



# THURSTON COUNTY 4-H LINK



March 20, 2020

A newsletter for volunteers, members and families of Thurston County 4-H

## Program Update Due to COVID-19

In consultation with WSU Extension and the WA State Dept. of Health, all 4-H programming will be conducted **virtually, postponed or cancelled**, effective immediately to remain in place through **April 27 or until K-12 schools resume**. In

addition, all WSU County Offices will be closed to PHYSICAL PUBLIC ACCESS; however, 4-H Faculty and 4-H Staff will continue operations.

By taking this action, our 4-H community will do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The WSU Extension team will be consulting with WSU administration and public health officials and re-assessing safety guidelines regularly to make decisions that are consistent with updated information.

The Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program will be working in different ways virtually online and/or through telephone conferencing. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you.

## Got Bored Kids at Home?

Check out these websites. They contain great educational activities that are research based and from trusted sources:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/4-h/learning-links-4-h-and-more/>

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/family/Educational-Resources-for-School-Closures/?fbclid=IwAR1a8PkCKTj5BcEwv\\_S2XsN9g-CUCxONPt\\_0mirCL9tqkN3m0bdQjLQkT5k](https://www.canr.msu.edu/family/Educational-Resources-for-School-Closures/?fbclid=IwAR1a8PkCKTj5BcEwv_S2XsN9g-CUCxONPt_0mirCL9tqkN3m0bdQjLQkT5k)

## Calling All Artists

If you're in grades 7-12, consider entering the 2020 Congressional District Art Competition and represent Washington State's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Go to <https://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition> for more information and instructions on how to enter.

## JoANN "Pay It Forward"

JOANN stores across the country help 4-H clubs receive critical resources to bring more hands-on programs to local youth. Visit our local JOANN store before April 30 and purchase a "Pay It Forward" tear away for \$1 or \$4 and help to Inspire a Child's Creativity through 4-H.

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4-H has earned over \$3,400.00 so far!

## Interested in Adopting a Garden at the Thurston County Fairgrounds?

If you love to garden, and would like to help beautify the fairgrounds, please contact Vern Dearing, [vldearing@yahoo.com](mailto:vldearing@yahoo.com), (360) 412-9226; or call the Fair Office, (360) 786-5453.

## Community Service Opportunity:

The Lacey Rotary Foundation is looking for volunteers to help at their annual Duck Dash, to be held on June 6, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, contact Bill McGregor at (360) 918-3821, [mcmgregorbill@Hotmail.com](mailto:mcmgregorbill@Hotmail.com).

## Save the Date to Host a Summer International Delegate

This summer from **July 24 – August 19**, your family can host a delegate from Japan or Taiwan. A Washington 4-H International Exchange host family needs to have a child or the same gender and within 3 years of the delegate's age to fill the role of "host sibling". Host families do not need to be active in 4-H.

Make this a summer to remember by giving your family a global experience.

The host family application is online at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>

For more information go to <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/global-4-h/international-exchanges/>

## Plan ahead for the 2020 WA State 4-H Fair

[Fair Patch Design Contest due May 15](#)

[Creative Kids Contest Brochure](#)

## The MannaPro 4-H Mosaic Toolkit Is Now Online

Manna Pro is "Calling All Champions" to showcase their 4-H experience, past and present, in a photo mosaic available on [mannapro.com/4h](http://mannapro.com/4h). All participants will receive coupons from MannaPro, and the states with the most photos submitted will be eligible for cash prizes. The promotion runs through April 30, 2020 to help bring 4-H programs to more youth across the country and Inspire all Kids To Do. Click [here](#) to get to the Manna Pro toolkit.



## Thinking about Thurston County Fair 2020....

Next year's Thurston County Fair mascot is a **billy goat**. Slogans might be something like "Come be a kid again", "Here we goat again", etc. Can you think of some clever slogans? Please share them with Ann [avshiple@comcast.net](mailto:avshiple@comcast.net)

Interested in having fun and unusual judges (legislators, judges, mayors or commissioners) for some of your "for fun" contests? Expertise should not be required. Let Ann Shipley know if you're interested. [avshiple@comcast.net](mailto:avshiple@comcast.net)

# To Make the Best **BETTER**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

[Capitol Land Trust Volunteer Events](#)

[Native Plant Salvage](#)

### CHECK IT OUT!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE WSU EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

April 15	Notice of Intent to Sell Market Steers due to Sale Secretary
May 1	4-H Horse and Dog Certificates Due
May 29	4-H Dairy Cattle, Cat and Goat Certificates Due
May 30	Washington State 4-H Hippology Contest, Tentative Cowlitz County location

*4-H welcomes kids of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving them a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better*

Thanks for supporting Thurston County 4-H programs through rewards Programs.



## WSU THURSTON COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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**4-H Office hours T-TH 9-2 or by appointment**

Extension Office hours T-F 9-5

**Please submit club, project, and community news and opportunities to share in the 4-H Link by Wednesday each week.**



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