



# 4-H In Motion

*“ We can do it ”*

**Thurston County**

**All 4-H Family Mailing - October/November 2008**

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**Congratulations** to all our  
4-H State Fair  
Qualifiers.

**Way to go, members!**

## THURSTON COUNTY 4-H

### Welcome, Mitch!



Hello! I hope everybody is enjoying the new 4-H year! My name is Mitch Vorwerk and I'm the new 4-H Community Outreach Coordinator. I'm working for AmeriCorps and the WSU Thurston County Extension and I'm picking up where Robyn Adair left off. I have a lot that I hope to get accomplished for the 4-H program in the next 10 months. I want to see more new members, more volunteers, and more new 4-H clubs. Right now I am referring new members to clubs that are still accepting members. I am realizing that there are a lot of youth interested in 4-H!

I know how fun 4-H can be. I was a member of the "Challenging Workers" 4-H club for 8 years in my home-state of Minnesota. In my club we did a lot of community service and a wide variety of projects. My interests were in photography, cats, woodworking, baking, and Legos. I am only *now* beginning to realize the positive, life-changing impact that 4-H had on my life.

We have a lot planned for this

year and our next event is Make a Difference Day on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. It is being held from 1 pm-4 pm at The Olympia Center. There will be free and fun activities for kids! I plan on being at many of the upcoming 4-H community events so I hope to see you there!

## The New 4-H Year Oct. 2008 - Sept. 2009

October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year. We kicked off the new year with National 4-H Week **Sunday, October 5 through Saturday, October 11. Club Leaders** - It is time to start enrolling for the new 4-H year! Re-enrollment packets are available for clubs to pick up—note that there are new forms required by the state 4-H office that must be completed. All completed forms, **including the leader's and parent's signatures**, are to be returned by **December 1, 2008**. Please be aware that adult volunteers and leaders are not covered by WSU Liability Insurance until there is an official record of re-enrollment in the 4-H Office.

No members will be re-enrolled unless all forms and the club's Annual Financial Summary are filed with the 4-H Office. If your club is disbanding, please notify the Thurston County 4-H Office in writing.



## Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) Schedule

Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) is a required three-part training for all new 4-H volunteers (i.e. Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Resource Leaders, and officially enrolled Parent Volunteers). Volunteers overdue for training will not be eligible for re-enrollment until the training requirement has been met. The following Volunteer Leader Training dates have been scheduled. *Pre-registration is required to participate in VLT.* Please contact Emily in the 4-H Office for more details.

**Part I & Part II: Saturday, Nov. 22, 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extension Office**

**Part III: Saturday, Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Panhandle 4-H Camp, Shelton**

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

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

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

These are the only dates being scheduled this year for volunteer training. Do not wait for another opportunity!

## New Leader Orientation

New Leader Orientation is required for all new adult volunteers and current volunteers taking over the leadership of an existing club. This orientation is the first step in becoming a 4-H volunteer leader. Attending New Leader Orientation is how new volunteers receive leader application materials. Orientation includes an introduction to 4-H philosophy, 4-H policies, and 4-H activities. A packet full of helpful information will be distributed.

**New Leader Orientations will be held at the WSU Thurston County Extension Office starting at 7:00 pm on:**

**Thursday, October 23  
Monday, November 10**

More dates to be announced. *Pre-registration is required, please call ahead!*

## Volunteer Refresher Training

The “For the Well-Being of Youth and Adults” 4-H Volunteer training is being offered to provide experienced volunteers with an update on current issues and new resource volunteers with the information they need to understand concerning risk management and youth protection. *If you have never attended a 4-H Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) session or you completed VLT prior to November 2004 you should attend this training!*

One opportunity for this required training will be **Tuesday, November 18 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, Thurston County Extension Office. Please pre-register as this training will be cancelled without enough participants.

## Creativity Festivity Workshop Presenters Needed



Thurston County 4-H would like to host the 4-H “Creativity Festivity” workshop series again, but volunteers are needed!

You can teach any creative subject you like. Past workshops have included: making simple snacks, sewing, quilting, drawing, calligraphy, and cartooning. Workshop presenters can be reimbursed for supply expenses. 4-H needs you—call the 4-H Office to learn more!

## Leaders Guide to Handling Money

As the new 4-H year begins be sure to collect your copy of the latest edition of 4-H Leaders Guide to Handling Money in the 4-H Youth Development Program (C1059E). There have been a number of policy changes and everyone, whether you've been a 4-H leader for 4 months or 40 years, will need to implement the new procedures. Please review the new C1059E carefully. For your FREE copy, go to <http://pubs.wsu.edu> and enter C1059E in the left hand menu bar.

## 4-H Project Committees

As the Thurston County 4-H program continues to expand, it is becoming increasingly important to utilize committees to help with decision making and project organization. Several 4-H project areas have countywide "project committees". 4-H Clubs that focus on any of the following project areas are encouraged to send representatives, 4-H club leaders or parents, to the committee meetings. Teen Leaders may also attend the meetings.

Current committees meet on the following days:

Dogs—monthly, first Tuesday  
Rabbit & cavy—monthly, second Tuesday

Horse—monthly, second Tuesday

Goats—monthly, second Wed.

Still Life—last Monday of Oct., Jan., and April.

See calendar for exact dates and meeting times and locations.

## "KUDOS CORNER"

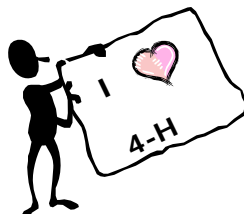
### 2008 Thurston County Leader of the Year

Congratulations, Tami Thomas! Tami was selected the 2008 Thurston County 4-H Leader of the Year. She will be honored at the statewide volunteer recognition banquet at the 4-H Forum in Everett on October 17 and at Thurston County Achievement Afternoon on November 2.

Tami Thomas is the leader of the Little Hustlers 4-H Club. She has been the main leader for the past 4 years and previously she was an assistant leader. One parent states, "Tami is a wonderful role model for the kids. She exemplifies what a leader should be and she makes the kids want to be in 4-H. She herself used to be in the Little Hustlers Club showing Beef cattle when she was in 4-H, and now she has come full circle by having her daughters do the same thing she got to do growing up, but as parent and a leader. She has dedicated numerous hours to making the 4-H year a great experience." Congratulations again!

### First 4-H Clover Fair a Success!

The first annual 4-H Clover Fair was a success with many families attending and finding clubs to join. Many thanks to the clubs and volunteers who participated on October 5, helping to set up & clean up, as well as host booths and games. The following clubs were represented: Seeking Eagles, Spokes, Mutts-K-Teers, Lacey Community Club, Lil' Rascals, 24 Carrots, Little Bit Country, Littlerock Elementary School Garden Club, and the Interstate Exchange Club. What a great way to kick off National 4-H Week and the new 4-H year!



## OPPORTUNITIES

### 4-H Booth at Season Starter Craft Bazaar

Volunteers are needed at the Seasons Starter Craft Bazaar in the 4-H booth selling holiday wreaths. Dates are Nov. 28—29. 4-H Clubs are invited to make handcrafted items to sell out of the booth; reselling store bought products is not allowed. Note – space is limited and crafts have to be pre-approved by the City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department, so plan ahead. Call the 4-H Office for more details.

### Attention Teens!

Teens, the Thurston County 4-H Office needs you! We are looking for youth in grades 6-10 to serve as our "County Teen Representatives" a.k.a. "CTR's" and teens in grades 10-12 to serve as County Ambassadors. The Thurston County 4-H Teen Leadership team is your opportunity to work in partnership with the 4-H Office and 4-H Council to promote 4-H and develop leadership skills.

If you are ready to develop new skills and like a challenge, attend the Teen Leader Training on January 10, 2009, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To sign up, call the 4-H Office today!



## So You Want to be a Veterinarian?

If you have ever dreamed of being a veterinarian or veterinarian assistant, here's your chance to learn more! Dr. Alena Cowell, a veterinarian at Steamboat Animal Hospital and 4-H Leader for the Thurston County Vet Science 4-H Club, is giving a free presentation to educate kids about what the job is really all about. There will be a lecture with slides and door prizes! The presentation will be Thursday, November 6, at 7 pm at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. Youth 12 to 18 years old and their parents are invited to attend. Please RSVP by Oct. 31, to the 4-H Office at 786-5445, ext. 7913. Alena's presentation is always a hit. Don't miss out!

## National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Interested youth will find additional information and application at <http://4h.wsu.edu/members/delegate-criteria.pdf>. Applications are due November 1, 2008. For more information and/or questions contact Jan Klein at [jlklein@wsu.edu](mailto:jlklein@wsu.edu).

## Looking for a Fair Theme

How creative are you? At this year's county fair, the theme was "Have a Turtleriffic Time". For next year, the Thurston County Fair Board is seeking slogans to go with mascot, Alfred Alpaca. Do you have some ideas? Any suggestions may be directed to the Fair Office at 786-5453.

## Goat Seminar

On October 25 at South Bay Animal Supply, Donna Semasko of Edelweiss Acres will be putting on a goat seminar, including topics on health, care, nutrition, and pack goats. Cost is \$7.50 for 4-H members, leaders, and parents. Call Donna for additional info at (360) 923-1451.

## WA 4-H Summer Exchange Program

This past summer, 30 Washington 4-H families hosted a summer exchange delegate! They experienced a different culture without leaving home--and learned how quickly their delegate became a family member!

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. Being a 4-H International host family is easy, fun, rewarding and educational. Just welcome the delegate into your home and treat him or her like one of the family.

If you are interested in hosting a youth, please contact the 4-H Office before November 1. For additional information, contact Carol Beckman at 253-445-4623 or [beckmanc@wsu.edu](mailto:beckmanc@wsu.edu)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### West Nile Virus Found in Thurston County

Recently, a sample taken from a dead crow from Thurston County tested positive for West Nile virus. A bird from King County also tested positive. These birds are the first from western Washington to be positive for the virus this year. The positive bird results show that West Nile virus is circulating among birds and mosquitoes here in Thurston County. Protect yourself from the West Nile Virus and be sure to get your horses vaccinated. See the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services website for information: <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehwnv/index.html>.

### Leaders Council Needs You!

The next Leaders Council meeting will be **November 10**, 7 p.m. at the Extension Office. The Council provides county-wide program direction and leadership in planning and conducting county activities and events. All are encouraged to attend!

## Response to IRS Penalty Notices to 4-H Clubs

*Submitted by Pat BoyEs*

The IRS and National 4-H Headquarters, USDA remain committed to our agreement that chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized 4-H organizations under the control of Cooperative Extension that normally earn \$25,000 or less in annual gross receipts will not be penalized for not filing a 990-N (e-Postcard) in 2008.

Inadvertently, automated IRS systems are sending overdue 990 filing and penalty notices to sets of 4-H entities that are entered in their systems, beginning with those showing a tax year ending December 2007.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** For chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of Extension whose annual gross receipts are \$25,000 or less, the following steps will prevent additional penalty notices, and subsequent collection activities, from being generated and mailed to your clubs.

Instructions vary depending on the type of notice being received:

(1) Request for Form 990 or for 990-EZ from the IRS Ogden Campus:

\* Reply in writing to the IRS by marking the box that states that "The organization will file a Form 990-N by the response due date shown above, because its annual gross receipts were normally \$25,000 or less and it is not a section 509(a)3 organization."

\* File a Form 990-N immediately. Form 990-N is filed electronically by accessing <http://www.irs.gov/> and navigating to "Charities & Nonprofits" and then to the following subject link: Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations - Form 990-N (e-Postcard) <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>

\* NOTE: The 990-N is not the place to correct or update data about the EIN record, including the organization's tax year.

(2) Notice reading: Please Call Us [IRS]About Your Overdue Taxes or Tax Returns from the Operations Manager, Automatic Collection System:

\* Reply in writing to the IRS address by stating that "This organization is listed with the IRS as a tax-exempt subordinate under a group exemption issued to the 4-H Clubs and Affiliated Organizations. The organization will file a Form 990-N by the response due date shown above, because its annual gross receipts were normally \$25,000 or less and it is not a section 509(a)(3) organization."

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For chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of Extension that normally earn more than \$25,000, the State 4-H Program Office is asked to send an email to National 4-H Headquarters at [4-H\\_tax\\_info@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:4-H_tax_info@csrees.usda.gov) so that we can work with you and the IRS on those cases.

## 4-H Donations

When requesting or accepting donations, be very clear on the difference between gifts to individuals and donations to a 4-H group that are tax deductions for the donor. If someone donates to the 4-H club/group/committee and the whole group benefits, that's a tax deduction. If someone donates to an individual or individual family—for example, gives a member a horse or gives 20 bales of hay - that's considered a gift and not a tax deduction. Families that solicit discounts or donations that they themselves benefit from as individuals cannot state the gift is a tax deduction for the donor. It is always appropriate to thank a donor, but it isn't always appropriate to promise a letter or receipt stating that the gift is a tax deduction simply because an individual belongs to the 4-H club. If you need further clarification, please call the 4-H Office at 786-5445, ext. 7913.

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**Free to good home:**

Female guinea pig, black, long hair, approx. 1 year old. Call Susan at 438-0399.

Appaloosa horses, 5 and 7 year olds, call Judy at 360-330-1463 or Jim at 253-797-4428

Quarter horse, brown, 8 year old, call Shawn at 701-6292.

*Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Thurston County Extension 4-H does not endorse or give approval for any of these free animals to be used as 4-H project animals. Contact the animal owners at your own risk.*



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