

**WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
News for March 26, 2020**

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

While organized face-to-face 4-H activities are paused in Grays Harbor County, that doesn't mean the Learning by Doing has to stop! Now is a great time to have fun in the kitchen, work with your animals, practice photography or help out your neighbors!

Need some ideas? Michigan State University has some great ideas that give kids an opportunity to use their minds and explore science, nutrition, literacy, and more. Check out the HEADS IN, HEARTS IN activities at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/family/Educational-Resources-for-School-Closures/>

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 15 Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction (GHYLA) Registration Due to Secretary, Donna Boyer

<https://forms.gle/pvWHXrXwvYhXnw5F8> <https://www.facebook.com/events/184377362802409/>

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 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 15 GH 4-H Council Scholarship Applications Due

<https://www.facebook.com/events/541541733214084/>

May 18 GH 4-H Horse Council Hairy Horse Show, Early Bird Registration Fees DUE

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2811865315593597/>

May 23 GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts Hairy Horse Show, GHC Fairgrounds

<https://www.facebook.com/events/215005049720155/>

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/>

June 16, 18, 23 & 25th GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts June Clinic Series, GHC Fairgrounds

Submit registration at

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOt1I6z3-W-aVUOFJFuk42TVpPRU1YTTNaS05JQzdCWTJaWi4u

The events listed below have been postponed, with rescheduling information available as soon as possible.

- > **4-H Public Presentation Sign-ups**; to be rescheduled for summer
- > **GH 4-H Camp Counselor Training**; postponed, dates to be announced
- > **GH 4-H Public Presentation Events**; to be rescheduled for summer
- > **GH 4-H Community Bingo Event**; to be rescheduled for fall

EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE

WSU Extension is working to keep our community safe. All Extension programming is being provided virtually, postponed, or canceled. Our office is closed to the public, but we are available via email and phone. Contact us at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu or (360)964-1584.

KEEPING 4-H THRIVING WHILE AT HOME

While schools are out and all non-virtual 4-H events are canceled or postponed there are still ways to keep your 4-H club safely connected during this uncertain time. Hearing from 4-H friends can be a way to help members feel less isolated and more motivated! How about hosting a Public Presentation practice via Zoom, have members share photos of their 4-H project work, or give youth members a voice and let them plan a virtual club activity. Even a simple text or phone call shows that you are thinking of them and that they matter to you. We have created a Virtual 4-H Resources page on our website filled with ways that you can stay connected, websites for virtual club meeting activities, a Zoom Resource Guide and so much more! Check it out at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/virtual-resources/>.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE . Ideas to Keep You Learning by Doing

We are keeping the Grays Harbor County 4-H Facebook page very active posting lots of great activities to keep you busy while you have a little extra time on your hands. Check out the Art Challenge, Online Horse Show, Healthy Living Activities, and more! Leave us a comment; we'd love to hear from you!

<https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>

APRIL 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS – JOIN US REMOTELY

We hope that you will add remote attendance at the April 4-H Council meetings to your plans. The meetings are the best way to share your ideas, get up to the minute information and help shape the direction of YOUR 4-H program. The GH 4-H Horse Council meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 and the GH 4-H Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of alternating months. We would love to have you join us Monday, April 6th and Thursday, April 16th! The meetings will be held remotely, and you can join us via Zoom by clicking the relevant link or by calling the phone numbers listed above or at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>. Connect with Tracie to test the system in advance.

APRIL 1st ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR FAIR ELIGIBILITY

It is hard to believe that the 4-H year is almost halfway through, with the April 1st 4-H enrollment deadline for fair participation just around the corner! While youth are able to enroll in the 4-H Youth Development Program at any time throughout the year, the 4HOnline enrollment database is programmed to keep projects from being added to profiles once the April 1st 4-H enrollment deadline for fair eligibility has passed.

4-H ART CHALLENGE

Use your creativity and show us what CLEARER THINKING means to you in our 4-H Art Challenge! Post a photo of your art in the comments of our Grays Harbor County 4-H Facebook post at <https://www.facebook.com/350398738341043/posts/2755918287789064/>

No Facebook? No problem...just email a photo to tracie.hanson@wsu.edu and we will post it for you!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY . Due May 15th

The Grays Harbor County 4-H Council is pleased to offer educational scholarships to graduating high school seniors currently enrolled in the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program. Application and evaluation criteria are available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/4-h-scholarship-opportunities/>

JUNE CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES . 4-H Equine Project

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council is hosting four evening opportunities for Grays Harbor and Mason County 4-H members to complete the equine clinic requirement for participation at the county fair.

Each session is scheduled to take place from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma. \$5/session (checks payable to GH 4-H Horse Council)

(Gaming) Tuesday, June 16th & Thursday, June 25th

(Performance) Thursday, June 18th & Tuesday, June 23rd

Submit registration information at

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ceQrtfH3tEoeQx5m7U9tT_iniyRDpNOT1l6z3-W-aVUOFJFUK42TVpPRU1YTTNaS05JQzdCWTJaWi4u

VIRTUAL HORSE SHOW

State Line Tack has created an opportunity for a virtual horse show. Join @SLTcom for their first ever "Seclusion Showdown" Online Horse Show. No entry fees, real judges, exciting prizes! Session #1 March 26th - April 1, 2020. <https://www.statelinetack.com/content/events/seclusion-showdown/>

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/> . Public Presentation dates for summer 2020 will be announced.

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! While role modeling social distancing, members and clubs could consider developing educational posters or display ideas that could be ready for the Spring event, which is scheduled to take place from April 29th to May 10th

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/>

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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