



# GRANT COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

**June 2023**

As we see the school year come to a close and the summer begin, it is also time to remember our 4-H program. Although many of our projects become more active during the summer months in preparation for being showcased at county fairs, it is important to remember that our program year starts on October 1. This is why the age of our members is always based on how old they were on the first of October, the first day of our year.

There are four essential elements of the 4-H program: Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. As we start summer, let's keep in mind these four areas that we continue to grow in. How are we fostering belonging? Are we reaching out to everyone in the club, even those members who have been involved for a few years? What are adults doing to assist in the development of independence in young people? Are we allowing the members to pick the dates, to develop agendas or consider topics for discussion? Are we open to allowing the members to also receive this newsletter by email? How is our club being generous, and not just generous at one community service a year, but generous all the time with your heads, heart, hands and health? How are we inspiring members to develop a fondness for altruism? How are we mastering the skills required for our projects? Are we finding ways to continue to learn, even several years into a project with the seniors? Are we considering ways to master skills that can be used beyond our 4-H membership years? All of these questions are worthy of reflection by our leaders, members and parents.

June is National Dairy Month. Here in Grant County we have twenty-two youth members enrolled in dairy projects. If owning a heifer or cow is not a possibility for you, you can always participate in dairy judging. Having the ability to develop critical thinking skills, vocabulary, presentation and being able to share your opinion are all benefits of participating in 4-H judging contests. There are different kinds of animal judging—dairy, dog, horse and livestock.

We are very fortunate to be near the State 4-H Livestock Judging contest which will be held on Saturday June 24 at the Grant County Fairgrounds. There is more information included in this newsletter, but I would certainly encourage anyone, even if you do not show livestock, to participate. Livestock judging is about having a mental image of what physical traits are ideal and then placing a small group of animals according to how well they match the ideal. Oral reasons are the ability to talk about why you placed the group the way you did. To practice judging you can use spoons, shoes, cars, pencils or any grouping of similar items. Please consider attending this contest right here in Moses Lake. For more information, see section below.

Happy June and, to all those who are wrapping up a school year, happy summer vacation.

Carolyn

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## Leaders Council, June 5 at 7 pm Extension Office or Zoom

Meeting ID: 972 5256 4505

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

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## Rabbit Tattooing Clinic—June 1, 6 to 8 pm

Our Rabbit Superintendents are setting up and will be available in the rabbit barn if you need your rabbit tattooed. All the equipment will be there. Cost is \$2.00 a rabbit. Tattoos will be required for rabbits attending the Grant County Fair this year.

## Attention Poultry Members

All chickens, exotic fowl, and game birds (except waterfowl, doves, and pigeons) attending the Grant County Fair will need to be tested for pullorum-typhoid. Market birds will also need to be tagged. The arranged date and details for this will be shared through 4honline. Please stay tuned.

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## Club Secretary Books Are Due June 15

Please make sure your notes and attendance sheets are up to date.

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## Sheep and Goat Market Tag Photos are Due Friday, June 16th

Please include the member's name, club, and scrapie tag number in your email. Send all photos and information to [ana.myers@wsu.edu](mailto:ana.myers@wsu.edu).



## FairEntry for Grant County Fair Begins June 1

Remember (and always remember to remind others in your club) that being enrolled in 4-H is what permits you to showcase your project at the fair but it does not automatically sign you up for the fair. Make sure to check the [Grant County Fairgrounds](http://Grant County Fairgrounds website) website.

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## 4-H International Exchange—Looking for a Host Family



A 16 year old girl from Norway will visit Washington State June 25-July 19, 2023!

This delegate enjoys writing, reading, boating, shopping, movies, hiking, trying new food, nature/outdoors, cooking, studying, TV, watching sports, skiing, running, swimming, gymnastics, track and field. Her personality characteristics are curious, tidy, laughs a lot, serious, tolerant, loyal, and patient. She can swim at an intermediate level.

Message from Delegate: I love exercising, such as going to the gym or practicing track or field. I also like to cook healthy food and serve it to my family. I like going to the beach. I want to participate in this exchange program because I want to learn more about the US as a country and I want to go to college in the US so I thought this would be a learning experience for me."

### NOTES:

\*Allergic to nuts....cannot eat any type of nut

\*\*Afraid of dogs and cats....would rather not be placed with a dog or cat.

Delegates are matched in an English-speaking family with a child of the same gender and within three years of age. Youth are here to experience life in a family and work on their language skills. Hosts do not need to be part of 4-H in order to host. Please consider this unique opportunity.

To start the process, please begin a Hosting Application found at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

There are also several delegates from Japan and Taiwan (hosting dates are July 23-August 16) who are seeking homes. These are cultural immersion experiences, not tourist trips, a true chance to learn from one another and experience something new. For more information, please contact Carolyn at [carolyn.russo@wsu.edu](mailto:carolyn.russo@wsu.edu).

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## New This Year—Grant county Fair 4-H Still Life Entries

This includes food projects, sewing, arts, crafts, misc. will *only* be accepted for entry on **Sunday, August 13 from 3-6 pm**. All exhibits must be preregistered in FairEntry (no walk-in additions).

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## Project Review or Completed Record Books Required for Grant County Fair

Will need to be dropped off at the Extension Office by Friday July 28. Copies of these documents can be found on our [Forms and Materials Page](#) in the Youth Members section.

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## Grant County Fairground Cleanup Day Saturday, July 29 at 9 am

A great opportunity for community service!

## Washington State Livestock Judging Saturday, June 24, Moses Lake



There are two options for registration. If you sign up early, you can avoid the late fee, but you can also sign up the morning of the event. Teams are to consist of three or four individuals within the same age division (example, four intermediates). If there are teams of four, the lowest score in the group will be designated as the alternate. The event begins at 10 am on Saturday, June 24 (registration to begin at 8:30 am). Early registration ends June 9. There is not a qualifying event for this state contest. [Click here](#) for registration documents and additional information.

## Demonstrations at the Grant County Fair to Invest in Next Year

**New** this year, the Grant County Leaders Council is offering to cover the membership enrollment fees for the coming program year ('23-'24) for 4-H members who give a public presentation at the Grant County Fair. If you are interested in this opportunity, you will need to first present at a county demonstration day. Contact the Extension Office for more details. Upcoming county days will be June 22 in Ephrata at the ERC from 5:30-7:30 pm. The other date is July 25 in Moses Lake at the WSU Extension Office 6:30 pm.

## Upcoming Events



June 1	FairEntry Opens (Grant County Fair)
June 1	Rabbit Tattoo Clinic, Grant County Fairgrounds
June 15	Secretary Books Due
June 16	Market Goat and Sheep Tag Photos Due
June 20-23	WA State Teen Conference, Pullman
June 22	County Demonstration Night, Ephrata, 5:30—7:30 pm
June 22-25	WA State Junior Horse Show
June 24	WA Livestock Judging, Moses Lake
June 25	County Demonstration Night, Moses Lake, 6:30 pm
July 28	Record Books/Project Reviews, Posters, and Photography Exhibits Due
July 29	Grant County Fairgrounds Cleanup Day, 9:00 am
August 13	4-H Still-Life (non-photography) Exhibits Due
August 15-19	Grant County Fair
September 15	All Club Year-End Documents Are Due



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