

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
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>>> 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/>

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST, 4-H PROMOTION EVENT – Thank you!

Thank you to the following local businesses, who partnered with Grays Harbor 4-H clubs last week.

Together, these window displays were a way to share information about the 4-H program with the community.

> **Montesano Farm & Home**, 412 S Main St, Montesano (*Best of Times 4-H Club*)

> **Elma Feed & Farm Supply**, 424 N 2nd St, Elma (*Country Pride 4-H Club*)

> **Dennis Company - Elma**, 115 S 4th St, Elma (*Grays Harbor 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H Club*)

Why: To have fun with your club and promote 4-H in our community!

What: Work as a team to design and install a display sharing your message about 4-H with the community.

How: The display area can be an indoor or outdoor location suitable to the target audience. It could be flat paper construction, a tri-fold display board, or a more dimensional display. The Evaluation Criteria is available online under **Window Display Event to Promote 4-H** at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

When: October & November

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS RECOGNITION EVENT – Thursday, November 10th

... submitted by committee member, Cathy Cozad, cathleencoza@gmail.com

Please join us as we celebrate another 4-H year filled with learning a personal growth. Plan to be a part of the 1st Annual "Celebrating Our Kids" event November 10th at 6PM at the Borden-Seabert Exhibition Hall at the GH Fairgrounds in Elma. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, rolls, and ice cream for dessert. Complimentary dinner provided for enrolled 4-H Members plus one guest. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.00. A great event for our 4-H Families and the community to enjoy!

For more information and to access printable flyers to share in the community,

visit http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2014/04/2016_Celebrate_Our_Kids-Flyer_Final.pdf

Funds raised during the Celebrate Our Kids event will be used to support scholarships and other program expenses.

CLUB LEADER PACKETS – Due December 1st

Club leaders - don't forget to return your Club Leader Packets to the Extension Office. The packets contain the Annual Financial Summary, Application for Annual Accident Insurance, Club Chartering document, Graduate Survey, information on reporting your volunteer hours, and more. Packets were distributed at Club Kick-Off meetings and are also available by request from tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

PREPARE FOR NEW ANTIBIOTIC REGULATIONS

...submitted by Susan Kerr, Northwest Regional Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has released new antibiotic regulations that affect all U.S. poultry and livestock producers, including youth exhibitors. The National Pork Board is urging all its stakeholders to get ready now, before the new regulations go into effect on January 1, 2017.

The Pork Board has introduced the **USCARE** checklist, that offers six key steps for producers and exhibitors to prepare for these regulatory changes. For additional information, visit www.pork.org/antibiotics

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NATIONAL ORGANIC LIVESTOCK/POULTRY STANDARDS

...submitted by Susan Kerr, Northwest Regional Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist

In case any of you deal with 4-Hers with organic livestock/poultry products, you might suggest they read the proposed changes to the national organic standards and comment on the proposed changes if they are so inclined. Below is one excerpt that specifically addresses 4-H project poultry. More details than you ever wanted to know are at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS-NOP-15-0012-0001>.

>USDA-AMS has proposed "amending the organic livestock and poultry production requirements, in order to ensure consistent application of the USDA organic regulations for organic livestock and poultry operations and maintain confidence in organically labeled products." The proposed rule "addresses four broad areas of organic livestock and poultry practices, including living conditions, animal healthcare, transport, and slaughter." This announcement was made in April and comments are due by July 13.

(d) The producer of an organic poultry operation may temporarily confine birds. Each instance of confinement must be recorded. Operations may confine birds because of:

(1-7 deleted here to save space/time and focus on):

(8) 4-H, National FFA Organization, and other youth projects, for no more than one week prior to a fair or other demonstration, through the event and up to 24 hours after the birds have arrived home at the conclusion of the event. These birds must have been maintained under continuous organic management, including organic feed, during the extent of their allowed confinement for the event. Notwithstanding the requirements in paragraph (d)(6) of this section, facilities where 4-H, National FFA Organization, and other youth events are held are not required to be certified organic for the participating birds to be sold as organic, provided all other organic management practices are followed.

For more on the proposed rule: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/press-release/usda-issues-proposed-rule-amend-organic-livestock-and-poultry-practices-including>

To comment: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS-NOP-15-0012-0001>

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.

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