

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for November 21, 2017

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Nov 23 & 24 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Dec 1 New Year Club Packets Due to WSU Extension office

Dec 4 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm

Dec 11 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm

Dec 25 & 26 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Christmas

Jan 1 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of New Year's Day

Jan TBA GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm

Jan 8 GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, Elma, 6pm

Jan 15 WSU Extension Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WE ARE THANKFUL!

In this season of Thanksgiving we are especially grateful for you! Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and genuine dedication to the youth of our community and the Grays Harbor County 4-H program. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday!

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 at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>.

"CELEBRATE OUR KIDS" RECOGNITION EVENT, DINNER & AUCTION

Thank you all for joining us for this fun and festive community celebration of the 4-H year! Thanks to the volunteers and community donors for helping to make this event a huge success!

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. Make sure to thank Mary for her contributions to our 4-H program next time you see her.

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.

For more information, contact Tracie at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

HELP TO UPDATE THE NEWS BLAST MAILING LIST

With 2018 just around the corner, the News Blast mailing list will soon be based on the contact information that each family has entered in 4HOnline for the current 4-H year (October 1st – September 30th). ***Starting in December, each family will need to be actively enrolled in order to continue receiving updates through the News Blast.*** Once your family is enrolled or reenrolled for the year, you will resume receiving the News Blast and other important resources.

ENSURING ANIMAL WELFARE DURING NATURAL DISASTERS - FREE WEBINAR

>A free webinar, ***Ensuring Animal Welfare during Natural Disasters***, will be presented on *Wednesday, December 6, 11:00 am CST / 10:00 am MT / 9:00 am PST.*

Tune in to hear from:

- **Mr. Tommy Bass**, Livestock Environment Associate Specialist at Montana State University, as he shares about the EDEN (Extension Disaster Education Network) program and the challenges of the fires that hit Montana and neighboring states in 2017.
- **Dr. Ron Gill**, Professor & Extension Livestock Specialist at Texas A&M, as he shares about the challenges of the floods and hurricanes that hit Texas in 2017.
- **Dr. Carl Dahlen**, Beef Cattle Specialist at North Dakota State University, as he shares about the challenges of the drought that hit North Dakota and neighboring states in 2017.

This presentation will be recorded. All recorded webinars are archived at:

<http://animalscience.unl.edu/animal-care-resources>.

> Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://nebraskaextension.zoom.us/j/950423108>

> Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,950423108# or +16465588656,950423108#

> Or Telephone: Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 950 423 108

GH 4-H SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING – Enroll now to Participate Dec. 27th – 28th
All teens 9th grade and above and invited to the next 4-H Camp Counselor training session from 6pm Wednesday evening to 4pm Thursday afternoon. Bring some friends to find out what being a camp counselor is all about!

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.

Paperwork is available online at 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! Lots of fun activities!

> For more information about the training process, contact:
Rhonda Borden at nooperdoo@aol.com or (360)482-5528 or
Taylor Sample at tsample1993@gmail.com or (360)470-4870

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 hour's 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.

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.

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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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