



# GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

July 2024

Happy July.

Summer is here and I hope you have all had a lovely few weeks adjusting to schedules with less classroom time. Fair will be here in SIX weeks. Hard to believe but we all know it tends to sneak up on us. Now is the time to work on your posters, records, and fair decorations. As fun as the fair is, we always should remember it is a place where we showcase our 4-H projects and what we have learned. There are four essential elements of the program—belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery. What are ways you can exhibit these four concepts when displaying your project(s) at the fair?

Last Saturday was our State Livestock judging contest here in Moses Lake. A big thank you goes out to the Grant County Fairgrounds for providing us space to conduct this contest that develops life skills. There were over 120 youth from around the state who participated and judged classes of beef, goats, lambs, and swine. Thank you to all who worked to make this program a success!

Summer is a great time to make connections. There are still several host families needed for our Japanese delegates who arrive in less than three weeks. Hosting for 25 days is an opportunity to encounter someone else's culture but also really learn about yourself! The list of delegates is at the end of this newsletter.

Please remember that registration for the Grant County Fair (through FairEntry) closes on July 10. It is a computer program, which means glitches are possible. Please do not wait until the last minute to sign up. All 4-H projects (livestock, dogs, and still-life) will need to be entered by July 10. All posters, photography, and record books/project reviews will come to the Extension Office by Friday July 26. Other still-life entries will be checked in at the 4-H building Sunday, August 11 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

With public safety and education being a top priority of our county fairs, this year we will see some changes to the herdsmanship schedule. The purpose of this contest is to provide education to fairgoers, keep them safe, maintain the comfort of the animals, and showcase the learning surrounding the project area. Our largest crowds of fairgoers come through the gate after 5:00 pm. To be more available to answer questions, care for the animals, and maintain the cleanliness of the barns during heavier attendance hours, the herdsmanship schedules have been altered. As in the past, the pens and barns will be expected to be cleaned by 8:00 am before the showing begins. However, the new change is the judging of herdsmanship will run between noon and 8:00 pm. Please discuss the needs of the exhibits and consider the realities of club families as you create your schedules. One suggestion has been to schedule older members who are staying at the fairgrounds for the shifts later in the day.

Anyone wishing to deliver a public presentation at the fair will need to participate in a county demonstration day. Our last one is scheduled for July 16 here at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to be put on the schedule. Leaders Council has agreed to pay enrollment fees for the coming program year for all youth who give a presentation at the fair. Being able to speak publicly is a great life skill that many of our 4-H alumni are grateful for and often credit to their past club experiences.

Wishing you all a safe 4th of July weekend.

Carolyn

## Giant Pumpkins

There are some seedlings available after July 8 if anyone would like to come to the Extension Office and pick one up.

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## Moses Lake Demonstration Night

July 16—Please call the Extension Office to schedule a time for delivering your public presentation: (509) 766-3181.

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## Friday, July 26

**DEADLINE** Grant County Fair 4-H education Posters, Record Books, Project Reviews, and Photography exhibits are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm

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## Livestock Sale Committee Meeting

The Livestock Sale Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, starting at 7:00 pm in the Huck Fuller Building.

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## Fairgrounds Community Clean Up Day

Saturday, July 27 is the clean up day at the fairgrounds. Please come and join in the fun as we prepare our fairgrounds for the county fair.

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## Educational Posters



All youth bringing live animals to the fair need to submit an educational poster (one for each species shown). The posters need to be turned in to the Extension Office by July 26. The posters will be ready for pick up at the fairgrounds in the 4-H building Monday of fair week.

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## Urgent: 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! Consider sharing your life for 25 days to experience this truly unique learning experience. Families do not need to be 4-H participants to host. These delegates are visiting to become part of your family, to help you learn about yourself and gain insights you may never have considered. Please consider opening your heart, home, and life as a host family (families do not need to be in 4-H to host).

Below are the informational profiles of each of the delegates seeking placement here in Washington. Delegates must be placed in homes with children of the same gender and within three years of age. They come with insurance and spending money. They can share a bedroom (need their own bed) with the host sibling. For more information email Carolyn at [carolyn.russo@wsu.edu](mailto:carolyn.russo@wsu.edu) or start an application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/choose-program/>

BOYS

**WA#: 34, Male age 13. What are your hobbies?** I like playing soccer, TV games, playing cards, board games, playing magic. **What activities do you enjoy?:** nature, movies, video games, watching soccer, animals/pets (dogs), watching anime. I like soccer, hamburgers and ice cream. **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to know American or Canadian Cultures. I try to read a newspaper every day. I will go to many places actively and take many pictures. **Favorite school subject(s):** PE **Sports you play:** soccer (three days a week), running, ping pong. **Favorite Music:** popular **Personality Characteristics:** considerate of others, tolerant, honest **Swimming:** intermediate swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** none

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Boys (continued)

**WA#: 36 Male age 13 What are your hobbies?** I like stationary. I especially like collecting mechanical pencils. I also like taking the train. **What activities do you enjoy?:** trying new food, computers, camping, shopping, nature/outdoors, watching soccer and baseball, reading Harry Potter. "I like eating, especially sushi." **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I would like to talk to my host family and new friends. I would like to enjoy different cultures and introduce Japanese culture. I would like to talk actively and I will make an effort to learn about American culture. **Favorite school subject (s):** Math **Sports you play:** karate **Favorite Music:** popular **Personality Characteristics:** sociable, cheerful, outgoing **Swimming:** delegate is able to swim but does not like to swim **Allergies:** cats (cannot be placed with indoor cats), dust mites, Japanese cedar pollen, Japanese cypress

**WA#: 40, Male age 14 What are your hobbies?** I am very fond of watching baseball games. I like to travel by train. I like to play video games such as rhythm games and Tetris. **What activities do you enjoy?:** trying new food, nature/outdoors, movies, studying, social media, singing, computers, video games, hiking, swimming, watching baseball, comic books, watching sports **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to learn about cultures different from mine and get a wider view of the world. Also, I want to become more independent. To achieve these goals I will learn more about North American cultures and communicate with many people actively. **Favorite school subject(s):** English **Sports you play:** baseball, ping pong **Favorite Music:** popular, game music **Personality Characteristics:** curious, serious, talkative, honest, loyal, studious, quiet, patient **Swimming:** intermediate swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** Japanese cedar pollen (very mild)

**WA#: 62, Male age 16 What are your hobbies?** I like the night sky. So I want to go to a place where I can see the beautiful night sky. I like sports, especially I like soccer and martial arts. **What activities do you enjoy?:** Photography, museums, camping, painting/drawing, arts/crafts, movies, swimming, trying new food, boating, nature/outdoors, singing, watching a sport (soccer/basketball), reading books (mystery novels), animals/pets (dogs), watching TV (anime) **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I will try many things, try to eat, try to play etc. I want to make many friends. I will help with housework. I will show Japanese kenpo and calligraphy. I would like to tell about Japanese culture. **Favorite school subject(s):** Social Studies **Sports you play:** soccer, martial arts, ping pong **Personality Characteristics:** sociable, curious, loves to laugh, cheerful, talkative, honest, loyal, tolerant, outgoing, considerate, patient, energetic **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** dust (takes medication and eye drops) **Other:** Psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (short bursts of eye blinking lasting only a couple seconds). Only when I feel stressed. There is no need to go to the hospital even if he develops symptoms. No special care is required from the host family even after he has a "seizure."

**WA#: 68, Male age 16 What are your hobbies?** My hobbies are reading comics and playing cards. My favorite comics are Demon Slayer, Fire Force, Re, ZERO Mashle, etc. I like doing some magic tricks using playing cards **What activities do you enjoy?:** writing, photography, cooking, gardening, movies, computers, acting, arts/crafts, video games, singing, social media, watching basketball, reading books, animals/pets (dogs), watching TV (Pokémon) **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I'd like to communicate with host family and their friends. But I can speak little English so I'll study English and find a way of communicating other than with language. I'll try to talk to my host family as much as possible. **Favorite school subject(s):** Math **Sports you play:** swimming, skiing, basketball **Favorite Music:** popular **Personality Characteristics:** curious, shy, tolerant, loves to laugh, quiet **Swimming:** intermediate swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** none

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Girls

**WA#: 31, Female age 13** **What are your hobbies?** My hobby is playing tennis with a rubber ball, go on a hike, shopping, cooking, skipping rope, take care of children and babies. I like everything in order in a room. **What activities do you enjoy?:** Cooking, museums, painting/drawing, nature/outdoors, movies, arts/crafts, shopping, playing piano, watching tennis and boccia, watching historical drama, visiting, picture books, manga **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to be in a real family and take care of a child and a baby. I want to [experience] intercultural [exchange] for example teach traditional songs to each other. I want to have a wide field of view because I want to be able to communicate with many people. **Favorite school subject(s):** English, PE **Sports you play:** horizontal bars, tennis **Favorite Music:** popular **Personality Characteristics:** cheerful, energetic, curious, loves to laugh, tolerant, studios, loyal, honest, considerate of others, patient, outgoing. **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** none

**WA#: 47, Female age 14** **What are your hobbies?** I like playing outside, watching movies and spending time with animals. **What activities do you enjoy?:** painting/drawing, camping, shopping, arts/crafts, movies, nature/outdoors, acting, reading books (fantasy), animals/pets (dogs), watching anime **What is your goal for participating in this program?** The goal is to strengthen communication skills. I'm not good at communicating or talking, I will prepare to introduce my family and Japanese culture. I want to talk about many things with my host family. **Favorite school subject(s):** Japanese language **Sports you play:** tennis, skiing **Favorite Music:** popular, show tunes **Personality Characteristics:** shy, loves to laugh, considerate of others, outgoing **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** Sensitive to some raw fruits (peaches, plums, apples, pears)

**WA#: 55, Female age 15** **What are your hobbies?** I like making sweets. I'm interested in foreign country's sweets. I like playing soccer with many peoples. I often fold origami. "I like kendo. I like playing outdoors." **What activities do you enjoy?:** nature/outdoors, painting/drawing, cooking, camping, hiking, gardening, playing piano, reading books, animals/pets (bird, cat, dog and rabbits), folding origami **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to talk about me with host family. So I study English hard. I'd like to find my good points before I leave for homestay program. I'm trying to communicate a lot with people I meet during the homestay. **Favorite school subject(s):** PE, Japanese **Sports you play:** soccer, skiing, kendo **Favorite Music:** classical, popular **Personality Characteristics:** **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** none

**WA#: 63, Female age 16** **What are your hobbies?** I like drawing pictures, listening to music, watching TV, watching SNS, taking photos and shopping. I hope to take care of animals. **What activities do you enjoy?:** cooking, museums, photography, movies, arts/crafts, shopping, computers, social media, animals/pets (cats) "I like apples, pears, ice cream, meat and noodles." **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I hope to challenge [myself] to experience new American culture (going to super market, visiting interesting places and meeting many people.) I will show them Japanese culture. I like to take care of animals. **Favorite school subject(s):** art **Sports you play:** halberd **Favorite Music:** popular, jazz, hip hop **Personality Characteristics:** sociable, patient, considerate of others, quiet, outgoing, serious, tolerant, cheerful, honest, loves to laugh **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** none **Other:** she belongs to Girl Guides

**WA#: Junior Chaperone, Female age 20** **What are your hobbies and interests?** I like baking sweets, reading manga, looking at photos of cats and food on social media, and watching videos of cats and other animals. **Are there any special things you would like to do during homestay?:** I would like to experience American nature and food, and visit movie theaters and museums. In particular, I would like to eat and cook American sweets and food with my host family. **What do you enjoy?** social media, museums, painting/drawing, shopping, movies, social media, watching a sport (ping pong), watching TV (Full House), animals/pets (dogs and cats) **Sports you play:** ping pong **Favorite Music:** popular, J-Pop, K-Pop **Personality Characteristics:** curious, shy, serious, tolerant, tidy, loves to laugh, quiet. **Allergies:** mildly allergic to cats but is able to be hosted with a house cat

## There are four essential elements of the 4-H Program— Belonging, Independence, Generosity, and Mastery.

### August 11, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

All youth registered for the following still-life exhibits will need to turn them in on Sunday, August 11, starting at 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds.

Textile Arts ~ Food & Nutrition ~ Horticulture ~ Expressive Arts ~ Crafts

### Upcoming Events



June 1	FairEntry opens for the Grant County Fair
June 15	4-H Club Secretary Books Due, Pre-Fair Check-in
July 16	Demonstration Night, Extension Office in Moses Lake
July 26	Record Books/Project Reviews, Posters, and Fair Photography Exhibits Are Due to the Extension Office
July 27	Community Clean Up Day at the Grant County Fairgrounds
August 11	Still-Life entries accepted in the 4-H Building, 3:00-6:00 pm
August 13—17	Grant County Fair
September 15	All Club Year End Documents Due
September 15	Grant County Feature day at the State Fair in Puyallup
September 16	Leader Appreciation Dinner and Program Update



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