



# GRANT COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Happy July.

Summer is here and I hope you have all had a lovely few weeks adjusting to schedules with less classroom time. Summer is a great time to make connections. There are still several host families needed for our Japanese delegates who arrive in less than three weeks. Hosting for 25 days is an opportunity to encounter someone else's culture but also really learn about yourself! Delegates are visiting from Japan from July 25-August 17. Volunteer host families do not need to be involved in 4-H but do need children in the home within a four-year age gap so please pass the word on to your friends. This is a unique opportunity. The list of delegates is at the end of this newsletter.

Last Saturday was our State Livestock judging contest here in Moses Lake. A big thank you goes out to the Grant County Fairgrounds who provide us space to conduct this contest. There were over 120 youth from around the state who participated and judged classes of beef, goats, lambs and swine. Thank you to all who worked to make this program a success!

The Grant County Fair will be here in SIX weeks!! Please remember that entry for the fair (using FairEntry) closes on July 10. It is a computer program, which means glitches are possible. Please do not wait until the last minute to sign up. New this year is we are asking everyone to sign up their Project Review(s) in FairEntry. Remember you will need one per project or one per species. All 4-H projects (livestock, dogs and still life) will need to be entered by July 10. All posters, photography and Record Books/Project Reviews will come to the Extension Office by Friday July 25. Other pre-registered still-life entries (crafts, baking, sewing, gardening, etc.) will be brought to the 4-H building Sunday August 10 between 3 and 6 p.m.

Fair is fun but also a lot of work. Ultimately, it is a place where we showcase our 4-H projects and what we have learned through the project year. There are four essential elements of the 4-H program—belonging, independence, generosity and mastery. What are ways you can exhibit these four concepts when displaying your project(s) at the fair?

Public safety, education and animal wellbeing are top priorities of our county fairs. Adults please be mindful of this when preparing our 4-H members for fair. The largest crowds of fairgoers come through the gate after 5 p.m. Although herdsmanship ends at 6 p.m., please communicate with other clubs in your animal barn to formulate a plan so that at least two older members and two adults are in the barn until they close at 9 p.m. I understand many families leave the fairgrounds at night or return home to do chores. Please be flexible and have these discussions early in the planning so the members and animals stay safe.

Anyone wishing to deliver a public presentation at the Grant County Fair will need to participate in a county demonstration day. Our last one is scheduled for July 8 in Moses Lake. Please contact the Extension Office to be put on the schedule. Leaders Council has agreed to pay enrollment fees for the coming program year for all youth who give a presentation at the fair. Being able to speak publicly is a great and durable life skill that many of our 4-H alumni are grateful for and often credit to their past club experiences.

Also in the newsletter is an important health notice for our swine members and tips to keep your project animals healthy. We are also creating a new exhibit for the 4-H building highlighting each of the county's 4-H club. Please see the notice below.

As we look forward to the 249th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this Friday, let us pause and be grateful for all the opportunities that are made available to us in this country. We are fortunate to live here. Next year is an important anniversary for our nation—how do we want to celebrate it?

Wishing you all a safe 4th of July weekend.

Carolyn

## Moses Lake Demonstration Night, July 8

Please contact the Extension Office to schedule a time for delivering your public presentation: [grant.4h@wsu.edu](mailto:grant.4h@wsu.edu) or 509-766-3181.

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## Livestock Sale Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Huck Fuller Building

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## Friday, July 25

Grant Conty Fair 4-H Educational Posters, Record Books, Project Reviews and Photography due to the Extension Office by 5 p.m.

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## Saturday, July 25

Workday at the fairgrounds! Please come and join in the fun as we prepare our fairgrounds for the county fair. Please remember to RSVP to the fairgrounds if you are planning to attend so they have a headcount for lunch. Save the date and sign up here: [www.gcfair.fun/cleanup](http://www.gcfair.fun/cleanup)

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## Monday, August 5

This meeting will be held, Monday, August 5, starting at 7 p.m.

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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## Educational Posters

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 by July 25 and will be ready to be picked up at the fairgrounds Monday of Fair week.

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## Record Keeping

All 4-H youth bringing projects to the fair will need to enter either a Record Book or a Project Review (one for each animal species coming to the fair). New this year is the using of FairEntry for Project Reviews (in the past, only the record book was entered)

This year the [4-H Project Review](#) document has been updated (with a new financial page) please make sure to use the new edition. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

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## New Display at the Fair

This year at the fair we will have 4-H club books displayed in the 4-H building. The goal is to provide general overviews of each club to the general public. There will be basic statistics such as region, number of members and volunteers. There will also be a page listing projects, community service, and activities. We need help from each club to prepare this exhibit. Leaders, please ask your club families for assistance.

Please submit to the office (to [kate.poole@wsu.edu](mailto:kate.poole@wsu.edu)) and make sure to label which club you are with.

- 5-7 pictures of club members learning, working with their project or having fun together. Please also include captions describing what is happening.
- A brief introduction of the general club leader and supply a picture
- 3-5 quotes from club parents or project leaders of why they value the 4-H experience or what is their favorite thing about 4-H.
- 3-5 quotes from youth members of why they enjoy being involved in 4-H

## URGENT...4-H International Exchange Seeking Host Families for Summer 2025



Hosting dates are from Friday, July 25, through Sunday, August 17.

Please fill out an [application](#). The screening process involves background checks, reference checks, and a home visit.

Delegates are placed with a youth host sibling in the home of the same gender and up to a four-year age difference. Volunteer host families must speak English in the home. The youth profiles are below. *Please note: these are **NOT** the actual names of the delegates.*

Japanese delegates will be experiencing their program orientations in Ellensburg. Host families will need to pick up/drop off there. (all delegates are to be placed in Washington State)

Thank you and please let me know if you have questions ([carolyn.russo@wsu.edu](mailto:carolyn.russo@wsu.edu)).

-Carolyn

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### MIO (WA#: 51)

**Female age 15** **What are your hobbies?** “My hobbies are listen to J-POP and watch Japanese anime. My favorite J-Pop singer is Sakarazaku.” “My favorite fruit is strawberry. My favorite food is ramen, spaghetti and pickled plums.” **What activities do you enjoy?:** social media, watching TV (demon slayer, hatkyul), JPOP (especially Sakwazaka) **What is your goal for participating in this program?** My goal for participating in this program is to make many friends. I will try to memorize friends name. **Favorite school subject(s):** social studies **Sports you play:** Ping-pong **Favorite Music:** JPOP, animesong **Personality Characteristics:** love to laugh, shy, cheerful **Swimming:** beginning swimmer, can swim but does not like to **Allergies:** none

### REINA (WA#: 61)

**Female age 15** **What are your hobbies?** I like playing volleyball, drawing pictures and watching anime. I like playing athletics. We can't raising animals, but I like animals. **What activities do you enjoy?:** trying new food, painting/drawing, singing, movies, acting, animals (cats and dogs), playing volleyball **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to play many sports with my host family. I want to make friends and increase what I can do. I want to talk about Japanese anime and characters to my host family. **Favorite school subject(s):** PE **Sports you play:** soccer, basketball, volleyball **Favorite Music:** I like animesong **Personality Characteristics:** sociable, energetic, curious, emotional, cheerful, talkative, loves to laugh, patient, serious, considerate of others, outgoing **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** prone to motion sickness, mild allergies to cats, grasses (timothy, sweet vernal) and dust.

### KENZO (WA#: 36)

**Male age 13** **What are your hobbies?** I like to play baseball and watching baseball games. I would lie to play baseball. I like animals, especially dogs. **What activities do you enjoy?:** boating, nature/ outdoors, hiking, camping, swimming, watching baseball, animals/pets **What is your goal for participating in this program?** During this homestay, I hope to discover many differences between Japan and other countries. I will challenge [try] everything. I want to watch baseball games. **Favorite school subject(s):** English **Sports you play:** soccer, baseball, running, volleyball, swimming, skiing **Personality Characteristics:** patient, curious, loves to laugh, tolerant, studious, outgoing **Swimming:** intermediate swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** dust, Japanese cedar pollen, kiwi, peach, melons

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### YUMA (WA#: 42)

**Male age 14** **What are your hobbies?** Basketball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, fishing, reading, shogi, cooking, photography, traveling **What activities do you enjoy?:** trying new food, gardening, museums, camping, hiking, nature/outdoors, movies, shopping, watching basketball on tv, reading Naruto books, animals (cats) **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to talk with my host family positively. I want to introduce shogi and Japanese castles. I study English hard before homestay program. **Favorite school subject(s):** history **Sports you play:** soccer, running, volleyball, basketball **Favorite Music:** classical, country and western, popular, rock, folk **Personality Characteristics:** curious, emotional, serious **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, does not like to swim\ **Allergies:** mild dust and Japanese cedar pollen

### HARUTO (WA#: 48)

**Male age 14**

**What are your hobbies?** I like to play volleyball and watch soccer games. I like animals. I like watch movies and animes. **What activities do you enjoy?:** trying new food, video games, movies, watching soccer, animals (cats and dogs), watching anime, pokemon trading card games, singing **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to try many new things in North America. I will try to talk to many people. I want to watch American baseball. I want to learn about North American culture. I want to eat North American foods. **Favorite school subject(s):** Japanese, Math, English, Music **Sports you play:** soccer, volleyball, skiing **Favorite Music:** popular **Personality Characteristics:** sociable, considerate of others, outgoing, studious, tolerant, loves to laugh, honest, talkative, cheerful **Swimming:** beginner swimmer, notes not like swim **Allergies:** none, can be prone to motion sickness

### SOTA (WA#: 50)

**Male age 15** **What are your hobbies?** I like to play video games at home. I also enjoy active activities such as athletics, gymnastics and trampolining. **What activities do you enjoy?:** museums, nature/outdoors, studying, singing, video games, animals (hamsters) **What is your goal for participating in this program?** I want to do something meaningful, like learning about the life and culture of people living in different foreign countries. That's why I want to communicate more with my host family through the program. **Favorite school subject(s):** math and science **Sports you play:** gymnastics, ping pong, trampoline **Favorite Music:** classical, popular, jazz **Personality Characteristics:** **Swimming:** intermediate swimmer, likes to swim **Allergies:** very mild dog allergy (can be placed with an outside dog), Japanese cedar pollen

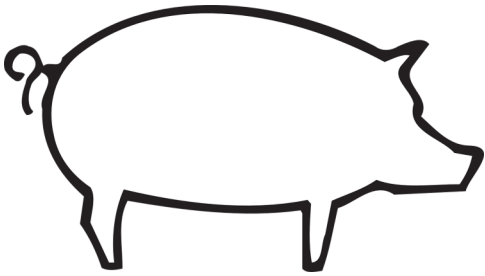
*Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.*

*~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*



**Beyond Ready**

## Attention Swine Exhibitors

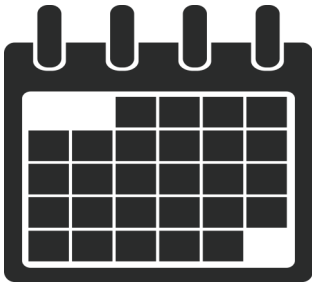


Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus (PRRS) is a virus that impacts respiratory and reproduction that is highly contagious among pigs and can impact pigs of all ages. Although more common in the mid-west, we are starting to see cases in Washington. This is not a zoonotic disease (one that affects animals and humans) and outside of mallard ducks, has only been found in swine.

This is not Swine Flu. Biosecurity measures are important as PRRS is easily spread. Don't co-mingle pigs, keep an eye on your pigs for signs of illness and if you are sharing equipment (scales, trailers etc) between houses, make sure to sanitize between uses. If you have questions on biosecurity for your fair pig, here is a link to an excellent resource from the National Pork Board

[A+Champion's+Guide+to+Youth+Swine+Exhibition.pdf](#). This disease is of concern and we should all take precautions.

## Upcoming Events



July 1	YQCA Certification Due in Fair Entry
July 4	Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
July 8	Demonstration Night, Moses Lake
July 10	FairEntry closes for the Grant County Fair
July 25	4-H Record Books/Project Reviews, Posters, and Photography Exhibits are due to the Extension Office
July 26	Fair Cleanup Day
Aug 10	4-H Still-Life exhibit check-in from 3-6 p.m. in the 4-H Building (food stuffs, gardening, sewing, crafts, art, etc.)
Aug 12-16	Grant County Fair, Moses Lake
September 1	Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
September 15	All clubs' year-end paperwork is due.



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<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>
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