



# GRANT COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Hello,

January has drawn to a close, and February is upon us. The first of February (this Sunday) marks the addition of the late fee for all incomplete or pending enrollments. Please check with Ana if your enrollment has not been approved. Dairy Sale heifers are also due.

Was anyone able to attend the conference, "What Boys Need as Males," put on by the Gurian Institute over the weekend? Let me know if you would like to share.

Remember, Swine Information Day is next week! This year, live YQCA training will be available to our youth. The cost for the educational day-long event is \$ 15 for youth, which includes lunch, talks, and the live YQCA class. To learn more, see the [brochure](#).

Happy February!

Carolyn

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## Dairy Sale Heifer Ownership Certificates Are Due February 1

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### Employment Opportunity!

We are hiring a New Secretary!! Kate, our previous secretary, left in September and the position has just been posted. Please visit the [Grant County website](#) for more information.

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### Leaders Council Meeting

This meeting will be held, Monday, February 2, 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#



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### America250 Historical Spotlight

February often brings to mind the sending of Valentine's Cards or notes. Have you ever thought about how people wrote letters in colonial America? In an era before electronic communication, correspondence was written using ink and a quill pen. Feathers from large birds were used as pens; the ends were trimmed and shaped to better hold the ink.

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## Ken Ardell Scholarship Applications Due February 1



## March 27-28 4-H Community Expo

A wonderful opportunity to share the joys of the 4-H experience. We are looking for volunteers, clubs and youth to help with this event.

Email [grant.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:grant.4h@wsu.edu) for more information.

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## 2026 UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days

Beef—Saturday March 7 (Nez Perce County Fairgrounds)

Swine—Saturday March 14 (Asotin County Fairgrounds)

Sheep/Goat—Saturday March 21 (University of Idaho)

Cost is 10 dollars a person, registration opens January 15.

Please scan the QR code for [more information](#).



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## 4-H International Exchange



**AYP:** 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.

**INBOUND:** 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.

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## New Deadline

April 1, 2026 will be the 4-H enrollment deadline for those youth wishing to go to the Grant County Fair this year. Please make sure youth are completely enrolled in projects they may intend to take to fair.

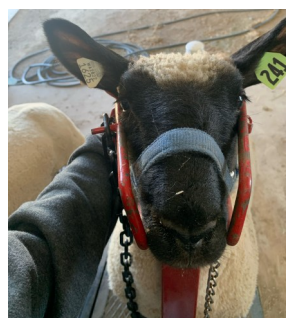
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## Tagging Reminders for the Grant County Fair

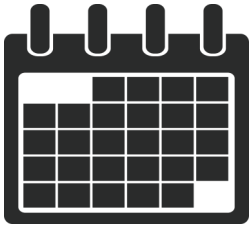
Animal Tagging season is coming up for 4-H youth planning to exhibit livestock at the Grant County Fair. Exhibitors will need to submit their name, 4-H club, the animal's fair tag number, and the full RFID or Scrapie tag number by the deadlines listed below. Tag availability will be announced as we get closer to each tagging date. Please be sure to submit clear tag photos to the Extension Office by the deadlines.

Tag Photo Deadlines:

- April 18, 2026: Market Beef Tag Photos Due
- May 16, 2026: Market Swine Tag Photos Due
- June 13, 2026: Market Goat & Lamb Tag Photos Due



## Upcoming Events



February 1	Ken Ardell Scholarship Applications Due
February 1	Late Fee applied to new enrollments
February 1	4-H Club Attendance Rosters and Officer List Due (Extension Office)
February 1	Dairy Sale Heifer Ownership Certificates Due
February 6	WSU Swine Information Day, YQCA in person training, Moses Lake
March 7	UI/WSU Livestock Field Day—Beef
March 14	UI/WSU Livestock Field Day—Swine
March 21	UI/WSU Livestock Field Day—Sheep/Goat
March 27 & 28	4-H Community Expo
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 27	Poultry Certificates due to Extension Office
July 31	Posters, Record Books, Photography Fair Exhibits due (Extension Office)
August	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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### LINKS

<a href="#">Grant County 4-H</a>	<a href="#">Volunteer Training</a>
<a href="#">4-H Tuesday News</a>	<a href="#">Washington 4-H Volunteer Orientation Modules</a>
<a href="#">WSU 4-H Youth Development Program</a>	<a href="#">WSU Put the Child First</a>
<a href="#">4HOnline Registration</a>	<a href="#">4-H Forms &amp; Materials</a>
<a href="#">Virtual 4-H Programs and Resources</a>	<a href="#">4-H Club Officer Resources</a>
<a href="#">Youth Livestock Producers</a>	<a href="#">4-H Policies and Procedures Handbook</a>
<a href="#">Report Your 4-H Volunteer Hours</a>	<a href="#">Scholarship Information</a>



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