



## Kittitas County 4-H FOCUS

### Calendar

November 1	4-H Tack Sale, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Armory Hall
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday-Office Closed
November 18	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
November 25	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday - <i>Office Closed</i>
December 1	Club Yearly Financial Summary Reports, Peer Audit Report, and Property Inventory Due
December 24-25	Christmas Holiday-Office Closed
January 1	New Year's Holiday-Office Closed
January 20	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
January 27	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Armory Room A
February 1	<b>Project Enrollment Deadline for Fair Participation in Horse, Livestock, Small Animal, and Family &amp; Consumer Science Projects</b>

### Club Business

#### **Club Financial Reporting Due December 1**

This year, the standard state requirement of an Annual Financial Summary, Peer-Audit Report, and Property Inventory still applies to all clubs, but only clubs that handled more than \$1000 and/or received more than \$500 in donations in the last 4-H year are required to turn in their Treasurer's Binder and Secretary's Book. Any club, regardless of funds handled is still subject to audit and if selected will be asked to provide the previous year's Treasurer's Binder and Secretary's Book.

Financial reporting forms were mailed to leaders in early October.

Club financial reporting documents are due in the Extension Office by December 1.

#### **4-H Council Budget**

The budget committee is working on the budget to put forth a total package at the November 25 4-H Council meeting.

#### **4-H Enrollments/Re-Enrollments**

It is time for members to enroll for the new 4-H year! The website is <https://v2.4honline.com>.

The \$25 per member State 4-H Enrollment Fee will be covered by Kittitas County 4-H Council. When enrolling, choose the check payment option to submit your enrollment. You will receive an automated email asking you to bring payment into the office-disregard that message. No fees will be collected from members.

Please contact Andrea at [amorose@wsu.edu](mailto:amorose@wsu.edu) or 962-7507 if you experience any trouble.

#### **Completing the Year**

Don't forget...the 4-H'er must do the following things to complete the year:

1. Do not miss more than three club meetings per year (Business meetings, not practice or work meetings).
2. Give at least one demonstration. It is suggested a member give one in each project area in which they are enrolled.
3. Participate in at least one showmanship in each project area (if none available, participate in a county contest or event).
4. Complete a record book and turn it into the Extension Office by the last Monday in July to be checked for completion.
5. 4-H members enrolled in a livestock project must judge at the Kittitas County Fair. 4-H members enrolled in a horse project must judge at one of the two county Horse judging contests.

#### **WSU Kittitas County 4-H Youth Development Vision Statement:**

The WSU Kittitas County 4-H program is a community recognized and supported quality youth development program that helps youth of the county acquire practical hands-on experiences and life skills enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of a diverse and changing society.



## 4-H Council Officer Nominations

This year's nominees for Council Officers are:

**President** - Toni Taylor  
**Vice President** - Jon Blackmore  
**Secretary** - Rachel George  
**Treasurer** - Marie Riegel

Nominations will also be open and elections held at the November 4-H Council meeting.

## 4-H Council Meeting

Someone from each club needs to attend each 4-H Council meeting. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month, except August and December. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 25 in Armory Room A at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!



## **Results**

### Beyond the Call of Duty Award

This is recognition for the 4-Her who helped inexperienced members and "pitched in" to make the best better.

This year's winners are:

Aleksandra Adams	Taylor Alder
Georgina Anderson	Clementine Brunemann
Cecilia Fiske	Gracie Grieb
Michael Mattson	Thomas McKean
Tanner Mohlman	Brooklyn Newberry
Jack Nouwens	Sophia Rawls
Cora Rizor	Heidi Rizor
Wade Schock	Cassidy Seldal
Hannah Seldal	Hailey Vraves

Each has been rewarded with a gift card sponsored by Dairy Queen and a "Beyond the Call of Duty" Certificate.

### "I'm TeRRiFiCC" Awards

One or two 4-Hers per club can receive the "I'm TeRRiFiCC Award." This is recognition for the 4-Her who has demonstrated ethical behavior. The award recognizes the six pillars of character (Trustworthy, Respectful, Responsible, Fair, Caring, and a good Citizen).

Christina Berg	Cassie Gray
Emery Grieb	Brayden Grissom
Brynlee Grissom	Lillian Hainer
Thomas McKean	Tanner Mohlman
Hannah Moore	Kelsey Moore
Cruzito Sanchez	Carter Shafer
Daniel Sullivan	

The winners are rewarded with "I'm TeRRiFiCC" Certificates. Congratulations to you all!

### Mary Lonowski Memorial Award

Congratulations to Veronica Mattson and Ryan Taylor—this year's winners of the Mary Lonowski Memorial Award. This award is given to two livestock project members that are reliable, good role models, take initiative and display a positive attitude during the entire year.

## Medals of Honor & Certificates of Achievement

This year's Medals of Honor and Certificates of Achievement for Record Books go to:

**Nora Beeson-Petty**—Medal in Swine, Certificates in Goat and Sewing  
**Rheanee Beeson-Petty**—Medal in Swine, Certificate in Sewing  
**Mia Broach**—Medal in Goat  
**Sadie Casey**—Certificate in Swine  
**Sawyer Casey**—Medal in Swine  
**Kayden Hagen**—Medal in .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, & Air Pistol, Certificate in .22 Pistol  
**Kyler Hagen**—Medal in Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, and .22 Pistol, Certificates in Air Rifle  
**Ashlyn Layman**—Medal in Adventures in Family Living  
**Michael Mattson**—Medals in Swine, Sheep, and Foods  
**Veronica Mattson**—Medals in Sheep, Swine, and Foods, Certificate in KYG  
**Victoria Mitchell**—Certificate in Leadership  
**Eleanor Munson**—Medal Sheep  
**AnnaJo Pracht**—Medal in Swine  
**Layla Rivera**—Certificates in Goat and Art  
**Cora Rizor**—Medal in Sheep, Certificates in Leadership and Breeding Ewe  
**Heidi Rizor**—Medals in Foods, Sewing, & Knitting, Certificate in Leadership  
**Alex Sealy**—Medals in Goat, Shotgun, and Rifle, Certificate in Archery  
**Hunter Sealy**—Medal in Goat, Certificates in Shotgun, Archery, and .22 Rifle  
**Royce Stolen**—Medal in Beef

### All Star Achiever Award

This year's All Star Achievers are Kyler Hagen and Veronica Mattson. Congratulations!

The object of this award is to recognize outstanding 4-Hers for their enthusiasm, energy, leadership, and project skills in 4-H projects and to give the 4-Her experience in applying for and interviewing for a job.

### Mary Matthews Record Book Awards

The Mary Matthews Record Book Award is a \$20.00 cash award to each of two juniors if deserving and \$20.00 for each of four intermediates and/or seniors if deserving. This year's winners of the Mary Matthews Record Book Award are:

Senior:	Victoria Mitchell
Intermediate:	Ashlyn Layman Michael Mattson
Junior:	AnnaJo Pracht

### Leader Pins

Leader pins are awarded to leaders for the first year and then in five year increments. First year leader pins were presented to Kevin Alder, Andrea Bannister, Steve Becher, Heather Beedle, Angela Bennett, Andrew Caveness, Melissa Caveness, JD Finch, Tracey Finch, Heather Forgey, Ashley Johnson, Kaylee Johnson, Mackenzie Kendall, Kelley Mills, Amanda Sealy, Jon Sealy, Matthew Stubbs, Curtis Taylor, and Lathan Wedin. Five year leader pins were awarded to Kristin Herion, JoDee Mulder, Robert Olea, Stacy Olea, and Ann Shaw. A 35 year pin was awarded to Dick Wedin.

### Friend of 4-H Award

Kittitas County 4-H Council presents the “Friend of 4-H Award” each year to an individual and a business each year. The following criteria need to be met:

- Demonstrate continuous and meritorious service to the Kittitas County 4-H Program.
- Unselfishly donate time, knowledge, or other resources in helping make the county 4-H program a success
- Awarded to a business or individual only once.

A-1 Petroleum and Hanson 4W Farms exemplify the true spirit of community support and dedication to youth in Kittitas County. Together, they recognized the need for improved electrical support in Bloom Pavilion and in the gravel lot housing the steer chutes during the fair. A-1 Petroleum generously provided a generator, ensuring every Bloom exhibitor had access to fans and creating an equitable environment for all participants. In addition, A-1 Petroleum and Hanson 4W Farms secured sponsorships to provide power and lighting in the gravel lot, enhancing both safety and accessibility for exhibitors. Their commitment went even further, arranging for a portable restroom near the fitting area to better serve youth and families. Beyond these contributions, both A-1 Petroleum and Hanson 4W Farms actively volunteer their time on numerous boards and continue to support 4-H and local youth in countless ways.

### Outstanding Leader Award

This award began in 2003 to recognize those leaders who have donated their time and made a commitment to Kittitas County 4-Hers and the 4-H program. The recipient of this award must be enrolled as a 4-H Leader, have demonstrated exemplary leadership, and been involved with Kittitas County 4-H Council. Many 4-H leaders meet these criteria; however, only one award is made each year.

**Ann Shaw**, of the Stirrups and Irons 4-H Club, has been named the 2025 Outstanding Leader. Ann is passionate about horses and deeply committed to sharing that passion with youth. She believes every child who wants to learn about horses should have the chance, and she makes it possible by opening her barn, offering her own horses, and leading countless rides each month.

Known for her kindness, patience, and approachable nature, Ann has helped many young riders gain confidence—whether it’s fitting tack, working through challenges with their horse, or simply learning safe horsemanship. She leads by example, always emphasizing safety and respect for animals, and never hesitates to share her knowledge.

As a project leader for Stirrups and Irons, Ann pours countless hours into planning rides, teaching skills, and supporting her members. She also gives back to the wider community—carrying sponsor flags at local rodeos, and even coaching soccer.

Ann’s generosity, dedication, and love for teaching have touched the lives of countless 4-H members and families. Her leadership embodies the true heart of 4-H.

### Merit All Around Showman

The Merit All Around Showman Award is given to the highest placing hog, lamb, steer, and goat that have the highest combined score in merit placing of the market animal, placing in livestock market class, livestock judging and showmanship. Each of the four categories shall be used as 25 percent of the total score with the top merit placing used as a tie breaker. The Kittitas County Farm Bureau sponsors the belt buckles for this award.

**CONGRATULATIONS to:**

**Bode Sherley– Merit All Around Hog**  
**BriaLynn Basterrechea– Merit All Around Lamb**  
**Hadlee Hanson– Merit All Around Steer**  
**Morgan Moore– Merit All Around Goat**

### Congratulations Animal of Merit Award Winners!!!

Congratulations to the youth that raised champion award of merit animals!

**Bode Sherley – Champion Hog of Merit**  
**Skylee Seth– Champion Lamb of Merit**  
**Makenna Vraves – Champion Steer of Merit**  
**Rylee Larson– Champion Goat of Merit**

The Animal of Merit contests recognize exhibitors producing an animal that has ideal characteristics for the commercial market. For each species, the measurements are compared against a set of standards that describe the ideal market animal. Data is obtained using ultrasound. The Merit programs were established over 20 years ago in Washington to provide a set of standards for recognizing members who were exhibiting desirable market animals.

#### **Steer of Merit Winners**

Makenna Vraves	Emilynn Ogan
Esther Smith	Harrison Burrill
Maddy Packard	Elouise Eckland
Briggs Thayer	Josie Beard
Trent Moreland	Hadlee Hanson
Thomas German	Cora Haberman
Layne Hink	Claire German

#### **Lamb of Merit Winners**

Skylee Seth (2)	Aaron Schutte
Lillian Parks	Braelynn Newby (2)
Henry Yarwood (2)	BriaLynn Basterrechea (2)
Vivian Mullings (2)	Clara Leighton
Brooke Graney (2)	Clara Bush
Brayden Grissom	Georgina Anderson (2)
Carter Shafer (2)	Cecilia Fiske (2)
Kolby Fisher	Daniel Sullivan (2)
Allison Alder	Remi Izzi (2)
Cassidy Emery	Kayser Dempsey (2)
Brayden Grissom	Adilyn Izzi
Wade Schock (2)	Cassidy Seldal (2)
Clara Bush	Eleanor Munson (2)
Joshua Barr	Alexander Schutte
Sadie Barr (2)	Cora Rizor
Elsa Penoyar	Ren Delvecchio
Rachael Mabbutt	Frank Sullivan
Cecelia Leighton (2)	

### Goat of Merit Winners

Rylee Larson (2)	Rowyn McCrillis (2)
Hannah Moore (2)	Alex Sealy
Layla Rivera (2)	Kelsey Moore (2)
Hunter Sealy	Natalie Cox
Aspyn Sandnes (2)	Morgan Moore
Sadie Foster	Nora Beeson-Petty (2)
Lennix Galliher	Makenzie Cox
Ryan Taylor	Garrett Foster
Victoria Mitchell	

### Hog of Merit Winners

Bode Sherley	Wyatt Dirks
Piper DeHerrera	Faye Nemrow
Joslyn Rice	Jimmy Newcomb
Sawyer Tostenson (2)	Kendall Markus (2)
Carter Hink (2)	Kinsley Weekes
Michael Mattson (2)	Madilyn Newcomb (2)
Weston Larimer (2)	Hattie Shull (2)
Ryan Greenfield	Fynnlie Skinner (2)
Norah Joyce	Kason Greenfield (2)
Clayton Nelson	Bentley Hilzer
Samantha Dannan (2)	George Seubert
Brooklynn Larimer	Rheanee Beeson-Petty
Harlow Dirks	Brynlee Martin
Maylee Martin (2)	Krease Henderson
Ace Blair	Cami Ford
Zane Martin (2)	Sadie Barr
Austyn Peters (2)	Josie Allemand (2)
Carli Gay	Thomas Jarman
Ryker Brown (2)	Raelynn Markus
Hank Packard	BriaLynn Basterrechea
Austin Bosancu (2)	HaleyLou Bosancu
Roslyn Bissonette	Cruz Stingley (2)
Veronica Mattson	Hudson Terry
Bryson Stream	Reid Herbers
Beckham Davis	Dawson Pruatt
Kaylee Tostenson	Owen Martin (2)
Landon Cook	Jace Stingley (2)
Cooper DeHerrera	Keegan Cope-Mayer
Daisy Terry	Haze Henderson
Hannah Allenbaugh	AnnaJo Pracht
Brock Hutchinson	Thomas Boitano
Max Miranda	Joycilyn Snyder
Cade Bala	Ethan Hutchinson
Briar Skinner	Kyson Weekes
Madison Stansbury	June Nemrow
Lylah Dwinell	Grady Seubert
Casen Peters	Ryker Stingley
Emma Bacon	Cruzito Sanchez
Nora Beeson-Petty	

### Animal Health Record

Members need to bring a copy of the Animal Health Record to be filled out and signed by the producer when purchasing their project animal(s). Forms are available at the Extension Office or at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/4-h-record-books/>.

### 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be **November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Armory Room A**. Meeting dates have been set for 2026 -3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. with one exception \*

January 20  
 February 17  
 March 17  
 April 21  
 May 19  
 June 23  
 August 4 \* First Tuesday  
 September 15  
 October 20  
 November 17

Every club with livestock projects should to have a representative at all the Livestock Committee meetings.

### Horse Project Information

#### Tack Sale-November 1

Kittitas County 4-H Horse Leaders will be holding a tack sale Saturday, November 1 in the Armory Hall at the Fairgrounds. Interested in a booth (\$40 per table)? Have tack to donate? Contact (509) 962-7565 or [amy.alder@wsu.edu](mailto:amy.alder@wsu.edu).



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