



GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

March 2024

Wishing you a happy month of March.

March 1 is the national holiday of Wales where the Welsh will consume dishes made from leeks, their national symbol. Leeks are related to onions and have been eaten since ancient times.

We have a lot of information in this newsletter. The days are getting longer and the weather is warming—time to start thinking about outdoor action! Some of you will be preparing to purchase your project animals in the coming weeks which is always an exciting adventure. Ear tags will be given out at the Extension Office and photos of the tags in the ear will need to be returned to the office by set dates. Beef April 20, swine May 18 and goats/lambs on June 14.

For those members who are showing at the Junior Livestock show in a few weeks, I wish you the best.

Carolyn

4-H scholarship for high school graduating seniors is open now until March 15

Market Large Animal Weighing and Tagging Dates for Grant County Fair

BEEF—Members are able to tag their own animals at home (similar to the swine, goats and lambs). The traditional weighing and tagging event (participation optional) will be open from 1:00 -3:00 pm on Saturday April 20. All members are responsible for turning in their tag photos to Ana (ana.myers@wsu.edu) by end of day, Saturday April 20th. **Remember, if you are in 4-H your enrollment needs to also be fully completed by this ownership date. Beef tags will be available at the office for pick up after March 10.*

SWINE—Photos of tags in ears to Ana by Saturday May 18

GOAT/SHEEP—photos showing tags in the ears due to Ana by June 14

4-H Member Awareness Form

4-H Member Agreements can be found on the Grant County Extension [website](#). These need to be completed as part of your enrollment process. These forms are available at the Extension Office.

4-H Project Reviews

The [Project Review](#) is a four-page document using information found in the record books. These will be required for all live animal projects (one review per species) attending the fair regardless of sale status. The 4-H project Review forms are available at the Extension Office.

Hippology and Horsebowl

The State Hippology and Horse Bowl will be here in Moses Lake, May 4-5, 2024. For those who are interested in learning more please contact the Extension Office, (509) 766-3181 or grant.4h@wsu.edu.

Attention Grant County Fair Poultry Market Project Members

A paper certificate will need to be turned in June 24. Breed/variety and hatch dates vary by species and are as follows:

Chicken (Freedom Ranger Broiler—not APA standard bred) hatched May 27-June 10, 2024

Duck (Pekin: commercial/jumbo/hybrid) hatched May 27-June 17, 2024

Turkey (any broad breasted variety) hatched April 18—May 6, 2024

Goose (any APA 'medium' breed) hatched January 1-February 12, 2024

We do have information regarding further details of the poultry market project which will be emailed out to each project family individually. (*this information is specific to the Grant County Fair Poultry project*)

Eco-Gardening Symposium

The Master Gardeners will be having a free gardening symposium on Saturday April 20 from 9 am to 1 pm at Big Bend Community College. Please visit the [Master Gardeners' website](#) for additional information.

Curriculum Spotlight

[4-H Animal Science Lesson Plans](#) from the Pacific Northwest Extension Publications. A great set of activities and material for clubs and individuals. This document is over 250 pages and can be accessed for free.

Still Life Extravaganza in George, Saturday May 18



Participants will be able to learn how to better prepare their still-life projects for the fair, give their public presentations and learn more about 4-H opportunities. Come receive feedback and pointers at this great learning opportunity.

GivePulse

We have 2,473 volunteer hours reported for Grant county. The economic value of these hours is over 69,000 dollars. Thank you Leaders! Your work and dedication is appreciated.

4-H International Exchange

SEEKING HOST FAMILIES FOR SUMMER 2024

For over 50 years, 4-H families in Washington State have opened their homes to Japanese youth! This year we will be hosting young people from Costa Rica in June and July. Consider opening your home for this truly unique learning experience. Families do not need to be 4-H participants to host. For more information email Carolyn at carolyn.russo@wsu.edu or start an application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/choose-program/>

Washington State Teen Conference: Discover Your Universe June 24-27



Teen Conference will be held in Pullman on the WSU campus. More information will be out soon. Mark your calendars and consider attending this youth leadership and career readiness opportunity.

YQCA

<https://yqcaprogram.org> Youth selling market projects at the Grant County Fair will need to be current on their YQCA certification.

Washington State Equine Science & Horsemanship Series



The Washington State 4-H Equine Committee presents a yearlong Equine Science series on the fourth Thursday of every month. You can register for this virtual program at https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a3nWG9DT516wVCu.

For more information, contact Kim Baker | kim.baker@wsu.edu | 425-520-3908 the WA State 4-H Equine Coordinator.

Educational Posters

All youth bringing live animals to the fair need to submit an educational poster (one for each species being shown). The posters are turned into the Extension Office no later than July 26. The posters will be ready for pick up at the fairgrounds on Monday of Fair week in the 4-H Building.

2024 WSU/UI Youth Livestock Field Days

BEEF Saturday March 9, 2024 Asotin County Fairgrounds

SHEEP & GOAT Saturday March 16, 2024 UI Livestock Pavilion

SWINE Saturday March 23 2024 Latah County Fairgrounds

These are open to youth, parents, leaders, and advisors in 4-H or FFA. Morning sessions will include: nutrition, health, training at home, and selection. Following lunch, attendees will rotate through a variety of hands-on stations. Register here: bit.ly/clearwater_events

Registration is required and will close the Friday before the Field Day or when capacity is met

**please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in attending any of these events, depending on dates and numbers of participants, we may be able to form carpools.*

Livestock Judging at the North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show

The livestock judging will be held on March 23 in Moses Lake.

Lincoln County Spring Showcase—April 13

The Lincoln County Spring Showcase will be held in Davenport. The Showcase is open to prospect and breeding animals. [Registration](#) opened February 1.

Junior Livestock Show of Spokane and Livestock Judging



The Junior Livestock Show of Spokane will be held May 1 –4 . Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

Washington State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



The 2024 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for June 29, 2024, and will be held at the Ardell Pavilion, centered on the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Grant County Get Cook'n Monthly Cooking Sessions

Learn to cook something new from your own kitchen with other 4-H youth members of all ages. This is open to all members, but younger members will need parental supervision and support. We cook the recipes together during the meeting. Just come with the ingredients and materials and be ready to have fun. Get Cook'n is held the first Monday of the month. For more information, please contact Jen Snyder at jensnyder4h@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events



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| February 1 | Enrollment Late Fee Applied |
| April 1 | Horse Certificates are Due |
| April 20 | Beef Tagging at the Fairgrounds 1:00 to 3:00 pm |
| April 20 | Beef Tag Photos Due ~ ana.myers@wsu.edu |
| May 1 | 4-H Member Project Enrollment Deadline (if participating in the Grant County Fair) |
| May 4-5 | 4-H State Hippology & Horse Bowl |
| May 18 | Still Life Extravaganza and Fun Match, George |
| May 18 | Swine Ear Tag Photos Due ~ ana.myers@wsu.edu |
| June 1 | FairEntry opens for the Grant County Fair |
| June 14 | Goat/Lamb Ear Tag Photos Due ~ ana.myers@wsu.edu |
| June 15 | 4-H Club Secretary Books Due, Pre-Fair Check-in |
| June 24 | Poultry Certificates Due |
| June 24-27 | Teen Conference |
| June 29 | 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest |
| July 1 | YQCA Certification Due |
| July 26 | Record Books/Project Reviews, Posters, Fair Photography Exhibits Due |
| August 13—17 | Grant County Fair |
| September 15 | All Club Year End Documents Due |



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| WSU 4-H Youth Development Program | Financial Forms |
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| Virtual 4-H Programs and Resources | 4-H Policies and Procedures Handbook |
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