

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development

News for April 2023

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

- **Apr 1:** 4-H ENROLLMENT DUE for youth to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the GHC Fair
- **Apr 2:** GH 4-H Council hosts Spring Basket Bingo, 1-4 pm GHC Fairgrounds (Dog Barn), Elma
- **Apr 3:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Apr 8:** Panhandle Lake Board Hosts Egg Hunt, 8 am – 2 pm
- **Apr 15:** Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction Registration <https://forms.gle/RXZDXuKqGxFoeHqD7>
- **Apr 19:** GHC Fair Board hosts Fair Volunteer Meeting, 6 pm GHC Fairgrounds Pavilion
- **Apr 20:** GH 4-H Horse Council Gaming Show Early Registrations Due
- **Apr 20:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 24:** 4-H Fair Committee Meeting 6 pm via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Apr 26:** 4-H Camp Committee Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom
- **Apr 26 – May 7:** Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Company
- **Apr 30:** 4-H Club Camp Registration Due
- **Apr 30:** 4-H Public Presentation Registration Due at <https://tinyurl.com/4-HPresentations>
- **May 1:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **May 3:** Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction Mandatory Quality Assurance Meeting, EHS Library
- **May 4:** GH 4-H Horse Council Gaming Show Early Registrations Due
- **May 8:** GH 4-H Council Scholarship Applications Due
- **May 13-14:** 4-H Club Camp

4-H ENROLLMENT DUE – April 1

Online enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 year at <https://v2.4honline.com/> and is due by April 1 for youth to be eligible to exhibit 4-H projects at the GHC Fair. Information about enrolling can be found online, and if you have any questions, please reach out to your club leader or Tracie. <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>



4-H SPRING BINGO – Sunday, April 2

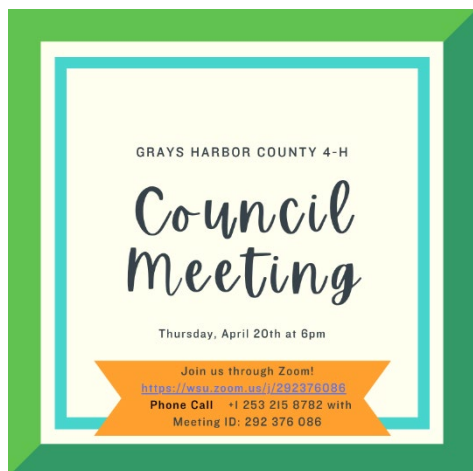
The Grays Harbor 4-H Council would like to invite you, your family, and friends to come join an afternoon of bingo fun with the 4-H community from 1-4 pm at the Borden-Seabert Exhibition Hall (Dog Barn) on the GHC Fairgrounds in Elma.

4-H Clubs are also encouraged to help with this 4-H Council fundraiser by contributing one or more gift baskets to be used as bingo prizes. Have fun with creative gift basket themes: movie night, chocolate, sunshine, barbeque, family game night, etc. and bring the completed basket to the WSU Extension office in Elma by Wednesday, March 29.

WELCOMING NEW 4-H VOLUNTEERS

With the new 4-H year comes many opportunities to get plugged in and become a certified adult volunteer with the Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development Program!

If your 4-H club is welcoming new adult volunteers to the team, or you know someone who is interested, feel free to reach out to Tracie at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu to schedule a time to connect. Resources and more information are also available at <https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>



4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS – Join Us Digitally or In Person

We would love to have you join us for the next 4-H Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 3 and Monday, May 1. Join us at the next 4-H Council meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, April 20th. We hope that you will add attendance at 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 meetings will be held in person with the option to join remotely, and you can join us via Zoom or with a phone call if you have a Zoom account by clicking the relevant link at <https://www.facebook.com/graysharbor4h/>.

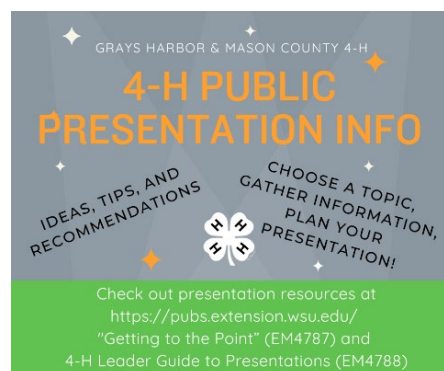
Connect with Tracie to test the system in advance.



PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENTS – Saturday, May 6 & Saturday, May 20

Register for the Spring 4-H Public Presentation events by April 30 at <https://tinyurl.com/4-HPresentations>

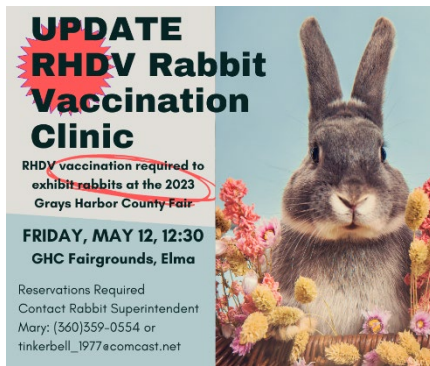
4-H members have the option of scheduling a virtual presentation or an in-person presentation. The in-person Spring Public Presentation events will take place at the Tractor Supply Company in Shelton and at the WSU Extension Office in Elma.



GETTING READY TO PRESENT - PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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” 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.extension.wsu.edu/>



RABBIT VACCINATION CLINIC – NEW DATE - May 12

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) vaccination required to exhibit non-market rabbit projects at the 2023 Grays Harbor County Fair.

Reservations Required! Save the date and make a reservation by contacting Mary, the GHC Fair Rabbit Superintendent, at tinkerbell_1977@comcast.net or (360) 359-0554

GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION UPDATES – Registration Due April 15

... Donna Boyer, Secretary, GH Youth Livestock Auction Committee, (360)482-5818 or boyerboys@centurytel.net

It's that time of year again to register for the GH Youth Livestock Auction for the upcoming 2023 Grays Harbor County Fair. The google link for registration is below. <https://forms.gle/RXZDXuKqGxFoehQd7>

There have been some changes for the fair this summer. The fair has been moved up one week. We will haul in on August 1, so the fair dates will be August 2 - August 5. The changes to the fair schedule all revolve around the availability of the carnival.

The auction registration deadline is April 15, so that is only about two weeks away.

There is a new rule. Exhibitors will no longer be allowed to sell multiple lots. You may register and tag multiple species; however, for the auction you can only sell one animal: steer, pig, lamb, goat, turkey, pen of 3 rabbits, or pen of 3 chickens. Selling multiple species/lots is no longer allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna by email or at (360) 482-5818.



WA STATE 4-H EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES – Apr. 27

All are invited to attend to learn more about horses! Sessions will incorporate hands-on opportunities and fun learning games!

Use this link to sign up and receive the zoom link:

<https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience>

Registered participants will be emailed a suggested supply list prior to each session for the hands-on component.

Hosted virtually on the 4th Thursday of the month, December 2022 – December 2023 (*5th Thursday in November 2023, due to Thanksgiving) from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.



GRAYS HARBOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIP – Due May 8

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. The application is available at <https://tinyurl.com/GH4-HScholarship> and is due on May 8.



GH 4-H Horse Council Hosts Upcoming Horse Show Opportunities

The Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council invites enrolled 4-H members and community members (8 years old and above) to participate in the following equine opportunities at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma.

- Saturday, April 29 - Gaming Show (6 classes)

Registration is open until April 20 at

<https://forms.office.com/r/YhYECzFARb>

- Saturday, May 13 - Gaming Show (6 classes)

Registration is open until May 4 at

<https://forms.office.com/r/ELnXUazXUm>

Registration forms are available to print at

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/2023/02/horse-shows-hosted-by-gh-4-h-horse-council/> and are also available at the WSU Extension office in Elma.

SAVE THE DATES - Upcoming 4-H Dairy Program Events



April 28 & 29 - Evergreen Junior Dairy Show, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe

More info to come!

SAVE THE DATES - 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

Make plans to attend the 2023 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest, scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8am to 5pm at the Ardell Pavilion on the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, Washington.

More details coming soon!

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Washington State University Extension



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. "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.

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