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4-H GROWS LEADERS

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National 4-H Week:

October 5 – 11



National 4-H Week is a great time to share 4-H with others. How will your club get involved?

Some suggestions:

- Talk to local business owners about 4-H and thank supporters for their contribution
- Ask car dealerships to support 4-H by tying 4-H balloons/flags to their cars during the week
- Ask restaurants to support 4-H by using 4-H placemats on their tables during the week
- Invite a new friend to attend a 4-H meeting or event
- Make posters to put in local business windows promoting 4-H during the week
- Donate some time or money to the 4-H program
- Do a community service project
- Don't forget to wear your 4-H t-shirts and apparel!

4-H grows confident, capable, and caring kids with the life skills to thrive in today's

Upcoming Dates & Events

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4-H Junior Leaders



- We are recruiting new members to join Grant County Junior Leaders.
- Junior Leaders is to help 4-H members connect to others across the county through leadership activities and community service projects. See the Jr. Halloween Party invite in this Echo.
- 4-H members in grades 7 and over are welcome to attend.
- Contact Matt Adams at docadamsvet@gmail.com or 608-412-4351 for questions and to learn more about Jr. Leaders.

4-H Club Minutes

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club

The September meeting the Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4H group was held at Sunset Lanes. At our meeting we bowled and voted on our new officers for 2025- 2026. The new officers are listed below:

President- Anna R., Vice President – Alayna F., Treasurer – Alison R., Secretary – Isabelle D., Historian – Sami D., Reporter – Ivy H., Sergeant of Arms – Willow O.



Announcements

4-H Leaders Banquet October 8, 2025, 7:00 pm Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster

The 4-H Leaders Association Banquet will be held on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center. All current youth and adult 4-H leaders are invited and encouraged to attend. The banquet is an opportunity for leaders to be recognized for their achievements and enjoy a catered meal. Let us show our leaders appreciation for all the great work they do for the 4-H program.

The Leader's Association is seeking donations for their Dollar Auction during the banquet. If you have an item to donate, please let Charisse know.

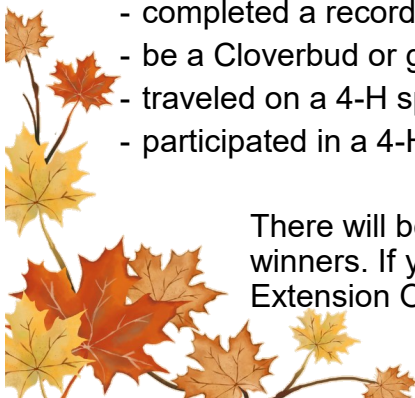


4-H Awards Night November 14, 7:00 pm Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster

Grant County 4-H Awards Night is scheduled for Friday, November 14 at 7:00 pm, in the Youth & Ag Center. Individuals that will be honored are those that have completed a record book and the following:

- completed a record book (and score 65 points or more)
- be a Cloverbud or graduating 4-H member
- traveled on a 4-H sponsored trip
- participated in a 4-H activity, clothing revue, foods revue, judging team, demonstration, etc.

There will be ice cream to end the evening and help celebrate all of the award winners. If you have questions regarding Awards Night, please contact Jenny at the Extension Office by emailing jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or by calling 608-723-2125.



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/>

4-H Volunteers

- All new and updated Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Policies can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H Policy website: [4-H Volunteers – Wisconsin 4-H Re-Enrollment \(New Policy\)](#)
- All returning Wisconsin 4-H volunteers are required to re-enroll annually between September 1 and November 1.
- All required trainings and background checks must be completed by December 1. The 4-H Program Educator or their designee has until December 15 to approve all eligible returning 4-H volunteers.
- **IMPORTANT:** A submitted application/enrollment form does not mean that an individual is an approved volunteer. Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers cannot be in custodial care of youth.

Record Book Check

Reminder to club leaders: All record book forms and books that need to come to the county level needed to be turned into the Extension Office by October 1 in order to prepare for the County Record Book Check.

County Record Book Check is scheduled for Monday, October 20. Books will be available to score beginning at noon and we will wrap up around 7:00 pm or when all books have been scored. Please let Charisse Orth know if you plan to score record books.

Announcements

Sewing Project Workshop
Saturday, January 31, 2026
9:00 am - Noon

Location:
North Room, Youth & Ag Center
Grant County Fairgrounds
916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster

Project Options:
Pillowcase or Pin-cushion & Scrap
Holder

Please pre-register for this workshop by
Friday, January 23rd, by calling the
Extension Office at 608-732-2125.
Please specify which project
you will be sewing.



2025 GRANT & IOWA COUNTY

4-H WEEK

SUN. OCT. 5th - SAT. OCT. 11th



SUNDAY, OCT. 5th - 4-H FAMILY DAY

Spend time with your family doing something fun together, wear 4-H gear, and share a photo with your loved ones.



MONDAY, OCT. 6th - DRESS LIKE A FARMER

Celebrate our 4-H agriculture roots wear your best flannel, boots, jeans, and hats



TUESDAY, OCT. 7th - HAT DAY

Show off your favorite hat (farm hats, fun hats, or club hats)



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8th - 4-H GREEN DAY

Wear your 4-H attire, dress in green or the clover!



THURSDAY, OCT. 9th - THROWBACK 4-H DAY

Post or wear something from your early 4-H years (old ribbons, past projects, or retro 4-H shirts)



FRIDAY, OCT. 10th - FUTURE YOU DAY

Dress as your future career goal or dream job, show how 4-H helps you get there!



SATURDAY, OCT. 11th - COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wear 4-H shirts while volunteering or doing something kind in the community. Share your story with pictures!



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

Thank you to the 2024-2025
4-H Ambassadors for their 4-H
promotion this year.

Dalton, Abigail, Keely, Katelyn and
Ellen did a fantastic job of
promoting new opportunities to
4-H members and beyond. We
appreciate you! We look forward
to introducing the 2025-2026 4-H
Ambassador Team soon.



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 Beef Identification:

December 1, 2025 - January 9, 2026 by 4:00 pm

Exhibitors wishing to show beef in the market division at the 2026 Grant County Fair will need to self identify their animal and turn in required paperwork before 4:00 pm on January 9, 2026 to the Grant County Extension Office. Tags will be available from the Grant County Extension Office in December.

More detailed information will be going out to members in the beef project. Forms and information will also be available at grant.extension.wisc.edu in December.

Grant County Jr. Leaders

A Halloween-themed poster with a black background. At the top, three children in costumes (a pumpkin head, a witch, and a cat) hold baskets of candy. The background features white spider webs, white spiders, and white birds. The text is in orange and white.

**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

WITH THE GRANT COUNTY JR. LEADERS 4-H

\$2/CHILD SUNDAY, 1PM-3PM
OCT 19, 2025

YOUTH AND AG BUILDING, LANCASTER, WI

BEST COSTUMES WIN A PRIZE!

THRILLING GAMES AND HAUNTED VIBES

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Thank You to our Sponsors:

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