



# GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

May 2024

Hello,

May first has been celebrated since ancient times as a time to celebrate growth. Fields are sprouting, young animals abound and the lengthening days joined with warmer weather are all appreciated. Throughout the world various cultures celebrate May Day with flowers, dancing, special decorations and specific local traditions.

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. The national council for wellbeing suggests several self-care activities that can greatly enhance mental wellbeing. Four of these are setting boundaries (recognize what you can do and be okay letting go of what you are not able to do); eating healthy (making sure your body is able to be fueled with nutritious food is very important); prioritize sleep (making sure you get enough sleep is crucial to how your body responds to stress and performs on a daily basis), and the final suggestion is moving more (physical activity strengthens the immune system and helps clear the mind). With the motivation that comes from warmer spring weather, May is the perfect month to try out these four selfcare principles.

There were over sixty market beef projects that were tagged last month. Over half of these are 4-H projects. We are coming up on some other ownership deadlines and dates for the Grant County Fair, please take note. Swine Tags are due May 18. Sheep and Goat tags are available here in the office and photos are due June 14.

Wishing you a lovely month of May.

Carolyn

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## Secretary Update

I would like to introduce our new office secretary, Kate. Today, May 1, is her first day working on the team with us. Kate is an alumni of the Clark County 4-H Program. Welcome Kate!

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## 4-H Leaders, Help Name WSU's New Apple in an Online Contest!

For more than 20 years, Washington State University's newest apple has been known by a mix of numbers and initials. It's now time for apple lovers to give "WA 64" a name. An online survey and contest is currently open, seeking a distinctive name for this pink-hued, firmly crisp, sweet, and tart apple. A hybrid of Honeycrisp and Cripps Pink, a variety better known as the trademarked Pink Lady® apple, "WA 64" has outstanding eating and storage qualities. It was selected for the fresh market.

The contest to name the apple is open to all U.S. residents age 18 and older, and ends May 5. Along with name ideas, survey respondents are also asked a few additional questions, including why they chose their suggestion and whether they have purchased fresh apples in the past three months.

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## Market Large Animal Tagging Dates for the Grant County Fair

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

**GOAT/SHEEP**— Photos showing tags in the ears due to Ana by Friday, June 14.

Both Swine and Goat/Sheep tags are available at the Extension Office.

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## Save the Date: Poultry PT Testing

Friday June 28 1-3PM Moses Lake

More information to follow...

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## Grant County FairEntry will open June 1 and close July 10

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### New This Year

ALL 4-H Projects will be entered in FairEntry between June 1 and July 10 (this includes sewing, baking, dogs, still life etc.).

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### Livestock Sale Committee Meeting

The Livestock Sale Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM in the Huck Fuller Building.

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### YQCA <https://yqcaprogram.org>

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

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### Friday, July 26

Grant County Fair Educational Posters, Record Books, Project Reviews, Photography and Still-Life projects are due to the Extension Office.

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### 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](mailto:carolyn.russo@wsu.edu) or start an application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/choose-program/>

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### ATTENTION Grant County Fair Poultry Market Project Members

A paper certificate will need to be turned in by Monday, 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.

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## Washington State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at Moses Lake on June 29

## Still Life Super Saturday 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. Contact Jen Snyder, [jensnyder4H@gmail.com](mailto:jensnyder4H@gmail.com), or the Extension Office for details.

### Educational Posters

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

### Upcoming Events



February 1  
**May 1**

May 18

May 18

June 1

June 11

June 14

June 15

June 24

June 24-27

June 24-27

June 29

July 1

July 26

August 13—17

September 15

Enrollment Late Fee Applied

**4-H Member Project Enrollment Deadline (if participating in the Grant County Fair)**

Still Life Extravaganza and Fun Match, George

Swine Ear Tag Photos Due ~ [ana.myers@wsu.edu](mailto:ana.myers@wsu.edu)

FairEntry opens for the Grant County Fair

Demonstration Night, ERC in Ephrata

Goat/Lamb Ear Tag Photos Due ~ [ana.myers@wsu.edu](mailto:ana.myers@wsu.edu)

4-H Club Secretary Books Due, Pre-Fair Check-in

Poultry Certificates Due

Teen Conference

Washington State Junior Horse Show

4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

YQCA Certification Due ~ in FairEntry

Record Books/Project Reviews, Posters, and Fair

Photography Exhibits Are Due to the Extension Office

Grant County Fair

All Club Year End Documents Due



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