

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for February 19, 2020**

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

February 19 GHC Fair Volunteer Meeting, hosted by GHC Fair Board, 6 pm, Mike Murphy Pavilion
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2436236489805541/>

February 20 GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma – ***Decorate Cookies with us!***
<https://www.facebook.com/events/414002992563834/>

February 25 Record Book Workshop, hosted by Mason County 4-H, 5:30 pm, Memorial Hall, Shelton
<https://www.facebook.com/events/471288960219099/>, Register via email at fuller@wsu.edu

March 2 GH 4-H Horse Council *Mandatory Meeting*, 6:30 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma
<https://www.facebook.com/events/824768007970259/>

March 15 Washington State 4-H Scholarships Due
<http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>

March 19 GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting, 6 pm, WSU Extension office, Elma

April 1 4-H Enrollment Due to be eligible to exhibit 4-H Projects in County Fair
<https://www.facebook.com/events/172318000696382/>

April 1 4-H Animal Management & Ownership Deadline: Market Beef
<https://www.facebook.com/events/171206020835983/>

April 13 4-H Bingo Prizes Due
Deliver themed prize baskets to the WSU Extension office in Elma

April 15 4-H Public Presentation Sign-ups Due – Submit your request for May 2nd or May 9th at
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEeoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1I6z3-W-aVUOVhBSEhFOVJVWEFPMdJaSzZLSFFaUVFBRy4u

April 15 Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction (GHYLA) Registration Due to Secretary, Donna Boyer
<https://www.facebook.com/events/184377362802409/>

April 25 & 26 GH 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Noon on Saturday through 3 pm on Sunday,
Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp
<https://www.facebook.com/events/753499791729006/>

Apr. 29 – May 10 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2659071504191990/>

May 1 4-H Animal Management & Ownership Deadline: Equine, Llama, Dairy & Breeding Beef
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1085153951824669/>

May 2 GH 4-H Public Presentation Event at Tractor Supply Company, Aberdeen
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2226777870962769/>

May 6 GHYLA Mandatory Quality Assurance Meetings (5:30 pm or 6:30 pm)
5:30 pm <https://www.facebook.com/events/2482481728685958/>
6:30 pm <https://www.facebook.com/events/258289175156670/>

May 9 GH 4-H Public Presentation Event at Elma Grange
<https://www.facebook.com/events/184449622795451/>

May 9 GH 4-H Community Bingo Event, Elma Grange, doors open at 5:30 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2798759690179696/>

June 1 4-H Animal Management & Ownership Deadline: Cat, Dog, Sheep, Goat, Swine, etc.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/619352838882945/>

RE-ENROLL

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete your 4-H enrollment for the new 4-H year. Step-by-step instructions and a link to the 4HOnline enrollment site can be found on our website at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>. We're now using the new enrollment information to send the news blasts.

Please contact Tracie at (360)482-2934 if you need assistance or have any questions.

Visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/member-resources/> for additional information.

TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN – Spring

A big thank you to all clubs who participated in the store during the event this fall and thank you in advance to clubs who plan to participate in the Spring Clover Days! The Spring event is set for April 29 – May 10, so start planning how your club will connect with our community and with our local Tractor Supply Company.

GETTING READY TO PRESENT

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. "[Getting to the Point](#)" (*WSU Publication EM4787e*) 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](#) (*WSU Publication EM4788e*), 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!

Visit <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/>

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION SIGN-UPS DUE – April 15th

Club Registration Forms Due Wednesday, April 15th. To submit information, visit

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEeoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1l6z3-W-aVUOVhBSEhFOVJVWEFPMDDJaSzZLSFFaUVFBRy4u or <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENTS – May 2nd & May 9th

Join us at one or both of the Spring 4-H Public Presentation events to hear about topics that 4-H members are excited to share!

Saturday, May 2nd - Tractor Supply Company in Aberdeen

Saturday, May 9th – Elma Grange in Elma

COMMUNITY BINGO EVENT – Saturday, May 9th

The date has been set ... mark the time on your calendar for 6 pm on Saturday, May 9th at the Elma Grange for a fun and festive way to connect with our community! Doors will open at 5:30 pm and funds raised during the event support scholarships and other 4-H program expenses.

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. A flyer will be available soon to share with your friends and neighbors
2. We need participation from all 4-H families – can you help with set-up or clean-up? Can your 4-H Club provide a prize basket or a baked item for dessert? Contact GH 4-H Council President, Mary Pederson at marylightfoot@aaawa.com to pledge your support or ask for other ways to get involved! Prize baskets should be delivered to the WSU Extension office in Elma by Monday, April 13th

QUILTING & SEWING CONNECTIONS – 4-H Quilting & Clothing Advisors

The Grays Harbor & Pacific County 4-H Quilting & Clothing Advisors are looking for ways to support your 4-H club members interested in learning about quilting and sewing. Jan and Brenda have ideas, sewing machines, and some supplies to share. For more information and to explore options, contact Jan at (360)470-2142 or Brenda at blvakarro@hotmail.com

HELP APHIS CELEBRATE BIRD HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - Join a Free Webinar February 27

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<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/bulletins/27b9d08>

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) invites you to join poultry health experts for a webinar on Thursday, February 27. We'll be celebrating Bird Health Awareness Week by helping anyone who owns or handles poultry learn about the importance of biosecurity and ways to prevent the spread of infectious poultry diseases.

Whether you are just starting out raising poultry or have years of experience, practicing good biosecurity is the best way to keep flocks disease free. The "Defend Your Flock from Poultry Disease: Know the Signs and How to Respond" webinar will take place on Thursday, February 27 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM EST. Register for this FREE webinar today at bit.ly/APHISWebinar

If you don't already follow APHIS' Defend the Flock campaign on social media, check out our Twitter and Facebook during Bird Health Awareness Week (February 24-28) to get daily tips and resources you can use to protect your flock's health.

To get biosecurity updates and information twice a year, sign up to receive the Defend the Flock e-Newsletter. The next issue is due out this summer. Select "Defend the Flock e-Newsletter" under Veterinary Services at bit.ly/2UC7iLi

FAIR PLANNING BEGINS NOW

The 4-H Fair committee recently met to begin planning for the 2020 fair.

The committee identified the following areas needing volunteers and are asking for help with:

1. **Public Presentations.** Serve as a public presentation superintendent for one or all five days of the fair. This position can be shared among several people.
2. **Kitchen Activities.** Serve as kitchen activities superintendent for one or all five day of the fair. This position can be shared among several people.
3. **Creative Arts/Fine Arts.** Serve as a co-superintendent, help with set-up of the department prior to fair, direct judging, assist with exhibit entry and display.
4. **Still Life Activities.** Looking for a group of teens to plan and facilitate still life building daily activities. Think Legos, arts & crafts, corn hole, pin the tail, etc.
5. **Educational Posters.** Serve as the educational poster superintendent and coordinate intake, judging, and display of these entries.
6. **Judges.** We are in need of judges for all still life areas. If you or someone you know has specific knowledge or experience in any of the still life areas let us know. We will provide training and guidance.
7. **Planning.** Provide input by attending fair committee meetings. Attend in person or remotely using your phone or computer.

Let us know where you can lend a hand, contact Tracie at (360)482-2934 or tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 is available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/scholarship-opportunities/>. The application opens January 1, and is due no later than March 15 at 9:59pm.

NEW LOCATION FOR WSU 4-H VOLUNTEER EDUCATION CLASSES ONLINE

Washington State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Volunteer Education Classes are now located at <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1757>, where you can log in and create your eXtension Online Campus account. Navigate your way to 4-H & Youth, click Washington, and you will see a list of training options that can be completed at your own pace day or night!

- Select **“WSU Put the Child First”** and watch the video, finish the one question Completion Declaration and print your completion certificate.
 - Your enrollment key for this training is **GRAYSHARBOR4H**
- Select **“Washington State 4-H Financial Management”**
- Select **“4-H Volunteer Orientation Modules”** and watch and finish each module, and print your completion certificate or capture a digital screenshot to submit with your application.
 - Your enrollment key for this training is **GRAYSHARBOR**.

CREATIVE KIDS 2020 CONTEST

Need some inspiration planning activities for your club? Consider diving into the Creative Kids contest categories for 2020. Your projects will be eligible for entry in the Grays Harbor Fair and State 4-H Fair. The categories include “Happy Holidays” crafts, plant container recycling, baked cookies, “Winter Wonderland” poetry, “Winter Wonderland” photo, and 4-H promotional poster projects. See the Creative Kids brochure for official guidelines. This contest is open to all 4-H members regardless of project enrollment. Cash awards and rosette ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group of each class at State 4-H Fair. Find brochure at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/links/> or pick up a copy at the Extension Office.

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 <https://volunteers.cahnrs.wsu.edu/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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