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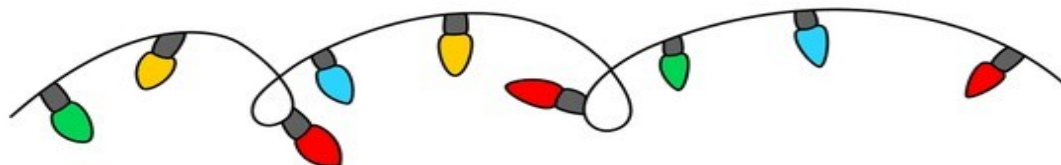
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Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 4-H Year

Now is the time to sign-up for the 4-H project areas you are interested in. 4-H enrollment is at wi.4honline.com. December 1 was the deadline to stay on the mailing list, including Grant County Fair animal id information. If you missed this deadline, still re-enroll and you will be added back once you do re-enroll. This will be the last echo you receive until you re-enroll.

Don't forget to ask all your friends to join a 4-H club. It is a great way to spend time with old friends and meet new friends. 4-H is for EVERYONE!

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

December 1 - **Deadline** to enroll/re-enroll via wi.4honline.com to stay on mailing lists
December 2 - January 9 - Grant County Fair Beef ID by 4:00 pm
December 8 - Meats Judging Practice, 1:00 pm, Eckstein Building, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
December 15 - Meats Judging Practice, 1:00 pm, Eckstein Building, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
December 16 - Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Extension Office, Lancaster
December 22 - Meats Judging Practice, 1:00 pm, Eckstein Building, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
December 22 - Jr. Leader's Meeting, 3:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
December 24 & 25 - Office Closed, Happy Holidays
December 29 - Meats Judging Practice, 1:00 pm, Eckstein Building, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
January 1 - Office Closed, Happy New Year
January 10 - **Deadline** - 4-H Camp Counselor Applications
January 10 - **Deadline** - Grant County 4-H Scholarships
January 12 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, outside of Arthur
January 17 - **Deadline** - register for Sewing & Clothing Project Workshop
January 25 - Sewing & Clothing Project Workshop, 9:00 am - noon, Youth & Ag Center
February 8 - 4-H Family Project Day, Youth & Ag Center, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
February 9 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, outside of Arthur

4-H Family Project Day: Saturday, February 8, 2025

4-H Family Project Day will be held in the Youth & Ag Center, on the Grant County Fairgrounds, in Lancaster. The event will be held from 9:30 am - noon for kids in grades 5k and older. There will be several project areas to explore.



Pre-registration is required for attendees and will be posted on the Grant County Extension website in January or you can contact the Extension Office.

For any questions, or you would like join the Family Project Day Committee, please contact Jenny Belscamper-Dixon at the Extension Office at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or 608-723-2125.

4-H Club Minutes



Congrats Blockhouse Builders Officer Team



Merry Mixers purchased school supplies to donate to students in need at the Lancaster Lions Stuff the Bus event at Night on the Square!

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Addie B.

In October, the Hazel Green Clever Clovers had a Halloween meeting. We had a pumpkin decorating contest and a costume contest. The top three pumpkins and costumes received a special treat. We played lots of other fun Halloween games as well!!

Potosi Happy Clovers 4-H Club

On October 6, 2024 the Potosi Happy Clovers had their monthly 4-H meeting at the local park. We did officer elections. Our president is Anna D., Vice President is Sarah M., Secretary is Adeline T., Treasurer is Zoey U., Reporter is Levi M., Sergeant of Arms is Lane S.. Amy Noble brought pizza and donuts for a snack at the end of the meeting. We then got admission wristbands to Vesperman Farms as a reward for all of us finishing our demonstrations for the year.



On November 3, 2024 we had our Christmas and Friendsgiving meeting. We had a gift exchange and made Christmas crafts for the orchard manor nursing home.

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Klay Conley

In October, our club went mini golfing in Galena, participated in the CCES "Trunk of Treat" and then we had a meeting. We elected new officers. Congrats to our new officers, President- Korbinc C.; VP, Lilly S.; Secretary- Mason B.; Treasurer-Landon D.; Reporter- Destiny C.; Historian- Marley; Sgt of Arms- Ryan M. We decided that we will take a club trip to Branson, MO in May to the Dixie Stampede. We will be having a pumpkin decorating contest and poll. We are going to place an order for new t-shirts and see if we can get hats and vests'. We ended our meeting with our "Points Auction" and all active members used their "points" to buy 4-H project related items. It was fun.

Announcements

What is 4-H Junior Leaders and How do I Join?



December 22 at 3:00 pm
Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster



- Junior Leaders is to help 4-H members connect to others across the county through leadership activities and community service projects.
- We are recruiting new members to join Grant County Junior Leaders.
- 4-H members in grades 7 and over are welcome to attend.
- Questions: Contact Matt Adams at docadamsvet@gmail.com or 608-412-4351.



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Thank you to the 2023 - 2024 Team:

Thank you to our 2023-2024 Grant County 4-H Ambassador Team members pictured (left to right): Katelyn Schnitzler, Abigail Adrian, Keely Everson, Dalton Linneman and Grace Schuler.



Welcome 2024 - 2025 Team:

Congratulations to the 2024 – 2025 Grant County 4-H Ambassador Team. Abigail Adrian, Ellen Cornett, Keely Everson, Dalton Linneman and Katelyn Schnitzler. They will have orientation soon and set some goals for the upcoming year! We can't wait to see you accomplish your goals this year!

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Grant County 4-H Scholarships:

Grant County 4-H Scholarships are available in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 each to 4-H members who are high school seniors. Applicants must have been a 4-H member for the last 4 years (consecutively), must have held an active leadership role and completed a record book following their junior year of high school. Scholarships will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes a program of study or semester of post-high school classes, achieving a 2.0 gpa or higher. The program can be either full or part-time and tuition costs must be at least \$450 to receive the entire \$1,000 award. Applications are due January 10. Contact the Extension Office for an application or go to the Extension Office website at <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu/> soon.



Mini Grant Opportunities for 4-Hers and 4-H Leaders:

The Grant County 4-H Leaders Association is again offering mini grants to 4-H members. Applications will be due Friday, March 14, 2025. The guidelines and application will be at <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu/> in January or by contacting the Grant County Extension Office. Any questions, contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125.

Pearl City Elevator, Inc. Scholarships:

There are three scholarships that are offered through Pearl City Elevator. Their website has details and applications. Deadlines are January 21, 2025.

<https://pce-coops.com/resources/scholarships/>

2025 4-H CAMP

Save the Dates for June 29 - July 2



When I think of summer I think of 4-H Camp! And it is never too early to start planning for this year's camp! We will be camping at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells.

Also needed are Adult Advisors to ensure a strong camp experience by providing guidance and oversight to camp. Adult Advisors must be at least 21 years of age and certified as a 4-H leader. Upham Woods requires a ratio of the adults to youth to be 1:10... so we need your time and commitment to make this an educational and fun camp.

Camper registration will open on 4-H Online in March. 4-H youth in 3rd grade through 7th grade will be notified when camp registration is open through 4-H Online.

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Sewing & Clothing Project Workshop Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:00 am - Noon

Location: North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster

Project Options: Drawstring Backpack or Locker Organizer

Please pre-register for this workshop by Friday, January 17th by calling the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. Please specify which project you will be sewing.



OR



This is open to all 4-H members wanting to explore clothing as a possible project or are enrolled in the clothing project. We will be making drawstring backpacks (beginning sewers) or locker organizers (sewers with 2 or more years of experience).

For the drawstring backpack: 1/2 yard each of 2 coordinating cotton fabrics and matching thread will be needed.

For the locker organizer: 7/8 yard of 100% cotton woven fabrics and matching thread will be needed.

Bring a sewing machine if you have one available, otherwise sewing machines will be provided. If you do not have fabric available, there will be some provided.

This project may be entered into the fair under sewing workshop project.

Snow date if necessary is Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Any questions, call Marilyn Dressler at 608-732-3577.

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Shooting Sports Practice:

The Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports practices 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.

Practices:

Practices will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Winter/Spring practices will be at the Tri County Archery, 9145 Co Line Rd, Platteville, WI 53818 this is just outside of Arthur heading toward Rewey off of County Rd A.

Sunday, January 12 at 1:00 pm (Tri County)

Sunday, February 9 at 1:00 pm (Tri County)

Sunday, March 9 at 1:00 pm (Tri County)

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm (Tri County)

Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 pm (location to be determined later depending on weather)

Future dates will be announced at a later date. For more information contact Rhonda Hughey at 778-8415 or Dave Vosberg at 943-8492.

Reminder: All shooting sports members must attend two practices to participate in competition shoots for the fairs.



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2024 Grant County 4-H Leaders Awards

The 4-H Leaders Association Banquet was held on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center. The banquet is an opportunity for leaders to be recognized for their achievements during the meal. Thank you, leaders, for all of your dedication and knowledge that you share with the Grant County youth to help 4-H grow.

Congratulations to these recipients of special awards at the 2024 banquet:

- Meritorious Service Award –
Sally Harper, Laurie Schuler and Randy Morshead
- Volunteer of the Year Award –
Kaci Busch
- John Edge Memorial Award for Leaders with 10 Years of Service –
Denise Vesperman and Ned Witzig
- Emerald Club Award for Leader with 25 Years or More of Service –
Randy Orth

Thank you to all the 4-H Leaders who volunteer their time and talents to help make the Grant County 4-H Program an outstanding program for youth in grades K-13.

2024-2025 4-H Year Begins Now

Now is the time for families and members to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H online. 4-H enrollment is through <https://wi.4honline.com/> and the 4-H year started October 1. 4-H youth need to be in 5K through 13th grade.

All enrollments need to be done by December 1st to be listed on our mailing lists to stay current on upcoming events, deadlines and information. The deadline to enroll and change projects in order to exhibit at the Grant County Fair is April 1st.

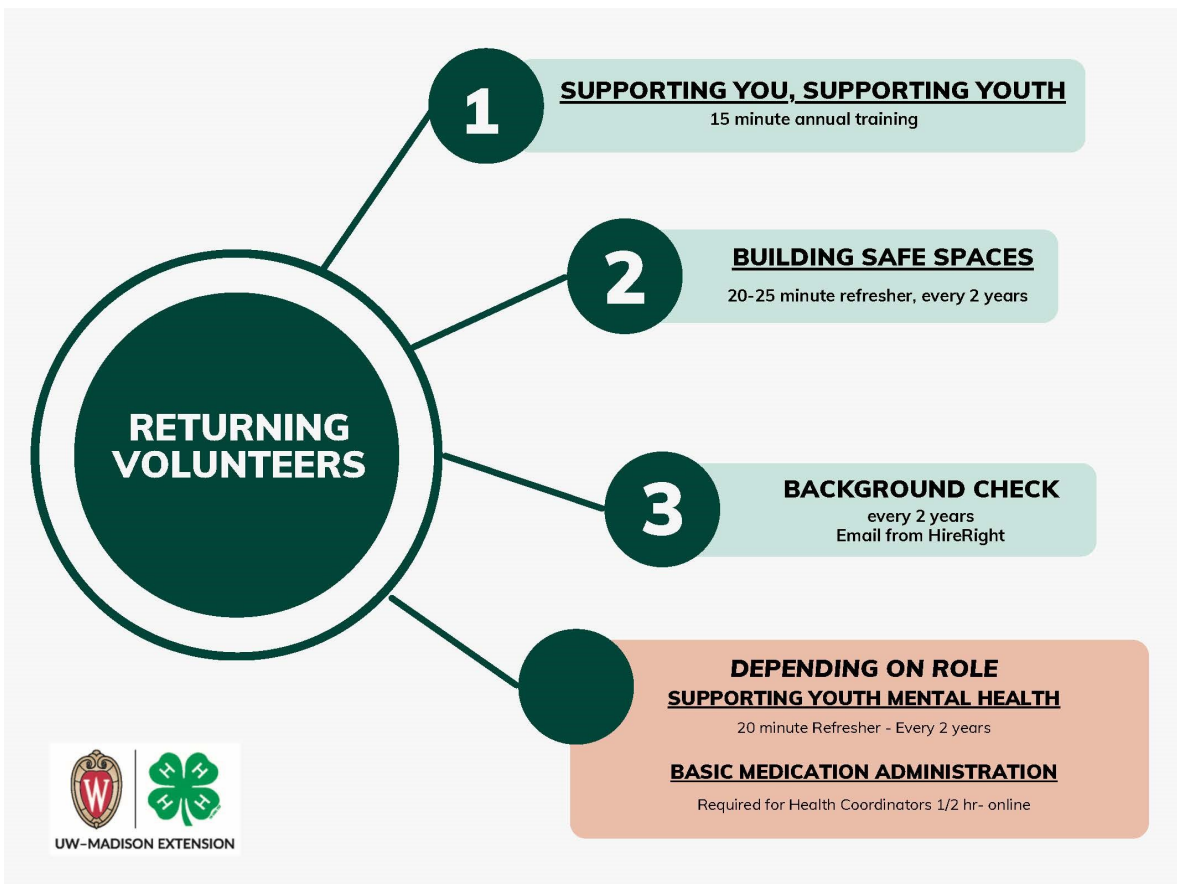
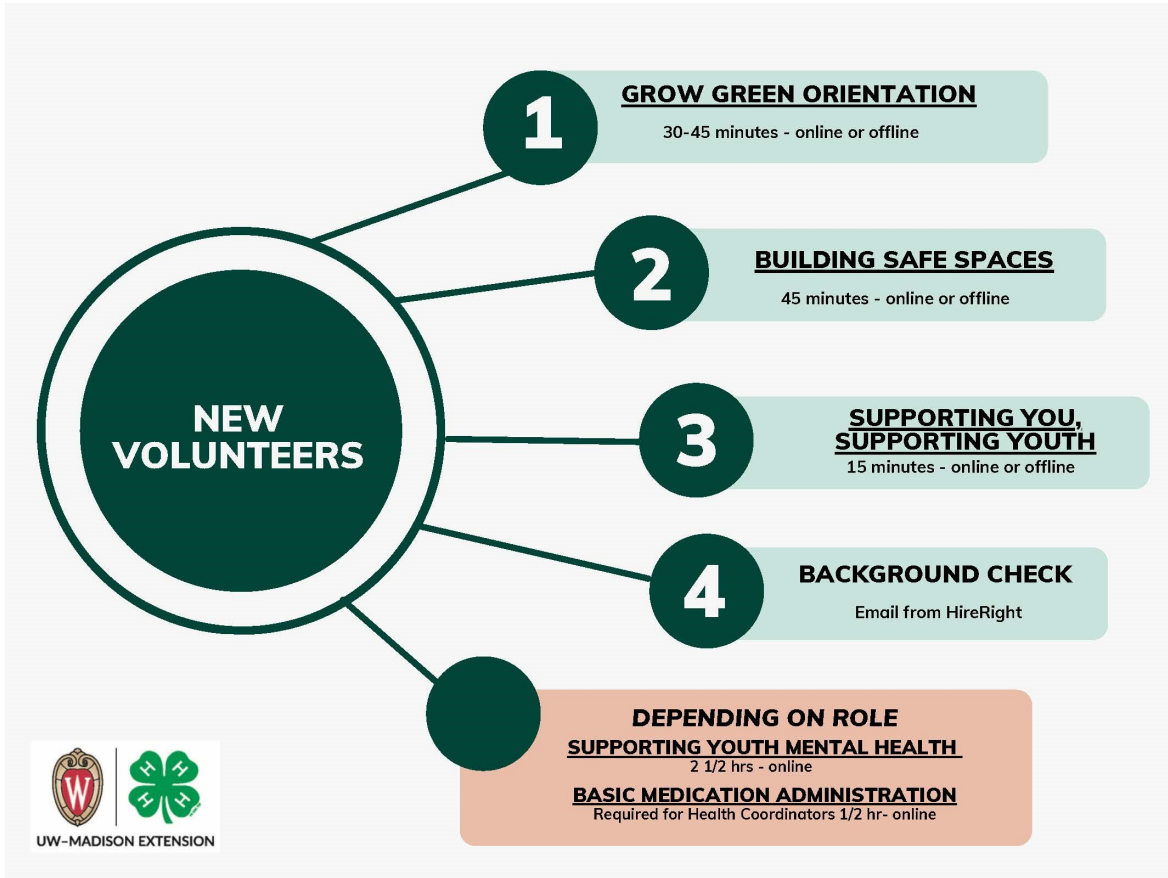
Once you log in, you will have the ability to add projects and check and update any changes in your profile.

The family enrollment guide at [https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide .pdf](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf) can help you during the enrollment process.

Leaders: See page 9 for the breakdown of trainings that are required. Online trainings can be accessed by your wi.4honline.com account.

If you are having difficulties in enrolling online or have questions, email Charisse Orth, 4-H Educator, at Charisse.orth@wisc.edu or Jenny Belscamper-Dixon at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or call the Grant County Extension Office at 723-2125.

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May 1-5
2025

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**WISCONSIN 4-H
SPACE CAMP**

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OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Get involved in:

- Simulated Space Missions
- Learning and using Space Simulators
- Building and launching your own model rockets
- Real space training simulation
- etc.

**Registration open from Nov 15 - Dec 15
via 4HOnline**

Registration for 2025 Space Camp is open and fills up quickly. Learn more about Space Camp below.
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/>



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Kicks off Photography Contest
The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has kicked off a contest that challenges all 4-H members to explore their creativity!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

For details and registration information, visit:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/11/04/wisconsin-4-h-foundation-kicks-off-photography-contest/>

Grant County Fair

Are you showing beef in the market division at the 2025 Grant County Fair?

All junior class market division beef need to be id'd if showing at the Grant County Fair. Each member can identify up to 5 beef animals per member within immediate family. **Deadline for all beef id and weigh-ins is Thursday, January 9, 2025, by 4:00 pm** into the Grant County Extension Office.

RFID Tags: Market cattle that will be shown at the Grant County Fair will need to be tagged with a radio frequency tag (RFID/EID). You can use your own RFID/EID tags or pick them up from the Grant County Extension Office.

4-H beef members that have re-enrolled in 4-H by December 3 will be mailed the id packet, including the letter, information sheet and the id form. The packet will be emailed to FFA advisors and can also be found at: <https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications/4-h-forms/> next week.

To participate in the **optional** rate of gain, animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 9, including proof of weight, to be eligible.

- The Belmont Sale Barn will be open for beef weigh-ins on December 14 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am for exhibitors wishing to utilize their scales for proof of weight for rate of gain. Their address is 26770 Sale Barn Lane, Belmont, WI.
- Bloomington Livestock Exchange will also be open for the use of their scales on January 5 from noon - 3:00 pm. Bloomington Livestock Exchange's address is 9663 Cty Hwy A, Bloomington.
- Note: These locations are not required. These are just two options for exhibitors who wish to utilize their scale date. Other scales can be used with proof of weight to meet the Rate of Gain requirement. Again, rate of gain is optional and not a requirement to show or sell at the Grant County Fair.

Save the Date:
Grant County Fair
August 10 - 17, 2025



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