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COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT



Three cheers for the red, white and blue! The Free Rangers 4-H Club sewed nine pillow cases in November 2021 to donate to the Quilts of Valor, which is a project to honor our veterans. These cases are presented with the quilts to veterans. The club has been making presentation cases for the Quilts of Valor for three years. Our crafty sewers with big hearts are Ella, Elaina and Lily in front. Second row are Kamryn, Sylvia, Sophia, Ellinor, Isabelle and Lucas. For more photos, see page 6. Tessa Miller photo

4-H: Your first class at UAF!

February

- 1 Market Livestock Project Agreements Due!
- 1 Livestock Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Youth in Governance begins via Zoom and runs eight weeks, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 7 Teen Club meeting, 6 p.m.
- 8 **CANCELED** — Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Happy Day!
- 15 Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Applications Due
- 19 Market Livestock Participants Meeting, 10 a.m.-noon
- 21 Teen Club meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 State Horse Contest Informational Meeting, focusing on horse judging contest training, 6:30 p.m.

March

- 1 Livestock Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Teen Club meeting, 6 p.m.
- 8 Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 UAF Spring Break Day (4-H office closed)
- 14 Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Higher Education Scholarship Applications Due
- 17 Happy Day!
- 21 Teen Club meeting, 6 p.m.
- 25-27 ...State Shooting Sports Leader Training, Palmer

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Marla's Roundup



Well, happy new year as we are a month into it now. What a past couple of months our weather has been. I hope you all made it through the winter storms safely and with little to no problems. Now, fingers crossed, I hope we have a slow breakup so we don't have too much or no flooding. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and are now ready to start a new year.

As we start the new year and try to navigate the ongoing pandemic, please keep up to date on the policies by checking out the Alaska 4-H web page from time to time.

Also, there are some important things inside with dates attached to them so make sure you check them out. I am looking forward to those events along with the summer camps. I have missed doing programming like this and hope that we can still keep moving forward to doing them.

Looking forward to connecting with you all sometime over the next few busy months. Until then, stay safe and healthy and let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Marla Louder 

Ronda's Registration Roundup



Ronda has been really busy trying to keep up with everyone, so thank you to those of you who have gotten everything completed. If not, please get those registrations done.

For youth, go into your ZSuite account and re-enroll and pay your dues. One cannot be complete without the other.

For leaders, you need to re-enroll and do your trainings. Check out the great step-by-step process at this page: www.alaska4h.org/volunteer-requirements. You will also find the links to the trainings on this page. It is pretty handy. The only thing that is not on there is a requirement to read through the Alaska 4-H Mitigation Plan page and send us an email saying you have read, understand and will adhere to the guidelines set forth on it. If you need help with anything, feel free to contact Ronda at 907-474-2450 or rlboswell@alaska.edu.

Also, please be sure to thank Ronda for all her hard work in keeping this all straight and being on top of things with all of you.



Need a Helping Hand with Leader Trainings? We are here for YOU!



If you are having trouble getting those trainings done, please let me know so I can help you with them. Also, if there is something that you feel you or the district needs a training on, let me know so I can get things organized and either do the training or find someone to do it.

I want to help you all be the best leaders you can be and to be successful in leading our future leaders ... our youth.

~ Marla

SPRING IS COMING!

Check out these exciting things to do!

FEB. 19 — Market Livestock Participants Meeting

If you or your youth are doing a market livestock project, don't forget you have to attend one of the two mandatory meetings. They will be Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. and April 19 at 6 p.m. So, make sure you get one on your calendar to attend. We are asking for those who are first year to the program to attend in person and those who have done it before to do it online by Zoom. You will need to register so we know who will be there and so we can get you the paperwork if you are doing it by Zoom. Please register with Tanja Bryan at 907-378-1757 or Marla Lowder at 907-474-2427 or mklowder@alaska.edu.



MARCH 25-27 — State Shooting Sports Leader Training

There will be a shooting sports training held in Palmer March 25-27. Disciplines to be covered are hunting, archery and rifle. In order to attend, you need to be an up-to-date leader by March 1. Marla will need to know who is attending and what discipline you will be doing. You do not have to do all three disciplines; you need only do one.

APRIL 16 — Public Presentation/Demonstration Day

Start getting ready and preparing for it as the big day will be here before you know it. We will start sign ups around the end of March. So, for now, get the date on your calendar and start thinking of your topic and doing your research.



APRIL 29-30 — State Horse Contest in Fairbanks!



Our district will host the state horse contest this year. The dates are going to be April 29 and 30. So, you horse kids save the date and start studying. There will be horse bowl, horse judging, hippology, demonstrations and public speeches. It has been three years since we had one, so we will be excited to do it again this year. Looking forward to seeing you all.

There will be an informational meeting for anyone who wants to learn more about the state horse contest, in particular the horse judging contest training. It will be Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This will cover the basics of how the contest works, classes and oral reasons. All adults and youth are welcome. Contact Marla for the Zoom meeting link.



4-H SCHOLARSHIP ROUNDUP

Don't miss these GREAT funding opportunities ... and DUE DATES!

Youth and Leader Educational Scholarships Applications DUE FEB. 15 (for events April 1-June 30)

The Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council established the Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Program to provide funds for youth and leaders to help them attend events that will further their leadership skills and project knowledge. It is not intended to replace other funding sources or to be a full scholarship for the event. Visit www.alaska4h.org/fairbankstanana-district for all the details and forms.

Higher Education Scholarship Applications DUE MARCH 15

Hey, seniors! And recent graduates within the past three years! Don't forget to apply for the Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council Higher Education Scholarship. Applications for a chance at the \$500 scholarship are available on the Tanana District 4-H website. I hope we get lots of applicants this year. If you need more information, contact me or Ronda. And be sure to check out www.alaska4h.org/fairbankstanana-district for more information and forms.



Ages 13-18

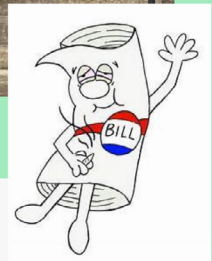
Come learn and be a part
of the
**ALASKA 4-H
YOUTH IN
GOVERNANCE**



Starts on Thursday, Feb. 3, and
runs for eight weeks
6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Would you like to:

- * Meet with legislators and hear about their experience
- * Learn how you have a voice in the government
- * Learn how to research bills and what the process is to become a law
- * Learn how to influence change in your own community
- * Represent 4-H to our state legislators
- * Meet other teens from across the state



For more information contact your district office or Marla Lowder at mklowder@alaska.edu. To register log into your ZSuite account and go under events. Information will then be sent to you.

Accommodation request related to a disability should be made 5 business days in advance to Marla Lowder at 907-474-2427 or mklowder@alaska.edu

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COVID-19 Update

A Refresher from Marla

COVID guidelines remain the same since our last newsletter. I would encourage you all to keep up to date with the current CDC guidelines and our state 4-H website at www.alaska4h.org/covid-current-phase-c. for the most recent information.

Here is a recap for those who may need a “refresher:”

Fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated individuals:

- a. Face masks are required indoors and in university vehicles.
- b. Face masks are required when outdoors if it is not possible to maintain 6 feet of distance from other people.
- c. Face masks are required outdoors when mandated by an event- or location-specific mitigation plan.

Group size — This has not changed; it is still 20. However, remember, if meeting outside you can have multiple pods. They are just not supposed to interact with the other groups.

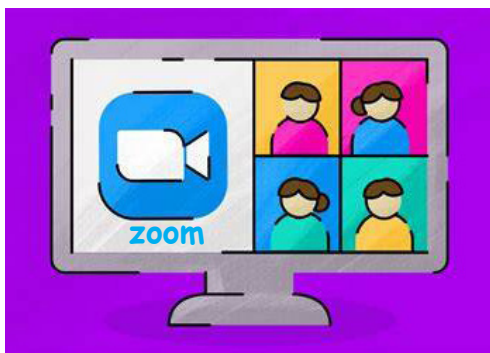
Room capacity — It is 50 percent as long as social distancing is still attainable.

Cleaning — We are still asking that you do the pre- and post-cleaning at this point to still help stop the spread of anything.

Mitigation plans — These plans are no longer required. For other events, we are falling under the UAF IANRE MIT plan, which can be found at the above website, too.

Office hours — We are open to the public 9 a.m. -1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. week days. It is suggested that you call ahead of time to make sure someone is available. If you need to meet outside regular office hours, appointments can be made. When you come into the office, and if there are more than three people in the office ahead of you, please wait in the hall until they leave the office.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me and thanks for all the hard work you all are doing.



CLUB MEETINGS — There's a Zoom account for you!

Remember that we have a Zoom account set up that you can use for club meetings, if it is available. Please contact Ronda or Marla through email to sign up for it. We will share the link with you to share with your club members. We ask that you only use it for the date and time you sign up for as others may be using it before or after you. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



COUNCIL MEETINGS — Come Zoom with us!

Leaders, don't forget you are invited to attend any of the following monthly meetings currently being held on Zoom. It is our standard Zoom number. If you need it, contact the Extension office or one of the council members.

Leaders Council meetings — Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Livestock Council meetings — First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in February, April, May, September, October and November and then as needed.

Horse Council meetings — Second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. September through May.



CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS!

There's a **NEW** club in town just for **YOU!**

All youth ages 5-7 are invited to join the fun!
There will be a variety of things covered in the club
based on its participants' interests.



If you know someone who has youth ages 5-7
who would like to participate, please contact Marla Lowder at
907-474-2427 or mklowder@alaska.edu.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

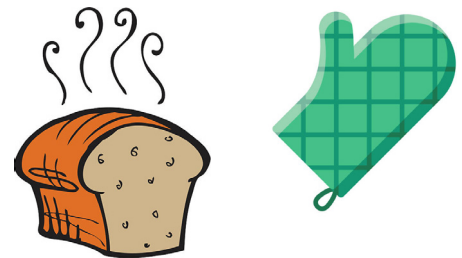


~ SPOTLIGHT ON ~
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



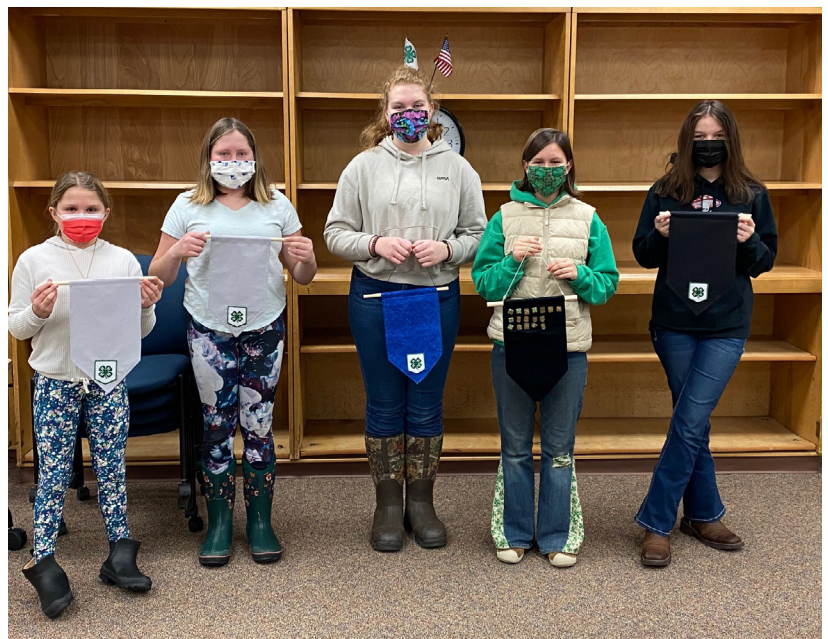
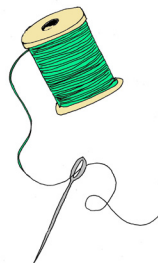
Baking Project

Thanks for giving! The Free Rangers 4-H Club baked and donated 33 loaves of fresh bread to the Fairbanks Community Food Bank in November 2021. At left, members Kamryn and Ellinor help with the delivery of bread for the Thanksgiving food boxes. Tessa Miller photo



Sewing Project

A place for pins! Members of the Free Rangers 4-H Club practiced their sewing skills by making merit pin holders. Nice job, Hayden, Kendall, Kamryn, Isabelle and Lacey! We can't wait to see what merit pins you add this year! Tessa Miller photo





GOT A GOOD IDEA?

The leader's council is looking for the next **FUN** activity to sponsor.

Submit your **AWESOME** suggestions to one of the officers or to Marla.

We need your **CREATIVITY!**



HEY, 4-H'ERS!

Be sure to "LIKE" Tanana District 4-H and Alaska 4-H on Facebook. You'll find some **AWESOME** information on these pages!



LEADERS COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS!

All leaders are invited to the Leaders Council meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are currently held via Zoom — please contact the Extension office if you need the link.

We hope to see your smiling face on screen soon!



What can 4-H do for me?



Who do I contact?

If you have any questions about 4-H, please contact your local 4-H Office at 907-474-2427 or any of the 2021-22 Leaders Council officers:

- President — Tessa Miller
rodighiero@hotmail.com
- Vice President — Dani Markham
rosacreekbranch@gmail.com
- Secretary — Lisa Harlow
lisaharlow06@gmail.com
- Treasurer — Patsy Perkins
patsyjperkins@hotmail.com

Oh, snap!



WANTED!

YOUR 4-H CLUB PHOTOS!

We want to see all the **AWESOME** things your club is doing!

A picture is worth a thousand words!
Each month in the Tanana District 4-H News, we would like to **HIGHLIGHT** a club activity.

To submit a photo for consideration, please verify the following information **BEFORE** sharing it with us:

- ✿ Each youth featured in photo must be in active status in the ZSuite 4-H enrollment program.
- ✿ Each youth must have an approved Media and Information Release Statement in the ZSuite 4-H enrollment program.
- ✿ Non-4-H members may not be in the photo, unless written permission is received by a parent or guardian.
- ✿ Each youth must be identified by both first and last name.
- ✿ If we choose to identify youth in a cutline or story, only first names are used.
- ✿ Be sure to include the photographer's first and last name, too, for credit!
- ✿ HINT: We like action shots — showing your club members doing things!

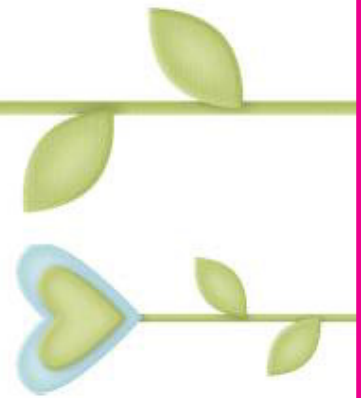
Email your photo to both rlboswell@alaska.edu and mklowder@alaska.edu along with the above information. We cannot guarantee publishing all photos, but we will do our best!
Thank you for sharing!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Happy Valentine's Day!



CANDY
HEART
HUG
LOVE
KISS
SWEET



L O V E S X I
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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

