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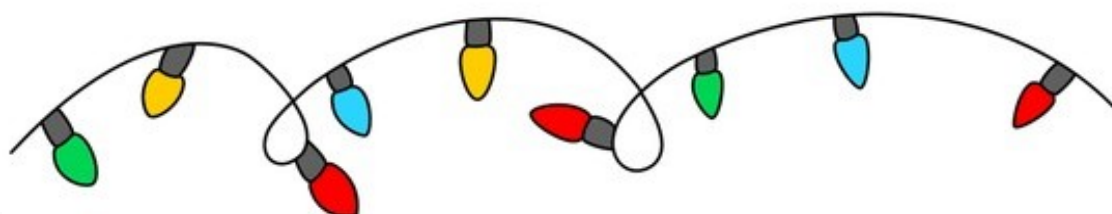
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Enrollment is open for the 2023-2024 4-H Year

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. 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

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.

Announcements

Upcoming 4-H Dates & Events

- December 1 – Deadline to Enroll/Re-enroll via 4honline to stay on the 4-H mailing list
- December 10 - Meats Judging Practice, 1:00 pm, Eckstein Building, Fairgrounds
- December 16 - Officer Training & New Club Leader Training, Pioneer Farm, 9:00 -11:30 am
- December 17 - Meats Judging Practice, 1:00 pm, Eckstein Building, Fairgrounds
- December 18 - Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conference Room, Extension Office
- December 21 - VIP/New Leader Training at 10:00 am, Conference Room, Extension Office
- December 25 & 26 - Office Closed, Merry Christmas
- January 1 - Office Closed, Happy New Years
- January 2 - Deadline for Camp Counselor Applications
- January 5 - Steer ID Deadline, 4:00 pm
- January 9 - Countywide Leaders Meeting, 7:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center
- January 10 - Deadline for Grant County 4-H Scholarships
- January 14 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, outside of Arthur
- January 27 - Clothing Workshop, 9:00 am - Noon, North Room, Youth & Ag Center
- February 1 - Family Project Day Deadline, or earlier if registration is full
- February 10 - Family Project Day, 9:15 am - Noon, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- February 11 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, outside of Arthur



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Grace Schuler



Hello! My name is Grace Schuler and I am the vice president of the Dairyland Diamonds 4-H Club out of Platteville. I am the daughter of Casey Schuler and Amber Welp, and the granddaughter of Duane and Laurie Schuler. Starting out as a Cloverbud, I've been in 4-H for about ten years now. I show/exhibit pretty much everything under the sun from horses to taking part in shooting sports. I am also a member of the Platteville FFA where I do everything from public speaking to agronomy contests, the American Guernsey Breeders Association and more! 4-H has been a big part of my life and has given me many memories that I'd like to share with others. There is a place for everyone within this organization. I looked forward to working with the rest of the ambassador team and promoting 4-H this past 4-H year!

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Note from Charisse....

Hi Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Fall and are enjoying the nice winter weather. We have had so much to be thankful for this past 4-H year and we will share those moments throughout this ECHO, from a great 4-H Camp, summer activities, successful judging events, wonderful celebration of our 4-H Leaders and Volunteers and the project accomplishments of our members. I want to extend a huge thank you to the 2022 - 2023 4-H Ambassador Team members of Grace Schuler, Abigail Adrian, Leah Muench and Katelynn Muldoon. They have spent many hours promoting 4-H throughout Grant County and planned a new event this summer for members throughout the county. As we enter December, I reflect on all of these amazing opportunities that members have had in the Grant County 4-H program and look forward to the upcoming year and new opportunities to come.



Looking forward to 2024, I wanted to share that I will be on maternity leave starting February 2024, if any leaders have any in-person training needs or online training requirement questions, please reach out to me in early January so we can work through the requirements.

I hope that you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

~ Charisse, 4-H Program Educator



Grant County 2023 Plat Books for Sale

Plat books make great holiday gifts and help local 4-Hers at the same time. The 2023 Grant County Plat Book is now available at the Grant County Extension Office. If your club would like to sell plat books as a fundraiser, contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. Books are \$35 each. Proceeds from the sales help support project activities, local 4-H clubs and scholarships.

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Active Americans 4-H Club by Axl B. (July)

On July 9, 2023 the Active Americans held their July meeting at the “Sonny” Shelter at Memorial Park, in Lancaster, Wisconsin. This month’s meeting was kept brief because we had many activities planned for the night. Our club enjoyed a potluck at the “Sonny” Shelter, swimming at Lancaster’s municipal swimming pool, and an outdoor movie at the “Sonny” Shelter. Our next meeting will be August 6, 2023.

Active Americans 4-H Club by Axl B. (August)

On August 6, 2023 the Active Americans held their August meeting at the Lancaster Congregational Church. This month we discussed record books and the 2023 Plat books. We also decided that our club would do their barn decorations for the 2023 Grant County Fair on August 15, 2023. To end our meeting, members of our club got to show off their work for the fair. Our next meeting will be September 10, 2023.

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Anna R. (September)

For the month of September the Hazel Green Clever Clovers met at Sunset Lanes in Dickeyville. We voted for our new officers for the coming year and then enjoyed bowling. The new officers will be sworn in at our October meeting. Our club has been busy in the month of September with our pop-up pumpkin stands located in Kieler and Hazel Green. Our October meeting is scheduled for October 15 at the Southwestern high school in Hazel Green at 6 PM.

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Vince B. (October)

In October, the Hazel Green Clever Clovers dressed up in their Halloween costumes to attend the meeting. During our meeting we played mummy wrapping, pin the stem on the pumpkin and musical chairs. Prizes were given for best costumes and most creative pumpkin decorating.



Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club

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Mt. Ida Hilltoppers 4-H Club by Austin J. (June)

Our June meeting was held Sunday, June 4 at 12:00pm. We will be having a float in the Mt. Hope Dairy Parade on Friday, June 16. We discussed hosting a record book day in September for club members to work on record books together. We talked about fair dates and information for all the upcoming fairs. We voted on taking a summer trip, tubing down the Grant River, date to be determined. We will be making a sign to promote the county fair, Going Wild! Our next meeting, because of 4th of July weekend, will be Sunday, June 25 at 3:00pm at Kopp's Shop and we will be making the promote the fair sign.

Mt. Ida Hilltoppers 4-H Club by Austin J. (July)

Our July meeting was held Sunday, June 25. We painted and made a sign to promote the county fair. We talked about how much fun we had having a float in the Mt. Hope parade! We decided to have our club trip, tubing down the Grant River on Saturday, July 15. Fair entry forms were handed out and important dates discussed. We discussed the Fennimore Fair in August and what families are expected to help with and bring for the food stand. We helped pay towards our members who attended 4-H camp. Those members talked about their experience and fun they had! Our next meeting is Sunday, August 6 at 12:00pm.

Mt. Ida Hilltoppers 4-H Club by Austin J.F. (October)

We held our October meeting on Sunday, Oct. 1. We tabled electing new officers to the next meeting as some members were absent for World Dairy Expo. Our display for 4-H week had been put up along Hwy 18 coming in to Fennimore. It looks great again! We welcomed four new members! Members are currently selling wreaths and greenery for our club fundraiser. We voted to go on a club trip to the Haunted Hayride in Highland on Friday, Oct. 20th. The club will be participating in the Fennimore Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 29. A Halloween committee was formed of Clara, Breanna, Katelyn S., Austin and Tim. They will come up with ideas, decorations and help out at the event. We discussed and voted on having our November meeting on Sunday, October 29 after Trunk or Treating at Kopp's shop for our Halloween party. We will be electing officers at the beginning of the meeting, followed by food, a haunted house and games.

Mt. Ida Hilltoppers 4-H Cub by Austin J.F. (November)

We held our November meeting on Sunday, Oct. 29. We elected new officers for the 4-H year. New officers are: President Abigail Adrian, Vice-President Clara Schnitzler, Secretary Kate Waterman, Treasurer Katelyn Schnitzler, Sergeant of Arms Ella Jackson, Photographer/Reporter Austin Jahnke-Fiedler, Haidyn Jackson, Breanna Schnitzler. Record books were handed back to your younger members. Great job! 12 members and their families went on the club trip to the Haunted Hayride earlier this month. We all had so much fun and discussed the club maybe participating next year by doing a scene along the hayride. Fundraiser forms have been turned in and delivery of items should be the end of November. Thank you to all who helped at Trunk or Treat in Fennimore. It was cold but we had fun. Our Halloween committee did a great job! We discussed and will be participating in the Fennimore Holiday Lights Parade and having a tree at the Lights at Library in Fennimore on Nov. 25th. We also discussed gifts for the nursing home residents this year. Our December meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 3 at 12:00pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fennimore. New members always welcome! After the meeting we will be going to Divine Nursing Home for Christmas caroling and decorating the residents' doors.

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Platteville Woodchucks 4-H Club

Platteville Woodchucks 4-H Club by Sandra M. (October)

The Platteville Woodchucks met October 22 for the first meeting of the year where officers were elected. The meeting ended with a costume contest and the winner received a pumpkin. Next meeting is November 12 at Wisconsin Bank and Trust.



Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club - Officers



Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club by Keely E. (October)

The Plum Valley Boosters held a meeting on Saturday, October 14th at the Fennimore United Methodist Church. We talked about our club sales and how we are doing. Our club had 95% of our record books done so we got to have root beer floats. We talked about achievements in our club. We made plans for our Halloween party and our Christmas party. We also are going to sponsor a trophy for the Grant County 4-H Dog Project. The meeting was adjourned and then we picked our new officer team for the new 4-H year. Our next meeting will be November 4th and we will have our Halloween party then. Our new officers are: President - Kenzy E. Vice President - Matthew W. Secretary - Keely E. Treasurer - Reid S. Reporter - Ariana R. Historian - Josie K. Sergeant at Arms - Ella H. Congratulations to our new officers!

Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club by Keely E. (November)

The Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club held a meeting on November 4th at 7pm. This was the club's Halloween party. We talked about 4-H awards night and who all went and how it went. Bucky book sales are going on till the December meeting. The December meeting which is the club's Christmas party is going to be December 3rd at 1. We decided that we want to go caroling at the nursing home before the meeting, do a gift exchange and will have an auction of fun and project items. For the county we will be donating to Toys for Joy. We are going to decorate a tree for the Fennimore Festival and we will have a float in the parade on November 25th at 5:30. After the meeting we had games and treats and we also had costume and pumpkin contests.

Potosi Happy Clovers 4-H Club by Adeline T.

We had our meeting on October 1st at 604 pm. We talked about new officers and a plan for this year. We will be having a bake sale the Wednesday before thanksgiving at the Potosi-Tennyson Bank. We will not have a December meeting so at our November meeting we have a potluck and make Christmas cards for Orchard Manor Nursing Home in Lancaster. We also elected officers. Our officers are Anna D. as president. Sarah M. as vice president, Emily R. as secretary, Wyatt E. as treasure, Adeline T. as reporter, and Buckley R. as sergeant of arms.

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Thousand Hills 4-H Club by Zoe J. (November)

Thousand Hills 4-H Club started their November meeting with the pledges then the roll call with a question of favorite thanksgiving food. We then went on to Old Business and changed the nursing home idea to going to the Veterans Center to play games. We then review our new officers which are President=Alison J., Vice President= Rachel V., Secretary= Zoe J., Treasurer= Cali V., Sergeant at Arms= Samantha P., and reviewed their roles. We then followed up on calling the interested new members; 1st approved by Serena and 2nd by Cali. We then went on to New Business talking about Holiday service projects. We then adjourned the meeting and went outside to take our officer pictures.



Thousand Hills 4-H Club - Officers

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Korbin C. (June)

The June meeting was held at Blackhawk Lake in Highland, WI. At the meeting we talked about promoting the fair sign that we would be decorating it like the jungle. We decided as a club not to go to the state fair. We discussed the club tour for the August meeting will be starting and ending Thoma's. We decided as a club to give the Cuba City K-9 program a donation as a thank you for giving a demo at our May meeting. During the meeting we had a potluck, some families camped, after the meeting we went fishing.

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Korbin C. (August)

The August meeting was held at the Thoma's house. We drove to the Donar's, Buskee and Conley farms to look at their livestock and projects that members will be taking to the fair. Then we had a potluck. After the potluck we viewed other members' projects without animals. who brought them to the potluck meeting. Record books are due the 15th of September and we also discussed other members showing at the Fennimore Fair, Platteville Dairy Days and Belmont Fair.

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Klay C. (September)

In September we met at Splinter Park and played soccer and had a short meeting where we talked about the fairs. Our club won the fair promotion contest, and our club won the beef herdsmanship at the Fair. The youth leaders met and decided on what fun things to do this year. Some members promoted our club in the 'Kieler Fire Prevention Parade'.

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Klay C. (October)

At the October meeting, we talked about 4-H recruiting, designing a new t-shirt for our club, and we elected new officers. Congratulations to our officers: President Lilly, VP Landon, Secretary Brynlie, Treasure Bryce, Sgt of Arms Abby, Reporter Klay, and Historian Destiny! We will be designing a calendar for the 4-H Year, and having a pumpkin decorating contest. We will participate in the Cuba City Trunk of Treat. After the meeting, we had a pizza party potluck and celebrated our hard work with our club "points" auction where we used our points to bid on items for our projects this year!

Town and Country Kids 4-H Club by Klay C. (November)

At the November meeting, we welcomed the new members. After that we discussed T-shirt designs and voted for them and Brynlee's won! Some members participated in the Cuba City 'Trunk or Treat'. They said it was fun. We discussed club project day, county project day and what we should do for it. We talked about the pumpkin carving contents and Brynlee won with her 'Cake Pop' Pumpkin. Some members went to award night, and we were able to look at everyone's record books to see why they were great. Finally we talked about December service projects. We also talked about adopting a family and the Cuba City Christmas parade. The theme is Santa's workshop. At our next meeting we will go Christmas caroling, have a gift exchange, wrap presents for the adopted

4-H Events



2023 Night with the Ambassadors

Thank you to the Ambassador team and the youth who attended this event. All involved had a great time meeting new friends, doing team building activities and making dog toys for the Grant County Humane Society.



2023

4-H Camp is a 4-day, 3-night stay at Upham Woods in WI Dells in June. Grant County camped with Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Grant County had 24 campers, 3 youth camp counselors and 6 adult chaperones. Camp is available to 4-H members in grades 3 - 7. If you are interested in joining the fun at next year's camp as a camper, adult or youth camp counselor, first re-enroll in 4-H at wi.4honline.com. Camp sign-up, counselor applications and trainings will be out later this 4-H year.



Announcements

Shooting Sports Leaders,

Registration is now open for the following adult certification workshops. The dates and locations are February 3, 2024, in Washington County. They will be offering archery, air rifle/rifle and air pistol/pistol will be offered. To see additional information and to register click [Registration](#).

(<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops>) Check this link for spring and future certification workshops scheduled.



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Horse Leader Opportunity

The Grant County Horse project is seeking a horse project leader or two, to work with the program to host project meetings and practices. We have a group of youth who are eager to learn more about working with and training their horses, horsemanship skills and preparing for showing their horses. If you are interested in helping out please contact, Charisse at the Extension Office, to start the process and answer any questions you may have.

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), have exhibited at the Grant County Fair and must have held an active leadership role. 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/>



Announcements

Clothing Fun – Tote bags

Clothing Project Workshop, Saturday, January 27, 2024 - 9 AM to 12PM in North room at the Youth and Ag Building on the Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster.

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 tote bags. For the project, ½ yard each of 2 coordinating cotton 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.

Please register for this workshop by Tuesday, January 23rd by calling the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. Snow date if necessary is Saturday, February 3, 2024.

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



Countywide Leaders Meeting - January 9 at 7:00 pm

The Grant County 4-H Leaders Association will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in the South Room of the Youth & Ag Center in Lancaster.

The main purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the proposed by-law changes. You can find a copy of the by-laws in the following pages of the ECHO. The biggest changes are adding at-large delegate positions, renaming the districts and officially adding the Livestock Delegate position to the Executive Committee.



This countywide meeting will replace the meeting that is normally held in March. The May Countywide Leaders meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm.

GRANT COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Grant County 4-H Leaders Association.

Section 2. The purpose of this Association shall be:

- a) To cooperate with the UW-Extension Office in planning and implementing educational programs and setting policy for the purpose of furthering 4-H youth development in Grant County.
- b) To support the work and policies of Grant County 4-H clubs which are consistent with the mission and purpose of 4-H and the Grant County 4-H Leaders Association.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. The membership shall consist of all active Adult Leaders and Youth Leaders. Adult Leaders include all certified leaders in the Grant County 4-H program. Youth leaders are those enrolled in the youth leader project, ~~the Jr. Leaders or the 4-H Ambassador Team. #121, #122 or #123.~~ Membership or participation is in no way limited nor prohibited by virtue of race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, natural origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental, arrest or conviction record or veteran status.

Section 2. Voting privileges shall be limited to those presently serving in one of the positions given in Article II, Section 1.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be adult leaders as follows:

President	Secretary
President-Elect	Treasurer

Section 2. The officers shall be elected for two year terms. President-Elect will be elected every year and will serve as President in the second year of the two year term. The Secretary will be elected in odd numbered years and the Treasurer in even numbered years.

Section 3. Officers of the Association shall be elected at the 4-H Leaders Banquet and take office at the next meeting of either the Executive Committee or the Association.

Article IV. Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, ~~one delegate for the Livestock Auction Committee,~~ one Adult Leader and one Youth Leader from each district ~~and two At-Large Adult Delegate positions and two At-Large Youth Leaders, 7th grade or older. appointed by the Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders Association.~~ The Executive Committee shall meet at such time as the Executive Committee shall deem necessary.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint and oversee committees as necessary to implement 4-H youth development programs.

Section 3. Trip and Award Selection Committee: The Trip and Award Selection Committee shall consist of adult members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. All committees have the power to establish rules and guidelines that reduce or eliminate conflicts of interest provided those policies do not discriminate on the basis of the virtues outlined in Article II, Section 1.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall hold regular county meetings.

Section 2. “Roberts’ Rule of Order” supplemented by the Wisconsin bulletin, “How to Conduct a Business Meeting”, shall be considered as satisfactory guidance.

Article VI. Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Notice must be given of such proposed change at least 30 days previous to the meeting. Publication in the 4-H ECHO is considered sufficient notification.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Duties of the Officers

- Section 1. President - Shall preside at all meetings of the Association. Shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee. President and UW-Extension Staff shall handle issues which in their judgment would not require an Executive Committee meeting. The President and UW-Extension staff shall inform the Executive Committee of these actions during regular meetings.
- Section 2. President-Elect - Shall preside in the absence of the President and take care of the duties of the President during this absence. President-Elect will serve as President in the second year of the two year term.
- Section 3. Secretary - Shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association.
- Section 4. Treasurer - Shall collect and care for all money and dues of the Association. Shall pay bills as are ordered by the Executive Committee.

Article II. Election of Officers

- Section 1. Method of nomination - Suggestions for officer nominations will be taken at the September District Meetings. Officers shall be formally nominated by the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Banquet. If possible, nominees will be contacted to confirm their candidacy. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Banquet.
- Section 2. No officer may be elected to succeed themselves with the exception of someone filling an unexpired term.
- Section 3. Vacancies in offices may be filled at a regular meeting providing notice to this has been sent to all members previous to the meeting. Publication in the 4-H ECHO is considered sufficient notice.

Article III. Districts

- Section 1. Districts shall be defined as clubs in the area of ~~Central, South Central, South, North and West. Lancaster, Platteville, Cuba City, Bloomington, and Fennimore.~~
- Section 2. Each district shall select a Delegate, a Delegate Alternate, a Youth Delegate and a Youth Delegate Alternate at their September meeting on an alternate year basis. The Delegate and the Youth Delegate shall represent the district on the Executive Committee. It is strongly suggested that the selection of Youth Delegates and Youth Delegate Alternates be rotated from club-to-club. No more than two immediate family members may be voting delegates simultaneously.
- Section 3. A Delegate, a Delegate Alternate, a Youth Delegate and a Youth Delegate Alternate shall be elected for a two (2) year term with ~~West Bloomington and North Fennimore~~ electing in ~~even~~ ~~odd~~ numbered years and ~~Central Lancaster, South Central and Platteville and South Cuba City~~ in ~~odd~~ ~~even~~ numbered years.

- Section 4. If the Delegate of a district is unable to fulfill their term, the Delegate Alternate will assume the Delegate position and will represent that district on the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term. If possible, a new Delegate Alternate will be elected.
- Section 5. If the Youth Delegate is unable to fulfill their term on the Executive Committee, the Youth Delegate Alternate will represent that district on the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term. If possible a new Youth Delegate Alternate will be elected.
- Section 6. District Delegate Alternates are encouraged to attend Executive Committee meetings and will assume voting powers when their District Delegate is not in attendance.
- Section 7. Youth Delegate Alternates are encouraged to attend Executive Committee meetings and will assume voting powers when their District Youth Delegate is not in attendance.

Article IV. At-Large Delegates

- Section 1. An At-Large Delegate will be open to any certified Adult Leader or Youth Leader, regardless of the district.*
- Section 2. There will be two (2) Adult At-Large Delegate and two (2) Youth At-Large Delegate positions. Each position will serve a two (2) year term and will have alternating election years.*
- Section 3. At-Large Delegates will be nominated at the District Meetings and/or at the Annual Leader's Banquet and voted on at the Annual Leader's Banquet.*
- Section 4. If an At-Large Delegate is unable to fulfill their term on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee will appoint a replacement to fill in the remainder of the term.*

Article V. Delegate for the Livestock Auction Committee

- Section 1. There will be one (1) Delegate for the Livestock Auction Committee. This position will be open to any certified Adult Leader, regardless of the district.*
- Section 2. The delegate will be elected for a three (3) year term. The delegate will not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.*
- Section 3. The delegate will be nominated at the District Meetings and/or at the Annual Leader's Banquet and voted on at the Annual Leader's Banquet.*
- Section 4. The expectations of the delegate are to attend all Livestock Auction meetings and report back to the Executive Committee.*
- Section 5. If the delegate is unable to fulfill their term on the Executive Committee, or meet the expectations outlined in Section 4, the Executive Committee will appoint a replacement to fill in the remainder of the term.*

Article VI. Quorum

- Section 1. A quorum shall consist of those present at a regularly called meeting.

Article VII – The Fiscal Year

- Section 1. The Wisconsin 4-H fiscal year is defined as July 1 – June 30. The Grant County 4-H Leaders Association's financial books must be rectified annually by June 30. IRS 990 filing must be completed by November 15.

Appendix A Article VII— Additional Club Policies and Standing Rules

Section 1. The club policies and standing rules contained within this article are subject to amendment or suspension by a majority vote at any regular scheduled meeting in which a quorum is present.

- (a) *The Grant County Leaders Association, as finances allow, aspires to provide funding to defray costs to members awarded 4-H sponsored state or national trips. The Grant County Leaders Association awards are not to exceed more ~~than 1/3~~ 50% of the cost of the trip awarded to members.*
- (b) *In the event of a death of a 4-H member, leader or supporter of 4-H, if deemed appropriate after communication among the majority of Executive Committee officers and members, an Executive Committee officer may act on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Grant County 4-H program to approve a memorial in honor of the deceased.*
- (c) *Defining the Districts: As of ~~January 1, 2017~~ January 1, 2024, the chartered 4-H clubs included in each district are:*
- *Central ~~Lancaster~~: Merry Mixers, Active Americans, Busy Badgers, Golden Needle*
 - *South Central ~~Platteville~~: Cornelia Badgers, Platteville Woodchucks, Dairyland Diamonds, ~~Town & Country Kids, Hazel Green Clever Clovers~~, Blockhouse Builders, ~~Thousand Hills~~*
 - *South ~~Cuba City~~: Town & Country Kids, Hazel Green Clever Clovers, Thousand Hills*
 - *North ~~Fennimore~~: Mt. Ida Hilltoppers, Stitzer Go-Getters, Plum Valley Boosters, Boscobel Big Green, Golden Gates*
 - *West ~~Bloomington~~: Blake's Prairie Bombers, Mt. Hope Cardinals, Cassville Country Buddies, Potosi Happy Clovers*
- (d) *As new clubs are chartered, the district to which they belong will be determined at the time of charter.*
- (e) *Each district will select Adult and Youth Delegates for the Executive ~~Committee Board~~ from the clubs within their district. Delegates to the Executive ~~Committee Board~~ will be representing the district to which their 4-H club is a member, regardless of the living address of the delegate.*
- (f) *Order of election will begin with district delegates, followed by At-Large delegates, and then alternate district delegates.*

Adult Leader Training Info

Adult Leaders:

All volunteers need to complete **Title IX Reporting training** before being approved.



**IMPORTANT
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After adult leaders submit their 4-H online enrollment, you may see that you need to complete the Title IX Reporting Training. This is a training for all adult volunteers. It is an online training that will take around an hour; but it is self-paced so you can stop and complete it later if you need.

To get to the training; you will need to click on this link:

<https://youthtraining.compliance.wisc.edu/>

You only need to take Sections 1 and 2 of this training. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE section 3.**

To take the training:

1. Click on the above link
2. Computer users: Use “Click Here to Start” in the training Instructions or “Section 1” on the red bar at the top of the page.
Phone/Tablet users: Click on “Menu” in the red bar at the top of the screen
3. Sign up using the name and email that you use in 4HOnline.
4. For “what program are you seeking certification for?” type “**4-H**”. Do not type in your county, club, project, or role. Only type in “4-H”
5. Leave the NetID field blank.
6. To complete requirements for 4-H, you must finish Section 1 and Section 2. **Do NOT complete Section 3.**

There will be a delay between completing the training and the recording in 4-H Online. The delay may be around a week before it shows up as complete in your 4-H profile.

Section 1: Sexual Misconduct in Youth Activities

- Returning Users -

Log In:
Email Address:

Log In

- New Users -

Sign Up:

Your Name:
 Type the first and last name you use in 4HOnline

Email Address:
 Type the email address you use in 4HOnline

What program are you seeking certification for?

Enter your program here:
 Type “4-H” ONLY

If you have a University of Wisconsin NetID, please enter it here.

NetID:
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Sign Up

Announcements & Congrats



4-H Family Project Day: Saturday, February 10, 2024

The 4-H Family Project Day will be hosted in February 2024 at the Youth & Ag Center, on the Grant County Fairgrounds, in Lancaster. Registration for attendees will be starting in January. For any questions, or you would like join the Family Project Day Committee, please contact Jenny Dixon at the Extension Office at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or 608-723-2125.

2023 Grant County 4-H Leaders Awards

The 4-H Leaders Association Banquet was held on Wednesday, October 4, 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 2023 banquet:

- Meritorious Service Award – **Glenda Holzer, Alicia Prill-Adams, Dave and Ann Vosberg**
- Volunteer of the Year Award – **Bobbi Riedl**
- John Edge Memorial Award for Leaders with 10 Years of Service –
Patti Fry and Amanda Cauffman
- Emerald Club Award for Leaders with 25 Years or More of Service –
Rhonda Hughey



Patti Fry

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.



Bobbi Riedl



Alicia Prill-Adams



Rhonda Hughey



The late Glenda Holzer, accepted by her son Mikel



Dave and Ann Vosberg



Amanda Cauffman

Congratulations

Dairy Judging at Area Animal Science Days



Junior Dairy Team left to right:
Haidyn Jackson; Brittany Taylor,
Tim Bruner, and Ella Jackson
Results: 4th place team.
Brittany 1st place individual.



Senior Dairy Team left to right:
Matthew Winch, Ainsley Noble, Wesley Winch, and
Rose French
Results: 1st place team reasons and 1st place team
Individually: Matthew Winch 2nd, Ainsley Noble 3rd,
Wesley Winch 7, Rose French 8, and Macie Noble 11
Macie is missing from the picture.



National Dairy Judging

The Grant County Senior Dairy Judging team took 2nd place at the State Dairy Judging Contest and had the opportunity to represent Wisconsin at the All-American Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania this fall. Senior Dairy Team members were Matthew Winch, Rose French, Ainsley Noble and Wesley Winch. As a team they placed 4th overall! Congratulations!

Livestock Skillathon



Grant County 4-H members represented the county and the Wisconsin 4-H program by competing in the National Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY as part of the North American International Livestock Exposition. The Skillathon team from Grant was 7th overall out of 22 teams. Libby Vogt was an All-American placing 18th and receiving a belt buckle. She was also 5th in identification. Michael Edgington was 5th in Evaluation. Skillathon Members were: Michael Edgington, Luke Patterson, Cameron Patterson, and Libby Vogt. They were coached by 4-H Leader, Dennis Patterson. Congratulations!

Grant County Fair

Foods Revue - Congrats

Several Foods Revue awards were awarded:

- Peer Choice Awards - Foods project members will have the opportunity to vote on the outstanding food, project, or table display in each grade range. Laura Orth, Pampered Chef, sponsors this award.
- A special merit ribbon for the Best Foods Revue Display.
- Any exhibitor that includes beef in a food exhibit will be eligible for the outstanding beef exhibit award sponsored by the Grant County Cattlemen. Members are not required to include beef in their prepared food.



Are you showing beef in the market division at the 2024 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 Friday, January 5, 2024, 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 already re-enrolled in 4-H by December 6 were mailed the id packet, including the letter, information sheet and the id form. The packet was 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/>

To participate in the **optional** rate of gain, animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 5 to be eligible.

- The Belmont Sale Barn will be open for beef weigh-ins on December 16 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 December 31 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.

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Important Dates

- December 1 - **DEADLINE** to enroll/re-enroll to stay on mailing lists
- December 16 - Officer Training & New Club Leader Training
- December 17 - Meats Judging Practice
- December 21 - VIP/New Leader Training at 10:00 am
- December 25 & 26 - Office Closed, Merry Christmas
- January 1 - Office Closed, Happy New Years
- January 2 - Deadline for Camp Counselor Applications
- January 5 - **DEADLINE** by 4:00 pm - Grant County Fair Beef ID

