



GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

February 2023

Happy February.

As we enter the fifth month of the 4-H program year, I can say there are some very interesting events on our horizon for youth and our leaders. We have over 300 young people who have started online profiles and 82 adults. Thank you. If you have questions about your enrollment status, please contact Ana.

As many have heard, GivePulse is our new system for reporting volunteer hours. If you have not claimed your online account, please do so. I'd like to give a shout-out to Katie Allred who has logged 258.5 hours! Thank you and well done. Currently, about 27% of all the hours reported in our county have been from Katie. If the state values one volunteer hour as having a value of \$29.95, then the total value of Katie's current contribution is over \$7,742. Thank you Katie and to everyone who has recorded volunteer hours.

It is time to start considering the inbound 4-H International Exchange Program. This year there will be delegates from Japan and Taiwan coming in July and August. We also have high school-aged students that are looking for placement for the school year. For more information, please contact Carolyn.

We have several state opportunities coming up and being hosted here in Moses Lake as well as the return of the State Teen Conference that will be held in Pullman. Make sure to read through the body of this newsletter to learn more.

On a final note, as our families consider market projects, please be mindful of the terminality of this experience. Market projects are great modes of learning but they do have a finality to them that is not experienced in other 4-H project areas. Please be aware of and discuss these realities with your youth members and families.

Enjoy the month.

Carolyn

Leaders Council Meeting

Monday, February 6 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#

GivePulse



If you have not claimed your GivePulse account, please do so. A big thank you to Katie Allred with 258.5 hours. [WSU Grant County 4-H Youth Development | Washington State University \(givepulse.com\)](https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97252564505)

Hippology and Horsebowl

Have you ever considered participating in knowledge-based contests? Our 4-H horseless horse opportunities may be of interest for you!!! For more information contact the Extension Office. No horse ownership required!

4-H Project Review

At the December Leader Council Meeting it was decided that all youth attending the 2023 Grant County Fair with live animal projects, will need to turn in either a fully completed Record Book or the Project Review for each species exhibited. The Project Review is a four page document using information found in the record books. These will be due to the Extension Office on July 28th and are available at <http://extension.wsu.edu/grant/documents/2023/02/4-h-project-review.pdf>

4-H International Exchange Seeking Host Family for Summer 2023

For 50 years, 4-H families in Washington State have opened their homes to Japanese youth! They visitors range in ages from 12-17 and stay for about 3 ½ weeks in the summer. The official dates have not been released yet but it will be around July 22nd through August 16th. Consider opening your home for this truly unique learning experience. This year we have students coming from Japan and Taiwan. Host families do not need to be 4-H participants. When we open our home to a visitor we can learn about another culture and learn about ourselves as well. For more information email Carolyn at carolyn.russo@wsu.edu

IMPORTANT: Remember, enrollment needs to be completed no later than your project animal ownership date, or May 1, whichever is earlier.

Save the Date

Still Life Extravaganza in George Saturday May 13th

Participants will be able to learn how to better prepare their still-life projects for the fair. Come receive feedback and pointers at this great learning opportunity.

Washington State Teen Conference: Build Your Future June 20-23 in Pullman

Teen Conference is back and 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.

YQCA

As a reminder on March 23, 2022, YQCA moved to a new platform resulting in a web address change. **PLEASE RE-DIRECT all youth, parents, and instructors to use the new website <https://yqcaprogram.org> so that they can participate in this dynamic program.** The old website address and link are no longer active.

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.

Grant County Get Cook'n Monthly Cooking Sessions

Learn to cook something new from your own kitchen with other county youth members of all ages... This is open to all members, but younger members will need parental supervision and support. It is created and lead by youth members for youth members. We cook the recipes together during the meeting. Just come with the ingredients and materials and be ready to have fun.

When/Where: 2nd Monday each month at 5:45PM on Zoom

Questions? Email Jennifer Snyder jensnyder4h@gmail.com for the Zoom Link, recipe, ingredients/supplies

TOPICS AND AREAS OF FOCUS—Cake, Cupcakes, Cookies, Fruit Pies, Microwave Foods, Decorated Cakes, No-Bake Cookies & Bars, Table Setting, Favorite Foods

4-H International Exchange—Bring the World to Your Meetings

There are many ways to integrate international crafts and recipes into 4-H meetings and youth events. Our friends in Michigan have a variety of craft ideas featured on their website as part of their global and cultural education project. [Resources - 4-H Global & Cultural Education \(msu.edu\)](#)

Educational Posters

Just as a reminder, all youth bringing live animals to the fair need to submit an educational poster (one for each species shown). The posters are turned into the extension office on July 28 and will be ready to be picked up at the fairgrounds Monday of Fair week.



Congratulations Katie Allred!!!



258.5 hours logged in GivePulse

Upcoming Events



February 1	Enrollment Late Fee Applied
February 3	Swine Information Day, Moses Lake
February 18-20	Know Your Government, Wenatchee
February 21	Livestock Committee Meeting 7PM, Grant County Fairgrounds
February 23	Equine Science & Horsemanship Series 6:30 PM on Zoom
May 1	Grant County 4-H Enrollment closes
May 6-7	Washington State Horse Bowl and Hippology, Moses Lake
June 20-23	Teen Conference, Pullman
June 22-25	Washington State Junior Horse Show
June 24	Washington State Livestock Judging, Moses Lake
July 28	Record Books/Project Reviews Due, Posters Due, Photography Exhibits Due
August 15-19	Grant County Fair
September 15	All Club Year-End Documents Are Due



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