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**July / August 2024**

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Good luck to all of the  
4-Hers exhibiting  
at fairs. Have Fun!

4-H grows confident, capable, and caring kids with the life skills to thrive in today's world and succeed in their boldest dreams for tomorrow.

# Upcoming Dates & Events

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- August 20 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Shoot, 5:00 pm, Southwest Tech
- August 24 - Fennimore Fair
- September 1 - Annual Financial Review (AFR) due from club leader
- September 10 - Countywide Leaders Meeting
- September 19 - Committee Night
- October 1 - Record books due to Extension Office (check with your club for club deadline)
- October 1 - Start of new 4-H Year - Time to re-enroll on [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)
- October 9 - 4-H Leaders Banquet
- November 8 - 4-H Awards Night

### **Attention Horse and Dog Members:**

Horse and Dog Practice schedule is on page 5.



# 4-H Club Minutes / Camp

## Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Vincent B. (May)

In May, the Hazel Green Clever Clovers held our Taste of 4-H meeting. We made treats and brought them to our 4-H meeting. The kids played kickball while the adults judged the treats. There were three awards for best looking, most savory and sweetest treat. Then we got to taste as many treats as we wanted. It was a sweet meeting!

## Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Vincent B. (June)

For our June meeting the Hazel Green Clever Clovers visited the Hills and Dales ICF facility for an afternoon of fun and community engagement. The group played bingo with the residents, followed by an enjoyable ice cream social. During their visit, they had the pleasure of listening to Kiera Kuhl, Director of Health Services, who shared insights about the various services provided to the children living there. The Clever Clovers appreciated learning more about the impactful work being done at Hills and Dales, making the visit both entertaining and informative.

## Merry Mixers 4-H Club by Brooklyn C.

The last meeting the Merry Mixers had in June, we talked about building the float for Mt. Hope Dairy Days parade. There was also a demonstration on planting flowers and plant care. We planted flowers in pots and were able to decorate the pots. Lastly, we ate ice cream and got to add toppings on top.

## **We're Back from 4-H Camp!**

4-H Camp is a four day, three night camp held at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Campers from Grant and Lafayette Counties boarded the bus in the afternoon on Tuesday, June 18. After campers got settled in their cabins...it's off to fun activities including their swim test and swim time to cool off if they chose. Each day at camp is packed with games, activities, down time at the cabin, fun team building adventures and wrapped up with a campfire. The weather cooperated pretty well with just a few times of light rain. Upham Woods Camp is set against the Wisconsin River with trees that make a great shaded camp. Campers returned on Friday, June 21 to say "see you next year" to their new friends and excited to share their stories once getting home.

If youth are interested in attending the 2025 4-H Camp, keep a lookout next year for the registration. To support such a great group of campers, we need adult volunteers and youth counselors. Contact 4-H Educator, Charisse Orth, at [charisse.orth@wisc.edu](mailto:charisse.orth@wisc.edu) if you have questions about camp or would like to learn more about volunteering.



# Announcements

## 4-H Shooting Sports

The Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports practices monthly from January - June and host fair competition shoots in July and August. Shooting disciplines offered are Air Rifle, Archery, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle and Shotgun. In the winter months we are able to practice Archery and Air Rifle indoors and the summer months we practice all disciplines outside. All equipment to participate is provided but youth are welcome to bring their own to practice if they prefer. Equipment safety checks will happen at the beginning of practice.



### Participant Requirements:

- Archery and Air Rifle is open to any youth in 3rd grade and above.
- 22 Rifle, Air Pistol and Shotgun: youth must be 12 years or older and have completed hunter safety to participate.
- Members must enroll in one or more of the following projects they plan to practice in via 4hOnline by April 1; Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, .22 Rifle. Shotgun or Shooting Sports.
- If you plan to compete in a fair competition shoot youth must attend at least two practices to participate in Fair Shoots.

### Shooting Sports Schedule:

- July 16 - Bloomington Fair Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club, 4:00 pm
- August 11 - Grant County Fair Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club, 3:00 pm
- August 20 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Shoot, Southwest Tech, 5:00 pm

**Reminder: Youth must attend two county project practices to be eligible for a competition event.**



## 4-H Ambassadors' Corner

*Abigail Adrian*

Meet one of your 2023–2024  
4-H Ambassador Team Members



Hello! My name is Abigail Adrian and I am a member of the 2024 Grant County Ambassador Team. I am the president of the Mt. Ida Hilltoppers in Fennimore, and attend Fennimore High School as a junior. Some of the many projects I take to the fair include dairy, sheep, and photography. I am excited to be a 4-H Ambassador again this year because I enjoyed sharing my knowledge of 4-H last year and seeing many new faces in 4-H. 4-H has helped me grow into the individual I am today and I want others to have the opportunity to experience everything I have had the chance to do.

# Announcements

## 4-H Horse Project Practices

In order to exhibit at the Grant County Fair, each exhibitor must attend **two** riding practices with their designated horse/pony per the Grant County Fair requirements

**Pre-registration is required for riding practices.** If there is not enough pre-registration, the practice may be cancelled. Contact Amy Maag, [amys\\_3angels@yahoo.com](mailto:amys_3angels@yahoo.com) or Erica Mayer, [mayer.ranch.qh@gmail.com](mailto:mayer.ranch.qh@gmail.com). If you have any special requests/goals you would like to work on please contact Amy Maag or Erica. Information can also be found by joining the facebook group: Grant County 4-H Horse & Pony Project, WI

Practices are held at the horse arena on the Grant County Fairgrounds, 916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster. The arena is at the far northeast corner on the Fairgrounds.

Thursday, July 11 - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 23 - 6:00 pm  
Thursday, August 1 - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 6 - 6:00 pm  
Saturday, August 10 - 9:00 am



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## Dog Project Practices & Information

Are you interested in learning more about the 4-H dog show? Stop by a practice at the Grant County Fairgrounds and see what it is all about! Practice starts at 6:00 pm and generally lasts until 7:30 pm.

Below are what the kids and dogs will be working on and when:

- July 16-Obidience mock show
- July 18- Showmanship mock show
- July 23- Agility mock show
- July 25 & 30 make up days



Participates are strongly encouraged to make these practices. We will run the practice very similar to how it will be show day, with Deb as acting judge.

Here is what you can expect to learn from joining the dog project (not a complete list)

1. Heeling
2. Patterns
  - a. Down and back and L shape are the most popular.
  - b. Hand switches
3. Long sit and down
  - a. First years or new dogs (pre-novice) 1 min sit and 1 min down
  - b. Novice 1 min sit and 3 min down
  - c. Graduate Novice 3 min down handler out of sight, 5 min down handler out of sight
4. Recall
5. Stacking (the art of physically placing the dog's feet in the best position.)
6. Dog body parts and basic dog care

The dog show is Tuesday, August 13 starting at 3:00 pm with agility starting around 5:00 pm. The livestock trust food stand will be open (with a limited menu) and the kids are having a silent auction. There was a lot of fun stuff on the auction last year and we hope you can make it out to support our kids!

Contact 4-H Dog Leader, Kaci Busch, 608-778-4030, [kacibusch@gmail.com](mailto:kacibusch@gmail.com), if you have any questions regarding the dog project.

# Announcements

## 4-H Club Annual Financial Review

Every year each 4-H Club or 4-H Group with their own checkbook is required to complete the 4-H Annual Financial Review to be in compliance with the 501c3 tax exempt status. Again, this year the form has received some updates and additional supporting documents are required to be turned in. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>

The Annual Financial Form is due to Extension Office before September 1, 2024. This deadline is extremely important! If forms are not turned in on time you could lose your tax exempt and club status.

Forms can be found at the website above and Charisse will be emailing club leaders and groups with forms and guidelines to complete all the steps to successfully complete the Annual Financial Report. If you have any questions please reach out to Charisse.

Information about the other portion of the charter will be available from Wisconsin 4-H Office in August 2024 and shared with you then.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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**If your club is looking for a community service opportunity; Christmas for Kids is looking for volunteers to help with their event at Legion Park in Platteville on Saturday, July 13.**

Christmas for Kids - Southwest WI is hosting Christmas In July on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This event is a carnival-midway-game style fundraising event with 12 game/activity booths, inflatable obstacle courses, wagon rides, food trucks and a vendor fair. We will also have some special events throughout the day (story times with Mrs. Claus & a local couple who write children's books, a puppeteer, Grant County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit presentation, visit(s) from the Grinch, etc.). The game and activity booths are designed for kids to play and win tickets to redeem at our prize booth. Admission to this event is entirely free. Wristbands are required for children ages 1-17 to play games, win tickets and have access to the inflatable obstacle courses. Wristbands are \$15 each at the gate.

**We are looking for volunteers to help run game booths throughout the day.** All materials and instructions will be provided and we will have multiple orientation sessions available on July 10, 11 & 12 to provide guidance and answer any questions volunteers may have. Game booths will not be handling any money or giving away any prizes directly. Participants will win tickets to be redeemed at a central prize booth. Each booth will have an established prize structure set up and volunteers will be encouraged to make any necessary accommodations for age / ability of participating children. We have multiple volunteer opportunities available, many of the positions would have tasks for children as young as 4 or 5 years old to do, with guidance from a teenager or adult. This will be a really fun event for 4-H members to volunteer at and because it is kid-centered, we would love to have local youth involved in running the event. There is more information about this event and a sign up link on our website at [www.christmasforkids-southwestwi.org/christmas-in-july](http://www.christmasforkids-southwestwi.org/christmas-in-july) or you can contact our Head of Fundraising, Jaqueline Varholik, at [fundraising.christmasforkids@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.christmasforkids@gmail.com) or by phone/text at 608-331-0871 with any questions you may have or to sign up through her. We would greatly appreciate any and all help to make this event a success and we look forward to seeing a lot of Grant County families at the event.

For information about our organization, you can visit our website at [www.christmasforkids-southwestwi.org](http://www.christmasforkids-southwestwi.org).

# Grant County Fair

## Clothing Revue - July 15

Do you like fashion and design? Enjoy sewing? Sign up to participate in Clothing Revue. Clothing Revue is the opportunity for you to be judged on how the article of clothing fits you or your model. How the item is constructed is judged during fair time.

The 4-H Clothing Revue will be held on Monday, July 15. Exhibitors should be in place by 5:30 pm and judging will begin at 6:00 pm at the Youth & Ag Center in Lancaster.

Forms are available online at <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu> and were mailed to members of the Clothing project. The registration **deadline is Monday, July 1 by 4:00 pm.**

The Grant County Fair list of classes and lots can be obtained from the Grant County Fair website at <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/> under Department 26 - Clothing Revue. Read the fair rules and instructions carefully. All classes are determined by grade as of January 1, 2024.

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## WAY TO GO!!

### Grant County Fair Foods Revue

Foods Revue was held on June 25 at Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster. Foods Revue provides the opportunity for youth to practice important skills in planning, preparing, and serving nutritious meals and achieving optimal health and well-being. If this sounds like something you are interested in for next year, remember to add "Foods" to your 4-H project choice when re-enrolling in 4-H starting in the Fall.

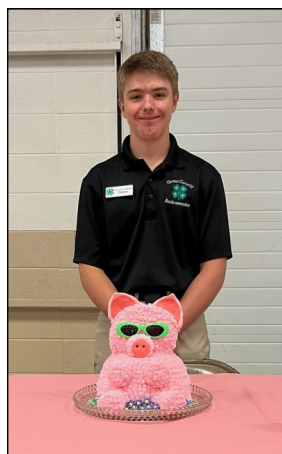
Congratulations:

Sue Finley Cattlemen Award: Sarah Mayer

Overall Special Merit Winner: Vanessa Ihm

Decorated Awards: Dalton Linneman and Zeeva Orth

Peer Choice Winners: Sawyer Ihm, Anna Runde, Selina Ihm, Vanessa Ihm, Dalton Linneman



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Hello Fair Families,

Fair season sounds like it's going to be amazing this year! With new entertainment and the return of traditional events, there's sure to be something for everyone to enjoy. It's wonderful to hear about the hard work the exhibitors are doing already to get prepared for the fair. We can't wait to see all the livestock and projects they have put so much effort into. Their contributions are truly the heart of the fair.

What new entertainment can attendees look forward to this year? New this year is Daisy Axe Box. There will be a trailer on site to test your axe throwing abilities Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and you won't want to miss it! We also have a great line up in the Royal Bank Entertainment Tent for those that enjoy music. A new band this year is Swing Crew. They will be performing Friday night and will definitely get the crowd moving! And don't forget to stop back on Saturday for our local bands. They bring a unique charm and energy to the fair with their connection to our communities countywide.

Back this year, is Bear Hollow Wood Carvers. They did an amazing job last year and they will be at a new location on the grounds, next to the Eckstein Exhibit Hall. The Scott Implement Kids Tent will now be across from the Farm Bureau stand which will provide free kids entertainment and a place to sit, relax, and eat. We will also have a bean bag tournament on Saturday. You can sign your team up by calling Steve at 608-778-8410.

The carnival this year will once again run Wednesday through Sunday and Mega Passes are available in the fair office for \$55 until Tuesday, August 13 at 5pm. **This is the day before the carnival opens.** There will only be 500 advance passes available this year and the price of the passes will go up to \$75 on Wednesday, August 14. I also have All Event Passes available for \$40. These all event passes will get you admission on grounds and into all grandstand events.

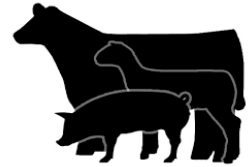
It's great to have a mix of new entertainment and have our beloved traditions back. The fair is shaping up to be an unforgettable experience this year. Be sure to check out the fair's website for all the latest information at <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/> and follow us on our Facebook page at Grant County Fair – Wisconsin.

See you at the fair!  
Amy Olson, CFE  
Grant County Fairgrounds & Operations Director



# Grant County Fair

## YQCA Information



The Livestock Auction Committee has confirmed their requirements to sell an animal in the Grant County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction, Saturday of the Fair. Again, this year **ALL swine exhibitors showing or selling** and **all market exhibitors wishing to sell any other species in the auction** must be YQCA certified. A copy of your YQCA certificate must be turned in to the office prior to July 26 by 4:00 pm.

This interactive program provides youth a number of options for an annual quality assurance certification. YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects. This program gives families more flexibility in acquiring this much needed information which trains youth in improving the care of food animals and promoting a higher level of consumer food safety. The livestock industry and businesses are constantly striving for high quality, wholesome products; therefore, youth in food animal projects should assist in this effort.

Please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php> in order to register. Upon signing up for a course, you will then pay for that course with a credit card. Please email [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org) for any assistance you need in creating or signing up in the YQCA system.

- **Online Training** (\$12.00/youth) This type of training is at your own pace. [yqcaprogram.org/](https://yqcaprogram.org/)

Once you have registered and completed the course, you will log back into your YQCA account and download a certificate. **You must turn your certificate into the office at anytime before July 26 at 4:00 pm.**

You can download and email the certificate attachment to [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or print it out and mail or drop off at the Grant County Extension Office.



# Grant County Fair

## Grant County Fair Mail-in Entries and Registration Info

Fair entries are being accepted now by taking them to the Grant County Fair Office.

If mailing entries, they must be postmarked by Thursday, July 18. Last day to register will be Tuesday, July 23 from 8am to 8pm at the Youth and Ag Center, Fairgrounds.

Final Entry Deadline with a Late Fee is July 26, 2024 at 4:00pm. A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for entries received between July 24 - July 26.

After 4:00 pm on July 26, NO NEW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Contact the Grant County Fair Office with registration questions. 608-723-2135

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## Grant County Fair / Livestock Auction Animal ID Dates

July 11 - Rabbit ID, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Details were mailed to youth enrolled in the 4-H rabbit project. All id information can also be found at [grant.extension.wisc.edu](http://grant.extension.wisc.edu) under 4-H, Forms tab.

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## Promote the Fair Contest - July 15

All 4-H clubs, FFA, FCCLA and other organized youth groups in Grant County are invited to participate in the Promote the Grant County Fair Contest. Signs promoting the fair can be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in your area. Signs must be in place by July 15 and remain up through August 18. Entries are due July 15, 2024. Full details can be found in the June 2024 Echo. Contact the Grant County Fair Office with questions. 608-723-2135.

Any material can be used for the sign, so be creative! The sign can be any size. Use bright colors and large print (light colored background works best). The sign must be easily seen by the public and must be in a prominent location (intersection, lot corners, town entrances, building walls, by the highways, etc.)

Prize 1st place - picnic lunch for the 4-H Club including choice of 2 meats (hamburger/hot dogs/brats) with condiments, 2 salads, and dessert  
Prize 2nd place - \$50.00  
Prize 3rd place - \$25.00  
Other entries received \$10.00



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## Tickets On Sale Now



### ALL EVENT TICKETS

Purchase an all event ticket from the fair office and it gets you into all 5 events in the grandstand plus gate admission on grounds. \$40.00 a ticket

All Event Tickets can be purchased at the Fair Office, Extension Office, any fair board member or Amy Olson, Fair Director.

### BADGERLAND MIDWAYS CARNIVAL TICKETS

SALE started June 1st thru Tuesday, August 13th at 5pm  
Unlimited riding from Wednesday to Sunday for \$55.00 a ticket  
After 5pm on August 13th it will be \$75.00 a ticket

**NEW: Mega Riding Passes can be purchased online** through Badgerland Midways at <https://badgerlandmidways.com/tickets>

You can also purchase mega riding passes at the fair office or directly from Amy Olson, Fair Director.

### CARNIVAL TIMES FOR 2024

Wednesday, Aug. 14  
5:00 pm to 11:00 pm \$2.00 rides

Thursday, Aug. 15  
3:00 pm to 11:00 pm wristband rides \$35.00

Friday, Aug. 16  
1:00 pm to 11:00 pm wristband rides \$35.00

Saturday, Aug. 17  
1:00 pm to 11:00 pm wristband rides \$35.00

Sunday, Aug. 18  
NOON to 8:00 pm wristband rides \$35.00



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