



GRANT COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Hello and Happy April,

At this time of year, many of our 4-H members are on Spring Break. Historically, this was a time when schools let out so kids could stay home and help with spring planting. For those on break, I hope you have had a wonderful opportunity to learn new things and spend a few moments in gratitude.

We currently have 392 youth members enrolled in the Grant County 4-H Youth program. Ana has been inundated with last-minute details as people rush to be fully enrolled before the April 1 deadline (for those wishing to show at Grant County). Be on the lookout for future contact by the Extension Office if your enrollment is still not complete.

Below in the body of this newsletter are important notices on market ear tags, upcoming state events, secretary books, the exchange program, etc.

Wishing you a happy April and a fruitful spring.

Carolyn

Secretary Books

Club secretary records were due on April 1. Thank you to clubs who have submitted secretary records (meeting minutes, club roster and officer/leader list). GQs, Barnyard Buddies, Dirty Boots, 509ers, 89ers, Backyard Farmers, Liberty Livestock, Buckshot Buckaroos, Kids & Critters, Block 40, Ribbon Wranglers, Basin Kids, Show Stoppers, Happy Paws and Ghost Gamers.

Leaders Council Meeting

This meeting will be held, Monday, April 6, starting at 7 p.m.

Hybrid—at the Extension Office or via Zoom

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97252564505>

Phone Call (long distance) +1(253)215-8782, 97252564505#

Market Ear Tags

Beef and Swine Tags are available at the Extension Office.

As in years past, youth will submit a picture of the animal with the tags in the ears. New this year, information and photos will be submitted through an online survey link and questionnaire. The same survey link will be used for market Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Swine.

Due dates for tag information are based on species ownership dates.

Make sure to record your tags on the survey link by the following deadlines:

Beef—April 18; Swine—May 16; Goats and Lambs—June 13

To access the survey, scan this code and complete the questionnaire.

You will receive an email confirming reception of tag information.



Youth Day Camp April 7-9

Next week there will be a series of afternoon activities from 1-3 p.m. We will make paper mache animals on Tuesday, duct tape wallets Wednesday and fish on Thursday. All 4-H ages are welcome to participate. Please RSVP to the Extension Office so we have a headcount to prepare materials and supplies, grant.4h@wsu.edu or 509-766-3181.

4-H International Exchange



One month or ten months of hosting.

We are looking for host families for several high school-aged youth from Japan. These students come in August and depart in June. They live with a family while they attend a local public high school. Host families do not need to have children in the home to participate in this experience. Please reach out to Carolyn for more information.

Can't commit to the school year? Try the shorter summer program. We are looking for families with youth in the home to host students from Japan and Korea this summer. The dates are Thursday, July 23, through Saturday, August 15. This means they will be gone before the Grant County fair begins. This is an experience to share your life and your culture with someone else. Host families are often surprised by how much they learn about themselves in the process. When we share and experience life together, we frequently gain more than we imagined.

Dairy Certificates Due May 1 for Non-Sale Animals

WA State Livestock Judging—Saturday, June 27

Once again, the state-level contest is being hosted here in Moses Lake. This year, the organizers are not permitting walk-in registrations on the morning of the event. If you plan to attend this contest, please sign up by May 29 using your 4honline account.

Horse Bowl and Hippology Learning Course Option

Both state contests are hosted here in Moses Lake each year. Teams of youth gather from around the state to test their equine knowledge. Although it is too late to sign up to compete, the organizers are allowing people to register for the opportunity to participate in the contest and learn more about it. If you are interested, please sign up through 4honline and contact the Extension Office. This opportunity is for intermediates and senior 4-H members, grant.4h@wsu.edu or 509-766-3181.

Poultry Certificates Are Due June 22 at the Extension Office

America250 Spotlight

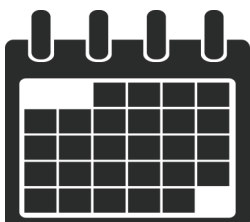
As mentioned previously, some of the first British settlers came to the American Colonies in the early 1600s. Over the years, more people came to the New World seeking religious freedom and opportunity. As the colonies were British, many of the materials, industries, language, and fashion traced back to the British Isles. This strong cultural tie helps us realize why the northeastern part of our country is still known as “New England.”

The flag of our country has thirteen stripes in honor of the 13 original colonies: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The abundant natural resources, a growing labor force, and a coastal location made the colonies ideal places for shipbuilding. Trees were cut, collected, and hewn into ship beams. Ships needed to be held together with iron nails, hinges, and bands. Sails needed to be created, which involved growing the material, weaving, designing, cutting, and sewing. Sails were generally made of hemp or linen.

Although much of the shipbuilding was centered in New England, the middle and southern colonies benefited as America soon began building its own ships and became less reliant on British-built ships. By the early to mid-1700s, the colonies had developed a strong economy and had become very self-reliant. This fact also helped set the stage for indignant attitudes in the American Colonies towards Britain's rising tax rates, attempts at economic control, and political governance.

Upcoming Events



April 1	Enrollment deadline for Grant County Fair participation
April 1	4-H Club Attendance rosters, Officer List, and Meeting Minutes Due
April 1	Horse Certificates Due
April 18	Market Beef Tag Photos Due to Extension Office by the end of the day
May 1	Non-sale Dairy Animal Certificates Due
May 1	FairEntry opens for Grant County Fair registration (through July 10)
May 12	Llama Ownership
May TBA	Still Life 4-H Super Saturday in George.
May 16	Market Swine Tag Photos Due to Extension Office by end of the day
June 1	Rabbit Ownership Date
June 13	Market Goat and Lamb Tag Photos Due to Extension Office
June 13	Rabbit Tattoo Clinic 4-6 p.m.
June 22	Poultry Certificates due to Extension Office
July 31	Posters, Record Books, Photography Fair Exhibits due (Extension Office)
August 16	4-H Building Grant County Fair exhibits check in from 3-6 p.m. (food stuffs, gardening, baked goods, sewing, crafts, etc)
August 18-22	Grant County Fair, Moses Lake
September 4-27	Washington State 4-H Fair



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