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Find us on Facebook – Grays Harbor County 4-H at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

Other ways to connect with Washington State 4-H through social media:

>>> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4H/>

>>> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wastate4h>

New calendar features! Available online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/calendar/>

SPECIAL EMAIL FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS – Next Week

Head's up! A special email will be coming to 4-H volunteers next week including a link to a very short anonymous survey to be completed this month. The information that is gathered from this process is important to help us understand more about our 4-H Program as a part of Dan's tenure process. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important activity!

LEARN HOW TO SHOW DOGS IN 4-H

Do you know a youth who is interested in learning about everything they will encounter in the 4-H dog show ring? Please join veteran 4-H senior members for a series of fun and informative classes that will cover working as a team with your dog, sportsmanship, rules, etiquette, herdsmanship, classes, proper equipment, preparing for fair, and so much more!

These sessions are free and will take place from 12:00pm – 2:00pm at Memorial Hall on the following dates:

March 19

April 9

May 21

June 18

For additional information contact jessica18schreiber@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

April 1st is the deadline for:

- **2016-2017 4-H Enrollment to be eligible for county or state participation.** All 4-H members wishing to participate in the 2017 Grays Harbor County Fair or State 4-H Fair must meet this deadline or they will be eligible for club participation only. There may be additional requirements specific to each club or project (record books, community service, quality assurance, etc.)

Enrollment instructions are available on our website at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/>
Call Tracie if you have any questions.

- **2016-2017 4-H Enrollment to be eligible for early-bird 2016-2017 GH 4-H Camp registration fees.** 4-H members wishing to qualify for the early-bird GH 4-H Summer Camp registration fee must be enrolled in the 4-H Program by April 1st and submit camp registration materials by June 2nd. (Coming soon to <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>)

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & OWNERSHIP DEADLINES – April through June

More information is available at (<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/>) under section 9, "Animal Management and Ownership." Section 9.6 States: Animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows:

Market Beef - 120 days (April 1 in GH)

Breeding Beef - 90 days (May 1st in GH)

Equine - 90 days (May 1st in GH)

Llama - 90 days (May 1st in GH)

Dairy - 90 days (May 1st in GH)

Dairy Heifer Replacement - 60 days (June 1st in GH)

Cats - 60 days (June 1st in GH)

Dogs - 60 days (June 1st in GH)

Goat - 60 days (June 1st in GH)

Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market) - 60 days (June 1st in GH)

Cavies - 45 days (June 15th in GH)

Rabbits and Poultry - 45 days (June 15th in GH)

Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods.

4-H OCOSTA ROBOTICS – Qualifies to Participate at the FTC World Championship

... submitted by Joe Prieur

South Beach area students have put in thousands of hours as a team since the season began in September to design and build a robot that will perform prescribed tasks. Way to go! High School Seniors Enapay, Aaron, and Kaylie; High School Junior Kaden; Freshmen, Evan, Samantha and Markay along with 7th grader Jayson.

Congratulations to the Ocosta Robotics team's performance at the FIRST FTC West Super Regionals event! Their performance has qualified them to compete at the FTC World Championship on April 19-22 in Houston, TX. Teams planning to participate in Houston must register and remit their non-refundable \$1,000 registration fee no later than March 24. The team can't afford to lose that \$1,000, so must determine whether or not they can raise enough funds to send students to the completion by then.

Up to this point, the team has relied primarily on grants received earlier in the season from Boeing, OSPI, and FIRST. Further progression requires funds to be raised to cover necessities like travel, lodging, meals, registration fees, and replacement robot parts. If you would like to make a donation to help these students make it to competition, visit www.gofundme.com/FTC11121 Any contribution on your part will be most gratefully accepted and appreciated.

You can follow the team's progression on their Facebook page at <http://fb.me/FTC11121> or search Facebook for "FTC11121"

4-H PROGRAM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR POSITION POSTED

The 4-H Program Associate Director position has posted to the HR website. You can direct people to the official site to apply at <https://www.wsujobs.com/postings/30908>

TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month

4-H is launching an annual True Leaders in Service initiative in honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Month. True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation, will officially kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 29. Local groups are encouraged to get involved with this national effort. For more information and resources, go to: <http://4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service/>

MAKING IMPACTS GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY – WSU Extension

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County serves the residents of Washington State by creating and delivering targeted research-based knowledge and education. It's a mission the organization and its dedicated specialists have refined over the past century. Part of that process is communicating results.

These reports provide accounts of how our programs empower participants to better their lives. We hope these reports inspire you to join at least one of our programs or events, share your story, and provide feedback. Your involvement will help us improve our responsiveness and reach more individuals.

View or download our 2016 WSU Grays Harbor County Impact Report at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/community-impact/>

MASON COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP DATES – June 20-26th

Mason County 4-H Horse Camp is set to be held June 20-26 at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp. Registration forms will be available soon. Please note the new dates due to snow make up dates in the local schools.

STATE 4-H FAIR PATCH DESIGN CONTEST

Put your creative skills to work and submit a design for the State 4-H Fair patch. The creator of the winning patch design will receive a patch and a cash award. Complete rules and official entry form can be found online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2017/03/state-4-h-fairpatch-design-contest/>.

STATE 4-H FAIR EQUINE DATES

The WA State 4-H Fair Board finalized the equine schedule for the 2017 fair at their recent board meeting. The schedule is as follows:

Sept 5 - Senior Harness and Dressage will arrive 5-7pm

Sept 7 - Senior Harness and Dressage will depart at 2pm; Senior Performance will arrive 5-7pm

Sept 11 - Senior Performance will depart at 2 pm

Sept 12 - Intermediate Western Games will arrive 11 am to 1 pm

Sept 14 - Intermediate Western Games will depart at 2 pm Senior Western Games will arrive 5-7 pm

Sept 18 - Senior Western Games will depart at 2 pm

Sept 19 - Intermediate Harness/Dressage will arrive 5-7 pm

Sept 21 - Intermediate Harness/Dressage will depart 2pm Intermediate Performance will arrive 5-7pm

Sept 24 - Intermediate Performance will depart beginning at 4 p.m.

Additional Equine Dates:

Sept 9 - Equine Judging Contest

Sept 9 - Groom Squad

Sept 10 - National Equine Presentation Contest

STATE 4-H FAIR SMALL ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

The Livestock and Small Animal Schedule for the 2017 Washington State 4-H Fair has been confirmed as follows:

CATS - arrive Sept 7-8, depart Sept 11

DOG OBEDIENCE - daily shows, Sept 14-22; championship finals, Sept 23-24

RABBITS/CAVIES - arrive Sept 15 - 6-9 a.m.; depart Sept 18 at 6 p.m.

LIVESTOCK (beef, dairy, llama, sheep, swine, goats) - arrive Thurs, Sept 14 - 6-9 a.m.; depart Sun, Sept 16 at 6 p.m.

4-H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of our society. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Tracie Hanson at PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541, (360)482-2934, tracie.hanson@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.

Our county is partnering with neighboring counties—the Constellation group of Mason, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston, etc., to send out e-newsletters. Some articles are from other counties, and include helpful information or invitations to participate in local, regional, or statewide events. Please read carefully.

"These notices are provided for informational purposes only, and do not imply any endorsement of a particular brand or product."

Disclaimer: By posting the above "free to a good home" information, WSU Grays Harbor 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.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Grays Harbor County Extension.

Archived copies of "Grays Harbor County 4-H News" are available at: <http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/info/>