



GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

April 2024

Today is April 1, 2024

A quote that I have here in my office reads, “Action expresses priorities.” This is attributed to Mahatma Ghandi and can also be summed up in the old adage “actions speak louder than words.” Our lives can be busy, and although it can be relative depending on your perspective as to *what* busy looks like, people who feel busy still need to prioritize. Everyone must make choices and often what we act on—what we actually do—is an expression of what we value most. Many of our 4-H families are experiencing spring break this week. What actions do you have on the list that speak to your priorities? Take a moment and reflect on the areas of your life where you put your time—those places that you put your actions—and you will find what really motivates you.

As we enter April, I would like to ask everyone to ensure your enrollment is complete. Ana will be reaching out to families in the coming days and weeks to complete online profiles. Today there are 150 youth who have not fully enrolled! Remember that perspective 4-Hers wishing to go to the fair need to have complete enrollments by May 1. The ship will set sail that day, please make sure you are onboard. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact Ana.

Wishing you a happy month of April and a safe spring break.

Carolyn

Horse Certificates Due April 1

Leaders Council Meeting—April 1

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#

Market Large Animal Weighing and Tagging Dates for Grant County Fair

BEEF—Members may 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 20. **Remember, if you are in 4-H your enrollment needs to also be fully completed by this ownership date.* Beef tags are available at the Extension Office.

SWINE—Photos of tags in ears to Ana by Saturday, May 18 Swine tags are available at the Extension Office.

GOAT/SHEEP—photos showing tags in the ears due to Ana by June 14. Available April 22.

4-H Member Awareness Forms

The [4-H Member Awareness Forms](#) 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 or online.

Hippology and Horsebowl

Horse ownership is not required, just science or equine interest. The State competition for Hippology and Horsebowl will be here in Moses Lake in May. We are looking for 4-H intermediates and seniors who would like to participate. Space is limited and we will need to prepare. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact the Extension Office to be put on the list by April 12. For more information please contact the Extension Office, (509) 766-3181 or grant.4h@wsu.edu.

Educational Posters

All youth bringing live animals to the fair need to submit an educational poster (one for each species shown). The posters will be turned into the Extension Office by July 26 and will be ready to be picked up at the fairgrounds on Monday of Fair week.

Attention Grant County Fair 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. (*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 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Big Bend Community College

Still-Life Extravaganza in George



On 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.

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.



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.

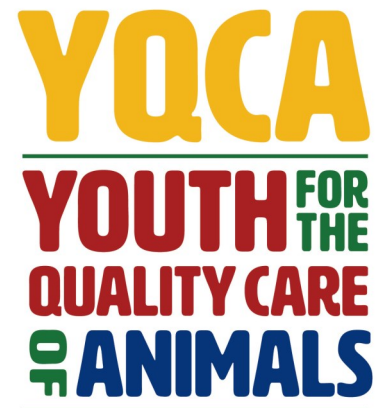
Area Livestock Learning Events

**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.*

- Lincoln County Spring Showcase—April 13
- Junior Livestock Show of Spokane and Livestock Judging—May 1-4
- Washington State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest—June 29

YQCA <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Youth selling market projects at the Grant County Fair will need to be current on their YQCA certification.



**SAVE
THE
DATES**
June 24-27, 2024



Upcoming Events



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 and photos due to the Extension Office ~ 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 Swine Ear Tag Photos Due ~ ana.myers@wsu.edu
May 18	FairEntry opens for the Grant County Fair
June 1	Demonstration Night, ERC in Ephrata
June 11	Goat/Lamb Ear Tag Photos Due ~ ana.myers@wsu.edu
June 14	4-H Club Secretary Books Due, Pre-Fair Check-in
June 15	Poultry Certificates Due
June 24	Teen Conference
June 24-27	Washington State Junio Horse Show
June 24-27	4-H State Livestock Judging Contest
June 29	YQCA Certification Due
July 1	Record Books/Project Reviews, Posters, Fair Photography Exhibits Are Due to the Extension Office
July 26	Grant County Fair
August 13—17	All Club Year End Documents Due
September 15	



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