

WSU Extension Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development
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>>> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonState4H/>

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New calendar features! Available online at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/calendar/>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

In this time of hearth and home and family, we thank you so much for your enthusiasm and genuine dedication to the youth of our community through the Grays Harbor County 4-H program.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Grays Harbor County Extension will be closed December 26-27th, January 2nd, and January 16th in observance of Christmas, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SMALL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

> **Clif Bar Family Foundation:** <https://goo.gl/VVaHsp>

Accepting applications for general grant of up to \$7,000 to be awarded along with funding for specific projects that align with one or more of the foundations focus areas.

> **Lead2Feed Leadership Challenge:** <https://goo.gl/6DhqWP>

Up to \$275,000 in prizes will be awarded to teams of students for service-learning projects that raise awareness of world hunger.

BEEKEEPING ORIENTATION & BEEKEEPING COURSE – January 7th

The Lewis County Beekeepers' Association (LCBA) wants to know if you or someone you know would like to start beekeeping in the New Year! LCBA is offering a free orientation on Saturday, January 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Centralia College, Washington Hall 103, 701 W. Walnut in Centralia.

We'll go over benefits of beekeeping, "Bee Biology 101," equipment needed & how to set up an apiary, how to get and manage bees, and what to expect in the first year as a beekeeper, including the time commitment, honey harvesting, & more. We'll have equipment on display and a PowerPoint with plenty of pictures to give a clearer picture of what's involved! There will be plenty of time for Q&A, and children are welcome.

The orientation is a preview of our full-scale beginning beekeeping course, which runs 6 Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, starting January 21 at Centralia College (same room & address as above). This class is part of Centralia's Continuing Education program and focuses on how to keep bees in southwest Washington's unique weather conditions.

Questions? Call 360 880 8130; email susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com; visit www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org and click on Upcoming Events.

RESOURCE FOCUSED ON PLANTS POISONOUS OR HARMFUL TO HORSES

... submitted by Susan Kerr, DVM, PhD, PAS, WSU Northwest Regional Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist

Do you need an idea for a 4-H public presentation or poster? There is plenty of information available here!

"Plants Poisonous or Harmful to Horses in the North Central United States" is available as a PDF document at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/horse/order/docs/D18491.pdf> from University of Minnesota Extension

PREPARE FOR NEW ANTIBIOTIC REGULATIONS

...submitted by Susan Kerr, Northwest Regional Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has released new antibiotic regulations that affect all U.S. poultry and livestock producers, including youth exhibitors. The National Pork Board is urging all its stakeholders to get ready now, before the new regulations go into effect on January 1, 2017.

The Pork Board has introduced the **USCARE** checklist that offers six key steps for producers and exhibitors to prepare for these regulatory changes. For additional information, visit www.pork.org/antibiotics

PROPOSED CHANGES TO NATIONAL ORGANIC LIVESTOCK/POULTRY STANDARDS

...submitted by Susan Kerr, Northwest Regional Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist

In case any of you deal with 4-Hers with organic livestock/poultry products, you might suggest they read the proposed changes to the national organic standards and comment on the proposed changes if they are so inclined. Below is one excerpt that specifically addresses 4-H project poultry. More details than you ever wanted to know are at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS-NOP-15-0012-0001>.

>USDA-AMS has proposed "amending the organic livestock and poultry production requirements, in order to ensure consistent application of the USDA organic regulations for organic livestock and poultry operations and maintain confidence in organically labeled products." The proposed rule "addresses four broad areas of organic livestock and poultry practices, including living conditions, animal healthcare, transport, and slaughter." This announcement was made in April and comments are due by July 13.

(d) The producer of an organic poultry operation may temporarily confine birds. Each instance of confinement must be recorded. Operations may confine birds because of:

(1-7 deleted here to save space/time and focus on):

(8) 4-H, National FFA Organization, and other youth projects, for no more than one week prior to a fair or other demonstration, through the event and up to 24 hours after the birds have arrived home at the conclusion of the event. These birds must have been maintained under continuous organic management, including organic feed, during the extent of their allowed confinement for the event. Notwithstanding the requirements in paragraph (d)(6) of this section, facilities where 4-H, National FFA Organization, and other youth events are held are not required to be certified organic for the participating birds to be sold as organic, provided all other organic management practices are followed.

For more on the proposed rule: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/press-release/usda-issues-proposed-rule-amend-organic-livestock-and-poultry-practices-including>

To comment: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS-NOP-15-0012-0001>

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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