

# 4-H ECHO



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**Adult leaders**, please make sure you have completed all of the required trainings and/or background check as soon as possible. You can check your leader status and pending trainings by logging back into [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com). It is very important to get all leaders through these trainings and background check requirements to ensure a complete enrollment.

**Youth members**, look over your 4-H projects you signed up for in [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com). The deadline to add or change 4-H projects in order to exhibit at the Grant County Fair as a 4-Her is **April 1** (*this is not an April Fools joke*). Go to [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) to view/change/add your projects. Contact Jenny with any questions at (608) 723-2125 or [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu).

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

# Upcoming Dates & Events

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- March 10 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery
- March 23 - Photography Meeting, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- April 1 - **DEADLINE** - Re-enroll, Add/change 4-H Projects
- April 1 - **DEADLINE** Mini Grant Applications
- April 5 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Communication Arts Day registration, 4:00 pm
- April 6 - Rabbit/Poultry Showmanship Clinic / Skill-a-thon, 10:00 am, Grant County Fairgrounds
- April 7 - YQCA In-Person Training, 3:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster (pre-registration required)
- April 8 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- April 12 - **DEADLINE** - Register for Cloverbud/Exploring Day
- April 14 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery
- April 14 - Photography Meeting, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- April 20 - Cloverbud & Exploring Day, 10:00 am - noon, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- April 21 - Grant County Fair Communication Arts Day, 2:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center
- April 24 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- April 28 - Diorama Day, Eckstein Building, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
- April 28 - YQCA In-Person Training, 3:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster (pre-registration required)
- May 1 - **DEADLINE** to Register for 4-H Camp on [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) (may be sooner if capacity reached)
- May 1 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Horse ID by 4:00 pm
- May 1 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Dairy ID by 4:00 pm
- May 4 - Grant County Fair Sheep & Goat Id, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lanc.
- May 13 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- May 14 - 4-H Countywide Leaders Meeting, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- May 19 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery
- May 29 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- May 31 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Swine ID by 4:00 pm
- June 11 - Rural Safety Day, Grant County Fairgrounds - register with the Health Dept. 608-723-6416
- June 12 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
- June 13 - Shooting Sports Fun Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club
- June 18 - 21 - 4-H Camp, Upham Woods, WI Dells

goodbye february

hello march

# Announcements

## 2024 Grant County Fair / Livestock Auction Animal ID Dates

May 1 - Horse and Dairy (paper id)  
May 4 - Sheep and Goat 9 - 10 am (in-person)  
May 31 - Swine (paper/photo id)  
July 11 - Rabbit, 6:30 pm (in-person)  
Poultry (*date dependent on volunteers and testing availability*)

These dates and details are subject to change. Details will be sent to FFA advisors and 4-H members enrolled in the specific projects. Contact the Grant County Extension Office or the Grant County Fair Office with questions.

Grant County Fair Website

<https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/>



## 4-H Ambassadors' Corner

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

*Katelyn Schnitzler*



Hello, I am Katelyn Schnitzler, the 4-H Mt. Ida Hilltoppers treasurer. I have been a member of Mt. Ida Hilltoppers for six years. I show rabbits at the fairs and have displayed a few art and crafts items. During my free time, I practice my bass clarinet and forensics speech for the Fennimore Forensics Team. This year I am looking forward to showing my love for 4-H and helping the youth learn about 4-H and all it has to offer.

# Congrats & 4-H Club Minutes



## Meats Judging Team

Front l to r: Zeeva Orth, Talyn Witzig, Klay Conley, Kegan Patterson, Henry Drinkwater, Korbin Conley

Middle l to r: Leah Patterson, Reid Stalsberg, Iris Adams, Ariana Reinsbach, Rachel Patterson, Tessa Vogt, Libby Vogt

Back l to r: Michael Edgington, Cameron Patterson, Aiden Patterson, Anna Drinkwater, Kayla Buttles. Coaches: Dennis Patterson and Amanda Cauffman.

Not pictured: Gwen Riedl, Natalie Riedl, Ryan Riedl.

**Congrats to the Grant County 4-H Meats Judging Team** who competed at the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest held at the Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building at UW-Madison on February 3rd. Sixty youth participated in retail identification, beef yield and quality grading, eight placing classes and two sets of oral reasons. Grant County had a tremendous day with five out of the top ten juniors and eight out of the top ten individuals in the senior division. Grant County had the first, fourth, and fifth place junior teams. The first-place junior team consisted of Kayla Buttles, Natalie Riedl, Anna Drinkwater, and Klay Conley.

In the senior division, Grant County had the first and second place teams. The first-place team consisting of Iris Adams, Libby Vogt, Cameron Patterson, and Michael Edgington will be traveling to Kansas City, Missouri to compete in the American Royal National Meats Judging Competition this fall. The second-place senior team from Grant County consisted of Leah Patterson, Gwen Riedl, Aiden Patterson, and Reid Stalsberg.

## Blake's Prairie Bombers 4-H Club by Sydney M.

This month at our 4-H meeting we talked about our 4-H Family Day project. We also made valentines for the local nursing homes. Everyone had tons of fun and we made some pretty awesome cards. Our next meeting will be February 18th at the American Legion hall in Bloomington at 6:30.



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

For our February meeting the Hazel Green Clever Clovers did skills stations. The types of stations we did were Aviation, Mechanics and Painting. We all participated in the Mechanics Station, learning about changing the oil, tire pressure and location of a car's battery. Then we got to choose one of the other two stations to go to. The little kids did crafts and stem projects. It was great to try new things.



# 4-H Club Minutes

## **Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club by Keely E. (January)**

The Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club held their meeting on Saturday January 6th at 7pm at the Fennimore United Methodist Church. There was a project at 6 pm before - how to make a bulletin board and thumb tacks led by Ariana. The meeting was called to order. Pledges were led. Roll call was taken by saying your favorite thing about winter. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. We had an update on our Bucky Book sales and how it went. February 10th is 4-H Project Day. We decided on coloring wooden snowflakes and hot gluing them to a canvas. We talked about county activities and what is going on. Some members talked about activities like meats judging, dairy and livestock judging. We also talked about ideas for our winter activity. We decided on going bowling sometime in March. Demonstrations for the February meeting will be grades 5-7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be February 3rd at 7 with a project before at 6. After the meeting we had demonstrations by members 8th grade and above: Wesley - getting a dairy cow ready for show day; Matthew - how to load an AI gun; Keely - beef cattle show supplies and clippers; Reid - quality and yield grades for meats judging; Kenzy - showed us her cat and what's needed to show at the fair.

## **Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club by Keely E. (February)**

The Plum Valley Boosters 4-H club held their meeting on Saturday February 3rd at 7pm at the Fennimore United Methodist Church. There was a project before the meeting - making wooden animal magnets led by Grayson. The meeting was called to order. Pledges were led. Roll call was taken by saying a project you are taking to the fair. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. The club talked about their winter activity and we are going bowling on Friday March 8th at 4pm at Tower Junction. We had a report on the State 4-H Meats Judging contest. We discussed items and deadlines that were in the ECHO. The deadline to sign up for fair projects is April 1st. Quiz bowl and Skillathon practice start February 11. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. We had demonstrations afterwards by grades 5-7: Wyatt - how to play kickball; Bree - making a rubber band bracelet; Joise - using a cattle drenching gun; Samule - how to make trail mix; Abby - items for showing a pig; and Grayson - how to set up a diorama. Our next meeting will be March 2nd at 6pm at Divine Nursing Home in Fennimore. We will be doing a craft with the residents and the club will have our meeting there afterwards. Demonstrations are to be given by members in grades 3-4.

## **Thousand Hills 4-H Club by Calista V.**

Alison J. brought our meeting together on February 18th at 2:19 pm. We did the pledges; then roll call, and the question was "What is your favorite thing to do in the Spring?" Next, Calista V. shared the treasurer's report, and Samantha P. moved to approve it, and Rachel V. seconded that. We then moved on to Old Business and talked about the service project that was done at The Dream Center. Alison J. shared that they helped clean and it went well. Our next Old Business topic was collecting cans for the Veterans in Dubuque. We decided that we will collect more and bring them to the next meeting so we can drop them off. Rachel V. then moved to approve the Old Business, and Calista V. seconded. Next was New Business, we talked about going to the Freedom Center to play euchre, and decided that we wanted to push that to a later date. Then we talked about our upcoming meetings. We decided to talk to a nearby nursing home to see if we could play bingo there on St. Patrick's Day. And for our April meeting we decided that the 14th was the least busiest day. Serena V. moved to approve the New Business, and Rachel V. seconded. Preston M. moved to adjourn the meeting and Will seconded.

# Announcements

**4-H Family Project Day was held Saturday, February 10, 2024**

## THANK YOU ...

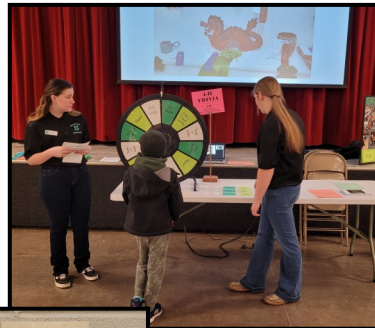
- ... to all of the 4-H Clubs who hosted a project
- ... to all of the youth who attended
- ... to all of our 2024 sponsors
- ... and Thank You to the Grant County 4-H Leaders' Association for the funding and support to have this event year after year!

135 kids attended this year's 4-H Family Project Day. This event was held at the Youth and Ag Center in Lancaster and was open to all kids in grades 5K and older. Members chose four of ten 30-minute sessions led by 4-H clubs around the county, and they had the opportunity to make everything from birdhouses to LED cards to faux stained glass, plus more. Participants also received grab bags with snacks and 4-H information to conclude the day. If you would like to be on the Family Project Day Committee, please contact [Jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:Jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or call 608-723-2125.

If you made something at 4-H Family Project Day and would like to take it to Grant County Fair, remember to add the corresponding 4-H project in your [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) enrollment profile.

## The clubs and sponsors who helped make this event happen were:

- Grant County 4-H Ambassador's
- Active Americans 4-H Club
- Blake's Prairie Bombers 4-H Club
- Blockhouse Builders 4-H Club
- Busy Badgers 4-H Club
- Cassville Country Buddies 4-H Club
- Dairyland Diamonds 4-H Club
- Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club
- Merry Mixers 4-H Club
- Platteville Woodchucks 4-H Club
- Town & Country Kids 4-H Club
- Anderson Welding
- Dewey's Tire Repair
- Fishnick Dairy
- Grant County Dairy Promoters
- Kwik Trip
- Wings Over Wisconsin



# Announcements

## Photography Meeting

**March 23, 2024 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Grant County Fairgrounds, Youth & Ag Center  
916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster

Come to the Youth & Ag for a photography meeting 9:00 -11:00 am. Saturday, March 23. We'll be going over beginning photography techniques and practicing them as well. Bring your cameras!

Come even if you are not a beginning photographer.

We'll be sure to share skills for more advanced photographers, too.

Please register by calling the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. For questions, call Eileen Dushek-Manthe at 608-345-5626. Adults are always welcome to stay and learn along with the 4-H members. See you there!

## Cloverbud / Exploring Day

**April 20, 2024, 10:00 am - noon**

Grant County Fairgrounds, Youth & Ag Center  
916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster

Cloverbud and Exploring 4-H members, please join us for a fun filled morning. We will be making crafts and getting ideas that you can exhibit at the fair! A light snack will also be provided that we will make ourselves! We will start things off at 10:00 am. and will be done by noon. Parents are encouraged, but not required, to stay with their 4-H member(s). There will be a small fee of \$2/member collected at the door to help off-set the cost of supplies.

Please call the Extension Office at (608) 723-2125 to pre-register by April 12th so we make sure we have enough supplies for all participants.

## WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

*Save the Dates*

**SHAWANO COUNTY  
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY  
JUNE 20TH**



Grant County will be getting a team together to go to the Green County Date. If you would like to participate in the event and practices, please contact Grant County 4-H Coach Dennis Patterson at 608-412-1011. Practices will start around the beginning of June. To find out more about these events contact Dennis or visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>

## Diorama / Scale Models Workshop April 28, 2024, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Grant County Fairgrounds, Eckstein Building  
916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster

Come one, come all! You do not need to be in the diorama / scale models project to attend this workshop. This will be a fun day to share ideas and learn more about the project and how to set up a display. Participants can bring up to 10 pieces they would like to incorporate into a display.

Please pre-register by calling the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. For questions about this event, call Mikel at (608) 341-0199.

# Announcements



## 2024 4-H CAMP

June 18-21, 2024

Upham Woods Outdoor Center, WI Dells

4-H Camp is four fun-filled days and three starry nights that offer youth the opportunity to experience games, nature activities, hiking, arts and crafts, making new friends and some adventures that only Upham Woods has to offer. 4-H Camp will be combined with 4-Hers from Grant and Lafayette Counties.

Thanks to the sponsorship from the Grant County 4-H Leaders Association, the camp registration fee will be \$125 per camper for first year 4-Hers and also continuing members that have completed a record book and \$150 for 4-H campers that did not complete a record book for the previous 4-H year.

Upham Woods' website has information on activities that have been offered in the past to help you decide if you would like to register for 4-H Camp. Activity availability will depend on the number of adult advisors, youth counselors and Upham Woods staff.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/home-page/programs/summer-camp/>



2023 4-H Campers at Upham Woods

A bus will be transporting 4-Hers to and from Grant County. More details regarding travel times, camp rules, recommended packing lists and more will be mailed out to campers after registration closes.

Camper registration will be opening March and closing May 1, or until we hit our maximum capacity (*based off of number of adult advisors and camp counselors*). 4-H youth in 3rd grade through 7th grade will be notified once camp registration is open through 4-H Online.

To register, visit <https://wi.4honline.com/> and log in with your account information. You will then register under the events tab on the left-hand side.

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.

If you have any questions, contact the Grant County Extension Office at (608) 723-2125 or by emailing [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or [charisse.orth@wisc.edu](mailto:charisse.orth@wisc.edu).





# Announcements

## 4-H Shooting Sports

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

### Participant Requirements:

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

### Practices:

Practices will begin at 1:00 pm and usually last less than 2 hours. 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.

### Shooting Sports practice schedule

March 10, Tri-County Archery  
April 14, Tri-County Archery  
May 19, Tri-County Archery  
June 13, Fun Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club  
July TBA - Bloomington Fair Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club  
August 11 - Grant County Fair Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club (*corrected date*)  
August 28 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Shoot



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

### Adult Certification Workshop Dates

Adults interested in becoming an instructor in their county shooting sports program can plan now to attend an upcoming certification workshop. The following workshop dates are below and registration details are located on the 4-H Shooting Sports page at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

East Central Certification Workshop, Saturday, April 6, 2024, New Franken, WI

West Central Certification Workshop, Saturday May 4, 2024, Eau Claire, WI

Central Certification Workshop, Saturday, September 14, 2024, Marshfield, WI

Consider volunteering to be a certified county instructor. The critical part of providing shooting sports training for 4-H members in your county is having parents helping. Successful shooting sports program have many helpers covering different tasks. Ask the volunteers running shooting sports in your county how you can help.

# Announcements

## Rabbit & Poultry Showmanship Clinic / Skill-a-Thon

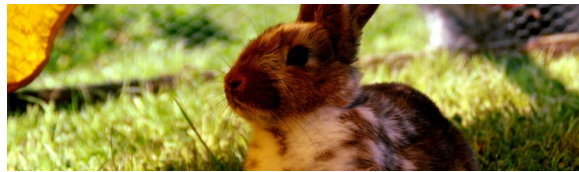
April 6, 2024 at 10:00 am

Grant County Fairgrounds  
916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster, WI

- Do you have rabbits or poultry?
- Are you thinking about adding rabbits or poultry as a 4-H project before April 1?
- Would you like learn more about the project and potentially show at the Grant County Fair?

If you said yes to any of these questions—come and check out the Rabbit & Poultry Showmanship Clinic/Skill-a-thon. This is a time to learn about the animals, the rabbit and poultry project, and how to show your animal.

There is no pre-registration or fee required for this event. Please do not bring your animals to this event. If you are interested in Rabbits or Poultry, make sure to add the 4-H project to your 4-H enrollment at [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com). This will need to be done **BEFORE April 1**. Even if you add the project, and then choose not to continue with the project; that is fine. If you have questions on how to add any 4-H projects, contact [jenny.dixon@wisc.edu](mailto:jenny.dixon@wisc.edu) or call (608) 723-2125.



What is the **Rabbit 4-H Project** all about?

Whether you see rabbits as soft and cuddly pets or a business opportunity, the rabbit project is flexible for your interest. Beginning level rabbits activities include selection, handling, breeds, parts, management, equipment, feeding, health, breeding and kindling. At the intermediate level through hands-on activities, you will learn how to select, judge, give oral reasons, show rabbits, tattoo, keep records and detect diseases. In the advanced level of the rabbits project, you will learn more about breeding, genetics, culling, determining pregnancy, designing a rabbitry, anatomy, teaching others, registering a rabbit and marketing your product.



What is the **Poultry 4-H Project** all about?

Explore the poultry industry, including turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, pheasants, guinea hens, pigeons or quail. Learn about species and breeds, eggs, feather features, health, feeding, handling, washing, managing a flock, ethics, showing and careers.

# Announcements

## 4-H Cat Project Meetings

Cat meetings starting at 6:00 pm in the Youth & Center at 916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster, WI. You need to attend at least one of these dates to show cats at the Grant County 4-H Fair. The 4-H Cat Show will be on August 11th. The show will start at 10:30 am. The cats will be released right after the cat show. We will need proper paperwork for the required shots. Any questions, please contact Julie Cyborski at 608-763-2307.



April 8 - 6pm  
April 24 - 6 pm  
May 13 - 6 pm  
May 29 - 6 pm  
June 12 - 6 pm  
June 26 - 6 pm  
July 27 - 11:00 am

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## Horse Co-Leader Opportunity

The Grant County Horse project is seeking a horse project co-leader. We have had a leader offer to help with the horse project, but would be interested in a co-leader or additional support. These roles would work with the program to host project meetings and practices. Co-leaders are helpful because “many hands make light work”.

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. Youth have expressed interest in learning more about Horse Bowl and Hippology as well as forming a team for competition. If you are interested in learning more, contact the Extension Office and we will put everyone in contact.

If you are interested in helping out please contact, Charisse at the Extension Office, [charisse.orth@wisc.edu](mailto:charisse.orth@wisc.edu), to start the process and answer any questions you may have.



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April 6 - Rabbit Showmanship Clinic / Skill-a-thon

April 20 - Cloverbud & Exploring Day

April 28 - Diorama Day

June 25 - Grant County Fair Foods Revue

July 15 - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue

# Scholarships

## 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 are due April 1, 2024. The guidelines and application can be found at [grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development](http://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development) or by contacting the Grant County Extension Office. Any questions, contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125.



## Grant County Cattlemen Scholarship

Applicants must be residents of Grant County. Applicants must plan on attending a 4-year university or a technical college/short course program of his or her choice the following fall. At least one scholarship will be given to a student attending a 4-year college or university and at least one scholarship will be given to a student attending a technical college or short course program. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior or in any year of college or program and may apply multiple times. Preference may be given to those who have not received a Grant County Cattlemen Scholarship in the past. Applicants must have a background in the beef, veal, or dairy industry. Preference may be given to those majoring in an agriculture related field. Financial need may be a factor in determining the recipient of the scholarship. Recipient of the scholarship is encouraged to attend the Grant County Cattlemen's annual meeting to be recognized for receiving the scholarship. To receive scholarship, recipients must provide the Grant County Cattlemen proof of their fall semester grades no later than March 1 of the following calendar year. Recipients must assist the cattlemen with at least 2 or more fundraisers or events in order to be eligible to receive their scholarship. Scholarship payment will be made following the approval of the Grant County Cattlemen Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting.

Applications must be returned by April 1, 2024. Please mail all applications and letters of recommendation to:

Dillin Meier  
8674 Hwy 133  
Glen Haven, WI 53810  
meierdi4320@gmail.com

If there are any questions call Dillin Meier 608-723-9573. The application form and rules can be picked up at the Grant County Extension Office.

## 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 on the following:

***“With the world’s push for reduced carbon footprints and CI (carbon intensity) scores from all industries, how do you think rural communities like ours will be impacted as a lower CI grain may be in higher demand?”***

Adkins Energy LLC will award three \$1000 scholarships to the qualifying students. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2024. Applications can be found at [www.adkinsenergy.com](http://www.adkinsenergy.com). Questions, contact (815) 369-9173 x222 or mwernicke@adkinsenergy.com.

# Grant County Fair

**Wanted: Junior Fairest of the Fair for the Grant County Fair,  
August 11-18, 2024**



Contest Rules:

1. Contestant must be in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in school.
2. Complete the essay question below in 150 words or less.
3. If selected, contestant can no longer seek the role of Junior Fairest of the Fair.
4. 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.

## Essay Questions

“Why do you want to be the 2024 Grant County Junior Fairest of the Fair? How are you involved in the fair or your community?”

Grant County Fair Board members will select the finalist. Number of finalists based on number of applications received by **deadline: April 5, 2024**. Applicants will be notified by April 12 of their status. The finalists will introduce themselves and be interviewed with brief questions regarding promoting the Grant County Fair on May 7, 2024. The winner will receive \$100.00 plus an all event ticket into the 2024 Grant County Fair. Call the Fair Office at 608-723-2135 for an application or go online at [funonfourty.co.grant.wi.gov](http://funonfourty.co.grant.wi.gov) to download an application.

## COMMUNICATION ARTS DAY

21 | APRIL | 2024

2:00PM

Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster

Come join us for Communication Arts Day we would like to see your talents! Hope to see you there!!

VOCAL , INSTRUMENTAL, DANCE, SPEAKING  
ARTS & CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY

From more information visit  
<https://grant.extension.wisc.edu>

Registration forms and information can be found in the February Echo at [grant.extension.wisc.edu](http://grant.extension.wisc.edu) or by contacting the Grant County Extension Office. Registration deadline is **April 5, by 4:00 pm.**

# Grant County Fair

## Poster Contest for the Grant County Fair

The Grant County Fair is continuing our poster contest for students to participate in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. 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 3, 2024**. The sooner the better. No entries will be accepted after that date and time. Below are the guidelines to enter along with a form to be completed that gets attached to the back of each poster.

### Contest Rules

- A fully completed entry form must be attached to the back of the poster to make it eligible for judging. No other entry forms will be eligible for participation.
  - Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials on regular poster) please no computer imagery
  - Poster size must be between **8.5" x 11" and 12" x 18"**.
  - Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
  - All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The 2024 title **"It's Kind of a Pig Deal"**, the date **"August 14-18, 2024"**, and **"Grant County Fair"** must be on your poster. (Don't use any other title.)  
An individual student may only enter in one grade level.  
Entry forms should be submitted to the Grant County Fair, who will contact the winners for prize distribution.  
The members of the Grant County Fair Board shall sponsor the contest. The contest deadline is **May 3, 2024**.

### Poster Evaluations

- The posters are evaluated based on visual effectiveness, originality, and neatness.

### Prizes

- First place entry in grade 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> will receive 1 season pass and \$25.00.
- Second place entry in grade 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will receive 1 season pass and \$20.00.
- Third place entry in grade 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will receive 1 season pass and \$15.00.

All entries will be judged by the Grant County Fair Board. An email went out to all 4-H leaders and art teachers at surrounding schools. We will get in touch with the poster contest winners as soon as they are judged. Be creative and have fun! Some of the top posters will be displayed at the fairgrounds all summer.



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### Poster Contest Entry Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS FORM ABOVE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR COMPETITION.**

# Grant County Fair

## New Rules/Information for 2024 Fair

**Beef** – No exhibitor may enter more than 3 animals in the junior beef department.

**Sheep** - No exhibitor may enter more than 6 animals in the junior sheep department.

**Goat** - No exhibitor may enter more than 6 animals in the junior goat department.

Please refer to the Grant County Fair's website for more information on these three departments for changes.

### New lot numbers for entering **Sheep and Goats**

**Sheep** – Entering a market class sheep use lot #1 for all entries (based on maximum rule) and lot #9 for pen of wethers. Lots #2-8 will still be in the fair management system on the computer to break down entries into lots based on weight after all entries are in, even though those numbers are not printed in the fairbook. All lots will print on the judges sheet for show day.

**Goats** – Entering a market class goat use lot #17 for dairy goats and lot #20 for meat goats (based on maximum rule). Lots #18,19,21&22 will still be in the fair management system on the computer to break down entries into lots based on weight after all entries are in, even though those numbers are not printed in the fairbook. All lots will print on the judges sheet for show day.

REMINDER for **Goat** Exhibitors – You need to choose dairy or meat showmanship before the fair. It must be included on the your entry blank.

### New lot numbers for entering **Swine**

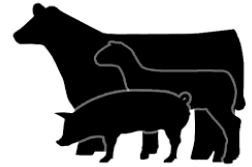
**Swine** – Entering a market class swine use lot #1 for all entries (based on maximum rule). Lots #2-3 will still be in the fair management system on the computer to break down entries into lots based on weight after all entries are in, even though those numbers are not printed in the fairbook. All lots will print on the judges sheet for show day.

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# Grant County Fair

## YQCA Information



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

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

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

- **Online Training** (\$12.00/youth) This type of training is at your own pace. [yqcaprogram.org/](https://yqcaprogram.org/)
- **In-Person Training** (\$3.00/youth) **Online registration is still required. If low registration, training may be cancelled. Make sure to register by the deadline listed.** In-person trainings are scheduled for:
  - April 7 at 3:00 pm, South Room at the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster—pre-register by April 4
  - April 28 at 3:00 pm, South Room at the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster—pre-register by April 25
  - Youth can attend other counties/trainings that are listed on the online registration system.

Once you have registered and completed the course, you will log back into your YQCA account and download a certificate. **You must turn your certificate into the office at anytime before fair entry deadline in July.**

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





# 2-1-1 Information

## Contact 2-1-1 to get help with life.

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- Support Groups
- Parenting Concerns
- Domestic Violence
- Adult and Child Abuse
- Marital/Family Concerns
- Shelter and Food Resources
- Suicidal Thoughts and Feelings
- Bullying



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Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

Online: [www.greatrivers211.org](http://www.greatrivers211.org)  
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## Important Dates



- March 10 - Shooting Sports Practice
- March 23 - Photography Meeting
- April 1 - DEADLINE 4-H Mini Grant Applications
- April 1 - DEADLINE to add/change projects
- April 5 - DEADLINE Communication Arts Day registration, 4:00 pm
- April 6 - Rabbit / Poultry Showmanship Clinic / Skill-a-thon
- April 7 - YQCA In-Person Training (pre-registration required)
- April 8 - Cat Meeting
- April 20 - Cloverbud / Exploring Day
- April 21 - Grant County Fair - Communication Arts Day
- April 28 - Diorama Day
- April 28 - YQCA In-Person Training (pre-registration required)

