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Plat Books on Sale

The 2017 Grant County Plat Books are now on sale for $25. Available at the Extension Office in Lancaster.

Please note that our staff's emails have changed:
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Emails to former ces.uwex.edu email addresses will continue to be forwarded for a few months, but we strongly encourage you to save and start using the new email address.

4-H grows confident, capable, and caring kids with the life skills to thrive in today's

April 2019

1 **DEADLINE** to drop/add/change projects for the Grant County Fair
2 **DEADLINE** for 4-H Leaders Mini Grant Applications
4 Horse Bowl & Hippology Practice; 6:00 pm; North Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
7 YQCA Certification; 10:00 am; UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, Platteville
7 Operation Easter Bunny Collection; 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm; North Room, Youth & Ag Center
7 Communication Arts Day; 2:00 pm; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
10 Cat Project Meeting; 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
11 Rabbit & Poultry Skill-A-Thon; 7:00 pm - 9 pm, North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
13 Photography Meeting; 3:00 - 5:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
14 Shooting Sports; 1:00 pm; Tri-County Archery, Rewey
15 Horse Bowl & Hippology Practice; 6:00 pm; North Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
15 **DEADLINE** ECHO articles
16 4-H Executive Board; 6:30 pm; South Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
21 Happy Easter
23 Jr. Leaders Adopt-A-Highway; 5:00 pm; meet at the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
23 Jr. Leaders Meeting; 6:30 pm; Conference Room; Extension Office, Lancaster
23 Dog Informational Meeting; 6:00 pm; South Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
25 Horse Bowl & Hippology Practice; 6:00 pm; North Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
27 Cloverbuds/Exploring Day 9:00 am - 11:00 am, North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
27 Foods and Nutrition Project Meeting; 9:00 am - 11:00 am, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, (Foods Revue Open House)

May 2019

1 **DEADLINE** Dairy ID for Grant County Fair
1 **DEADLINE** Horse ID for Grant County Fair
2 Horse Bowl & Hippology Practice; 6:00 pm; North Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
4 Goat & Sheep Weigh-In: 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Grant County Fairgrounds, Livestock Building
5 Shooting Sports; 1:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, Rewey
7 Dog Agility Practice; 6:00 pm; Coaching K9s, Platteville
14 Countywide Leaders Meeting; 7:00 pm; South Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
14 Out of State Exchange; 6:00 pm; North Room; Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
15 **DEADLINE** ECHO articles
20 YQCA Certification; 6:30 pm; South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
21 4-H Dog Practice; 6:00 pm; Livestock Barn; Fairgrounds, Lancaster
21 4-H Executive Board; 6:30 pm, Conference Room, UW-Extension Office
28 4-H Dog Practice; 6:00 pm; Livestock Barn; Fairgrounds, Lancaster
31 **DEADLINE** Swine ID for Grant County Fair

Looking for a V.I.P. Training to become a 4-H volunteer? Contact Charisse at charisse.orth@wisc.edu to schedule.

Club News

Blake's Prairie Bombers 4-H Club (February)

The Blake's Prairie Bomber's February 17, 2019 meeting was canceled due to the weather. Our next meeting will be on March 17, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Blake's Prairie Bombers 4-H Club by Diana Herbers (March)

The Blake's Prairie Bombers met on Sunday, March 17, 2019. First, we made Easter cards for the people at the nursing home. Then a few parents talked about how Family Project Day went. Finally, we all participated in the Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest. Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 7:30p.m.

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Lola Droessler & Ella Roepsch

The March meeting for Hazel Green Clever Clovers was held on Sunday, March 10. March was a busy month for the club as a group of went Roller Skating and 33 club members attended the Signs by Caitlin woodworking event. Members enjoyed both events. The club will be holding a fundraiser on April 10th at Steve's Pizza in Cuba City from 4-8 p.m. The club reminded members that they must be signed up for projects for the fair by April 1st. Communications Arts day in Lancaster is April 7th. This is a day to give speeches, demonstrations, dance, sing, play an instrument or display your art. There are judges present and awards given. Deadline to sign up is March 22nd. YQCA- if you are selling animals at the fair remember you have to take a yearly YQCA course, please refer to the echo for dates and times, or take the course online! Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14th.

Club News

Mt. Ida Hilltoppers 4-H Club
The Mt. Ida Hilltoppers held our March meeting, March 3rd, 2019. At our meeting we discussed a clothing order form that has been put together for our club. We also had to reschedule our club trip due to the weather, so we talked a little bit more about that. To end our meeting we had a demonstration done by Bianca Witzig and we also did a team building activity, The Human Knot. Our next meeting will be April 7th, starting at 5 p.m. at the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fennimore.

Potosi Happy Clovers 4-H Club by Anna Drinkwater
On March 3rd we had our Spring Family Fun Day at Sunset Lanes in Dickeyville. Club members and their families enjoyed a bowling and pizza party. We also had an informal meeting to go over upcoming events that were listed in the echo. Our next meeting is April 7th at 6 pm in the Potosi High School commons.

Stitzer Go-Getters 4-H Club
We held our club meeting on March 3rd with a bowling and pizza party at Fennimore Lanes. 41 members and their families attended our winter club trip to Fighting Saints Hockey Game in March! We had a lot of fun and the Saints won! Our club will be hosting a club project day, Sunday, March 24th from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Stitzer Firehouse. Members are encouraged to bring a friend! The spring fundraiser is due by March 24th. Please contact a club member if you are interested in purchasing flower or plant bulbs. We discussed our Earth Day project and are hoping to plant a tree in the Stitzer Park. We will be doing highway cleanup and cemetery cleanup once the snow melts. Our next club meeting with be Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:30 pm at the Stitzer Firehouse.

Town and Country Kids 4-H Club by Bella Anthony
We discussed Mini Grants for club members, food stands at truck pulls, and where our camping trip will be. We decided on going to the Dells, on July 21 to the 24. On March 23rd, there will be a Choir and Band Exploration day. YQCA is having a meeting at UW-P Farms, Super Saturday around 8:30. Also Sheep Weigh ins, will be May 4th. We will also be donating to orientation, Easter Bunny and to Horse Project. We discussed having a game day at the Cuba City school, for grades K-8th in the afternoon. April 1st is the deadline to change fair projects. Finally, our last dance will be April 6th for 5th thru 8th grade kids!

April 1 - Deadline

To add or change 4-H projects in order to show at the Grant County Fair go to wi.4honlline.com or call the Extension Office.

Projects & Activities

Shooting Sports Practice: 4-H members enrolled in Shooting Sports are invited to practice Air Rifle and Archery. Practices will be at the Tri-County Archery, 9145 Co. Line Rd, Platteville. If you have your own equipment bring it along, if not we will provide it for you.

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

Scheduled practices: April 14 and May 5 at Tri County Archery at 1:00 p.m., future dates will be announced at a later date. For more information contact Dave Vosberg at 943-8492 or Rhonda Hughey at 778-8415.

Cloverbud/Exploring Day
April 27, 9:00 -11:00 North Room Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster

Our theme is gardening. We will be making a snack to eat and doing a simple sewing project. Each participant will also make and take their own Fairy Garden, complete with a fairy of your own! Parents are encouraged to stay with their child(ren). A $5 fee is being asked to help cover the cost of the supplies. Please register by April 19 by calling the Extension Office at 723-2125.

Area Animal Science Days for 2019

Save the Date: Grant County will be hosting on Friday, June 28

If you are interested in helping and being on a committee please contact Charisse at charisse.orth@wisc.edu or 608-723-2125.

Registration information with rules and guidelines will be available soon on the State 4-H website.

Are you interested in dairy judging, livestock judging or horse activities? Then contact Charisse at the Extension Office to get practice/coach information.

Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?
You might press your luck!

Can you find the tiny monster truck hidden in this Echo?

Contact the Extension Office by April 30 with the location to be entered in a drawing for a 4-H prize.

Projects & Activities

Communication Arts Day, Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 pm
Auditorium, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
Everyone is welcome to come and see the talent of 4-Her's vocal, instrumental, dance, speaking and drawing & painting.

Operation Easter Bunny:

The Grant County Junior Leaders will be sponsoring Operation Easter Bunny: Food and Toiletry Drive to support families in need this upcoming Easter. We invite clubs to join in this cause by collecting unexpired, non-perishable food products as well as toiletry/hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

The club with the most number of items collected will win a movie night with snack and beverages. New this year the second place club will receive $40 for their club. We will also be able to accept monetary donations. However, a monetary donation will only count as one item for the competition. It is encouraged to reach out to local businesses, schools, and churches to try to collect as much as possible!

Collected items can be dropped off in the North Room of the Youth & Ag Center on Sunday, April 7 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 p.m. Please note that this will be during the Communication Arts Day. Junior Leaders will distribute the collected items to food pantries throughout the county.

If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. I am looking forward to seeing how large of an impact 4-H can have on families this Easter!

Projects & Activities

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

The Leaders are again offering mini grants to 4-H members. Applications are due April 2. To find the guidelines and application, visit grant.extension.wisc.edu. Any questions, contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125.

Photography Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 3-5 p.m.
Youth and Ag, South Room and Auditorium

Bring your cameras and smartphones. We'll be working on taking pictures of moving objects and using lenses that you can attach to your smartphone. Be prepared to be inside or out.

Grant County 4-H photography members have been asked to have a gallery display at the Roundtree Gallery in Platteville in the next year or two. We'd like to talk with 4-H members and their parents about this, specifically what it might entail and if we should proceed with doing this. Come and be part of the discussion.

Questions? Call Eileen Dushek-Manthe at 608-345-5626

Keep taking photos. We've had lots of opportunities to tell stories with photos this year. Did you (safely) get any of the flooding last fall or this spring? Is someone building a house? Do you have an animal that you can document its growth? Is there something small that you can focus in on that changes rapidly? Maybe a baby's toothless, gummy smile to the first tooth poking through the gum to the little mouth filling with teeth. How about planting seeds to the first leaves poking through the ground to a full plant to the ready-to-harvest plant (make sure you can photograph it before fair). Follow the process of redecorating a room, creating sewing or crocheting or knitting projects, making food, shopping at the grocery store, graduation, changing a tire. Grab your camera and capture the typical or mundane things that happen in everyone's lives. Think outside the box! Change your angle, turn your camera, zoom in, adjust your depth of field. If you get a good angle and the right lighting, you might just have a great story to tell. Our "story" entry category for fair requires a beginning, middle, and end. Try it!

Packing Club Literature: Club leaders, it is important that each member receives their record book information and resources on their projects to aid them in accomplishing their goals for the next year. We can print out your club enrollment with literature requests. Please call the UW-Extension Office to schedule a time to come pick up your club's materials once club members' registrations have been accepted on wi.4honline.com

Projects & Activities

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

Registration for the 99th Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will be open in 4HOnline starting at 4:00pm on April 2 and will end on April 15, 2019 at midnight. Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is an opportunity for youth in 7-10th grades to participate in a wide variety of assemblies, seminars, and service projects meant to provide a pre-college experience that will focus on personal development, broadening of interests, and developing new skills. This year's WI 4-H & Youth Conference will be held June 24-27, 2019 on the UW Madison Campus. A Registration Handbook and more information can be found at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/

This year's theme is "Prism of Possibilities." We hope to bring together over 400 youth leaders from around the state and when they leave conference we trust they will exemplify teamwork and the power of a united group. Just as a prism takes in white light and separates it into a rainbow, turning something one directional into an encompassing sea of color, we believe "Prism of Possibilities" encourages us to bring all of our ideas and experiences together, develop them into real-world goals, and spread them throughout Wisconsin to help better our communities.

Through participation in Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference participants will:

a. Experience active learning in a safe and supportive campus atmosphere
b. Strengthen life skills through new experiences that promote personal growth
c. Exchange ideas and form friendships with youth and adults from around Wisconsin
d. Inspire action in your organization, neighborhood, school, and community

Learn about various youth development opportunities and explore future educational and career opportunities

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is open to 7th-10th grade youth involved in any University of Wisconsin-Extension Programs. While many participants are 4-H members, many others are not. This is an opportunity for youth from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to come together to exchange ideas, form friendships, and learn important life skills for contributing to their communities.

The cost for this year's WI 4-H & Youth Conference is $300 and includes the educational program, lodging and meals from Monday afternoon through Thursday morning, bus transportation from various locations around the state, and a conference T-shirt. Your local extension office will be able to provide more details on the financial arrangements available in your county. There will be need-based scholarships available for those who cost may be a barrier. Confidential requests can be made to Justin Lieck at Justin.lieck@wisc.edu.

Registration for seminars is first-come, first serve! Review the Registration Handbook prior to Registration and use the Registration Worksheet for your planning and preparation. If you have any questions, please let Justin know at Justin.lieck@wisc.edu.

Grant County Fair Animal ID Information / Dates

Horse ID Deadline: The deadline to identify your horse to exhibit at the Grant County Fair is May 1. Anyone who is wishing to show at the Grant County Fair must submit the identification form by May 1, submit a negative coggins test and attend horse meeting and practices, For any questions regarding Horse Identification contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125.

Grant County Fair Swine Identification Process: April 1 – May 31.

All Grant County Fair swine exhibitors will need to identify their own swine projects. We are asking that you follow good biosecurity measures to help minimize the risk of disease spreading. We suggest you wear disposable boots and coveralls, wash your hands, clean the truck, trailer, tagger, and any supplies used to identify your project with disinfectant. Swine Exhibitors will need to use a RFID tag to identify your swine. You can purchase the RFID tag from the Extension Office at a cost of $2 or purchase tags on your own. Some seller's may already have tagged the pig with an RFID tag, or they may be willing to tag the pig for you. If you tag your own pig, purchase your own tagger rather than sharing taggers.

As part of the registration, each exhibitor will need to submit a photo of the pig's ear with the tag number clearly showing. We will compare the exhibitor's name with both the written or typed RFID tag number on the registration form and the tag number that is shown in the submitted photo. Swine will also be checked at the fair to ensure accountability. The registration form will be sent to all 4-H members who have signed up for the swine project in April. Exhibitors will be expected to send the picture, the tag's number written out, and the registration form to the Extension Office by May 31.

Swine exhibitors are also reminded to contact processing plants to book their extra swine from the fair. The Grant County Fair is a terminal show, no swine are allowed to go back home. Bloomington Meats, Fennimore Butcher Shop, Weber's Processing, along with Avon Locker Plant are some of the options for processing plants.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in: The Grant County Fair sheep and goat weigh-in and identification will be Saturday, May 4 from 9:00-11:00 am at the Grant County Fairgrounds. All market lambs selling at the Grant County Fair will need to be weighed and identified. All goat wethers who are eligible to sell must be weighed and identified. Exhibitors may identify up to eight lambs or goats. It is important to verify bred and owned animals at time of weigh-in. Registration forms are available on the Grant County 4-H website https://grant.extension.wisc.edu. Ewes are not allowed in market classes at the Grant County Fair, but they can show in a special market ewe lamb class. Please review the Grant County Fair book for more complete rules http://grantcountyfairwi.org

Scholarships

11th Annual U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock

Three Free Registered Targhee Sheep to be Awarded to Deserving Youth

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) will be offering a free registered Targhee Starter flock to a deserving youth at the 2019 USTSA National Show & Sale in Lodi, Wisconsin, July 18th-20th. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. The winner will also receive a $150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2019 national sale.

Applications, due **April 1st,** are now available to download at www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Mardy Rutledge at the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com or 702-292-5715).

Adkins Energy LLC Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for anyone actively pursuing a higher education. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial impact, and an essay. Adkins Energy LLC will award three $500 scholarships. Application deadline is **April 2, 2019**. Contact the Extension Office to get application or jstrong@adkinsenergy.com.

Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club is announcing the annual Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards. Up to five awards of $100 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members.

The Swine Project Awards were introduced to help beginning 4-H or FFA members get started in the swine industry. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first or second year swine project member, 9-18 years old, and a Wisconsin resident. The completed application is due postmarked on or before **April 19th, 2019**. Applications must be submitted by mail; no applications submitted via email will be accepted.

The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Madison students interested in the livestock industry. The club serves to provide leadership and learning experiences for these students. The club's main activities include sponsoring a variety of livestock shows, including the Badger Kick-Off Classic Steer and Heifer Show, The Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, the Little International Horse Show, and Bucky's Spectacular Pig Show. The group also sponsors a national meat animal evaluation contest and the Club 101 Livestock Show for college students as well as service activities. Proceeds from Saddle & Sirloin activities are used for member scholarships, travel grants, and to fund other club activities. For applications and questions, contact: Cassidy Dabbs, UW-Madison, *Dairy Science,* cdabbs@wisc.edu (262) 220-4381.

Announcements

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Opportunity in Lodi – April 5 – 6, 2019

Grant County 4-H has a lot of youth interested in the shooting sports project and not many project leaders. This 4-H project is unique in that 4-H policy REQUIRES that volunteer shooting sports project leaders MUST receive special training. We are fortunate that there will be a training in the Lodi area in April. *Workshop overview: All certification workshops are 6PM to 10PM on Friday and 8AM to 5:00PM Saturday. You must participate in all required hours to receive your certification. Those attending for the first time must complete the Friday and Saturday sessions. Those returning for an additional certification need only attend their Saturday range workshop providing three (3) years has not lapsed since attending the Friday session.*

https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/events/western-area-certification-workshop/

2019 Southern Workshop, Lodi Area
Columbia County

Location: Winnequah Gun Club, Lodi, WI
Disciplines: Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol, Shotgun Registration

Pioneer Showdown Jackpot shows: Beef Jackpot April 26-27; Hog, Lamb & Goat Show May 19. Checkout www.pioneershowdown.com

International Opportunities
Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

Hosting Period: July 21-25(arrival) to August 18-22(departure)

- You can host a youth aged 12-18 (most are 12-14) or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

Host Family Requirements

- You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 10+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided

Are you interested in traveling internationally or hosting an international student? Visit http://www.states4Hexchange.org/ for more information. Our local contact and Grant County Coordinator is also available for questions. You can contact Elizabeth Duewer at 608-348-9859.

Announcements

YQCA Update

The Livestock Auction Committee has updated their requirements to sell an animal in the Grant County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction, Saturday of the Fair. This year **ALL swine exhibitors and any exhibitor wishing to sell in the auction** must be YQCA certified. A copy of your YQCA certificate must be turned in to the office prior to fair entry deadline.

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://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login in order to register for either online or instructor led courses. **Registration is required prior to attending an Instructor-Led training.** If you are a 4-H member, please log in through the 4hOnline system on the left. If you are an FFA member or other organization affiliate, please sign in through the independent system on the right. You will create an account followed by either completing a sign up for an instructor led meeting or online/web based modules. Upon signing up for a course, you will then pay for that course with a credit card. Please email help@yqca.org for any assistance you need in creating or signing up in the YQCA system.

Two types of YQCA training will be available in Grant County:

- Instructor-Led Training ($3.00/youth)
  This type of training will take about 1.5 hours. **You MUST pre-register prior to attending the training.** No cash payments will be accepted at the door. Those who do not register for the training will not be able to enter the training.

- Online Training ($12.00/youth) This type of training is at your own pace.

Contact Grant County Extension Office if you have questions or concerns about payment.
Reminder: Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for participation for 2019 events and beyond.
Continue to monitor the Wisconsin YQCA website for helpful information:
https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/

Instructor-led courses will be offered once a month. Below are currently scheduled courses and we will continue to update them each month:

- **Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 am in conjunction with the UW-Platteville Swine Sale at the Pioneer Farm**
- **Monday, May 20, 6:30 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster**
- **Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster**

Once you have registered and completed the course, web-based or attended an instructor-led, you will log back into your YQCA account and download a certificate. You must turn that certificate into the office, we will accept these at any time, the deadline is near the end of July. You can download and email the attachment to charisse.orth@wisc.edu or print it out and mail or drop off at the office. Questions please contact Charisse at the Extension Office.

Announcements

4-H CAMP IS FILLING UP FAST - ENROLL NOW!

Camp dates for 2019: **July 21-24**

New this year we will be partnering with Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camp, Session #3.

What you need to know:

- Enrollment for summer camp has already begun, so register now to ensure your child(ren) can join us for camp. This will be the only 4-H Camp opportunity this summer.
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis, for any youth in Wisconsin so please register your campers as soon as possible. When the camp is full, it is full.
- You must enroll online. Registration is through Upham Woods website, NOT on 4hOnline. https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/open-enrollment-summer-camp-and-outpost-trip/
- It will ask you to mail them a payment at the end of your registration. The Grant County Leader's Association has decided to cover some of the cost of camp. Your payment will need to be mailed to the Extension Office, check payable to the Grant County 4-H Leader's Association.
- The cost of camp for Grant County 4-H members is $100 for members who completed a record book this past year and $125 for those who did not complete a book.
- Once all enrollments are in for Grant County we will make travel arrangements.
- Contact Charisse at charisse.orth@wisc.edu with questions.

COUNSELORS/ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED…
As always we are looking for youth counselors and adult counselors to help make camp a memorable and awesome experience. Any youth counselor interested in helping with Camp this year **MUST** attend **one** of the Upham Woods Counselors Trainings; either have attended in March or attend **April 27-28**. There will not be training provide in Grant County this year. You must use Upham Woods website to register for both a counselor training and the camp session. The Leader's Association will cover the cost of training, as they are committed to setting you up for success at camp! After you have registered, please email Charisse which training session you will be attending and mail a check for the cost of camp as a counselor ($35) to the Extension Office.

Announcements

UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Badger Bonanza Lamb Show

Mark your calendar for this year's Badger Bonanza Lamb Show on Sunday, April 28th! This event will again be a double-header show that will take place at the Arlington Public Events Center (N695 Hopkins Rd., Arlington, WI 53911). Entry forms and more information will be available online at www.uwsaddleandsirloin.com beginning April 1, 2019.

Saddle & Sirloin
University of Wisconsin
Madison

UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club annually hosts the Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, which draws in youth and their lambs from Wisconsin and the surrounding states. This show provides area youth a chance to get their lambs into the show ring early in the season.

The Badger Bonanza is a sanctioned show by the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association (WCLA). The show is also open to non-WCLA members. For more information on WCLA sanctioned shows and a list of their updated rules, please visit www.wisconsinclublambassociation.com.

The UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club hopes to encourage youth, teach them responsibility and generate interest in animal agriculture through hosting the show.

The grand and reserve champion lambs from each show will be awarded cash prizes. Class payouts will be prorated as past years and showmanship classes will be offered with prizes awarded to the winners of each age category.

For more information contact Tori Arnevik at arnevik@wisc.edu or 715-651-0299.

Grant County Fair

Yes, we are doing it again! I am looking for volunteers to serve, clean tables, and help with carry outs for this fundraising event. I encourage those families that are in the swine project to sign up. Even if you are not, it's a great opportunity to volunteer. It's a fun night and all the proceeds again will be going towards the swine barn. I am also asking families to sign up to make a pan of bars. Please consider donating your time and baking a dessert.

I made a sign up schedule for this event on Sign up Genius. Please go to www.signupgenius.com and in the upper right hand corner click on the search button. Then under Search for a Sign Up you will type my email address aolson@co.grant.wi.gov and proceed.

Let's make this a great success again!
Thank you in advance for signing up -
Amy Olson,
Grant County Fairgrounds & Operations Director

Wanted:

Junior Fairest of the Fair for the Grant County Fair, August 11-18, 2019

Contest Rules:

- Contestant must be in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in school.
- Complete the essay question below in 150 words or less.
- If selected, contestant can no longer seek the role of Junior Fairest of the Fair.
- If for any reason there is not a Fairest of the Fair selected that year there will be no Junior Fairest of the Fair for that year either.

Grant County Fair Board members will select the finalist. Number of finalists based on number of applications received by deadline: **April 5, 2019**. Applicants will be notified by April 17th of their status. The finalists will introduce themselves and be interviewed with brief questions regarding promoting the Grant County Fair on May 7, 2019. The winner will receive $100.00 plus an all event ticket into the 2019 Grant County Fair. Call the Fair Office at 608-723-2135 for an application or go online at www.grantcountyfairwi.org to download an application.

2019 Changes for Grant County Fair

The following has been approved by the Grant County Fair board and will be changed in the 2019 fair book.

Beef:

- Show will start at 9:30am

Goats:

- A costume and agility goat class on Sunday will be added at 9:30am. Goat superintendents will be overseeing this.
- Starting the show at 5:30pm

Cultural Arts:

- Clarification on canvas entries - Canvas paintings are the only drawings that do not need to be in a frame

Foods:

- Jams – add when making a (mixed berry jam – list all berries used)
- In foods preservation, a clarification on item #1. Should read "All entries should have label…" not "All jars should have label…"
- Rewrote rule #6 to read – "All foods must be canned and processed according to UW-Extension publication 2008 or more current year (or) So Easy to Preserve (Georgia Extension) recommendations."

Legos, K'Nex, Robotics, Scale Model:

- Mechanical Projects, Class 8-11
  - ◊ Changed wording in the definitions to say "Scratch built – made by exhibitor's original design, or from a second market kit missing pieces/instructions."
- K'Nex, Class 9
  - ◊ Added in all three sections "Any other K'Nex project scratch built from kits purchased second market that may be missing manuals and/or pieces."
- Robotics
  - ◊ Clarified item #6 to read "If robot is built from instructions, include those instructions (printed (or) on USB Drive) also."
  - ◊ Add "Multiple entries can be put onto the same USB Drive with the tag for each entry being attached to that USB Drive."
  - ◊ Add "FLL related entries will not have Robot (as by Fair time, robots and competitions are over)."
  - ◊ Rewrote lot 23 to read "Video of FLL Robot Run used in any FLL Competition for current year (run completed for Nov, Dec, or Feb competitions). Must be video as Robot table/Robot for run will be unavailable."

Computers:

- Add item #6 stating "Multiple computer entries can be put onto one USB Drive, however a tag for each entry must be attached to that USB Drive."
- Change the wording in item #5 to read "Power point or mouse drawn graphic must have a print out of each page accompanying the digital media."
- Added to all classes:
  - ◊ Any computer generated alternative style 4-H record book (power point, etc.)
  - ◊ Any YouTube created video
  - ◊ Any YouTube created video explaining 4-H officer duties

Plant & Soil Science:

- Added cherry tomatoes to garden box vegetable display

Demonstrations and Presentation:

- Updated Class 9, lot 34 to read "A cassette tape, computer audio file, or CD of yourself reading a children's book to a child, and note about who it was intended for."

Youth Leadership/Self Determined:

- Added in Class 1 "Open to any 4-H youth with at least one completed year with the exception of Cloverbuds."
- Add a Class 7 with 2 lots
  - ◊ Traditional record book – completed standard record book for previous year
  - ◊ Video/Audio record book – computer video or audio file (3 minutes maximum in length) of you talking about your year in 4-H and your accomplishments

Shooting Sports:

- Removed "Older members grade 6 and up must also be certified in Hunter's Safety" and replaced it with "4-H youth must be 12 years of age or older and certified in Hunter Safety to operate any powder burning firearm. This includes 22 handgun (or) rifle, muzzle loading handgun (or) rifle, or shotgun, per WI 4-H policy"

Clothing:

- Class 21 Lot#11 and Class 22 Lot #23 reads - Skirt or pants/capri with jacket (both made by exhibitor) The word "top" was added after jacket to give another option.

Rabbits:

- Clarified rule #1. It stated - "Each exhibitor can enter a total of not more than 16 rabbits". It was changed to say - "Each exhibitor can enter a total of not more than 16 rabbits with the exception of Lot 7 and Lot 43 may have 19 rabbits".
  - ◊ Lot 7 is a meat pen and Lot 43 is a breeding pair

Horse:

- Remove Class 3 – Pleasure Driving
- At the Fair rules #2 states "all blue and red placings will compete in Grand and Reserve classes". This was replaced with "The top two places in blue or red will compete in Grand and Reserve Classes."

NEW RULES TO THE FAIRBOOK

Any swine on grounds that was not identified/registered or entered by the deadline will go to market and the proceeds of this sale will go to the Grant County Fair. All junior swine need to be identified and registered through the Extension Office by the May deadline. All open class swine needs to be entered by the fair deadline and does not have to go through the early identification/registration with Extension. **ALL SWINE need to be entered by the fair deadline.**

The maximum you can bring to the fair is three swine even if you identified and registered more as a junior exhibitor. You may only bring a total of what you entered. For example, if you entered to bring two swine to the fair, that is **ALL** you bring. Any extra that is not entered by the fair deadline is considered an extra pig and will go to market with the proceeds of that sale going to the Grant County Fair. Do not bring an extra swine to the fair.

All swine exhibitors and all exhibitors that are selling at the Livestock Auction need to be YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) certified to sell at the Livestock Auction. Details of seminar options is found in the 4-H "Echo"

Exhibitors are only granted one substitution for selling through the Livestock Auction per their career at the Grant County Fair regardless of any reason.

When signing the entry form this year there is an added memorandum of understanding stating: I also understand and agree that Grant County Fair is not liable if an animal dies on premise, in transit, or at the processing plant. Both exhibitor and purchaser agree to hold Grant County harmless and indemnify against any loss. Exhibitors are responsible for their animal until it leaves the fairgrounds. This includes any animal that stays the Monday after fair. No entry form will be accepted without the signatures. This will also be stated in the fairbook.

Grant County Fair

Grant County Fair Poster Contest

This year the fair will take place August 14-18. We are again offering students a chance to help us out. We would like to do a poster contest for students to participate in, in grades 7th, 8th, and 9th. If you choose to participate, all entries must be in to the Grant County Fair, 916 E. Elm Street Suite B, Lancaster, WI 53813 **no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 9, 2019.** The sooner the better! No entries will be accepted after that date and time. Contact the Fair Office for guidelines, along with a form to be completed and attached to the back of each poster.

The "theme" for the contest is **"Life is Better at the Grant County Fair".** All entries will be judged by the Grant County Fair Board. Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 12" x 18". There will be a first, second and third place winner. First place entry will receive 1 season pass and $25.00. Second place entry will receive 1 season pass and $20.00. Third place entry will receive 1 season pass and $15.00. Also, in addition to a student being rewarded for their work, the main 4-H leader of the first place winner will receive an All Event Pass. This pass will get you into the gate and grandstand events during the fair.

We will get in touch with the poster contest winners and the leader as soon as the posters are judged. Some of the top posters will be displayed at the fairgrounds all summer.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing your posters!

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April Highlights

1 **DEADLINE** to drop/add 4-H projects for the Grant County Fair
2 **DEADLINE** for 4-H Leaders Mini Grant Applications
7 Operation Easter Bunny Collection
7 YQCA Certification
7 Communication Arts Day
16 4-H Executive Board
21 Happy Easter
23 Jr. Leaders Meeting
27 Cloverbuds/Exploring Day
27 Foods & Nutrition Project Meeting (Foods Revue Open House)