



GRANT COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Happy New Year

I hope all our 4-H families have had a wonderful time with family and friends and are looking forward to the learning that lay ahead in 2026. Please check your online profiles and make sure your enrollment has been approved. If you have questions regarding your enrollment, please contact Ana. Remember, the late fee will be applied on February 1.

Please read this newsletter in full for information about upcoming learning opportunities and county deadlines.

2026 marks the semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. To mark this 250th anniversary, there will be additional opportunities for youth to learn more about American history this year. If you are looking for more information or ideas, check out the the [US Department of State](#) has some interesting information and even some YouTube videos highlighting American history events and personalities.

There will be many elements of American History shared in this newsletter in the coming year to mark this major anniversary. Thomas Jefferson is famous for being a major composer of the Declaration of Independence however, the actual man who handwrote the large document was named Timothy Matlack. The second sentence of this monumental document contains the famous words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." I would very much like to spend some time this year looking further into the themes of this statement and particularly look more at happiness. Please stay tuned.

Wishing you a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Carolyn

Green Calendar Pages Have Been Sent Out & Leaders Have Received Paper Copies of the 4-H Policy

Enrollment Date Change

April 1, 2026 will be the 4-H enrollment deadline for those youth wishing to go to the Grant County Fair this year.

Fun Thought

George Washington was the first president of the United States. He lived at Mount Vernon and is who our State is named after. If you are interested in learning more about him, please visit the historical [Mount Vernon website](#). There is also a great [list of recipes](#) that would have been popular eating choices of the time frame. It would be a great club activity to have a potluck on his birthday (February 22) featuring some of the recipes.

There will be a late fee applied to 4-H member enrollments beginning February 1

Know Your Government (KYG) February 2026



Join us for an exciting youth conference looking at civic engagement and leadership! This year's theme is how a bill becomes a law and will look more closely at the Legislative System. Please contact the Extension Office to be put on the delegation list. Initial meetings will start in mid-January. This opportunity is for high school aged youth.

*Grant County Leaders Council has set aside funds to support youth and the chaperone attending KYG this year. Please contact the Extension Office for more information

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](#).



March 27-28 4-H Community Expo

Grant County 4-H will be hosting an educational event showcasing information about our program to the surrounding community. This will take place in conjunction with the Spring Show at the Fairgrounds. Please consider joining us. We will need members to assist in sharing their experiences and discussing project information to the visitors. Please contact the Extension Office for more information (grant.4h@wsu.edu).

4-H International Exchange

Interested in International Cultures? Contact Carolyn for more information, carolyn.russo@wsu.edu.

There are three ways to participate in the 4-H International Exchange Program. All programs promote greater cultural understanding and self-discovery.



OUTBOUND—youth from Washington travel to other participating countries.

YEARLONG—a high school student stays with a host family in Washington for the school year.

SUMMER INBOUND—youth from participating countries stay with a host family for about a month. This year's dates are Thursday July 23 through Saturday August 15. Delegates will be visiting from the Japan Labo organization and Korea 4-H.

Dairy Sale Certificates Are Due February 1

Save The Date

2026 WA STATE 4-H
KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT
CONFERENCE

PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 13-16, 2026

Curriculum: Legislative
Location: Olympia, WA
More information to come!

Get Cook'n with 4-H!

Love to cook? Want to boost leadership, public speaking, and share your Fair Foods experience? Join our monthly Zoom cooking sessions (Jan–July 2026) and lead from your own kitchen!

As a Guest Chef, you'll:

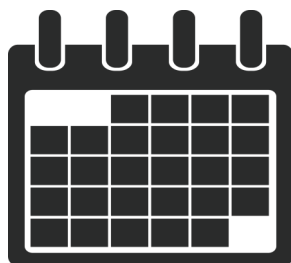
- Teach favorite recipes
- Strengthen leadership + speaking skills
- Practice for Fair exhibits
- Help newer members feel confident

Pick one or more months—sign up at least two Mondays before your session. Recipes must be tested and teachable in one hour or less. This is a youth-led space—4-H'ers teaching 4-H'ers!

Ready to lead? Contact Jennifer Snyder:

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Upcoming Events



September 15	All clubs' year-end paperwork is due.
January 5	Get Cook'n
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr Day—Extension Office Closed
February 1	Late Fee applied to new enrollments
February 13—16	Know Your Government
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



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[4HOnline Registration](#)

[4-H Forms & Materials](#)

[Virtual 4-H Programs and Resources](#)

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