

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

#### **HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

The Grays Harbor County Extension will be closed November 24-25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### **CELEBRATE OUR KIDS RECOGNITION EVENT – Thank you!!**

Thank you to the 4-H volunteers, members, families, friends, Commissioner Raines and the rest of the community who took part in the 1st Annual "Celebrating Our Kids" event! The atmosphere was fun and lively for the spaghetti dinner and the silent auction, and the recognition event was an exciting opportunity to hear about the year-long projects and learning experiences of youth members and adult volunteers. We're looking forward to another great year ahead!

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

#### **THANKFUL FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND THE 4-H COMMUNITY**

... written by Miranda Shearer, Madison County 4-H

The fall is a great time for reflection and our thoughts often go toward the things we are most thankful. And in Madison County 4-H (and in Grays Harbor County), one of the things we are most grateful for is the volunteer support we receive throughout the year. Our volunteers are leaders, mentors and advocates for our many programs and participants.

Volunteers lead club meetings, serve as camp counselors, judge speech and demonstration contests, and more. By sharing their interests and skills, they help expand the 4-H program in project areas and to kids who may be underserved.

And in the process, these volunteers shape future leaders by demonstrating leadership skills, instilling a sense of community and offering a positive connection with someone from a different age group or generation. It is with their help and service that many young people find their voice or passion and become healthy, capable, caring and productive adults.

Whether they serve every now and then or for years without missing a single meeting, volunteers are an essential part of 4-H. If you are a current volunteer, thank you for all that you do. If you are interested in more information about volunteering, contact the Grays Harbor County Extension office.

For full text of the article, visit [http://www.richmondregister.com/community/h-is-thankful-for-volunteers/article\\_bb693ca0-a05c-11e6-9991-27982c19a497.html](http://www.richmondregister.com/community/h-is-thankful-for-volunteers/article_bb693ca0-a05c-11e6-9991-27982c19a497.html)

## **GLOBAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** - 4-H School Gardens in Burundi, Africa

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Our 4-H School Gardens in Burundi, Africa need a reliable water source! For our 2016 Global Giving year-end campaign, we are raising \$2,500 to purchase, install and maintain 4 water catchment systems for our 4-H Sister School gardens.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has generously donated \$500,000 in matching funds to support the first day of the year-end campaign on #GivingTuesday. **All donations received on #GivingTuesday (Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>) will be matched at 50% until the first \$1 million is raised!** In addition to this huge matching opportunity, all new recurring donations made from #GivingTuesday through December 31st will be matched at 200% up to \$100, after the fourth monthly donation. *The campaign begins on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:01 am EST (or 9 pm Monday night for Pacific time zone).*

Donate at <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/burundi4hsisterschools/>

Burundi is one of the 3 poorest countries in the world and is working to heal from trauma and poverty caused by decades of civil war. More than 70% of families live on less than \$2 a day, and 46% of the population is under the age of 15. Children go to school hungry and spend the day in the classrooms with no electricity, running water, or nourishment. During the first 18 months of this program, Burundi 4-H has:

- Trained over 50 Burundian educators in the school gardens curriculum and 4-H positive youth development
- Formed community garden management committees which have begun to provide support to the 4-H school gardens
- Taken steps to improve the quality of the soil after the first year's gardens
- Shared produce harvested from the first year's gardens with youth, families, and community members during a summer celebration
- Begun preparations for the second year of school gardens

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to join us by supporting the 4-H youth school gardening programs in Burundi. We hope you will make a donation to support us during our year-end campaign!

Donate at <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/burundi4hsisterschools/>

Thank you!

## **WA STATE 4-H FAIR BOARD TRUSTEES** – Applications Due December 1<sup>st</sup>

The Washington State 4-H Fair Board of Trustees currently has six adult and one youth position open. While each position is affiliated with a geographic district, the vacancies will be filled by appointment on an at-large basis. Application forms and current trustee guidelines are available by request.

Interested persons should complete and application and return it by December 1 to the Washington State 4-H Fair, 2606 W. Pioneer, Puyallup WA 98371.

## **CLUB LEADER PACKETS** – Due December 1<sup>st</sup>

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](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu)

## **RE-ENROLLMENT** – Due December 1<sup>st</sup>

We are happy to share great news that the 4HOnline enrollment system that our state has transitioned to seems to have made re-enrollment an easy process for those who have logged on and tried it! As in previous years all 4-H members and volunteers are required to re-enroll as the new 4-H year gets underway on October 1. This year the process is a bit different, but the results will be the same. We promise to provide you support and help answer any questions that you may have as you navigate your way through the process. To get started you will need internet access and the family email address that is currently on file with the Extension

Office for enrolled members of your family. You can find a link to the enrollment website along with step-by-step instructions on our website at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> . The re-enrollment deadline is December 1. If you have any questions or are unsure of the email address that is connected to your family profile please don't hesitate to contact Tracie at 360-482-2934 or [tracie.hanson@wsu.edu](mailto:tracie.hanson@wsu.edu).

### **KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE**

The Know Your Government (KYG) Program serves to strengthen the connection between youth and our political and social networks through education, experience, application, and inspiration. The 2017 conference, held in Olympia will run February 18 -21 and focus on the topic of Pursuing Justice: The Judiciary System. If you are interested in learning more about this program, or serving as a county delegation coordinator visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/kyg/conference-materials/>. There is a mandatory video conference for county coordinators on December 6. For additional information contact Jan Klein [jlklein@wsu.edu](mailto:jlklein@wsu.edu).

### **VOLUNTEER E-LEARNING COURSE**

One of the requirements to becoming a registered 4-H volunteer is completion of the Washington State 4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course. While reviewing a list of volunteers who have completed the course it seems as though some of our volunteers may have missed this step. The easy, at your own pace course includes four online modules that cover topics including 4-H philosophy and purpose, how to have successful club meetings, tools for working with youth, and the positive aspect of working with youth. This is a state requirement for all 4-H volunteers, and a great way to re-energize seasoned volunteers. Visit <http://4-h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/> to get started. Your login password is volunteer. Thank you for investing your time in the youth of Grays Harbor County!

### **DOG REHOMING**

... submitted by Netti (360)861-8941

Netti is looking to rehome her 1 ½ year old blue Australian Cattle dog to a 4-H family. You can contact her for more information at (360)861-8941.

*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](mailto: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/>*