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April 1 - 4-H Project Deadline

Look over your 4-H projects you signed up for on 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. Go to wi.4honline.com to view/change/add your projects. Contact Jenny with any questions at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or the Extension Office at (608) 723-2125.

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

February 8 - 4-H Family Project Day, Youth & Ag Center, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
February 9 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, Outside of Arthur
February 17 - **UPDATED DEADLINE** - 4-H Camp Counselor Application
February 23 - Jr. Leader's Meeting, 3:00 pm, North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
March 2 - In-Person YQCA Training. Pre-Registration Required
March 9 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, Outside of Arthur
March 11 - Countywide Leaders Meeting, 7:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
March 14 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Communication Arts Day Registration, **4:00 pm**
March 14 - **DEADLINE** Mini Grant Applications
March 21 - **DEADLINE** - Cloverbud & Exploring Day Registration
March 23 - Jr. Leader's Meeting, 3:00 pm, North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
April 1 - **DEADLINE** - Re-enroll, add/change 4-H projects
April 5 - Cloverbud & Exploring Day, 10:00 am - noon, North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lanc.
April 6 - Grant County Fair Communication Arts Day, 2:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
April 8 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
April 13 - Shooting Sports Practice, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery
April 23 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
April 27 - YQCA In-Person Training. Pre-Registration Required
June 10 - Rural Safety Day, Grant County Fairgrounds
June 25 - Grant County Fair Foods Revue
July 14 - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue

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. It is very important to get all leaders through these trainings and background check requirements to ensure a complete enrollment.

4-H Club Minutes & Announcements

Platteville Woodchucks 4-H Club

The Woodchucks met on December 8th at Mound City Bank. There was a quick meeting and a talk and demonstration was done by Tyson S. and Savannah H. Following the meeting, the members worked on placemats and Christmas ornaments that were taken to the residents at Edenbrook Nursing Home. After finishing their decorating, everyone enjoyed a pot luck style meal for supper and a white elephant gift exchange.

Cloverbud / Exploring Day

April 5, 2025, 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 event. We will be making projects and getting ideas that you can exhibit at the fair! A light snack will also be provided that we will make ourselves! 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 March 21st so we make sure we have enough supplies for all participants.

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

The 4-H Family Project Day will be hosted February 8, 2025 at the Youth & Ag Center, on the Grant County Fairgrounds, in Lancaster. Registration is full and we are grateful for all of the 4-H Clubs, sponsors and the 4-H Leaders' Association to be able to host another successful event.

Question:

Why wasn't this event advertised through 4-H emails or in the previous Echo?

Answer:

This event was created in efforts to get new, non-4-H members involved in making projects and spark an interest in joining 4-H. In this effort, we start advertising through schools and our website to reach non-4-H members first to make sure youth who are not in 4-H get the opportunity to register before the event gets full. This event is a time to enjoy and visit with friends in and outside of 4-H while working on projects that youth may enter in local fairs after joining 4-H. Thank you to all of the past, current and future participants of Family Project Day to keep this a huge success year after year.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, concerns or comments regarding Family Project Day, or would like to join the Family Project Day Committee, feel free to reach out to the Grant County Extension Office at (608) 723-2125.

Congrats!!

Wisconsin has Two Reserve National Champion Livestock Teams

(Louisville, KY) The 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Livestock Skillathon teams from Grant County were both crowned Reserve National Champions at the 2024 North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. In the Livestock Quiz Bowl contest, team members who participated answered questions via a buzzer system format. Michael Edgington, Cameron Patterson, Luke Patterson, and Libby Vogt were team members. Libby Vogt placed 5th, and Luke Patterson placed 8th in total questions answered.

In the Livestock Skillathon contest, participants complete a 25-question written test and seven individual skill-a-thon stations where contestants participate in livestock breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification, meat identification, quality assurance, and wool and hay judging. The final portion is six team exercises, where each team works to solve different scenarios involving live animals/concepts. These sessions help youth learn problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork. Iris Adams, Gwen Riedl, Aiden Patterson, and Leah Patterson were team members. Wisconsin placed 7th in Identification, 5th in Evaluation, and 1st in Quality Assurance. Iris Adams was 1st, Leah Patterson was 3rd, Aiden Patterson was 5th, and Gwen Riedl was 6th in Quality Assurance. Overall, Iris Adams was 5th, Leah Patterson was 9th, Gwen Riedl was 11th, and Aiden Patterson was 21st. Dennis Patterson coached both teams.

Both contests focused on questions covering the beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat project areas. Significant topics include genetics, reproduction, meats, nutrition, animal health, and many other animal topics.

Wisconsin has been the Reserve National Champion in the Livestock Quiz Bowl four times and has won one National Championship. The National Livestock Skillathon contest (Louisville, KY) has seen similar success, bringing home two National Championships and five Reserve Championships. Thus, the state of Wisconsin has grown a lovely tradition in youth livestock educational events.

Grant County earned the right to compete at these national contests by winning the senior division at the 2024 WI 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon event. Make plans to participate in the 2025 State Contest at UW-Madison on Saturday, March 15. You can find more information about the Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon contests and other youth livestock educational events at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

PHOTO: Left to Right: Ron Patterson, Dennis Patterson, Gwen Riedl, Leah Patterson, Iris Adams, Aiden Patterson, Michael Edgington, Cameron Patterson, Luke Patterson, Libby Vogt, and Bernie O'Rourke Patterson

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Announcements

2024-2025 4-H Projects / Enrollment

The deadline for members to add or change their 4-H project choices in 4-H online is April 1. 4-H enrollment is through <https://wi.4honline.com/> and the 4-H year started October 1. 4-H youth need to be in 5K through 13th grade.

The deadline to enroll and change projects in order to exhibit at the Grant County Fair is April 1st.

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

Leaders: See page 10 for the breakdown of trainings that are required. Online trainings can be accessed by your wi.4honline.com account.

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



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



February 23 & March 23 at 3:00 pm

Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster

- Junior Leaders is to help 4-H members connect to others across the county through leadership activities and community service projects.
- We are recruiting new members to join Grant County Junior Leaders.
- 4-H members in grades 7 and over are welcome to attend.
- Typically meet on the 4th Sunday at 3:00 pm
- Questions: Contact Matt Adams at docadamsvet@gmail.com or 608-412-4351.



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Welcome 2024 - 2025 Team:

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

Look for their activity table at Family Project Day.

Announcements

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

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



Grant County Farm Progress Days Scholarship:

The Executive Committee of Grant County Farm Progress Days has established a scholarship fund. Each year a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Grant County resident who is a graduating high school senior. The student must be pursuing a course of study in a recognized two- or four-year School of Agriculture. The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee of the Grant County Board will award the scholarship based on: 1. Scholastic achievement 2. Extracurricular activities 3. An essay on career plans 4. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members. The scholarship is not need-based. However, if everything else is equal, need may be considered by the committee. The application deadline is March 1 of the student's senior year in high school.

Application forms can be found at grant.extension.wisc.edu under Agriculture → Dairy & Livestock → Upcoming Events/Information. Please encourage eligible students to apply for this scholarship.

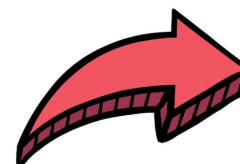
Grant County Cattlemen Scholarship

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, 2025. Please mail all applications and letters of recommendation to: Amy Maag, 11735 Mt. Ridge Rd., Fennimore, WI 53809, amys_3angels@yahoo.com. If there are any questions call Amy Maag 608-485-0533. The application form and rules can be picked up at the Grant County Extension Office.

More scholarship opportunities on next page...



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2025 YQCA Scholarship Program

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4 year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must be a high school senior up to 21 year of age and In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must: Be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age, Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025), Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024). Applications deadline is February 17, 2025. Further details and applications can be found at <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/scholarship-program.php>. Send all required documents to programmanager@yqcaprogram.org and the application should include the subject line: "YQCA Scholarship Application".

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:

"What is E15, should it be available year-round and what are the pros and cons of E15?"

Adkins Energy LLC will award three \$1000 scholarships to the qualifying students. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2025. Applications can be found at www.adkinsenergy.com. Questions, contact (815) 369-9173 x222 or mwernicke@adkinsenergy.com.

Shooting Sports Practice:

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

Participant Requirements:

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

Practices:

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

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

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

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

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



Future dates will be announced at a later date. For more information contact Rhonda Hughey at 778-8415 or Dave Vosberg at 943-8492. Reminder: **All shooting sports members must attend two practices to participate in competition shoots for the fairs.**

Announcements

2025 4-H CAMP

June 29 – July 2, 2025

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.

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/>

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 charisse.orth@wisc.edu.



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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 Extension Office prior to fair entry deadline in July.

Further details will be mailed out to members in the animal projects along with Grant County Fair animal id information.

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.

- **Online Training** (\$12.00/youth) This type of training is at your own pace. 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:
 - March 2 at 2:00 pm, at the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster—pre-registration required.
 - April 27 at 2:00 pm, at the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster—pre-registration required.
 - Youth can attend other counties/trainings that are listed on the online registration system.

**Wanted: Junior Fairest of the Fair for the Grant County Fair,
August 10-17, 2025**

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.

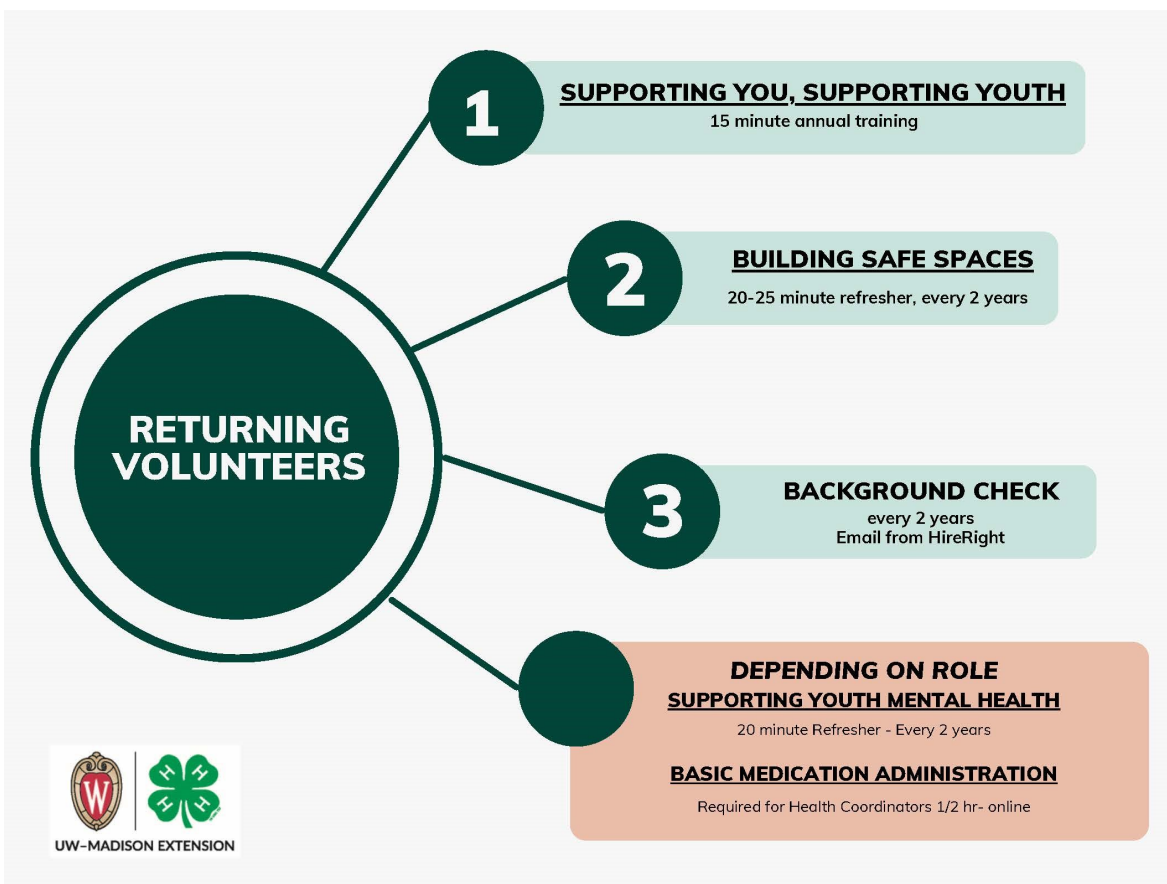
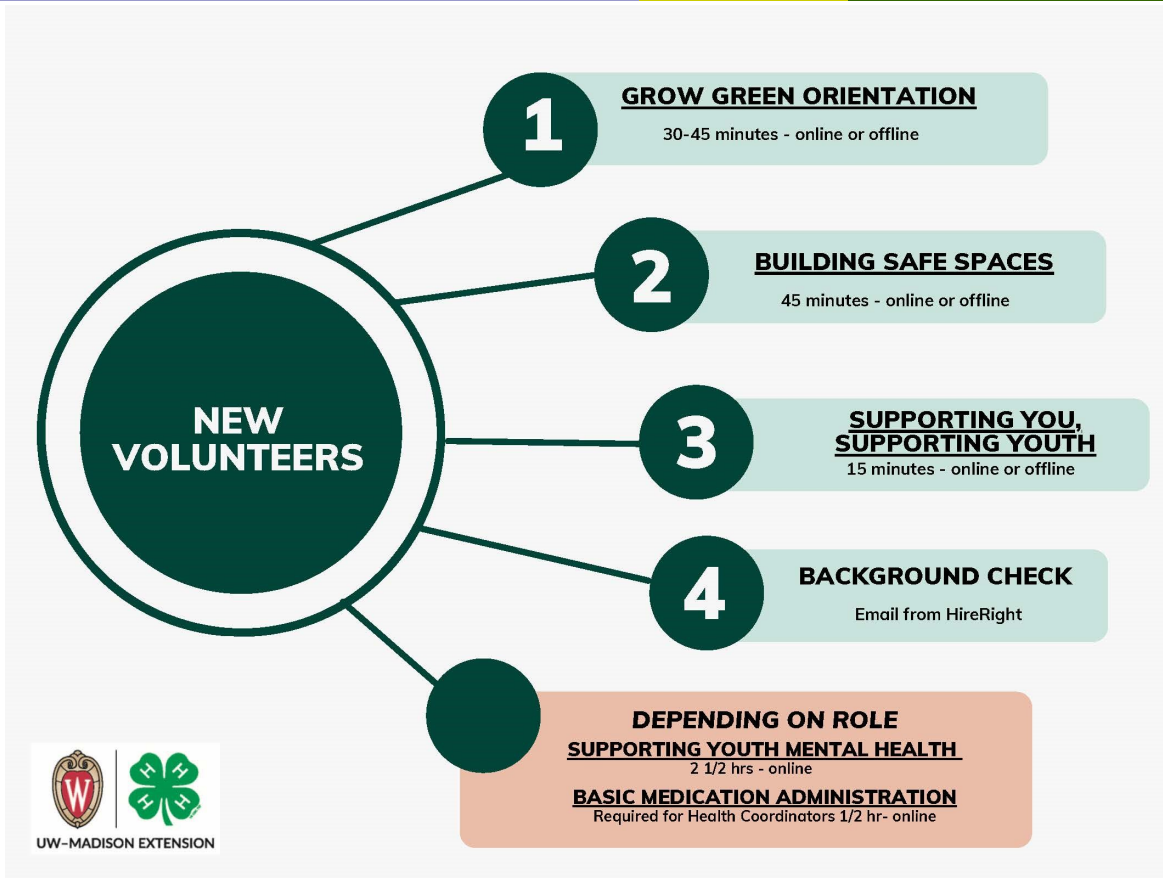


Essay Questions

“Why do you want to be the 2025 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 4, 2025**. Applicants will be notified by April 18 of their status. The finalists will introduce themselves and be interviewed with brief questions regarding promoting the Grant County Fair on May 6, 2025. The winner will receive \$100.00 plus an all event ticket into the 2025 Grant County Fair.

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2025 Grant County Fair Junior Class Fair Book Changes

1. Diorama
Add a description card for team entries. What did you learn or resolve by working as a team?
What made it better or worse by working as a team?
2. Clothing and Clothing Revue
Adding more lot numbers to include new items in every class.
3. Beef
All cattle on the grounds by 3pm not 5pm.
4. Cloverbuds
Change in times for face to face judging. Times will be from 3pm to 6:30pm
5. Plant and Soil Science
Hay in clear bags. When you bring your hay to the fair we will have clear bags for you to put them for display.
Scarecrows must be able to stand on their own in a pail or bucket.
Add cantaloupe.
6. Shooting Sports
Limit to archery entries. You can only enter in 2 lots for bows. The other classes will remain the same.
7. Cats
Start the show at 10am and continue the first Sunday of the fair.
8. Dogs
Change the wording from “Dog Project member and their dogs must attend at least 50% of the scheduled training classes to enter in this department” to “Dog Project member and their dogs must attend at least 5 practices to enter in this department”.
Change the wording from “Exhibitor is limited to one entry per Class (Obedience, Agility, and Showmanship), except for the Brace Class and Agility Class (based on qualifying scores and handler/dog ability-determined by county dog project leader). Only one premium will be given per lot” to “Exhibitor is limited to one entry per class. Only one premium will be given per lot”.
Remove the following because they are for A which is a new person and per our guidelines they are not allowed to jo JTT off leash or standard division the first year.
JTT (Jumps, Tunnel, Table) Division A (Off Leash)
Standard Division A (On Leash)
Standard Division A (Off Leash)
Remove lots 22 and 23 (advance jumpers and advanced standard).
Add classes in the Animal Science Department so dog project exhibitors can bring in posters or booklets on dogs.

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Grant County Fair

2025 Grant County Fair Junior Class Fair Book Changes Continued

9. Foods

Remove all “Food prepared in the microwave” to “Food prepared in an instant pot” in all classes. Must have the recipe with entry.

Muffins need to have no liners.

Adding more candy to select from and pies.

Changing the word “berry” to “fruit” to all more variety of jams.

Remove yogurt leather.

All gluten free entries must have the recipe included

Add Charcuterie Board to food revue.

10. Cultural Arts (Craft)

Add Decorative Ukrainian Eggs and Polish Egg

11. Woodworking

Clarifying more lots as kit built items and homemade/scratch built items so they are judged better

12. Home Environment/Home Furnishing

Add a woven basket

13. Swine

Adding a gilt class (more information will be coming about this)

2025 Grant County Fair Open Class Fair Book Changes

1. Open Plant and Soil Science

Add yellow peppers

Add sweet peppers

2. Open Cultural Arts

Add diamond art

Expand gift items to allow more entries

3. Open Antiques

Add banks, photography equipment, fishing or outdoor sports, paper fan, and child’s plate (no more than 5 pieces).

4. Open Photography

Add more black and white pictures

5. Open Foods

Add a Sourdough class

Add more items to the candy class

Add any kind of yeast bread, not breadsticks

All gluten free entries must have a recipe included

Add a Dried Meats Class to food preservation for jerky and beef sticks

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Grant County Fair

2025 Grant County Fair Fair Book Changes Continued

OTHER NOTES and CHANGES

The fair is keeping all limit of entries per animals for beef, sheep, and goats again for 2025. Goat project families will need to continue to bring their own containers for milk as it cannot be dumped in the bulk tank with the dairy milk.

Rule change for Animal Vet Check at fair. All animal covers/wraps/blankets need to be removed upon arrival so veterinarians can inspect the entire body of the animal.

The following departments will be revamped to change classes from 4-H project levels (used from manuals) to grade levels. This will help streamline the entry process. If you have any questions please contact Amy Olson, Director of the Grant County Fair.

Woodworking

Electricity

Foods

Clothing

Clothing Revue

Home Environment/Home Furnishings

Family and Child Development

2025 Grant County Fair / Livestock Auction Animal ID Dates

May 1 - Horse and Dairy (paper id)

May 3 - Sheep and Goat 9 - 11:00 am (in-person)

May 30 - Swine (paper/photo id)

July 10 - Rabbit, 6:30 pm - 7:30 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/>

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Grant County

Communication Arts Day

April 6th at 2:00 pm

Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster

The arts are for anyone! No matter your grade level or interest, there is something for you to try and learn through the 4-H Arts. The goal of the 4-H Communication Arts Day is to give youth (5K-13th Grade) an opportunity to express their creativity, while also developing skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The 4-H Communication Arts Day Contest will have seven divisions.

- ◆ VOCAL
- ◆ SPEAKING
- ◆ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ◆ INSTRUMENTAL
- ◆ DEMONSTRATION
- ◆ PHOTOGRAPHY
- ◆ DANCE

All performance and exhibits must have been performed, completed or taken after October 1, 2024. Entries in Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Speaking and Demonstrations are eligible for fair premiums. Arts & Crafts and Photography exhibits will be ribbon only and eligible for peer choice awards. Cloverbuds will be celebrated for their participation receiving age appropriate ribbon and premium in eligible divisions.

Members must be enrolled in the 4-H project they are exhibiting in before April 1, 2025. A \$4 Grant County Junior Fair Exhibitor fee will be required for those who enter the Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Speaking and Demonstration divisions. This fee will cover the exhibitor fee for that 4-H member.

Cloverbuds can bring a total of 4 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division. Members grades 3 and over can bring a total of 7 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division.

Entry forms and fee can be dropped off at the Extension Office by **March 14 by 4:00 pm** or postmarked on or before March 14. Mail entry forms and fees to the Grant County Extension Office at 916 E. Elm Street, Suite A, Lancaster, WI 53813. A full list of rules, class listings and entry forms can be found online at <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu>.

If you have questions, please call Grant County Extension Office: 608-723-2125 or the Grant County Fair Office: 608-723-2135.

Divisions are listed on the next page.

Communication Arts Day Divisions

VOCAL DIVISION:

A vocal performance is singing with or without accompaniment, and with or without costuming. Participants may perform as a solo, duet or small group ensembles. Performances are recommended to be 3 minutes and 30 seconds. Limit of 2 entries. Options are:

- Solo Vocal Performance
- Duet Vocal Performance
- Small Group Vocal Performance

INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION:

An instrument performance is an instrumentalist(s) playing standard musical instruments, with or without costuming or staging. Participants may perform as a solo, duet or small group ensembles. Performances are recommended to be 3 minutes and 30 seconds. Limit of 2 entries. Options are:

- Solo Instrumental Performance
- Duet Instrumental Performance
- Small Group Instrumental Performance

DANCE DIVISION:

A dance performance is a dancer(s) doing body movements set to music. Participants may perform as a solo, duet or small group. Performances are recommended to be 3 minutes and 30 seconds. Options are:

- Individual Dance
- Team Dance

SPEAKING DIVISION:

A speaking performance is any prose, poetry or traditional speech, whether presented as memorized or interpretive reading. Performances are recommended to be 2-8 minutes. Options are:

Prose/Poetry – Options include: prose reading, poetry reading, a memorized piece, storytelling (where the story is told and not read), or an interpretive speech (a speech that had originally been written and presented by someone else). You may edit your selection to meet the time requirement. Original poetry or stories can also be used. Presentations will be critiqued on use of introduction, voice, expression and appropriateness of material. You should prepare an introduction that includes credit to the author(s) and any transitions that are needed if you have more than one piece. NO props or costumes are permitted.

Traditional Speech – Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. This could be about a 4-H project you love or a current issue you are concerned about. Your speech could inform, persuade, or motivate your audience. You may use note cards during your presentation, but do not read your speech from your notes. You may also use visuals (posters, charts, diagrams, power point) to help you deliver your speech, but NOT props or costumes. (Keep in mind, this is a speech, not a demonstration.)

DEMONSTRATION DIVISION:

A demonstration shows the audience several steps in a process and may be performed individually or with another youth as a team. Demonstrations are recommended to be 5 minutes. Options are:

- Individual Demonstration
- Team Demonstration

ARTS & CRAFTS DIVISION:

This division includes any visual artwork, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and crafts. All art, drawing and painting must be original work. Crafts can use a pattern or kit. Exhibits must be matted, framed, or otherwise ready for display. Exhibits should be labeled with name, club, grade. Limit of 2 entries. Options are:

- 2D - drawing, painting and flat artwork
- 3D - sculpture, crafts and other 3 dimensional artwork

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION:

This division includes any digital photo (color or black & white) taken by the youth. Photos must have been taken after October 1, 2024. Limit to 2 photo entries.

Grant County Fair

Communication Arts Day

- *Information on how to choose Department, Class and Lot* -

Vocal / Instrumental / Dance / Demonstration / Speaking

Cloverbuds = Youth in grades 5K, 1st or 2nd

All cloverbuds will list Department 17

Vocal / Instrumental / Dance = Class 4

Demonstration = Class 5

Speaking = Class 6

Lots depend on the specific description. See next page for lot breakdown.

Participants in grades 3rd and over will list:

Vocal / Instrumental / Dance = Department 18, Class 12

Demonstration = Department 31, Class 11 or 12 (see page 18 in this echo for details)

Speaking = Department 31, Class 13 or 14 (see page 18 in this echo for details)

Lots depend on the specific grade level and description. See page 18 in this echo for lot breakdown.



For a complete listing of rules, information and the Grant County Fairbook, visit <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/>

Information regarding entries

- Remittance of \$4.00 for exhibitor's season ticket must accompany entry blank.
- All performances, including songs, jokes, movements, props, dress, etc. should be in good 4-H taste. No references to alcohol or drugs can be used. As in all 4-H events, good sportsmanship and support of others is expected.

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Department, Class and Lot Information for Cloverbuds (5K, 1st & 2nd Grades)

DEPARTMENT 17 - CLOVERBUDS CLASS 4 - VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL & DANCE (Grades 5k – 2)

RULES TO ENTER CLASS 4

- Cloverbuds can bring a total of 4 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division.
- Accompanists for any musical solo or ensemble can be a person or recorded. Recorded accompaniment with background vocals are not permitted.
- Pantomiming or lip synching to tapes, CD or DVD's, karaoke or background singing does not give an opportunity for musical expression on the part of participants. It is not permitted. Only 1 vocal, 1 instrumental and 1 dance.
- To keep the selection shorter, excerpts may be taken from longer pieces, one movement may be done or repeats may be eliminated.

PREMIUMS

RIBBON - \$1.00 for each exhibit.

Lot Numbers

1. Vocal solo
2. Vocal duet
3. Small group vocal performance
4. Instrumental solo
5. Instrumental duet
6. Small group instrumental performance
7. Individual Dance
8. Duet Dance (2 dancers)
9. Team Dance (3+ dancers)

DEPARTMENT 17 - CLOVERBUDS CLASS 5 – DEMONSTRATIONS

(Grades 5K – 2)

RULES TO ENTER CLASS 5

- 4-H members may select any project or activity as a subject for a demonstration.
- For Communication Arts Day Event: Cloverbuds can bring a total of 4 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division. Divisions are Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Demonstrations, Speaking, Arts & Crafts and Photography.

PREMIUMS

RIBBON - \$1.00 for each exhibit.

Lot Numbers

1. Individual Demonstration
2. Team Demonstration

DEPARTMENT 17– CLOVERBUDS CLASS 6 – SPEAKING

(Grades 5K – 2)

RULES TO ENTER CLASS 6

- 4-H members may select any project or activity as a subject for speaking.
- Cloverbuds can bring a total of 4 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division. Divisions are vocal, instrumental, dance, demonstrations, speaking, arts & crafts and photography.

PREMIUMS

RIBBON - \$1.00 for each exhibit.

RECOMMENDED TIME IS LESS THAN 3 MINUTES

Lot Numbers

1. 4-H Pledge
2. Prose/Poetry
3. Original Speech

Information regarding entries

- Remittance of \$4.00 for exhibitor's season ticket must accompany entry blank.
- All performances, including songs, jokes, movements, props, dress, etc. should be in good 4-H taste. No references to alcohol or drugs can be used. As in all 4-H events, good sportsmanship and support of others is expected.
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Department, Class and Lot Information for Grades 3 & Over

DEPARTMENT 31 DEMONSTRATIONS

- 4-H members may select any project or activity as a subject for a demonstration.
- Members grades 3 and over can bring a total of 7 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division. Divisions are Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Demonstrations, Speaking, Arts & Crafts and Photography.
- Some Grant County 4-H clubs require members to present a demonstration on a club level in order to compete on the county level. Members need to check with their main leader before entering.

CLASS 11 - OPEN TO GRADE 3-7

Lot No.

1. Individual Demonstration
2. Team Demonstration

CLASS 12 - OPEN TO GRADE 8 & OVER

Lot No.

3. Individual Demonstration
4. Team Demonstration

DEPARTMENT 31 SPEAKING

- 4-H members may select any project or activity as a subject for speaking.
- Members grades 3 and over can bring a total of 7 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division. Divisions are vocal, instrumental, dance, demonstrations, speaking, arts & crafts and photography.

CLASS 13 - GRADES 3-7

RECOMMENDED TIME LIMIT IS 2-5 MINUTES

Lot No.

1. Prose or Poetry
2. Traditional Speech

CLASS 14 - GRADES 8 & OVER

RECOMMENDED TIME LIMIT IS 5-8 MINUTES

Lot No.

3. Prose or Poetry
4. Traditional Speech

DEPARTMENT 18

CLASS 12 - VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL & DANCE

- Open to members enrolled in Music and Dance
- Limit of 2 entries in each Vocal, Instrumental, and Dance Division
- For Communication Arts Day Event: Members grades 3 and over can bring a total of 7 entries for the day, but no more than 2 entries from the same division. Divisions are Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Demonstrations, Speaking, Arts & Crafts and Photography
- Accompanists for any musical solo or ensemble can be a person or recorded. Recorded accompaniment with background vocals are not permitted.
- Pantomiming or lip synching to tapes, CD or DVS's, karaoke or background singing does not give an opportunity for musical expression on the part of participants. It is not permitted. Only 1 vocal, 1 instrumental and 1 dance.
- To keep the selection shorter, excerpts may be taken from longer pieces, one movement may be done or repeats may be eliminated.

CLASS 12 – MEMBERS IN GRADES 3-5

Lot No.

1. Vocal solo
2. Vocal duet
3. Small group vocal performance
4. Instrumental solo
5. Instrumental duet
6. Small group instrumental performance
7. Individual Dance
8. Duet Dance (2 dancers)
9. Team Dance (3+ dancers)

CLASS 12 – MEMBERS IN GRADES 6-8

Lot No.

10. Vocal solo
11. Vocal duet
12. Small group vocal performance
13. Instrumental solo
14. Instrumental duet
15. Small group instrumental performance
16. Individual Dance
17. Duet Dance (2 dancers)
18. Team Dance (3+ dancers)

CLASS 12 – MEMBERS IN GRADES 9 & OVER

Lot No.

19. Vocal solo
20. Vocal duet
21. Small group vocal performance
22. Instrumental solo
23. Instrumental duet
24. Small group instrumental performance
25. Individual Dance
26. Duet Dance (2 dancers)
27. Team Dance (3+ dancers)

JUNIOR CLASS ENTRY FORM—DUE March 14 by 4:00 pm

GRANT COUNTY FAIR, LANCASTER, WISCONSIN

AUGUST 10-17, 2025

Grade as of Jan. 1st, 2025 _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ CLUB NAME _____

Email Address _____

Communication Arts Day – April 6th, 2025 @ 2:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, 916 E. Elm St., Lancaster

Vocal / Instrumental / Dance / Speaking / Demonstration Entry Form

DEPT.	CLASS	LOT	DESCRIPTION	Selection Title	Fee
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<i>(only \$4.00 per exhibitor, not per exhibit entered)</i> EXHIBITOR TICKET:					\$4.00

Arts & Crafts / Photography Entry Form

Please check one Division (Arts & Crafts or Photography) per exhibit and list if 2D or 3D in Arts & Crafts Division.

Arts & Crafts <i>(note if 2D or 3D)</i>	Photography	Description	Current Grade
<i>no charge for Arts & Crafts or Photography entries during this event</i>			No Charge

Use additional forms if needed.

By signing this you agree to the following; I have read & understand the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Grant County Fair Code of Conduct Addendums to the code and I agree to abide by these rules in all departments

EXHIBITOR: _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN: _____

Return to: Grant County Extension Office, 916 E. Elm Street Suite A, Lancaster, WI 53813

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Important Dates

- February 9 - Shooting Sports Practice
- February 17 - **UPDATED DEADLINE** - 4-H Camp Counselor Application
- February 23 - Jr. Leader's Meeting
- March 2 - In-Person YQCA Training. Pre-Registration Required
- March 9 - Shooting Sports Practice
- March 11 - Countywide Leaders Meeting
- March 14 - **DEADLINE** - Communication Arts Day Registration, **4:00 pm**
- March 14 - **DEADLINE** Mini Grant Applications
- March 23 - Jr. Leader's Meeting
- April 1 - **DEADLINE** - Re-enroll, add/change 4-H projects
- April 5 - Cloverbud & Exploring Day

