



The Clover Connection

Pacific County 4-H

February 22, 2024



IMPORTANT DATES

More events and info can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pacificcountywa4h>

February 2024

- 28 WSU Pacific County Extension Office Closed due to Staff Shortage
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March 2024

- 3 County Shooting Sports 4-H Club Meeting 1:00PM - 3:00PM @ Willapa Harbor Gun Club
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- 19 First Day of Spring!

April 2024

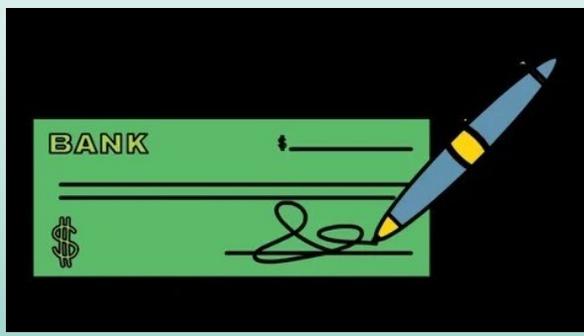
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May 2024

- 1 4-H Enrollment Deadline to be able to participate in the Pacific County Fair
- 5 County Shooting Sports 4-H Club Meeting 1:00PM - 3:00PM @ Willapa Harbor Gun Club
- 27 WSU Pacific County Extension Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

HAVE YOU CASHED YOUR STATE FAIR PREMIUM CHECK?

The State Fair premium checks were issued on November 9, 2023. They will be closing the premium account in late April. If you showed or participated in State Fair, remember to process your check if you haven't done so already.



4-H MOTTO: "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

4-H HORSE PROGRAM UPDATE: NEW WASHINGTON 4-H EQUINE RULEBOOK

AVAILABLE AFTER MARCH 1

Attention 4-H Equine Project Families: there will be a new Washington 4-H Equine Rulebook with an **anticipated roll out of March 1st**.

It is in the final stages of development by the State 4-H Equine committee that includes a "rule book" sub-committee of 4-H staff of Stephanie Roeter-Smith (chair); Kim Baker, RA Mazzola, Kate McCloskey along with four active Washington 4-H horse judges, a state fair representative (Connie Medeiros), and state coordinator of horse bowl and horse judging (Pat Pehling).

Washington 4-H decided in late August to develop our own rulebook that better reflects the Washington 4-H horse program. There are no significant rule changes as most changes do align with the old PNW 4-H horse contest guide. However, the soon-to-be-available rule book will be more comprehensive and easier to read with quicker access to rules and project resources.

The Washington 4-H Equine rule book will be housed, **after March 1st** on the WSU 4-H Horse page (<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>). It will not be housed with WSU publications.

County 4-H staff have also been alerted of this new rule book and will be supplied with a copy of the new rule book.

We wanted to alert everyone of the new book, especially those who are in the midst of (or soon-to-be) fairs, county horse activities, etc. The rules sub-committee has been meeting regularly to complete this promptly!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Leach leachj@cowlitzwa.gov



2024

PACIFIC COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

DATES: February 4 March 3 April 7 May 5

TIME: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

PLACE: Willapa Harbor Gun Club
37 Butte Creek Road, Raymond

AGES: 8 (by October 1, 2023) through 18



Challenge your skills!
Air Rifle and Hunting

- Equipment provided or bring your own
- Experience not necessary
- For more information, call 360-875-9331



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HOT CHOCOLATE COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 CUP UNSALTED BUTTER
- 12 OZ SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS
- 1/4 CUP COCOA POWDER
- 1-1/2 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
- 1-1/2 TSP BAKING POWDER
- 1/4 TSP SALT
- 1-1/4 CUP LIGHT BROWN SUGAR, PACKED
- 3 LARGE EGGS, ROOM TEMPERATURE
- 2 TSP PURE VANILLA EXTRACT
- 8 OZ DARK CHOCOLATE, CUT INTO 1/2" SQUARES, PLUS MORE GRATED FOR GARNISH
- 12 LARGE MARSHMALLOWS, CUT IN HALF



***MAKES 24 COOKIES**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. WASH HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER.
2. COMBINE BUTTER AND SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN A SMALL SAUCE PAN OVER MEDIUM HEAT. STIR CONSTANTLY UNTIL CHOCOLATE IS MELTED AND SMOOTH. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND LET COOL FOR 10 MINUTES.
3. IN A MEDIUM MIXING BOWL WHISK TOGETHER COCOA POWDER, FLOUR, BAKING POWDER AND SALT UNTIL COMBINED.
4. IN A LARGE MIXING BOWL BEAT BROWN SUGAR, EGGS AND VANILLA ON MEDIUM SPEED UNTIL SMOOTH. ADD COOLED MELTED CHOCOLATE AND BEAT UNTIL JUST COMBINED. ADD FLOUR MIXTURE IN BATCHES, BEATING ON LOW SPEED UNTIL JUST COMBINED, STOPPING TO SCRAPE DOWN SIDES OF BOWL AS NEEDED.
5. COVER AND CHILL DOUGH IN REFRIGERATOR FOR 1-2 HOURS.
6. PREHEAT OVEN TO 325 F. LINE TWO BAKING SHEETS WITH PARCHMENT PAPER. REMOVE DOUGH FROM REFRIGERATOR AND SCOOP DOUGH INTO 2-TABLESPOON SIZED MOUNDS ONTO PREPARED BAKING SHEET, SPACING COOKIES 2-3 INCHES APART. FLATTEN COOKIES SLIGHTLY.
7. BAKE COOKIES 10 MINUTES, UNTIL TOPS START TO CRACK. REMOVE FROM OVEN AND PLACE A SQUARE OF DARK CHOCOLATE ONTO THE CENTER OF EACH COOKIE. TOP THE DARK CHOCOLATE WITH THE MARSHMALLOW HALVES, CUT SIDE DOWN, PRESSING DOWN SLIGHTLY INTO COOKIE. RETURN TO OVEN FOR 4-5 MINUTES, UNTIL MARSHMALLOWS SOFTEN.
8. REMOVE COOKIES FROM OVEN AND LET COOL ON BAKING SHEET FOR 5 MINUTES BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO WIRE RACK TO COOL COMPLETELY. TOP COOKIES WITH SHAVED DARK CHOCOLATE AND SERVE IMMEDIATELY. (CAN BE STORED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER FOR UP TO 1 WEEK.)

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING!

The next Level 1 training has been scheduled! If you are a 4-H volunteer, 21 or older, and are interested in becoming certified to teach shooting sports to our amazing youth, this is for you!

- *Date:* March 22-24
- *Disciplines Offered:* Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol (up to 2 disciplines per volunteer allowed)
- *Cost:* \$110 for the first discipline, \$30 for the second
- *Location:* 12736 Marksman St SW, Olympia, WA 98512

Registration opens on February 15: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports>

Register Now - Level 1 Shooting Sports Training

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