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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

August 10 - 17 - Grant County Fair - See Grant County Fair website for details & show schedule
August 10 - Grant County Fair Horse & Pony Show, 9:30 am
August 10 - Grant County Fair Cat Show, 10:00 am
August 10 - Grant County Fair Shoot, 3:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman Club
August 12 - Grant County Fair Dog Show, 3:00 pm
August 14 - Grant County Fair Cloverbud Judging - Crops Building (postcard was mailed to exhibitors)
August 20 - Grant County Fair Carcass Shows
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, 7:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
September 18 - 4-H Committee Night, 7:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
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 5 - 11 - National 4-H Week
October 8 - 4-H Leaders Banquet, 7:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
October 19 - Community Halloween Party by the Jr. Leaders, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
October 20 - County Record Book Check - Noon to 7:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
November 14 - 4-H Awards Night, 7:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
December 1 - Deadline to enroll/re-enroll via wi.4honline.com

4-H Club Minutes

Mt. Ida Hilltoppers 4-H Club by Breanna S.

The Mt. Ida Hilltoppers held their August meeting on August 3rd at Marsden Park at six o'clock. At the meeting we talked about 4-h camp, then discussed Grant County and Fennimore jr. fair, as well as the members that showed at the Blake's Prairie Fair, changes to the record book, and signed a thank you card for Cindy Bruner. Lastly we talked about senior members serving one more year. This month we recognized the five people from our group who went to 4-H camp, and the members that showed in the Blake's Prairie Fair. The next meeting will be held on September 7th 2025 at 6 p.m. at Marsden park weather pending otherwise the Lutheran Church of Fennimore.

Town & Country Kids 4-H Club - April, May & June

For our April meeting we met at the Cuba City Elementary School and held out meeting. After the meeting was adjourned, we planted some houseplants as a club project. We held our May meeting on a charter bus on our way to Branson, MO for our club trip. We held our June meeting at Blackhawk Lake during free fishing weekend at the pavilion where we held a potluck before our meeting.

Announcements

Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups Charters Due

A 4-H charter indicates the club or group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the 4-H program. It authorizes the club or group to use the 4-H emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the 4-H Charter is education, communication, and accountability.

4-H clubs and groups must renew their charter annually through completion of the Charter Application Process. Charter Applications are to be completed online by **November 1st**.

4-H 2024-2025 Charter Application is now available on the Charters page of the Wisconsin 4-H volunteer website. The online version is the easiest, fastest way to submit, but you can also download printable pdf to fill out and return also. You can find the online and printable options at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>

We encourage all clubs and groups to work together through the planning process.

4-H Club Annual Financial Review

Every year each 4-H Club or 4-H Group with their own checkbook is required to complete the 4-H Annual Financial Review to be in compliance with the 501c3 tax exempt status. This year the form has stayed the same and additional supporting documents are required to be turned in. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/annual-financial-report-afr/>

The Annual Financial Form is due to Extension Office before September 1, 2025. This deadline is extremely important! If forms are not turned in on time you could lose your tax exempt and club status.

Forms can be found at the website above and Charisse will be emailing club leaders and groups with forms and guidelines to complete all the steps to successfully complete the Annual Financial Report. If you have any questions please reach out to Charisse.

Information about the other portion of the charter will be available from Wisconsin 4-H Office in August 2025 and shared with you then.

4-H Family Project Day: Saturday, February 14, 2026

The 4-H Family Project Day will be hosted in February 2026 at the Youth & Ag Center, on the Grant County Fairgrounds, in Lancaster. More information will be going out to club leaders regarding projects. Registration for attendees will be starting in January. For any questions, or you would like join the Family Project Day Committee, please contact Jenny Belscamper-Dixon at the Extension Office at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or 608-723-2125.



Announcements

4-H Ambassador 2025 - 2026 Team:



The Grant County Ambassador Advisors will be seeking applications for the 2025-2026 Ambassador Team. The Ambassador Team serves as the 4-H promotion team throughout the county. Some of the activities the Ambassadors do include:

- ☐ Various duties at the county fair
- ☐ Help at county events such as Family Project Day, Cloverbud Day, Communication Arts Day, Awards Night, etc.
- ☐ Represent 4-H at community and county events, such as Dairy Breakfast
- ☐ Promote upcoming 4-H activities and events with radio recordings and media posts
- ☐ Write articles for the Echo and local newspapers
- ☐ Create posts to be used on the county 4-H Facebook page
- ☐ Visit with local 4-H clubs

The deadline to apply to be an Ambassador will be in October. If you see any of the 4-H Ambassador Team during the fair, feel free to ask questions about the opportunities and activities through the Ambassador Team.



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Keely Everson



Hello my name is Keely Everson I am a part of the 2024-2025 Ambassador Team. I am currently a Junior 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 Reporter. I have been in 4-H for 11 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 and Skill-a-thon and Quizbowl. I am also a member of the Wisconsin and National Junior Shorthorn Associations where I am on the junior board and a Lassie Shorthorn Princess. I am looking forward to working with the rest of the ambassador team and working with the youth in 4-H this year.

Announcements

State 4-H Agility Dog Show - October 11, 2025

Entries for the show are due September 1st. More information about the classes, guidelines, and show visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-agility-show/>

WISCONSIN STATE 4-H AGILITY DOG SHOW



**OCTOBER 11, 2025
OSHKOSH, WI**

To help your family have the best registration and show experience, please read through both the Show Packet and the State 4-H Agility Dog Show Guidelines and Rules. The two documents are on the web-site. Please note, there may be slight variations between the county fair show and state show. It is helpful for the young people participating to be aware of these difference ahead of the show so they can focus on a fun and memorable time with their dog.

Questions should be directed to the State 4-H Agility Dog Show Co-Chairpersons:

Lisa Cochart: 920-255-3637 and Elizabeth Simonar: 920-536-0072

We're Back from 4-H Camp!

4-H Camp is a four day, three night camp held at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Campers from Grant and Lafayette Counties boarded the bus in the afternoon on Sunday, June 29. After campers got settled in their cabins...it's off to fun activities. Each day at camp is packed with games, activities, down time at the cabin, fun team building adventures and wrapped up with a campfire. The rain made an appearance a few times during camp, but indoor activities were already on the schedule. Upham Woods Camp is set against the Wisconsin River with trees that make a great shaded camp. Campers returned on Wednesday, July 2 to say "see you next year" to their new friends and excited to share their stories once getting home.

If youth are interested in attending the 2026 4-H Camp, keep a lookout next year for the registration. To support such a great group of campers, we need adult volunteers and youth counselors. Contact 4-H Educator, Charisse Orth, at charisse.orth@wisc.edu if you have questions about camp or would like to learn more about volunteering.



Announcements

A fresh crop of easy-to-use 4-H Project Guides

Picking projects is the exciting first step 4-H youth take in their annual 4-H membership journey. And it just got easier! We're excited to share **four brand-new resources** to help 4-H members find their sparks — the interests that bring them joy, energy and purpose.

The resources are:

1. [A fresh Project Guide](#) that groups projects into seven streamlined categories. The new categories not only give youth ideas for exploring each project area, but also conveniently match up with most county fair exhibit categories. There's even a key in the back that shows how the new project areas line up with the previous ones. And a new Sparks Roadmap that helps youth find projects that align with their interests!
2. [Three quick videos](#) that give you a tour of the simple changes to the new 4-H Project Guide. That way you can easily explore your sparks and the many exciting projects that help you develop them!
3. [A Quick Guide](#) for families who — not to brag — already know their way around a 4-H Project Guide. And it's less to print!
4. [Projects and County Fairs Guide](#) that helps you connect projects with fair entry categories. Adult leaders can share it with fair partners. Easy peasy!



Have your best 4-H year ever with these new [Project Guides](#)! We have printed copies available at the Extension Office. Each club leader will receive a couple of copies for their club at the September Countywide Leaders Meeting as well.

Grant County Fair Carcass Show

The carcass show is for animals that went through the auction ring and the animal's buyer chose to send them to one of the three locations listed below, will be included in this year's carcass show.

The Livestock Auction Carcass Evaluation Shows will be held as follows:

Bloomington Meats II - Bloomington - 2:30 - 5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 20

The Butcher Shop - Fennimore - 2:30 - 5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 20

Weber's Processing - Cuba City - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 20



If you sold an animal or cheese at the 2025 Grant County Fair Livestock Auction, checks and buyers' pictures can be picked up at the Grant County Extension Office **starting September 29**. Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Other arrangements can be made by calling the Extension Office at 608-723-2125. Each exhibitor who sold will receive a framed picture that is to be given to the buyer.

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. \$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 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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