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Upcoming Local Fairs

Blake's Prairie Fair: July 18 - 20 www.blakesprairiefair.com

Grant County Fair: August 10 - 17 <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov>

Fennimore Fair: August 23 www.fennimore.k12.wi.us

(Fennimore fairbook will be under Parent Resources menu at a later date. Fair will be held at St. Peters Lutheran Church due to construction at the school.)

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 14 - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue, 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
July 18 - 20 - Blake's Prairie Fair
July 22 - Grant County Fair Entry Walk-In Day, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
July 25 - **DEADLINE** - Turn in YQCA certificates by **4:00 pm**
July 26 - Cat Meeting, 6:00 pm, North Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
August 10 - 17 - Grant County Fair - See Grant County Fair website for details & show schedule
August 10 - Grant County Fair Shoot, 3:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman Club
August 21 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Shoot, 5:00 pm, Southwest Tech
August 21 - Fennimore Jr. Fair Dog Show, 5:00 pm, Fennimore Dog Park
August 23 - Fennimore Fair (held at St. Peters Lutheran Church)
September 1 - Annual Financial Review (AFR) due for 4-H Clubs & Groups due to Extension Office
September 9 - Countywide Leaders Meeting
October 1 - Record books due to Extension Office (check with your club for club deadline)
October 1 - Start of new 4-H Year - Time to re-enroll on wi.4honline.com
October 8 - 4-H Leaders Banquet
November 14 - 4-H Awards Night

Attention Dog Members: See page 5 for details and practice schedule.

Attention Horse Members: Once practices are finalized, an email will go out to project members.

4-H Club Minutes

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club by Addie B.

For our April meeting, we had skills day! We had the opportunity to learn mechanics and gardening and then had the choice of graphic design, sewing or welding. The Cloverbuds spent their time on planting, beads and creative art fun! It was so fun to learn all of these great skills from our community members!

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club by Destiny C. - February and March

At our February meeting we met at Mound City Bank. Afterwards we went bowling as a club at Sunset Lanes in Dickeyville. We then had our March meeting on Sunday March 9th. On the 13th of March we had our club project day in Dickeyville where we had projects for all ages.



Volunteer Opportunity

"Christmas in July", Platteville are seeking individuals and groups to help with a carnival-midway-style family event. They need game book attendants, wagon ride attendants and floating volunteers to help make this event a success. No experience needed. They will supply everything you need and guide you every step of the way! They may have one space available for a group to hose a food stand at this event. Reach out to the contact information below to see if that opportunity is still available. The event date is Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at Legion Park in Platteville. Contact Jaquie for questions or to sign up at 608-331-0871 or email fundraising@christmasforkids-southwestwi.org.

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 **July 25 by 4:00 pm**.

Full details were mailed out to members in the animal projects along with Grant County Fair animal id information and to FFA advisors.

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/



Announcements

Night With Ambassadors



On June 1st, 2025, your Grant County 4-H Ambassadors hosted “Night with the Ambassadors” at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster. Eighteen participants had a fun filled night with games, crafts and snacks. The free event was held from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. 4-Hers in grades 3rd through 8th grade were able to attend this event with the option to bring a friend or two in or out of 4-H.



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Katelyn Schnitzler



Hello, I am Katelyn Schnitzler, the 4-H Mt. Ida Hilltoppers President. I have been a member of Mt. Ida Hilltopper for seven years. I show rabbits at the fairs and have displayed a few art and crafts items. During my free time, I play my bass clarinet and work with my rabbits to get them ready for the fair. This year I am looking forward to spreading my love for 4-H and helping to grow the 4-H program before I leave for college.

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 10th. The show will start at 10:00 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.



June 12 - 6 pm - South Room

June 24 - 6 pm - South Room

July 26 - 6 pm - North Room

4-H Dog Project

The first practice was scheduled for June 3. **Members are required to attend 5 practices to be able to participate at the fair.** If you were not able to attend the first meeting, contact Kaci Busch for the upcoming practices and information that was covered. Practices will be every Tuesday until after the 4th of July and then we will have practice every Tuesday and Thursday. Please join the Google Classroom code 5gqskldp to stay up to date.

Please bring a copy of your vaccination records with you or send them to me in an email by the first meeting you attend. kacibusch@gmail.com All dogs must be vaccinated for distemper and rabies and have proof of vaccination to be able to participate at the fair. Kennel cough isn't required but it is strongly encouraged.

Every practice you will need:

1. Dog treats. Something your dog would do ANYTHING for! Popular items are commercial dog treats, hot dogs and cheese.
2. Leash. All dogs must always be in control and on leash. Not every dog is dog friendly. We try our best to maintain a safe distance between dogs to prevent any problems.
3. Kennel. It is nice to be able to leave your dog and help with set up, clean up or to be dog free when watching others run agility.
4. Water, don't forget water for yourself and your dog.
5. Treat pouch. Basically, this is a fanny pack you keep your treats in so you aren't digging in your pockets.
6. Tennis shoes or boots. The dairy show ring has a sawdust base and sandals don't work very well.

I am looking forward to another great year!

Kaci Busch
4-H Dog Leader



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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.

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.**

Events:

Fun Shoot: June 19 - 4:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman's Club

Blake's Prairie Fair Shoot: July 13, 3:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman's Club

Grant County Fair Shoot: August 10, 3:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman's Club

Fennimore Fair Shoot: August 21, 5:00 pm, Southwest Tech, Fennimore



Registration open in 4HOnline from
June 1-30th!

**2025
National
4-H Congress**

Nov 28 - Dec 2,
2025
Atlanta, GA

→ An Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.

ACTIVITIES

- Educational Workshops & Tours
- Community Service
- City Exploration
- World-Renowned Speakers
- National 4-H Congress Gala
- International Events
- State and Congress-wide meetings

Estimated cost: \$1,500 per participant

To learn more about National 4-H Congress visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-congress/>.

Grant County Fair

Foods Revue Registration Information - June 25

EXTENDED DEADLINE: June 11 by 4:00 pm



Foods Revue is the time for decorated food items, as they are not judged during fair week.

Foods Revue, Wednesday, June 25 at 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center. Registration forms for Foods Revue were mailed to members in the Foods Project or can be found at <https://grant.extension.wisc.edu>.

Clothing Revue Registration Information - July 14

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 14. 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 will be available online at <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu> and mailed to members of the Clothing project. The registration **deadline is Friday, June 27 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, 2025.

2025 Grant County Fair / Livestock Auction Animal ID Dates

June 26 - Poultry ID/Testing

July 10 - Rabbit, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (in-person)

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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Hello Fair Families,

Fair season is shaping up to be absolutely amazing this year! With exciting new entertainment and the return of beloved traditions, there's truly something for everyone to enjoy. It's been inspiring to see how hard our exhibitors are already working to prepare their livestock and projects—these contributions are truly the heart of the fair.

So, what's new this year?

We're thrilled to welcome *Brew City Wrestling* to the lineup in the **Royal Bank Entertainment Tent**—an action-packed addition that's sure to entertain! We also have a fantastic schedule of musical performances that you won't want to miss.

New this year in the **Beef Sale Pavilion** is *Country Line Dancing on Saturday night*—a great way to kick up your heels and enjoy the fair atmosphere!

Back by popular demand are the **Bear Hollow Wood Carvers**, who wowed the crowd last year with their incredible chainsaw artistry. And for families, the **Scott Implement Kids Tent** offers free entertainment and a place to relax and enjoy a meal. This year's highlights include a magician and an interactive strolling robot—fun for all ages!

The **carnival** will run Wednesday through Sunday, and **Mega Passes** are on sale now in the fair office for just \$70 until **Tuesday, August 12 at 5 p.m.** Only **500 passes** are available at this price—after that, they go up to \$90 starting **Wednesday, August 13** when the carnival opens.

Also available are **All Event Passes** for just \$35 through **June 30**. These passes include fairgrounds admission and access to all grandstand events—making it the best deal for those who don't want to miss a thing!

With a perfect blend of new attractions and cherished traditions, this year's fair is sure to be an unforgettable experience. For the latest updates, be sure to visit our website at funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov and follow us on Facebook at **Grant County Fair – Wisconsin**.

We can't wait to see you there!

Amy Olson, CFE
Grant County Fairgrounds & Operations Director

Grant County Fair

TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 1....



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 30th \$35 a ticket. After June 30th it will be \$40 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

SALE starts June 1st thru August 12th at 5:00 pm

Mega Pass with unlimited riding from Wednesday to Sunday for \$70 a ticket

Daily Pass \$30 a ticket - good for any day at the fair

After 5:00 pm on August 12th tickets will need to be purchased at the carnival.

Mega Passes will be \$90 a ticket and Daily Passes will be \$35 a ticket.

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

Mega ride passes or daily passes can also be purchased online through Badgerland Midways at

https://badgerlandmidways.magicmoneyllc.com/MagicMoney_web/eticket/eventdetails/33

CARNIVAL TIMES FOR 2025

Wednesday, Aug. 13

5:00 pm to 11:00 pm \$2 rides

Thursday, Aug. 14

3:00 pm to 11:00 pm wristband rides \$35

Friday, Aug. 15

Noon to 11:00 pm wristband rides \$35

Saturday, Aug. 16

Noon to 11:00 pm wristband rides \$35

Sunday, Aug. 17

NOON to 8:00 pm wristband rides \$35

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