

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for November 6, 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 6 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma
Nov 9 "Celebrate Our Kids" 4-H Year End Recognition & Dinner, 6pm, Elma
Nov 10 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Veterans Day
Nov 15 Fair Volunteer Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6pm
Nov 23 & 24 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Dec 1 New Year Club Packets Due to WSU Extension office
Dec 25 & 26 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Christmas

TIME TO RE-ENROLL

October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year. All youth members and adult volunteers must log into 4HOnline and update their profiles in order to re-enroll for the new year. Step-by-step instructions and a link to the 4HOnline enrollment site can be found on our website at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>. Returning members should complete the re-enrollment process by Friday, December 1st.

"CELEBRATE OUR KIDS" - Recognition, Dinner & Auction – Thurs., Nov. 9th

The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6pm on Thursday, November 9th at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. A fun and festive way to celebrate the 4-H year as a community! Complimentary dinner provided for enrolled 4-H members plus one guest, additional dinner tickets purchased at the door for \$5.

We need your help to make this event a huge success:

1. Please extend a personal invitation to at least four of your friends – if they receive a personal invitation they are much more likely to attend. You can find a flyer to share with your friends and neighbors at http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2015/09/2017_Celebrate_Our_Kids_Flyer.pdf
2. We need participation from all 4-H families – can you help with set-up, clean-up or more? Contact Committee Members, Cathy and Mary at cathleencozaad@gmail.com or marylightfoot@aaawa.com for other ways to get involved!

Thank you to all of the 4-H Clubs and members who are donating baskets for the fundraiser portion of the event! Remember to bring your basket to the WSU Extension office by Wednesday, November 8th

3. We will also be presenting Year End awards – celebrating another great 4-H year filled with learning and personal growth!

4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mary Pederson, who was recently named 2017 Grays Harbor County 4-H Leader of the Year. Mary received an outstanding nomination and is very deserving of this award. She has been instrumental in the success of the Brady Bunch 4-H Club as well as the Rabbit & Poultry projects during the county fair. We will be recognizing Mary at the upcoming Celebrate Our Kids event on November 9th. Make sure to thank Mary for her contributions to our 4-H program next time you see her.

CLUB LEADER PACKETS DUE DECEMBER 1

Club leaders - remember to return your Club Leader Packets to the Extension Office. The packets contain the Annual Financial Summary, Club Chartering document, information on reporting your volunteer hours and more. Packets were distributed at the October 2 Club Kick-Off meeting and are available by contacting Tracie at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING – November 19th

Hello everyone, it is time to start the 4-H Camp year! We will be having our first 4-H Summer Camp Counselor training on Sunday, November 19th at the Grays Harbor County WSU Extension office in Elma from noon to 4pm. Any student who is currently in the 9th grade or above and enjoys working with youth of all ages can apply to be a counselor at Grays Harbor 4-H Camp this year. Our camp is a week-long overnight camp, which will be held July 8th – 13th.

Required paperwork is available online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/> and will also be available at the first training. These documents must be submitted before you can attend your second training. Let's make this the best year yet! For more information, contact Taylor at tsample1993@gmail.com

HERITAGE BREEDS AND PORK PRODUCTION

Come join WSU Extension for this informative workshop on raising heritage hogs!

- > Presented by WSU Regional Small Farms Program, Sponsored by The Sheepish Pig Farm
- > Wednesday, November 29th, 10am – 3pm
- > Village Green Community Center, 26159 Dulay Rd NE, Kingston, WA
- > \$40 per farm (limit 2 people)

PLUS – A light lunch of locally raised Mangalitza pork tamales courtesy of The Sheepish Pig Farm!

- > Pre-registration is required. Visit <https://heritagehogs.brownpapertickets.com/>

Topics include:

- Heritage hog breeds - what do you want out of your breed and why?
- On-farm Biosecurity
- Specific feed nutrition and how to create a balanced diet
- Organic and non-organic feeds and feed sources
- Raising pigs for slaughter - farm tour at Sheepish Pig
- Mud management and working pens with the Kitsap Conservation District

Guest speakers include:

Dr. Susan Kerr, Dr. Susan Kerr, WSU Northwest Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist

Tania Issa, owner and farmer of the Sheepish Pig in Kingston
Ken Drecksell, Resource Planner and Soil Scientist at Kitsap Conservation District

VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you participated in the Grays Harbor Fair, a 4-H meeting, camp, or helped a member with their project you must report these hours. Reporting of volunteer hours documents coverage for injuries they might sustain and it is also documentation for the liability coverage WSU provides to its volunteers. All WSU Extension Volunteers must log on to <http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/logon.aspx> each month to report hours they worked for any WSU Extension program. Your user name will be your last name and first initial, such as "HansonT" and your initial password is password! (all lower case and include the exclamation point!) Once you log in you will have the option to change your password. For additional information visit the [Reporting Your Volunteer Hours](#) page on our website or contact Tracie 360-482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu if you need assistance.