

4-H MONTHLY UPDATE



March 2022 newsletter brought to you by WSU Grant County 4-H

Hello and Happy March,

Today is Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. This concludes what in many countries is several days (even several weeks in some cases) of festivities leading up to the penitential season of Lent. Historians tell us that the first Mardi Gras celebrations started here in what would become the United States in 1699. The month of March also gives us Pi-Day (3.14), daylight savings time, and the vernal equinox, or the first day of spring on March 20.

As we look forward to longer days and warmer temperatures, there are several 4-H events that are being planned. This Saturday we have a special opportunity for community service in support of the fairgrounds and the leaders' council. Make sure to learn more about the in-person learning opportunities for Swine and Beef Field Days. There will be livestock judging events and horseless horse activities too. You do not have to own an animal to participate in these activities. Those who learn how to judge are able to hone critical thinking, evaluation, and public speaking skills—all skills that carry on throughout life.

Wishing you a happy March,

Carolyn

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

March 5, Grant County Fairgrounds 10 am

We have a Leaders Council Fundraising/community service opportunity this weekend Saturday, March 5th at 10 am at the Fairgrounds. A horse barn needs rubber mats installed in one of the barns. Any clubs that can help may use this as a community service opportunity. The Grant County Leaders Council funds scholarships for fees, leader development, and other program support. We are meeting at 10 AM on Saturday near the horse barns. Pizza lunch will be provided. If possible, please provide a headcount (parents are welcome to help too) to Ana at the office (ana.myers@wsu.edu). It is recommended to bring rubber mallets (or hammers) to tap the puzzle piece edges of the rubber mats together.

North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show March 24-26 Show

Livestock Judging Contest open to all 4-Hers Saturday, March 26

For more information email Michelle Hobbs at ncwjr.livestockshow@gmail.com

The Prairie Hatchers 4-H Club Presents: Annual Youth Invitational Poultry Show

March 26th, 2022 Clark County Fairgrounds Ridgefield, Washington

If you would like to start a new 4-H club, please contact the office at grant.4h@wsu.edu

In-person Youth Swine Field Day, Saturday, March 12th, 2022. Asotin County, WA

In-person Youth Beef Field Days on Saturday, March 26th, 2022. Moscow, Idaho

Topics covered at each event include Interstate Livestock Paperwork, Health Care, Meat Science, Feeding and Nutrition, Selection of Project Animals, Low-Stress Handling, Fitting and Showing, and other topics. The cost for each field day is \$10, which includes a grab-and-go lunch, handouts, and learning from approximately 8:30-3:00. Participants are encouraged to dress warmly, as most activities will be outside. Respective Washington and Idaho COVID Protocols will be followed.

Please have individuals (youth and adults) register via Eventbrite, space is limited.

Saturday, March 12th at the Asotin County Fairgrounds Swine Field Day (registration closes March 4) <https://2022swine.eventbrite.com> Beef Field Day (registration closes March 18) will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 am to approximately 3:00 p.m. on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow, ID <https://2022beef.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please contact Mark Heitstuman at the WSU Asotin County Extension Office at (509) 243-2009, heitstuman@wsu.edu, UI Nez Perce County Extension, 208.799.3096 or UI Benewah County Extension, 208.245.2422.

Washington State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest To Be Held March 19th!

The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl contest determines the individuals that will represent Washington participating at the National event. This year the contests will be held on March 19, 2022, at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington at 9:00 am If you have an individual 4-H'er or team that wants to compete, please contact Gary Fredricks at 360-577-3014 Ext. 3 or at garyf@wsu.edu.

2022 State Equine Zoom Series Starts March 2nd!

This statewide Equine Science and Horsemanship Series is for everyone – whether you have a horse or not; whether you ever decide to try horse knowledge contests, or not – if you want to learn more about horses, this series is for you! If you do happen to participate in horse bowl or hippology, this series will help you prepare. We will be delivering content from the approved sources for the state and national contests, so the information you are receiving is current and valuable for contest study. Questions? Contact kim.baker@wsu.edu. Register [here](#) and join us every week – or whenever you can!

LEADERS COUNCIL, April 4th, 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 972 5256 4505

Phone Call (long distance) +1 (253) 215 8782, 972 5256 4505#

Save the Date – State 4-H Dog Zoom Meeting! Sunday, April 10, 2022, 3 pm

More information will follow closer to the meeting date.

State Horse Bowl Contest is April 30th – Introduction Zoom on Friday, March 11th!

We are providing a horse bowl introduction for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers to cover topics such as contest procedures, horse bowl question sources; how to use Factile, and helpful tips on coaching teams. Also, if counties don't have a full team, we are encouraging counties to have a combined team. This "horse bowl introduction" will be Friday, March 11th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The Zoom link is here: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android:

<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/91048554701?pwd=L0xFZm13T0pncEJCWVZ3NnFQV0hqQT09>

Meeting ID: 91048554701 Password: 168848

Practice Horse Judging Contest Now Available!

This is completely self-directed, so go at your own pace, whenever you wish. Go to: <https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HorseJudgingContest>

Fun Fact

February is also national canned food month. The first can opener was invented by an English surgical instrument maker in 1855.

Save the Date June 25 State Livestock Judging Contest

This event will be a qualifier for the national contest at the Grant County Fairgrounds. More information to follow.



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