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Upcoming Local Fairs

Blake's Prairie Fair: July 19 - 21 www.blakesprairiefair.com

Grant County Fair: August 11 - 18 <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov>

Fennimore Fair: August 24 www.fennimore.k12.wi.us
(under Parent Resources menu)

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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July 27 - Cat Meeting, 11:00 am, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
August 11 - 18 - Grant County Fair - See Grant County Fair website for details
August 11 - Grant County Fair Shoot, 3:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman Club
August 20 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Shoot, 5:00 pm, Southwest Tech
August 24 - Fennimore Fair

Attention Horse and Dog Members:

Horse and Dog Practice schedule is on page 5.

Cloverbud / Exploring 4-H Leader Opportunity

The Grant County Cloverbud / Exploring Project is seeking a new main project leader. We have had an excellent leader but she will now be stepping down after years of offering fun and new project opportunities and guidance to youth.

Cloverbuds are 4-H youth in Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade. Exploring are youth in 3rd - 5th grades that are new to 4-H.



The leader would organize the Cloverbud / Exploring Day that is typically held in the Spring of each year. This event is a time for Cloverbuds to learn a few skills and make projects to potentially exhibit at local fairs. The past leader can offer information on how the day was ran and set up. The new leader will have the flexibility to work with planning dates and projects for this event and other opportunities they would like to provide. There are also leader guides and project curriculum available. If there are multiple leaders interested in helping, co-leaders are helpful because "many hands make light work".

If you are interested in learning more on becoming a Cloverbud / Exploring Leader, please contact Charisse Orth at the Extension Office, charisse.orth@wisc.edu, or call the Extension Office to start the process and answer any questions you may have.

Announcements

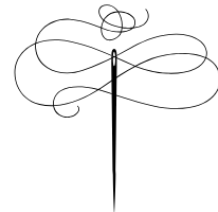
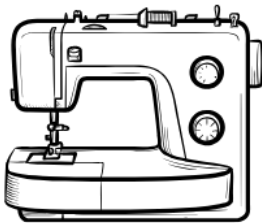
Clothing Revue - July 15

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

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

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

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



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Keely Everson

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



Hello my name is Keely Everson I am a part of the 2024 ambassador team. I am currently a sophomore at Fennimore high school. I am a member of the Plum Valley Boosters 4-H Club out of Fennimore where I hold the position of the club's Secretary. I have been in 4-h for 10 years. I exhibit many projects at the fair including beef, dogs, and multiple indoor projects. I love every second of 4-H and I am very active in club and county 4-H activities. I participate on the 4-H livestock judging team. I am also a member of the Wisconsin and National Junior Shorthorn Associations. I am looking forward to working with the rest of the ambassador team and working with the youth in 4-H this year.

Announcements

4-H Shooting Sports

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



Participant Requirements:

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

Shooting Sports Schedule:

- June 13 - Fun Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club, 4:00 pm
- July 16 - Bloomington Fair Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club, 4:00 pm
- August 11 - Grant County Fair Shoot, Bloomington Sportsman Club, 3:00 pm
- August 20 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Shoot, Southwest Tech, 5:00 pm

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

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 date is below and registration details are located on the 4-H Shooting Sports page at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

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

4-H Horse Project Practices

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

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

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

Saturday, June 15 - 9:00 am
Tuesday, June 18 - 6:00 pm
Thursday, July 11 - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 23 - 6:00 pm
Thursday, August 1 - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 6 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, August 10 - 9:00 am



4-H Dog Project Practices

Dog practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June and July. **Practices will start at 6:00 pm** and be at the Grant County Fairgrounds in the open show barn (dairy show ring), 916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster. Please bring: water for you and the dog, leash, training treats. It is strongly encouraged that parents stay for practice just in case the child and dog need assistance. You are welcome to bring a kennel.

In order to participate in the Grant County Fair Dog events, members and their dogs must attend at least 50% of the scheduled training classes.

Tuesday, June 11
Thursday, June 13
Tuesday, June 18
Thursday, June 20
Tuesday, June 25
Thursday, June 27



More practices may be scheduled later after working with the dog members and evaluating the practice needs to give everyone a good amount of time on the course.

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

Grant County Fair

2024 Grant County Fair / Livestock Auction Animal ID Dates

June 20 - Poultry ID/Testing

July 11 - Rabbit ID, 6:30 pm

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

Grant County Fair Website

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

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT

Grant County Fair Mail-in Entries and Registration Info

Entries are being accepted now by taking them to the fair office.

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

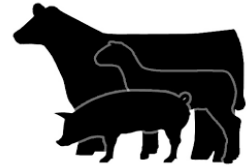
Final Entry Deadline with a Late Fee is July 26, 2024 at 4:00pm

A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for entries received between July 24 - July 26.
After 4:00pm on July 26, NO NEW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Contact the Grant County Fair Office with registration questions.

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 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/

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 or print it out and mail or drop off at the Grant County Extension Office.



Grant County Fair

Promote the Fair Contest Rules

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

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

Prize 1st place - picnic lunch for the 4-H Club including choice of 2 meats (hamburger/hot dogs/brats) with condiments, 2 salads, and dessert

Prize 2nd place - \$50.00

Prize 3rd place - \$25.00

Other entries received \$10.00

The sign must include the following information:

Grant County Fair, Lancaster

August 14-18

Theme of the Fair – It's Kind of a Pig Deal

Send a 4x6 picture and the exact directions to the location of your display (on who's farm it is or highway, etc.) by July 15, along with your organization name, address and contact person's phone number to: Amy Olson, Fair Director, 916 E. Elm Street Suite B Lancaster, WI 53813

Questions can be directed to the fair office at 608-723-2135.

This promotion is paid for by Steve and LouAnn Adrian.

Judging for the sign will be as follows: (Maximum Points 100)

Grant County stands out10

Dates are included on sign5

Location is included on sign5

Words stand out and easy to read10

Colors are effective5

Theme is included5

Creativity.....10

50 Total Points for Design

Gets your attention15

Effectiveness of location10

Easily seen by public10

Promotes fair effectively10

Sign has balance to it5

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

Email: aolson@co.grant.wi.gov

Grant County Fair

Tickets On Sale Now



ALL EVENT TICKETS

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

SALE runs June 1st thru June 28th \$35.00 a ticket
After June 28th it will be \$40.00 a ticket

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

BADGERLAND MIDWAYS CARNIVAL TICKETS

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

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

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

CARNIVAL TIMES FOR 2024

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

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

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

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

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



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