



GRANT COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Hello,

March will be here this Sunday. Outside of leap years, it always mirrors most of the dates in February. How did it get its name? The month got its name because in Roman times, it was dedicated to the god Mars. Known as the god of war, as the weather warmed, soldiers were able to march into battle. In addition to it being the month of 'marching,' it was the first month of their calendar year because it had the spring equinox.

We currently have 305 youth members enrolled in the Grant County 4-H Youth program. With that being said, there are still over 130 that need to complete their enrollment to be considered in good standing. Those who are not fully enrolled in the program by April 1 will not be able to participate as a 4-H member at the Grant County Fair in August. Reach out to [Ana](#) if you have questions about your enrollments.

The secretary books will come to the office in a different way this year. Ana is creating attendance rosters for each club and will mail a paper copy to each general leader. Please complete these and return them to the office, along with a list of your club leaders, youth officers, and meeting minutes (October through March), by April 1.

We still need help with the 4-H Community Expo on the last Saturday of March. Young people, parents, and leaders are welcome. Please contact the office for more information.

Clocks will move forward to "spring ahead" on March 8. Give yourself a little extra time on Monday morning and be safe, they say that it is one of the more common days for car accidents.

Wishing you a lovely month of March.

Carolyn

Secretary Books

Please turn in your club's Attendance Roster, all Meeting Minutes from October through March, and the list of club leaders and officers by April 1 to the Extension Office. There will not be anything turned in on June 15 as in years past.

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](#).



Teen Leadership Series

Sunday, March 8, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

This series is open to teens looking to strengthen their leadership skills and abilities. Please follow the Zoom link to attend. Contact Michel Wallace, 4-H staff in Whatcom County for more information:

mlwallalc@wsu.edu

March 27-28 4-H Community Expo

A wonderful opportunity to share the joys of the 4-H experience. This is a great way for a club to gain some community service hours. For more information, please contact the Extension Office or email grant.4h@wsu.edu for more information.

4-H International Exchange



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.

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.

America250 Spotlight

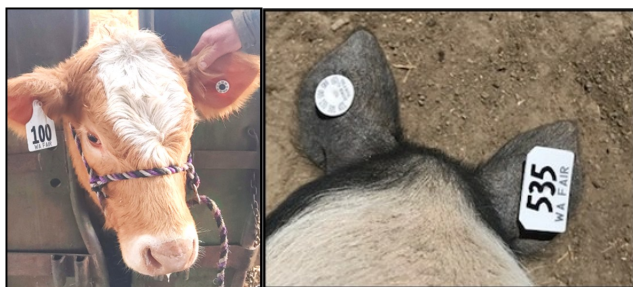
The first British settlers landed at what would become Jamestown (present-day Virginia) in May of 1607, over 150 years before the revolution. The Mayflower brought Pilgrims to what is now Massachusetts in 1620. The journey from England took ten weeks, and although they had hoped to land in Virginia, a storm had blown them off course, causing them to be 600 miles away. Williamsburg was founded in 1632 and was far more successful than nearby Jamestown. The settlement continued to grow and became a hub for trade, business, and early governance of the British colonies. As the decades passed, the American Colonies supplied many products that strengthened the British Empire. Friction began to rise when England began to limit markets, raise taxes, and impose restrictions. Before the American Revolution began, an estimated 2.5 million people lived in the colonies. The population was very diverse, ethnically, politically, religiously, and economically. It was getting harder for the English crown to govern the American Colonies from such a distance.

Tagging Reminders for the Grant County Fair

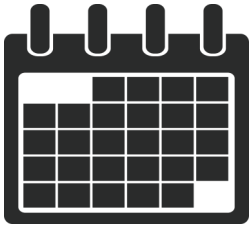
Animal Tagging season is coming up for 4-H youth planning to exhibit livestock at the Grant County Fair. Exhibitors will need to submit their name, 4-H club, the animal's fair tag number, and the full RFID or Scrapie tag number by the deadlines listed below. Tag availability will be announced as we get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



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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