



4-H In Motion

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Thurston County

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CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H! Additionally, 4-H promotion and community service are an important part of the 4-H experience AND look great in your record book and college/scholarship applications! Here are several promotional opportunities for individual volunteers—youth and adults—or for the whole club.

Help Promote 4-H at the Lacey Spring Fun Fair



The Spring Fun Fair will be held at Saint Martin's Pavilion on **Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Thurston County 4-H Office will be providing a booth with a fun, hands-on activity and 4-H information. We need volunteers to help staff the 4-H Booth. Promoting 4-H is an exciting part of belonging to a club and providing community service is an integral part of 4-H—sign up today for a one or two hour shift or more! For more information or to sign up to help with Lacey Spring Fun Fair, please call the 4-H Office at (360) 786-5445 ext. 7913.

4-H Office Volunteers

The 4-H Office is seeking volunteers to help with inventory and seasonal tasks. If you have a few extra hours, please consider helping us to catch up. Call the 4-H Office or email Barb at wollstb@co.thurston.wa.us.

Day Camp Instructors Needed

Creativity Festivity 4-H Summer Camp needs instructors! Do you enjoy working with youth in grades K through 5? Do you enjoy different types of crafts? If you do, please volunteer to be a camp instructor one day or every day during day camp, **July 13 to 17, 2009**. Help to make Creativity Festivity Summer Camp a success—contact the 4-H Office soon!

Fun for Teens while Building Your Resume!

Are you looking for something to do this summer, while gaining skills and adding to your resume and applications? Become a Camp Counselor for the Thurston County 4-H Summer Day Camp **July 13-17**. Youth ages 14 and older may apply. The only training will be **July 13, 1-4 p.m.** Call the 4-H Office for info or to register.

Be a Superintendent!

The 4-H Photography, Cats, Horseless Horse, Mechanical Sciences, and Environmental Stewardship Departments need superintendents for this summer's fair. Co-superintendents are welcome too. Contact the 4-H Office ASAP for info.

Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) Schedule

ALL 4-H volunteers are required to complete Volunteer Leader Training (VLT). If you are a new volunteer, you have one year to complete VLT. Volunteers overdue for training will not be re-enrolled until the training requirement has been met. The following Volunteer Leader Training Dates have been scheduled. Pre-registration is required.

Thursday, April 16, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Extension Office, **Part I**.

Thursday, April 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Extension Office, **Part II**.

Thursday, April 30, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Extension Office, **Part III**.

Volunteer Screening

Any adults serving as fair superintendents or doing adult herds duty at the county fair will need to complete paperwork for a background check. These checks through the Washington State Patrol are for the safety of youth at the fair. Applications are available at <http://4h.wsu.edu/staff/volprocess.htm>. Click on Applica-

tion Form Part B, or request one from the 4-H Office. If you have already completed this application through your club's leader, thank you!

THURSTON COUNTY 4-H

Intel Involved Matching Grant

Are you an Intel employee? Did you know Intel employees are able to earn money for 4-H after volunteering a minimum of 20 hours for the 4-H program? Hours can be accumulative to receive this grant. Be sure to report your hours at work, and thank you for volunteering for 4-H!



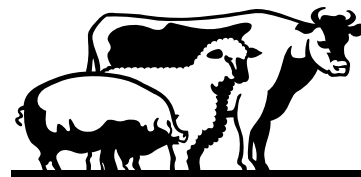
District Demos

Have you signed up for a district demonstration yet? This is a requirement in order to give a public presentation at the county fair. **Pre-registration is required.** Call Andrea Cotey at 923-2394 or email cotey@reachone.com

The following dates have been scheduled for District Level Public Presentations:

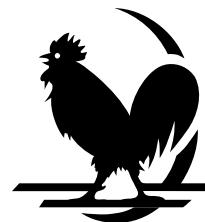
Saturday, May 16 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

Monday, June 22—4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office



Market Sale News

Letters of intent to sell steers are due **April 15**; sheep, hogs, and meat goats are due **June 1**. Market Health Records are also required. A Market Sales Welcome and Information meeting will be **June 10, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.** at the fairgrounds for exhibitors/sellers, parents, and leaders of all those wanting to sell an animal at the 2009 Market Animal Sale at the Thurston County Fair. Ears tags will be available. For info, contact Dave Kalar 491-8609 or dkalar@thurston.com.



Poultry Meeting

The next fabulous and fun poultry project committee meeting will be Sunday, **April 26, 2009**, in the Benoschek Building, from 2-4 p.m. Urban Roost 4-H Club will host a fitting & showing clinic and there will be a poultry knowledge bowl with prizes! Call Sherry Stacy at 943-3921 for info.

Loss of a 4-H Volunteer

Long-time Thurston County 4-H Volunteer, Donna Delph, recently passed away, ending her battle with cancer. Donna served as our Council Vice-President, Horseless Horse Superintendent, and Chair of the Achievement Afternoon Committee. She was a dedicated 4-H volunteer who will be missed.

Donna was very motivated to share the wonderful world of horses with youth who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity through the 4-H Horseless Horse project. Donna enthusiastically role played all kinds of horse care scenarios right alongside the kids to help teach basic horsemanship skills. At the next 4-H Council meeting we will discuss the creation of an award to benefit the youth that Donna was passionate about - the horseless horse kids who are crazy about horses. If you have any ideas on how we can honor Donna's dedication to the horseless horse 4-H members please send us your suggestions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thurston County Scholarship

The local 4-H Council sponsored Zoe Cook Memorial Scholarship is available to current Thurston County 4-H members who are graduating high school seniors planning to pursue a college degree. Applicants must have accumulated at least 2 years of 4-H

affiliation. Applications are due **July 1** and are available from the 4-H Office or on-line at <http://Thurston.wsu.edu/4-H>.

State Fair Schedule

The outbreak of MCF in cattle at the 2008 Western Washington Fair has necessitated changes in the livestock schedules at the 2009 fair. Following a meeting of open class, FFA, and 4-H representatives, a revised schedule will be utilized for our 4-H exhibitors at the 2009 WA State 4-H Fair: The 2009 State 4-H Fair Schedule can be found on the Washington State 4-H Fair website, <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/2009schedule.htm>

OPPORTUNITIES

Pierce County Fun'Raiser

Join the fun at the annual Pierce County 4-H Leaders' Council Fun'raiser, April 25 in Graham. The Fun'raiser will include the following youth shows: cat, rabbit, and cavies. There will be adult and youth divisions for dogs and photography. This year we will be adding sewing and baking for youth. Information and entry forms are located at the Pierce County website: <http://pierce.wsu.edu/4-H/index.htm> or contact Nancy Baskett at: 253-798-3258.

Llama/Camelid Information Day



The Second Annual Llama/Camelid Information Day is proudly being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to individuals currently owning or thinking about owning llamas and/or alpacas. This event will take place on **April 25, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** in Bellingham. More information and registration packet can be found at <http://www.nas.com/~jnklamas/infomainpage.htm>

Pork, Beef, & Lamb Education Days

--Susan Kerr

The Lamboree, Porkalooza and Beef-o-Rama Education Days will be independent but simultaneous events at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds in Goldendale. All three events will now last 2 days, **May 16-17, 2009**. Workshop topics will include selection, fitting and showing, herd health, quality assurance, feeding and nutrition, and record keeping. Registration is \$25 per person for each event. This includes 4 meals, an educational packet and other odds and ends. Registration materials will be available shortly at www.klickitat.wsu.edu

4-H Night with the Tacoma Rainiers

4-H Night at the Tacoma Rainier-son **Friday, June 19, 2009**. For more information contact Nancy Baskett at nbaskett@wsu.edu



Teen Conference

Washington State 4-H Teen Conference offers opportunities for teens from across Washington to come together to engage in fun educational programs. Teen Conference includes interactive and hands-on educational sessions, displays, and programs; and features nationally known speakers, university faculty, staff and students, community members, and 4-H members as presenters. Plan to attend the **4-H Summer Teen Conference, June 28-30, 2009**, at WSU, Pullman. More information will be coming soon at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf/>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

E-Learning

When was the last time you received training as a volunteer? E-learning provides opportunities for you to brush up on your skills as a volunteer thru four units: About 4-H, Positive Youth Development, Getting Started, and Leadership & Teaching. This is a self-paced interactive site developed for new and current volunteers. Check it out!
<http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>

Livestock Disease Prevention

The new Disease Prevention Module is designed specifically for 4-H volunteer leaders who work with livestock projects. This training module teaches you bio-security practices and how they can be used to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading diseases while raising 4-H livestock. It is a great way to learn disease prevention while providing you with inspiration and teaching ideas so you can bring these concepts to youth in your county! Go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>

State 4-H Forum

Washington State 4-H Forum will be **October, 16-18, 2009**, at the Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound—local! The Forum is the annual gathering of 4-H volunteers, teens and faculty/staff from around the state. During the Forum, you will have the opportunity to network with other volunteers, give input to the Washington State 4-H Program, and hone your skills at a variety of workshops. Watch the newsletter for additional information.

Animal Conditioning Info

Here is a good and visually appealing PowerPoint presentation about Body Condition Scoring, which should appeal to youth audiences. Go to <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/AnimalSciences/index.html> Click on Agents, Resources (under

Questions), and then Body Condition Scoring.

National Curriculum Sale

Take advantage of pre-press savings on National 4-H Curriculum products by ordering April 1-25—save 35% off regular prices! Go online to www.4-hmall.org/curriculum The 2009 National 4-H Curriculum Product Catalog is available for download at: www.4-hcurriculum.org. Orders will be shipped, as they are available, no later than July. If you have ordering questions, contact National 4-H Supply Service (301-961-2934 8:30 – 5:00 Eastern Time).

Horse Forum On-line

Technical problems that had prevented many folks from registering on the Northwest Horse Forum have been resolved. The Seattle Times has launched a free online Northwest Horse Forum for horse enthusiasts everywhere. One of the many discussions is focusing on the national crisis in unwanted-horses. Other topics include everything from what to do if your horse eats a plastic grocery bag, how to reduce mud in paddocks, grumpy and spooky horses, locating good hay, finding someone to share a trailer ride to creating the best footings for paddocks and arenas. This forum is a chance to give NW horse folks and their interests more visibility.
www.seattletimes.com/horseforum

Emergency Preparedness is No Accident!

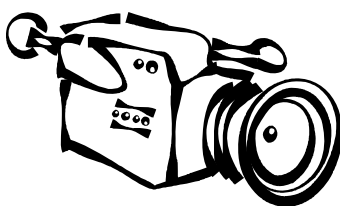
Submitted by Christy Price, Director, WSU Extension, Grant County

Washington State is a land of great diversity and abundance! Our landscape reaches from the sandy ocean beaches to 14,000+ ft. mountain peaks; from the Olympic Peninsula rain forest to the Columbia Basin desert. Behind the beauty of these regions lies the potential for most any natural disaster or severe weather event. Winter storms (ice and snow), wind, wild fires, floods, drought, volcano, avalanche or mud slides, and power outages are just a few of the emergency situations for which families should prepare. Having an adequate food and water supply is one part of a family emergency preparedness plan. For additional info, contact your local (county) emergency management team for a copy of the Emergency Resource Guide, or go to Department of Health- <http://www.doh.wa.gov> Canned Food Alliance - Table for emergency canned food pantry: <http://www.steel.org>

Environmental Education

National Environmental Education (EE) Week is **April 12th - 18th**. EE Week is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States. It increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of educational preparation, learning, and activities in K-12 class-

rooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums. By participating in EE Week, you encourage your students to make a difference in their schools, homes, and communities! Additionally, **Earth Day is April 22 and Arbor Day is April 24**. Visit Nature Walks' website for many great project ideas and activities for different age groups: www.nature-watch.com



New 4-H Filmmaking Resource Available

National 4-H Council has officially launched The Virtual 4-H Filmmaking Studio & Workshop, developed in collaboration with Montana State University, and located online at: www.4-H.org/curriculum/filmmaking. The Filmmaking Studio and Workshop is the online space to find tools and resources about video production and "how to make your own film." On the home page of the site, you'll find the main Filmmaking Workshop-an 11 module "virtual workshop", geared toward youth interested in making Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) films. The workshop discusses SET as a primary topic area and delivery mode, but the learning modes and principles apply across mission mandate areas-SET, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. This is a BETA release and feed-

back is encouraged, via the "Give Feedback" button on the home page. Additional resources will be added and tweaked over time, so stay tuned. Happy Filmmaking!

Host an Exchange Student

Can't find the time and money to travel? Looking for a low-cost project or experience in which the whole family can participate and grow together? The 4-H International Exchange Summer Inbound Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchange delegate from participating countries. Families often find they are drawn closer together and see their lives in a whole new perspective as they welcome a new son, daughter, brother, or sister in their circle. Japanese and Korean youth ages 12 - 18 will visit the U.S. and Canada from the third week of July to the third week of August. (The majority of the delegates are ages 12 - 14.) Youth delegates are placed in homes with a host sibling of the same gender and similar age. For information, contact Carol Beckman before the end of April at beckmanc@wsu.edu

April is Military Child Month

Help support military families and check out the poster. Here's a link to more information: <http://www.militarychild.org/>

Wear a Helmet!

March is Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov) (CDC) and the "Heads Up" program -- which provides education and prevention resources for youth sports related injuries. In Washington, the Department of Health reports that every year 1,300 residents die of traumatic brain injuries. Annually there are 55,000 TBI hospitalizations. For more information, resources and support services, call 1-877-TBI-1766 or log on to www.TBIWashington.org. Traumatic Brain Injuries are a life-altering impact. However, there are resources for TBI survivors in Washington state. Samantha Asbjornsen, TBI Council coordinator, ADSA, DSHS, 360-725-2



I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
Be able to take what they have learned and apply it to decisions made in real life

My Heart to greater loyalty,
Develop citizenship and relationship skills

My Hands to larger service,
Learn skills to do things for themselves and to help others

My Health to better living,
Learn to make healthy choices

**For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.**

OFFICE INFO

What Have You Been Doing?

Every week we are asked to submit a departmental update to the Board of County Commissioners, highlighting such topics as unique services provided to the public, meetings of greater than average significance, issues raised by citizens, inter-jurisdictional interactions, or any other items we believe the Board members would benefit from learning about or find of interest. Unfortunately, we in the 4-H Office don't always hear about the great work 4-H Clubs are accomplishing and, consequently, may be under representing the significance of the impact 4-H is having on Thurston County. Please tell us what your club has been up to-- events, activities, learning or community service projects, or any other highlights. This could be the job of the club reporter or the teen group within your club or anyone—we know your work with our youth is amazing; help us to share that with the County Commissioners!

Donations!

Please remember that any significant donations to a 4-H club must be noted in the club's minutes and recorded as part of the club's Annual Financial Summary submitted to the 4-H Office, with a copy of those club minutes. Donations could include any equipment or supplies, such as clippers or

grooming stands, or animals. The minutes should include who made the donation to the club, a brief description of the item or animal, where the item/animal will be kept, who's responsible for its care, and determination as to what happens to that item should the club disband. In most cases, items donated to a 4-H club are to remain with the club, even when the member using the donated item moves elsewhere. Remember, too, donations made directly to a 4-H member cannot be used as a tax deduction. Questions? Please contact the 4-H Office at 786-5445, ext. 7913.

Thurston County Project Committees

Many 4-H projects have committees that meet on a regular basis and would like to have your input. Don't just wish something would be better, help to make it happen! Thurston County 4-H Council is responsible for overseeing the countywide 4-H Program and inclusive of all 4-H clubs, advisory committees, and project specific groups. They meet monthly on the second Monday. The Horse Committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday. Dog Committee meets on the first Tues. of Nov, Feb, Apr, and June. Rabbit & Cavy Committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday. The Goat Committee meets monthly on the second Wed. Poultry Committee meets as needed. Benoschek Bldg Projects Committee meets quarterly on the last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring Youth Fair in Chehalis **May 1-3**. Call 360-736-9758
- Spring Fair in Puyallup, **April 16-19, 2009**. <http://www.thefair.com/spring-fair/>
- Northwest Lamboree, Goldendale, WA, **May 16-17, 2009**. <http://www.klickitat.wsu.edu/>
- Porkapalooza—Goldendale, WA, Goldendale, WA, **May 16-17, 2009**. <http://www.klickitat.wsu.edu/>
- Last Chance Clinic for Rabbits & Cavy, Thurston Co. Fairgrounds, **June 20, 2009**, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Grays Harbor 4-H Camp at Lake Panhandle, **July 5-11, 2009**. For information, contact <http://graysharbor.wsu.edu/4-H>
- NW Junior Sheep Exposition in Moses Lake on **July 9-11, 2009**.
- Mason County 4-H Camp, **August 9-15, 2009**. <http://mason.wsu.edu/4-H/>

Food Bank Needs Helpers

The Thurston County Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help sort food on two different occasions. Please contact the following for information:

Saturday, May 9 contact office@thurstoncountyfoodbank.org

Saturday, May 16, contact volunteers@thurstoncountyfoodbank.org.

The more you help, the more others are helped!

KUDOS CORNER

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the newly elected State Ambassadors! Jeremy Black from Thurston County 4-H, was recently elected the State Ambassador from the Southwest District. He joins the 2nd year State Ambassador, Kayla Swearingen, also from Thurston County.

4-H Family Survey

Many thanks to the 4-H families who contributed valuable information to the 4-H Office by completing the on-line 4-H Family Survey. So far, 120 families have completed the survey. To participate, go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=xxANKjd3UR1pI3mKyXOE3Q_3d_3d

Job Well Done!

Many thanks, too, to the 33 youth and adults who helped to make 50 Comfort Caps and cut out 50 more on February 16. These caps were delivered to St. Peters Hospital Oncology and Pediatric wards. Would you like to help too? Join us again on Saturday, **April 25, 2009**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Thurston County Extension Office. Call for info!

Thank you, Volunteers!

Thank you to the following super volunteers who have been helping with 4-H Office tasks: Kathy Judd; Elizabeth, Emily, Sarah & Vanessa Jodway; Linda Brantner; Stacey, Zack, & Kami Owens, and Winter Herron. Thank you for helping us out!!



Mark your calendars for the annual

Creativity Festivity 4-H Day Camp July 13—17, 2009

Thurston County Fairgrounds
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For youth kindergarten through 5th grade. Youth do not need to be 4-H members.

Crafts·Sewing·Gardening
·Outdoor Fun·and More!

4-H Day Camp is limited to 40 youth participants.

Teen Counselors and Adult Volunteers are needed to make day camp possible. Call the 4-H Office to learn how you can help.



THURSTON COUNTY 4-H 2008-2009 DATES & DEADLINES

APRIL 2009

- 1 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF
 5 Poultry Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm, TCF
 7 Dog Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 8 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 13 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 pm, Ext. Office
 13 Fair Superintendent's Mtg., 7:30 pm, Ext. Office
14 **Horse Certificates due at Horse Committee Meeting**
 14 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
 14 Rabbit/Cavy Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
15 **Intent to Sell Market Steers Due**
 26 Poultry Committee meeting, 2-4 pm, TCF
 28 Arts of the Home Committee, 7 pm, Ext. Office

MAY 2009

- 1** **New Member & Leader Enrollments Due**
1 **LAST CHANCE - Horse Certificates due**
 3 Poultry Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm, TCF
 5 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF
 12 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
 12 Rabbit/Cavy Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 13 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 25 Holiday Extension Office Closed
 31 Western Games Qualifying Clinic, 8 a.m., TCF

JUNE 2009

- 1** **Animal Certificates due for Dairy Cattle and Goats**
1 **Intent to Sell Market Lambs, Goats & Hogs Due**
 2 Dog Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 3 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF
 7 Poultry Committee Meeting, 2:30 pm, TCF
 9 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
 9 Rabbit/Cavy Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 10 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
15 **Rabbit and Cavy Certificates Due**
 20 Horse Leaders Show, 8 a.m., TCF
 20 Last Chance Clinic, 10 a.m., TCF
 27 Western Games Qualifying Clinic, 8 a.m., TCF

JULY 2009

- 1** **Thurston County Fair Animal Entries Due**
 8 Jumping Qualifier, 6 p.m., TCF
 9 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF
 11 Horse Pre-Fair Show, 8 a.m., TCF

- 12 Horse Groom Squad & Judging, 9 a.m., TCF
 13 Creativity Festivity 4-H Day Camp
 13 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, TCF
 13 4-H Fair Superintendent Meeting, 7:30 pm, TCF
 14 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
 14 Rabbit/Cavy Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 15 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext. Office
 16 Jumping Qualifier, 6 p.m., TCF
 18 Western Games Pre-Fair, 8 a.m., TCF
 19 Dressage & Jumping, 9 a.m., TCF
 21 Jumping Qualifier, 6 p.m., TCF
22 **Enter Non-Perishable Still Life Exhibits**
22 **Enter Educational Posters/Exhibits**
22 **Enter Record Books**
25 **Fashion Revue Judging, Food & Clothing Judging Contests**
26 **Fair Food Drive Delivery Day**
27 **Enter 4-H Food Exhibits**
28 **Enter Natural Resources and Plants**
28 **Animal Haul-in & Vet Check for Fair**
29-2 **Thurston County Fair**

AUGUST 2009

- 3 4-H Still Life Exhibit Pick Up 5-7 pm, TCF
 State Fair Exhibitors Meeting, 7 pm, TCF
 12 Thurston County Fair Board Mtg., 7:30 pm, TCF

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1** **Recommendations for State 4-H Council Due (State 4-H Policy Changes)**
 30 2008-2009 4-H Year Ends

Thurston County 4-H Council Minutes for March 9, 2009
WSU Thurston County Extension Office

MEETING CALLED BY	President, Jenny Taylor
ATTENDEES	Mitch Vorwerk, Barb Wollstein, Brian Taylor, Jenny Taylor, Chris Swearingen, Emily Killeen, Debra Bond-Yancey
PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVED	Typing & name spelling errors were corrected in the February Minutes
INTERSTATE EXCHANGE	Home Visitation to start. First full meeting will be March 15 th , 2009. Many fund raising events are needed to make this event happen.
AMERICORP REPORT BY MITCH	Volunteer Services: 278 Volunteers in the system. 25 e-mail addresses were incorrect, 5 responded with a request to be taken off the list.
Volunteer Center of Thurston Lewis & Mason Counties has a web site.	
Mitch has asked Volunteers to log in hours on the 4-H website. Tracking hours on the site are difficult. Hours tracking are important in grant process. Jenny stated that the form at Volunteer Center for Thurston, Lewis & Mason Counties might be easier to use.	
2009 Lacey Spring Fun Fair will be May 16 th & May 17 th . Will need help to assist with games & craft at the 4-H booth. Will not be doing Sand in the City function/event as not enough referrals generated from the function.	
After School Program Flier was created. There is two more years for the grant that the 4-H office received to run this program.	
3 more adults were orientated for the 4-H Volunteer Program. 6 new Volunteers have completed the program.	
Brochures can be created/set up at WSU for free but there is a print cost. Emily stated that about 1000 brochures would last about 2 years. Discussion ensued regarding need of brochures done in professional manner, cost, address of new 4-H office (would like printed on the brochure). Will have work started on the new brochures so that by June there would be hopes for new office location, & printing could quickly occur as we will have approved the brochure form by then.	
FUND RAISING	Plan FUN RUN for at the end of summer. Still waiting to hear from the Fair Board regarding the subject of sell cookies during the fair.
PUBLIC EVENTS 4-H ACTION EVENT	Up coming events were discussed. Super Saturday at Evergreen College will not occur this year. Mushroom Festival on June 27 & 28 is charging an entrance fee this year so may be less kid friendly. Discussed other possible events that occur outside of the towns of Lacey & Olympia such as having a presence at: Lake Fair with a craft day on July 18 th ; Kids Safety Fair; Prairie Days in Yelm; Rochester Swede Day; Arts Walk; Pet Parade; Duck Dash; Wolf Haven Wild Life Days, Harbor Days. Emily shared some information from a class & book that she is reading that might assist the Thurston County Extension Office. Highlights of her introduction are as followed:
First - Not-for-profits are businesses - a mission-based business, in the business of mission	
Second - No One Gives you a Dime - don't think of yourself as a charity. Consider you earn funds from donors that expect an outcome. Key word is "earn" funds. If you keep thinking of yourselves as a poor charity, you will continue to be treated that way and not like the mission-based business that you are.	
Third - Not-for-Profit does not mean nonprofit. There is a reason why so many non-profits lose money, and it has to do with the perception that it is illegal and immoral for a not-for-profit to make money. It is not. Nowhere in any state or federal law, does it say that a not-for-profit cannot make money, cannot make a profit. Profits in your not-for-profit are essential, a key element in financial empowerment.	
The group jointly looked at the By-Laws of the organization. Discussion regarding needing to update & improve the mission statement of our organization was held.	
Plan a Retreat on March 14 th to discuss Mission Statement, provide new updated strategic plan & some goal setting.	
SPECIAL NOTES WEBSITE REFERENCES	http://www.theolympian.com/news/story/779470.html http://www.volunteer.ws/home http://www.laceyspringfunfair.com

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
THURSTON COUNTY EXTENSION
720 SLEATER-KINNEY ROAD SE STE Y
LACEY WA 98503

Free to a good home:

- 13 year old Quarter Horse Mare in good health. Used as a trail horse. Unknown if she's had any arena experience. About 15.1 or 15.2 hands tall and red brown color with white strip on face. Due for hoof care and vaccinations but current on worming. Owner says he can have farrier out soon but mare is due for vaccinations in near future. Vet Sarah Perkins gave clean bill of health a year ago. Current owner has had her for three years. Only behavioral trouble with mare in the past was she wouldn't load in straight load trailer. Call Mike Turner at w) 456-6600 or h) 352-8508. Boston Harbor area.
- Very tall, chestnut, registered Saddlebred gelding, 22 or 23 years old, some show experience. Call the 4-H Office, 786-5445, ext. 7913.
- Registered appaloosa mare, show horse, National Champion, 15.2 hands, 21 years old. Call Jennifer Moore at 753-7396, east Olympia area
- Two male alpacas, 18 months old, microchipped and registered. Contact Debra at 455-8326 or 870-3893
- Several 9 month old rabbits--mother is a white standard and the father is a black dwarf. Call Brooke Schumaker at 866-3728.

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