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING

Don't forget to finish up your Record Books and turn them into the Extension office by October 14, in order to be considered for Medal of Honor and Completion Judging. Club leaders need to complete the form to nominate your members for this award. Forms are available in the Extension office and on the Yakima County 4-H website.



FAIR NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS STATE 4-H FAIR, PUYALLUP EXHIBITORS

Yakima County was well represented by 21 4-H Exhibitors in Livestock, dairy, and equine judging; Public Presentations; Performing Arts; Western Games; Performance Horse; and Groom Squad contests. We are extremely proud of all of our State 4-H Exhibitors.

Amy Peterson from the Sagebrush Riders 4-H club won the Washington State 4-H Fair National Equine Presentation Contest during the Puyallup fair. She will be representing Washington State in Louisville, Kentucky to compete at the National 4-H Horse Roundup, November 8-10. What a tremendous accomplishment!

PROJECT NEWS



SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Yakima County is gearing up to start a Shooting Sports (Club, which will initially focus on archery. There will be an informational meeting on

October 15 at 7:00 PM in the Extension Office Conference Room, 2403 S 18th Street, Union Gap.

If you are interested in the Shooting Sports program, but cannot make the meeting, please contact the Extension office to be put on a list of interested individuals. For further information contact Gary Kirckof 966-8123, Phil Scott 839-4937 or the Extension office 574-1600.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW – BEEF PRE-TAG AND WEIGH DAY

The mandatory Pre-Tag and Weigh day for Central Washington Jr. Livestock Show steers will be held January 5, 1:00-3:00 pm at the Toppenish Livestock Sales Yard, 410 South “G” Street, Toppenish.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag three steers. Only two may be brought to show. No family steers will be tagged and please remember even after you have pre-tagged and weighed you still must send in your entries as required by the show. For more information contact Barb Bailey 874-2593 or 985-9048, or Greg Bailey 985-9040.

STATE NEWS

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H FORUM “EXPLORING NEW POSSIBILITIES”

Join us for this great event! This year’s Washington State 4-H Forum promises to be one of the best events yet! There will be workshops, speakers, entertainment, and the 4-H Charity Auction. There will be several workshops on Friday and Saturday, “Preserving Meats”, “Gardening”, “Robotics”, “Photography”, “Sewing” “Leadership”, “4-H Know your Government”, “Horsemanship and Kids”, “Volunteer Hours”, “Be a Top-Notch Chaperone”, “Cool Communication for Hot Situations”, and many more.

This year’s 4-H Forum will be October 25-27 at the *Hilton Hotel & Convention Center* in Vancouver. The theme is “Exploring New Possibilities.”

Registration for the all 3 day event includes workshops on Friday and Saturday, the Awards Banquet on Friday, speakers on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Friday and Saturday, entertainment and auction on Saturday, auction dinner on Saturday and Sunday brunch, and a 4-H Council Meeting on Sunday. Visit the 4-H Forum website for registration, forms and more information <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/registration.html>.

THE FALL PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN IS ALMOST HERE – ARE YOU READY?

Del’s Feed and Farm Supply is hosting the Fall Paper Clover Campaign from Oct. 9 to 20. This event is a great opportunity for clubs to utilize their space for fundraisers, recruitment or other special events like project demonstrations (cooking, gardening, animal grooming/care, sewing, etc.), dog washes in the parking lot, educational displays, bake sales, public speaking practice or whatever works best for your club. Are you busy during these dates, but want to help? Consider setting up a table display of 4-H projects. 4-H Staff would be happy to supply 4-H materials and help plan any events. Please contact Ryan King, Store Manager, at (509) 837-5529 to share ideas and schedule events.

During the last Paper Clover Campaign, America’s Future 4-H Club raised over \$500 for their club! This is an awesome fundraising opportunity for your club, and we hope multiple clubs will participate this year!

TSC & DEL'S FEED & FARM 4-H WEBPAGE

Tractor Supply Company (TCS) and Del's Feed and Farm Supply is a great source for 4-H project supplies! Check out all the valuable information at http://www.tractorsupply.com/content_landing_page_4H.html. Want to try a different project but not sure what supplies are needed? Click the 4-H Projects tab, click on the 4-H project icon to find out more information on that particular project.

Compete for a chance to win a \$10 TSC gift card? Try your luck at the monthly games.

**Clover's Maze Adventure**

Play the maze and help guide Clover to the fair. See what level you can reach in the allocated time.

Clover Match Game Do you have a good memory? Match all the 4-H project categories. Keep trying to match all the photos until they are all revealed. This is a timed game, so keep playing to beat your best time.

You Be The Judge Test your livestock judging. This is your chance to be a 4-H judge! Four entries will be presented and it's your job to pick the best entry based on the question asked.

The highest Scorer each month of the selected game will receive a \$10.00 TSC Gift Card. Click on Games and select the game you want to play. Remember to submit your score for a chance at a \$10 gift card.

THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

4-H will have the opportunity to participate in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and its annual search for our nation's top youth volunteers. Last year, 175 county 4-H programs selected honorees in this prestigious youth recognition program. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. 4-H'ers can apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Applications must be submitted to a county 4-H faculty/staff member by November 5. Once county 4-H programs have selected Local Honorees, they must certify those applications by November 12 to the State 4-H Office in Puyallup for a state-level judging committee, which will pick the top 4-H youth volunteers in Washington.

All state-level honorees receive special recognition, while the top high school and middle level volunteer in each state receive silver medallions, \$1,000 awards, and a fabulous trip to the nation's capital for national recognition events. A national

selection committee will name America's top 10 youth volunteers for 2014. Each will win an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, a crystal trophy, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a charitable nonprofit organization of his or her choice.

More information is available online, <http://spirit.prudential.com>, or use the following promotional materials:

- ✓ [Call for Entries](#)
- ✓ [PSCA Instruction Sheet](#)
- ✓ [Spirit Poster](#)
- ✓ [4-H Certificate of Achievement](#)
- ✓ [4-H Certificate of Merit](#)

MAKE IT WOOL CONTEST

What is the objective? To promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns. To encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting and crocheting with wool fabrics and yarns. To recognize creative skills. To develop life skills, including: being responsible for one's self, being a good sport, accepting judge's decisions, and learning about and appreciating diversity.

The category you enter will be determined by your age as of December 31 of entry year. Preteens - age 12 and under, Juniors - ages 13-16, Seniors - ages 17-24, Adults - age 25 and older

You must participate in the state where you live or attend school. You may enter more than one garment, using a separate form for each entry.

Contestants may enter whichever district contest is most convenient, but may compete in one district only. See the Make It With Wool website for a list of District Contests being held on Saturdays of September and October. Contestants need to qualify at the district contests in order to participate at the state contest. The State contest is October 26 in Ritzville. For more information contact Susan Parr 253-922-5403, smparr4h@earthlink.net, <http://www.makeitwithwool.com/home.html>

TEEN NEWS**4-H LEGACY AWARDS GALA**

National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual *Youth in Action* award, to be presented at the 4-H Legacy Awards Gala in Washington, DC on April 2, 2014! This award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities.

We are looking to recognize and honor a confident, accomplished 4-H'er who has made a significant positive impact on their community.

The 4-H *Youth in Action* award is open to 4-H youth and alumni ages 16-21, and applicants should have lead a project, service or event that:

- ✓ Identified a problem in their community
- ✓ Included 4-H as part of the solution
- ✓ Made an impact in resolving the issue

If you know of an outstanding 4-H member that fits this criteria, we are accepting your nominations beginning today! Once you have nominated a 4-H youth, please encourage them to apply for this distinguished award. Application deadline is November 29. For more information visit <http://grants.4-h.org> or email [Jennifer Bellamy](mailto:Jennifer.Bellamy).

2013 4-H KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

"Lobbying Change: How a Bill Becomes a Law", the 2014 Know Your Government Conference is February 15-18 in Olympia.

The 4-H Know Your Government (KYG) Conference empowers youth and adults to engage in leadership, citizenship and life skill development and application.

The 4-H Know Your Government Conference serves to strengthen the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application and inspiration. The 4-H KYG curriculum is designed with the following values above in mind:

- * Critical Thinking
- * Communication
- * Accepting Differences
- * Learning to Learn
- * Decision Making
- * Useful/Marketable Skills
- * Responsible Citizenship

There will be more information on meeting dates, times, and schedules in the upcoming Focus Newsletters or our Yakima County 4-H Facebook page: www.facebook.com/yakimacounty4h.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR STATE 4-H TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

- Overview of ALL teen opportunities - district, state, & national, **WA State Teen Opportunities Calendar**:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/members/opportun.htm>
- **Concise Chart of All teen opportunities**, where to get more information and deadlines for applications, **WA State Teen Opportunities Chart**:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/members/opportun.htm>
- **Know Your Government** informational flyer for general information & specifics about the 2014 KYG Program:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/kyg/documents/KYGPromoFlyer.pdf>
- **2014 Teen Summit** - middle school leadership opportunity:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/members/summit.html>

- **County Ambassador Program** information flyer:
<http://4h.wsu.edu/members/documents/CAPromoBrochureWEB.pdf>

For questions on any of these resources please contact Jan Klein, jklein@wsu.edu.



Future Cougar?
CLICK HERE TO
SHARE YOUR DREAM



<http://www.wsu.edu/future-students/admission/request-info.html>

RESOURCES:

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

Yakima County WSU Extension Website:
<http://county.wsu.edu/yakima/Pages/default.aspx>

Yakima County 4-H Websites:
<http://county.wsu.edu/Yakima/Youth/Pages/default.aspx>
<http://www.facebook.com/YakimaCounty4H>

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Alison White
Regional Specialist, 4-H Youth Development

DATES TO REMEMBER**OCTOBER 2013**

6-12	National 4-H Week, http://www.4-h.org/Content/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2013-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/	
9	4-H National Youth Science Day "Maps & Apps" http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx	
9-20	Del's Farm & Feed Supply/Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion	www.delsfarmsupply.com
10	7:00 PM, Lower Valley Leaders' Council Meeting, Grandview Community Church	Sheryl Duim, 829-6267
10	7:00 PM, WV Fair Meeting, Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
14	Record Books for Medal of Honor due in Extension office	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
14	7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room, Yakima	Kim Lansing 539-0247
15	7:00 PM, Shooting Sports Informational Meeting	Gary Kirckof 966-8123, Phil Scott 839-4937
18-20	SE District 4-H Teen Rally, Camp Delany, Sun Lakes, WA	754-2011, Ext 413 www.grant-adams.wsu.edu
21	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg., Livestock office, fairgrounds	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
22	Yakima County Leader and Youth Award Applications due in the Extension office	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
25-27	WA State 4-H Forum, Vancouver "Exploring New Possibilities" http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm	
26	Make It With Wool State Contest, Ritzville	Susan Parr 253-922-5403

NOVEMBER 2013

5	Prudential Spirit of Community Award Application deadline to submit application to County 4-H staff member http://spirit.prudential.com	
11	Veteran's Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Office Closed	
11	7:00 PM, Horse Council Meeting, First Street Conference Room (Old Pizza Hut)	Kim Lansing 539-0247
14	7:00 PM, WV Fair Meeting, Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
16	10:00 AM, Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Conference Room, Union Gap	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
16	11:00 AM, Honorary Leaders' Council Meeting, WSU Conference Room, Union Gap	
16	12:00 PM, Yakima County Leaders' Recognition Luncheon, WSU Conf. Room, Union Gap	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
18	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg., Livestock office, fairgrounds	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
28-29	Thanksgiving Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Office Closed	

DECEMBER 2013

1	4-H Enrollment Packets Due to Extension office	Bonnie Abercrombie 574-1600
12	7:00 PM, WV Fair Meeting, Fire Station	Greg Boisselle 941-8720
16	6:30 PM, Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo (Grandview Fair) Mtg., Livestock office, fairgrounds	Yvonne Graham 305-1871
25	Christmas Day Observed, Yakima County WSU Extension Office Closed	

JANUARY 2014

1	New Year's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	
5	1:00-3:00 PM, MANDATORY Pre-Tag & Weigh Day for CWJLS show steers, Toppenish Livestock Sales Yard	Barb Bailey 874-2593
20	Martin Luther King Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	

FEBRUARY 2014

15-18	Know Your Government Conference, Olympia	Jenny Loyd 574-1600
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4-H PLEDGE I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

