

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for February 28, 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES More events and info on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

Mar 1 Scholarship Applications Due for Dairy Endowment
Mar 5 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm – **Mandatory Meeting for Fair Participation**
Mar 9 Registration Due for WSU/UI Youth Beef Field Day, Lewiston, ID
Mar 12 GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, Elma, 6pm
Mar 14 Public Presentation & Record Book Workshop, Shelton, 6-7pm
Mar 15 Washington State 4-H scholarships due
Mar 16 Registration Due for WSU/UI Youth Swine Field Day, Asotin, WA
Mar 17 Springtime Youth Calf Sale, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe
Mar 17 WSU/UI Youth Beef Field Day, Lewiston Livestock Market in Lewiston, ID
Mar 18 GH 4-H Camp Committee Meeting, WSU Extension Office, Elma, 2– 4pm
Mar 24 WSU/UI Youth Swine Field Day, Asotin County Fairgrounds, Asotin, WA
Mar 26 Early Registration Due for Hairy Horse Show Clinic (2 of 3)
Mar 31 GH 4-H Horse Council Presents Hairy Horse Show Clinic (2 of 3)

Apr 1st 4-H Enrollment Due for Fair Participation Eligibility
Animal Management & Care Deadlines for Market Beef
120 days (approximately April 1 in GH)

Apr 9 RSVP to Reserve a Bunk at Panhandle 4-H Camp Community Service Weekend (Apr 20-22nd)
Apr 9 GH 4-H Council Meeting, Elma, 6pm
Apr 11- 22 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign - Spring Fundraiser
Apr 18 GHC Fair Volunteer Meeting, hosted by GHC Fairboard, Mike Murphy Pavilion, 6:30pm
Apr 20-22 Panhandle 4-H Camp Community Service Weekend (RSVP by Apr 9th)
Apr 22 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training
Apr 30 GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, Elma, 6:30pm

Animal Management & Care Deadlines for Breeding Beef, Equine, Llama, and Dairy
90 days (approximately May 1st in GH)

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

You will find that all Washington State 4-H scholarships have been consolidated for 2018 and there will be one 4-H scholarship application through 4HOnline. The application opens January 1, and is due March 15 at 9:59pm. Washington State 4-H is pleased to offer a number of different scholarships. Current and former Washington State 4-H members are eligible to apply. Applicants must have accumulated at least two years of 4-H affiliation. Previous Washington State 4-H scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be a senior attending an accredited two or four year college or university in the fall. Additional information at <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>.

STATE 4-H FAIR COUNTY COORDINATOR ASSISTANT NEEDED

Mason County 4-H State Fair Coordinator, Marilyn Brennan is seeking individuals who are interested in assisting with the duties of the State 4-H Fair County Coordinator. Volunteers should be willing to learn, assist, and help carry out the tasks of the state fair coordinator. Tasks include, but are not limited to, the ability to work with youth and adults, able to plan and follow through on deadlines and work completion, able to organize and correctly prepare information, able to communicate effectively via phone and email, and have a working knowledge of how fairs function in general. If you are interested in this volunteer position, or would like additional information

contact Marilyn at mpobrennan@hotmail.com or Tracie at (360)482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

PUBLIC PRESENTATION & RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS

If you are looking for tips, tricks, and advice for your Public Presentation or 4-H Record Book please join veteran 4-H members and volunteers for the third session of fun and interactive workshops that will help you get started on your projects. You can be that 4-H member with a knock their socks off presentation and an impressive record book! The final workshop is scheduled for March 14 from 6:00 – 7:00pm at Veteran's Memorial Hall 210 W Franklin Street. More information at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2018/01/workshops/>.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION DATES SET

In 4-H, idea sharing in a structured way is called a public presentation. 4-H members are encouraged to give public presentations as part of their total 4-H experience. Learning how to communicate your thoughts and ideas to others is an important life skill and helpful as you prepare your 4-H Public Presentation.

Club Registration Forms due **Friday, June 15th** and are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/> and Public Presentations dates are set for **Sunday, June 24th**, 9am – 4pm, Location to be Determined

GETTING READY TO PRESENT

"Getting to the Point" is a publication full of ideas, recommendations and tips for shaping your effective, organized, and successful presentation. Leaders may also want to review the 4-H Leader Guide, which defines the 4-H leader's role in presentations and has suggestions for how leaders can provide guidance for youth – from the beginner to seasoned presenters. So...choose a subject, gather information, work out a plan, practice, and get ready to deliver a memorable presentation!

"Getting to the Point" (WSU Publication EM4787) and 4-H Leader Guide (WSU Publication EM4788) are available at <https://pubs.wsu.edu>

If you would like to volunteer as a Public Presentation judge, please contact Tracie at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu or (360)482-2934

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1st is the deadline for:

- **2017-2018 4-H Enrollment to be eligible for county or state participation.** All 4-H members wishing to participate in the 2018 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.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & CARE DEADLINES – April through June

These dates are posted at (<https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>) and 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 (approximately April 1 in GH)

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

Equine - 90 days (approximately May 1st in GH)

Llama - 90 days (approximately May 1st in GH)

Dairy - 90 days (approximately May 1st in GH)

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

Cats - 60 days (approximately June 1st in GH)

Dogs - 60 days (approximately June 1st in GH)

Goat - 60 days (approximately June 1st in GH)

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

Cavies - 45 days (approximately June 15th in GH)

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

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

HAIRY HORSE SHOW BUCKLE SERIES

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council presents the 2018 Hairy Horse Show Buckle Series February 24(to be rescheduled), March 31, and May 12 at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. Please note that it is a Grays Harbor 4-H requirement for all horse/rider combinations to successfully complete one clinic prior to exhibiting at the Grays Harbor County Fair. The Hairy Horse Shows are considered clinics. Visit <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-project-specific-materials/> for class list and registration form. Please note there is an early bird registration discount available, see registration form for complete details.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H HORSE CAMP

Submitted by: Kathy Fuller, Mason County Extension

Mason County 4-H is gearing up for another outstanding 4-H Horse Camp to be held June 17 – 23 and all Washington State 4-H Horsemanship project members are invited! Members enjoy a week of equitation, showmanship and western games classes, trail rides, craft projects, and fun outdoor activities. Camp is held at beautiful Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp, a 400 acre tree farm located just outside of Shelton Washington. Panhandle amenities include modern dormitories, a 38 stall barn, riding arena, miles of trails, commercial kitchen and dining hall, a rustic lodge and beautiful lake-front areas for swimming. Please save the date and consider joining us for a week of fun and learning with your horse. Camp will be limited to the first 30 registered campers. Cost \$160. Registrations available in March.

For additional information contact Camp Director Melissa Seals at 360-280-5458, 4-H Program Coordinator Kathy Fuller at 360-427-9670 Ext 681 fuller@wsu.edu or visit us at <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/>

View the flyer at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/mason/2018/01/4-h-horse-camp/>

SAVE THE DATES: YOUTH BEEF AND SWINE FIELD DAYS

Submitted by: Janet Schmidt, Whitman County Extension

All interested 4-H and FFA youth and adults are invited to participate in the Youth Beef and Swine Field Days hosted by WSU and University of Idaho Extension. The WSU/UI Youth Beef Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the Lewiston Livestock Market in Lewiston, ID. Topics for the day include: health care, selection, feeding and nutrition, low stress handling, calculating yield grade using an app, quality assurance, judging and fitting and clipping demonstration. The registration fee of \$8 per person is due by March 9. Note that registration is capped at 100 participants so sign up soon! The registration fee includes lunch and handout materials.

The WSU/UI Youth Swine Field Day will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Asotin County Fairgrounds in Asotin, WA. Topics for the swine field day include: selection and trends, low stress handling, nutrition, health care, quiz bowl, recording keeping using an app, and Fitting and Showing demonstration. The registration fee of \$8 per person is due by March 16. Note that registration is capped at 100 participants so sign up soon! The registration fee includes lunch and handout materials.

Both of these field days provide hands-on activities for youth so they will learn skills to experience a fun and successful market animal project. This will be one of the best opportunities for the year so register early to guarantee your participation. Enrollment forms for both field days are available on-line at: <http://extension.wsu.edu/asotin>.

For questions contact Mark Heitstuman, WSU Asotin/Garfield County Extension Director, 509.243.2009, heitstuman@wsu.edu; or Janet Schmidt, WSU Whitman County Extension Director, 509.397.6290, schmidtj@wsu.edu or Kathee Tift, University of Idaho Nez Perce County Extension Director, 208.799.3096, ktift@uidaho.edu. Extension programs and opportunities are available to all without discrimination. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations need to contact 208.799.3096, at least two weeks prior to the program

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.

PIGS LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES

*** Marlene Goodman contacted us with the following information. Interested families can contact her directly at (509)969-7700. *"I have two pigs that would make a young person a good 4-H project and one pig that I'm working with.*

- *Dolly is a one year old black with white American Guinea Hog/Kunekune mix. I got her at a week old when she was injured by the sow. She was raised in the house until she was four months old, She is very friendly and easy to handle. She weighs about 90 pounds.*
- *Henry is a two year old (castrated) gray miniature pig that came to me when his owner was put in a nursing home. Henry was her pet. He is also very friendly and easy to handle. He weighs about 50 pounds.*
- *I recently acquired Wilbur, a three year old (castrated) light gray "mini" who weighs around 90 pounds. He came from pretty sad conditions and was not well taken care of. They said he was friendly and lovable. He sure wants to be but he's timid. And I working with him. He would be good for an older 4-H member.*

Thank you! Your help is greatly appreciated!"



*** Gamble Lancaster contacted us with the following information. Interested families can contact her directly at (661)476-2593. "Daisy is a sweet pig and we would like her to be able to socialize with other pigs. for the last 6 years she has only been around dogs (she is approximately the size of a Labrador Retriever) she was never able to be around her kind and to just be a pig. she deserves that!! She's a lover but we aren't able to give her the life she deserves."



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.

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

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