

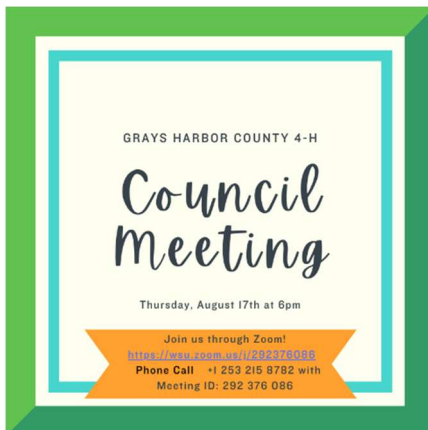
## WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development News for August 2023

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

- **Aug 17:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Aug 21:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Sept 1-24:** State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- **Sept 4:** WSU Extension Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
- **Sept 11:** GH 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom or the WSU Extension office
- **Sept 21:** GH 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm via Zoom or at the WSU Extension office, Elma
- **Sept 30:** Current 4-H Year Ends
- **Oct 1:** New 4-H Year Begins
- **Oct 1:** 4-H Online Reopens for Annual 4-H Enrollment
- **Oct TBD:** Annual 4-H Club Kickoff

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



We would love to have you join us for the next 4-H Council meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us at the next 4-H Horse Council meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 21. We hope that you will add attendance at 4-H Council meetings to your plans.

These 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.

### THANK YOU, 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND YOUTH MEMBERS

Thank you, 4-H volunteers and youth members who helped with all the 4-H activities, in the pavilion and across the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds this year. From supporting 4-H families and connecting with the community to Cowboy Breakfast and Public Presentations, there was always learning happening during the county fair! We couldn't do this without YOU!

### BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/become-a-4-h-volunteer/>

### NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1

While the 4-H Online enrollment system is going through the annual update process to prepare for the October 1 start to the new 4-H year, youth members and adult volunteers will be able to begin the annual 4-H enrollment process at <https://v2.4honline.com/> in October, just in time for clubs begin meeting for the new 4-H year!



### **STATE 4-H FAIR – September 1-24**

Congratulations to the 4-H members helping to represent Grays Harbor County at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup!

If you are visiting the State 4-H Fair this month, say hello to our 25 local 4-H members exhibiting year-long accomplishments with their dog, cat, sheep, goat, beef, or horse projects.

Head upstairs to the second floor of the pavilion to check out over 80 still life entries from local youth, including photos, paintings, drawings, creative arts, clothing, and educational posters!

4-H members will also be giving public presentations on a variety of topics so tune in!

### **GRAYS HARBOR TALK – Featuring Local 4-H Members**

Check out these 4-H experiences shared by local 4-H families!

**Dixie & Harley:** All year, local 4-H club members Dixie Hogue and Harley Quimby have been working hard to train, feed and groom their horses. Quimby says she likes to meet new people at the fair so she can show and talk about her horses. Hogue agrees she likes to ride and show her horses. "I love horses, and I absolutely love 4-H," Hogue says. Dixie Hogue and Harley Quimby are two of the many 4-H club members who are excited to participate in the Grays Harbor County Fair this year to show their animals and projects. Photo credit: Nancy Krier; Check out the full story by Nancy Krier of GraysHarborTalk at

<https://www.graysharbartalk.com/2023/07/25/grays-harbor-county-fair-delivers-heaps-of-red-white-and-moo-fun-food-and-festivities/>

**Patience:** Local 4-H member, Patience, shares fun experiences and lessons learned in 4-H.

Patience was recently interviewed for GraysHarborTalk by Kristina Lotz, who begins the article with these observations, "We all agree that learning responsibility; goal-setting and how to follow through to achieve that goal; public speaking; business and marketing; and caring for others are important lessons for children to learn. 4-H teaches kids these valuable lessons, through fun projects that interest them. 18-year-old Patience Teter is a Grays Harbor 4-H youth member. She has been active in 4-H for 12 years, 7 of those with the Brady Bunch 4-H club. She takes us through the year-round preparation and day-to-day work she puts in to make sure her rabbits are ready for showing at the Grays Harbor County Fair." Check out the full story at: <https://www.graysharbartalk.com/2023/06/26/grays-harbor-4-h-youth-work-hard-year-round-in-preparation-for-county-fair>

**Lucy,** thank you for sharing your 4-H experiences with Summer Camp, club projects, and the 4-H Tech Changemakers! Read more at <https://www.graysharbartalk.com/2023/08/02/grays-harbor-teen-lucy-teuteberg-serves-community-through-4-h/>



## WA STATE 4-H EQUINE SCIENCE & HORSEMANSHIP SERIES Aug 24 & Sept 28

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 6:30–7:30p.

## 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



Thank you to the Country Pride 4-H club for using your Head, Heart, Hands and Health to support our community this year! What a great way to build a sense of belonging with club members and our community at large! Club leaders, feel free to send photos and descriptions of community service projects that your club would like to have featured on social media and in an upcoming edition of the news blast!

Country Pride 4-H club leader, Megan, says that “Country Pride 4-H Club decided to commit to bagging food for Grays Harbor Backpacks for the year! Each month we would bag up to 200 bags for the week to be given to children in our community to have food for the weekend.”



“As the leader, I love this project because the kids get to do the work and then can step back and see all the bags that represent a child we are able to help! Very humbling experience.”



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](mailto: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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