

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

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

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=ceQrtfH3tEoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1l6z3-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/>

June 15 4-H Animal Management & Ownership Deadline: Cavies, Rabbits, Poultry

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1096415677373430/>

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 or encourage your fellow 4-H members and families to do the same. 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.

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/> to review or download these resources!

Join us at the Tractor Supply Company in Aberdeen on Saturday, May 2nd and at the Elma Grange on Saturday, May 9th for the 4-H Public Presentations event. Youth members are practicing their public speaking skills and families and community members are encouraged to join us to hear about topics that 4-H members are excited to share!

Register by Wednesday, April 15th by requesting a presentation time at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1I6z3-W-aVUOVhBSEhFOVJVWEFPMJJaSzZLSFFaUVFBRy4u or by printing and sending in the form found at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>

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.

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! What creative way will your club connect and share your project with the community? Contact Dave at (360)533-8888 to schedule a time! The Spring event is set for Wednesday, April 29th – Sunday, May 10th.

POULTRY FREE TO GOOD HOME

Are you looking to add to your flock? A Mason County community member has found herself with too many chickens and is looking to rehome several. The birds are 8 weeks old and a variety of Buckeye, Plymouth Barred Rock, Legbar, and more from Meyer Hatchery. Please contact Patty at 360-868-2260 for additional information.

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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