



GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

February 2024

The name 'February' is based on a Latin term for cleansing, or purification. In ancient times the Romans set aside the month of Februalia as a time to reset and purify themselves. Interestingly it was made shorter by a couple emperors moving a day from February and adding it to months named after themselves (July for Julius Cesar and August for Augustus Cesar). February has been the second month on the calendar since about 450 BC. February 2nd is Groundhog Day, based on a Germanic tradition but in Germany it is a ground-dwelling badger that predicts the upcoming weather. The 10th of February marks the celebration of Lunar New year which is celebrated widely throughout East Asia. This holiday begins with the first new Moon after the Winter Solstice and is associated with the Chinese Zodiac. There are many crafts and suggested ways to celebrate this cultural celebration online. A great source of activities that can be incorporated into 4-H meetings can be found at Michigan's Extension site: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/arts/resources>. The month also marks Black History Month which has been celebrated in this country since 1926. February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language (it is the 'r' after the 'b' that throws people off). Violets which symbolize diligence, fidelity and loyalty are the flowers associated with the month of February. This year is unique in that February has 29 days, a day added to the calendar every four years. The chance of being born on February 29 is one in 1461. Those born on leap day are called 'leaplings' and there are about 4 million folks who share that birthday.

The month of February marks some important dates in our 4-H program as well. The late fee is applied to member fees on the first of February. Our first animal ownership date is also on the 1st. There are many things lined up this spring making for a busy few months. A page sharing many of the important dates, including animal tagging and ownership details will be mailed to you soon. A special note for those who are planning on showing market poultry, please note the section near the end of this letter about hatch dates and the ownership certificate.

Wishing you a fruitful month of February!

Carolyn

4-H Member Agreements

[4-H Member Agreements](#) can be found on the Grant County Extension website.

Leaders Council Meeting—February 5

Monday, February 5 at 7 pm (Hybrid: Zoom and at the Extension Office)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97252564505>

Phone Call (long distance) +1(253)215-8782, 97252564505#

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

Livestock Judging at North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show March 23 in Moses Lake

Lincoln County Spring Showcase Saturday April 13 in Davenport

Open to prospect and breeding animals progress animals. Registration opens February 1.
For more information, please visit the [Lincoln County Spring Showcase](#) event page.

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



The Washington State 4-H Scholarship application is now available! The application is open to enrolled, 12th grade 4-H members who plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college or university in the fall.

Details on application requirements and how to apply are available on the [Scholarship Opportunities](#) page.

The deadline to submit your application is March 15, 2024 at 9:59 pm. Don't wait! Apply now!

State Hippology and Horse Bowl

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.

Junior Livestock Show of Spokane and Livestock Judging, May 1—4

For more information, please visit the [Junior Livestock Show of Spokane](#) website.

Teen Conference, June 24—27

Contact the Extension Office for more information, grant.4h@wsu.edu or (509) 766-3181.

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



The contest will be held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake.
Keep an eye out for more information in upcoming Updates!

ATTENTION Poultry Market Project Members

A paper certificate will need to be turned in by 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.

Due to the Shortness of this Month, There will not be a Mid-Month Update.

11th Annual Horse Course at WSU



The WSU Horse Course is an annual event put on by the Washington State University Student Chapter of the American Associate of Equine Practitioners. The event is a one-day short course that provides continuing education for horse owners and the general public. Topics vary to provide an interesting experience, whether you are just getting into the arena or have been working with horses for many years.

Visit <https://wsuhorsecourse.weebly.com> or email madison.gray@wsu.edu for details.

Upcoming Events



February 5	Leaders Council Meeting
February 10	11th Annual Horse Course
February 17-18	Know Your Government
March 9	Beef WSU/UI Field Day
March 15	4-H State Scholarship for Graduating High Schoolers Due
March 16	Sheep & Goat WSU/UI Field Day
March 23	Livestock Judging—North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show
March 23	Swine WSU/UI Field Day
April 13	Lincoln County Spring Showcase
May 1-4	Junior Livestock Show of Spokane
May 4-5	4-H State Hippology & Horse Bowl
June 24	Poultry Certificates Due
June 24-27	Teen Conference
June 29	4-H State Livestock Judging Contest



4-H Grant County
grant.4h@wsu.edu
1525 E Wheeler Road
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 754-2011 ext. 4301

LINKS

[Friday Update Archive](#)

[Grant County 4-H](#)

[4-H Tuesday News](#)

[WSU 4-H Youth Development Program](#)

[4HOnline Registration](#)

[Virtual 4-H Programs and Resources](#)

[Youth Livestock Producers](#)

[Report Your 4-H Volunteer Hours](#)

[Volunteer Training](#)

[Washington 4-H Volunteer Orientation Modules](#)

[WSU Put the Child First](#)

[4-H Forms & Materials](#)

[Financial Forms](#)

[4-H Club Officer Resources](#)

[4-H Policies and Procedures Handbook](#)

[Scholarship Information](#)

[Information for Members, Volunteer Leaders, and Parents](#)

[Animal Ownership Dates](#)



Like  on
Facebook
GrantAdamsLincoln



WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

This email is for WSU 4-H communication and educational purposes only. Reference to commercial product(s), commercial entities, or trade names does not imply endorsement by WSU or bias against those not mentioned.