



GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

May 2023

Happy May.

As we start looking towards warmer weather and a busy next few months, there are some things to call to mind. The first thing to remember is that 4-H is a youth development program and although many of our projects in this county are market animal projects, we ultimately are focusing on life skills. 4-H activities should balance the essential elements of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery. Another thing to remember is that the county fair is where we showcase what we have been learning all year. This is an optional activity and the 4-H program is indeed invited as guest exhibits. Although many of our young people do attend fairs, this is not mandatory. If you are planning on attending, please be aware of due dates for market animal tagging and fair registration. Lastly, just for review, your 4-H age is how old you were on October 1. Many of our members have had birthdays by the time fair comes, but the 4-H program looks at the age on October 1.

This is a very full newsletter with many great activities coming on the horizon, including a way to have your 4-H membership fees covered for the following year.

Enjoy your weekend.

Carolyn

Grant County Sprint Static/Still-Life Workshop

Saturday May 13th, 9 am -3 pm at the George Community Hall in George, WA

Hosted by the GQ's and Quincy Sportsmen 4-H Clubs

Come to learn about the different 4-H static (still-life) projects you can enter in the fair and practice exhibiting a few in the Fun Match to get feedback for your fair exhibits. Contact Jen Snyder if willing to "learn by doing" and help judge in the Fun Match: jensnyder4h@gmail.com

New This Year—Grant County Fair 4-H Still-Life Entries...

Still-Life entries (including food projects, sewing, arts, crafts, misc.) will only be accepted for entry on **SUNDAY, August 13th from 3-6 pm.**

All exhibits must be preregistered in FairEntry.

Market Animal Tagging

Tags are available at the office for swine, sheep and goats.

Swine tag photos need to be in the ears and photographs emailed back to the Extension Office by May 19.

Sheep and Goat tag photos are due to the Extension Office by June 16

Please email photos and animal information to ana.myers@wsu.edu.

Soil Your Undies

We will be offering the Soil Your Undies challenge again this year. Stay tuned for details.

2023 Ardell Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2023 recipients of the Kenny Ardell Scholarship: Kalyn Clark, Camdyn Cox, Kyia Hunter-Kanoff, Chase Powers, Brody Wallace, Austin Kern, Kendra McLean, Gina Todaro, Tressa Wade and Alissa Whitaker.

Market Beef Weighing and Tagging

Fifty seven youth members submitted photos of their beef projects last month.

Program Update—State's 4-H International Exchange



Seeking hosts for young people from Japan and Taiwan from July 23-August 16. Families need a young person in the home within three years of age of the visiting delegate and the same gender. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for the whole family. Start an application at www.states4hexchange.org. Contact the extension office for more information, grant.4h@wsu.edu.

Livestock Judging Contest—June 24, 2023 at Moses Lake



Early registration is due June 9, however you can register at the door for an added fee.

For more information visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/events/washington-4-h-state-livestock-judging-contest-2/>

Demonstrations

Have you ever considered doing a demonstration at the fair? New this year, the Grant County Leaders Council is offering to cover the membership enrollment fees for the coming year for 4-H members who do a public presentation at the fair. If you are interested in this opportunity, you will need to first present at a county demonstration day. Upcoming dates are:

Saturday May 13 at the George Community Hall, contact Jeannie Kiehn (kiehnfam@gmail.com) for scheduling.

Tuesday June 22 in Ephrata at the ERC, contact Janelle Todaro (j.todaro@wsu.edu) for scheduling

July TBA (two dates) in Moses Lake.

Fair Entry FairEntry opens for 4-H members to enroll in the Grant County Fair on June 1. **Fair Entry**

Grant County Fairgrounds Cleanup Day, Saturday, July 29 at 9 am

A great opportunity for community service!

4-H Education Posters

4-H Educational Posters need to be turned in to the Extension Office by Friday July 28th. Posters will be judged and available for pick up in the 4-H building Monday of fair week.

4-H Photography Entries, Project Reviews, and Record Books

4-H Photography entries and the Project Review or Record Book will need to be brought in to the Extension Office by Friday July 28. Record Books and Photography will be displayed at the fair.

Washington State 4-H Fair Patch Design Contest

Open to all Washington State 4-H members!

Entries are due by May 30th.

Help your State 4-H Fair Board, while expressing your own creativity!

The contest rules and entry form are found at <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2023/05/PATCH-DESIGN-CONTEST.pdf>

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TODAY!

Did you know that 4-H Members Create the Design for the Washington State 4-H Fair Patch?

Each year, a winning patch design is selected to become the patch worn by members from around Washington State!!

See how you could be the one to create next year's patch!

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>



Upcoming Events



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| May 1 | 4-H Enrollment Deadline for Participation in the Grant County Fair |
| May 13 | Still Life Extravaganza and Fun Match, George |
| May 19 | Market Swine Tag Photos Due |
| June 1 | FairEntry Opens |
| June 15 | Poultry and Rabbit Ownership Date |
| June 16 | Market Goat and Sheep Tag Photos Due |
| June 20-23 | WA State Teen Conference, Pullman |
| June 22-25 | WA State Junior Horse Show |
| June 24 | WA Livestock Judging, Moses Lake |
| July 14-15 | Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition, Moses Lake |
| July 28 | Record Books/Project Reviews Due, Posters Due, Photography Exhibits Due |
| July 29 | Clean-up Day, Grant County Fairgrounds |
| August 13 | 4-H Still-Life (non-photography) Exhibits Due |
| August 15-19 | Grant County Fair |
| September 15 | All Club Year-End Documents Are Due |



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| Grant County 4-H | WSU Put the Child First |
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| WSU 4-H Youth Development Program | Financial Forms |
| 4HOnline Registration | 4-H Club Officer Resources |
| Virtual 4-H Programs and Resources | 4-H Policies and Procedures Handbook |
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