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Grant County 4-H Camp - June 22-25, 2026
at Upham Woods near WI Dells

4-H Camp registration is open for 4-H members in grades 3-7

To register visit <https://bit.ly/2026GrantCo4HCamp> and complete the form. Please submit a new form for each camper.



The registration deadline is
Friday, May 15th.

See page 6 for more details!



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

May 12 - Countywide Leaders Meeting, 7:00 pm, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
May 17 - Shooting Sports, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Tri-County Archery, outside of Arthur
May 17 - Night with Ambassadors, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
May 25 - Memorial Day - Extension Office Closed
May 29 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Swine id due by **4:00 pm**
June 5 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Foods Revue Entries by **4:00 pm**
June 9 - Grant County Youth Safety Day, Grant County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration required.
June 11 - Shooting Sports Fun Shoot, 4:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman's Club
June 14 - 18 - WI 4-H Summer Academy, UW-Madison
June 19 - **DEADLINE** - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue Entries by **4:00 pm**
June 19 - Area Animal Science Day, Grant County Hosting, Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
June 22 - June 25 - 4-H Camp at Upham Woods, WI Dells
July 3 - Independence Day Observed - Extension Office Closed
July 7 - Grant County Fair Foods Revue, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
July 9 - Grant County Fair Rabbit ID, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Rabbit & Poultry Barn, Grant Cty Fairgrounds
July 13 - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
July 17 - 19 - Blake's Prairie Fair
July 21 - Grant County Fair Entry Walk-In Day, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
July 24 - **DEADLINE** - Turn in YQCA certificates to Extension Office by **4:00 pm**
August 16 - 23 - Grant County Fair - See Grant County Fair website for details & show schedule
August 29 - Fennimore Jr Fair
September 13 - Grant County 4-H Family Fun Day at Vesperman Farms
September 15 - Countywide Leaders Meeting, South Room, Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster
October 1 - Record books due to Extension Office (check with your club for club deadline)

Attention Dog Members: See page 9 for practice details.

Attention Cat Members: See page 9 for details and practice schedule.

Countywide Leaders Meeting

The May 4-H Countywide Leaders Meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm in the South Room at the Youth & Ag Center.

What is the Countywide Leaders meeting and who can attend? The Countywide Leaders meeting is a meeting of the Grant County 4-H Adult Leaders Association run by the Executive Board and is open to anyone who is an enrolled 4-H volunteer.

Some agenda items for the May meeting include: 26-27 budget approval, summer/fall planning, fair forms, and area animal science day. We hope to see you on May 12th!

Club Minutes

Blake's Prairie Bombers 4-H Club by Willow J., Jocelyn S. and Jayden C. - September - March

September Meeting

Our meeting was September 21st, 2025, at the American Legion Hall. Our roll call question was "Talk about your Fair Projects." We talked about activities and events that will be coming up and things to look forward to. We were able to work on our record books so we could hand them in.

October Meeting

Our meeting was October 26th, 2025, at the American Legion Hall. Our roll call question was "What is your favorite part of Halloween?" We talked about Family Project Day, Officer training and Sewing Project Workshop. We did a little game to know the different office positions. We elected our new officers and decorated the American Legion Hall for our Halloween Party on Halloween Night.

November Meeting

Our meeting was November 15th, 2025, at Orchard Manor Nursing Home. Our roll call question was "What are you Thankful for this year?" We had a short meeting on upcoming events then we made crafts with the residents. The crafts that we made were a top hat that were decorated for Christmas and small pumpkin centerpieces.

December Meeting

Our meeting was on December 20th, 2025, at Fireball Lanes. Our roll call question was "What is your favorite Christmas tradition?" We had a meeting discussing dates of upcoming events and when the deadlines are. We were able to bowl with members of Busy Badgers 4-H Club and eat pizza. We also had a contest of the best dressed Christmas themed. It was a great time to mingle with the other 4-H members.

January Meeting

Our meeting was January 18th, 2026, at American Legion Hall. Our roll call questions was "What are you looking forward to this spring?" We talked when enrollment ends, Family Project Day, Shooting sports, bingo night and YQCA meeting dates. We also talked about the Grant County Fair Livestock ID dates. We handed out awards and made Valentine's Day boxes to give to special for Valentine's Day.

February Meeting

Our meeting was February 15th, 2026, at Fischer Dairy. Our roll call question was "What do you want to learn today." We had a short meeting to go over important dates. Farmer Todd took us all over the farm to show us many things. First, we walked through the dairy barn where all of the milk cows were. We got to see what they eat and how they are taken care of. Then we walked to the weaned calves and learned the different pens of different ages. Then it was on to the baby calves that were fed with milk. They were so cute. Farmer Todd then took us to the commodity shed and explained all of the different types of commodities. Once we were done asking our questions, we made our way back to the parlor to watch the milking process. When our tour was over, we got to drink milk and eat string cheese and yogurt. It was a very interesting tour. Thank you Farmer Todd.

March meeting was Cancelled due to the weather.

Club Minutes

Hazel Green Clever Clovers 4-H Club - February, March & April

For the month of February, the Hazel Green Clever Clovers had a club trip to Tyrol Basin in Mt. Horeb, WI and spent the day tubing and fun in the snow. A great time was had by all!

For our March meeting we had our variety show. We heard some funny jokes, stories & poems, songs by piano, learned all about making clay jewelry and knitted hats and artwork. We have a very talented group! And we have so many ideas to take to the fair and upcoming 4H opportunities.

The April meeting was the "Taste of 4-H" where families brought a dish to be entered and judged in 3 categories. Best savory dish, best sweet dish, and most creative/best appearance. Our judges had a tough decision as everyone's entries were delicious! We also played bingo while taste testing.



Merry Mixers 4-H Club by Brooklyn C. - March

This meeting we talked about our next meeting and that it will be on April 12 in the north room. The meeting will be at 5:00pm we will start out with our egg hunt and then have pizza and watch the movie Cars. Also, as a reminder don't forget to check the echo newsletter. Last we finished the meeting out with making cat and dog blankets for the humane society thank you to everyone who made one.

Merry Mixers 4-H Club by Brooklyn C. - April

We started out the meeting with talking about 4-H Ambassadors Night which will be on Sunday, May 17th 2026. The event will be a fun night where you can come meet the Ambassador Team, participate in fun filled games and have snacks. For our next meeting we will play wiffle ball and just a reminder to read the echo, please. Then we ended the meeting off with watching the movie Cars, eating pizza, popcorn and cookies.

Platteville Woodchucks 4-H Club by Cecilia W.

The Platteville Woodchucks meeting was on Sunday February 15th at Mound City Bank motor branch. We discussed how family project day went. Finalized the information for the Fighting Saints hockey game. We had 4 talk and demos. We talked about the woodworking project at the Norths. Experienced woodworkers are doing clocks and beginners are doing stools. Set up a date to make maple syrup at the Mumm's. Snacks were provided by the Busch's.

Announcements



2025 - 2026

Grant County 4-H Ambassador Team:
Dalton Linneman, Vincent Mumm,
Keely Everson, Ellen Cornett

Want to complete your registration online for
Night with Ambassadors, visit:
<https://bit.ly/26NightwithAmbassadors>

Night with Ambassadors

Who: 3rd-8th graders in 4-H &
can bring a friend

When: Sunday, May 17th, 2026
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Where: Youth and Ag Building

Cost : FREE

The 2026 Grant County 4-H Ambassadors are putting on a night where youth in Grant County can come and visit the Ambassador Team, participate in fun filled games and have snacks.

To RSVP contact the Grant County Extension Office via email or call (608) 723-2125. Also note, if you pre-register by May 12th, you will be entered into a prize drawing; walk-ins are welcome.

If you have any additional questions, please contact

Charisse Orth at charisse.orth@wisc.edu or the office at (608) 723-2125



4-H Ambassadors' Corner

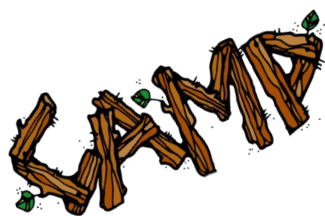
Ellen Cornett

Dairyland Diamonds 4-H Club

Every summer, the youth of Grant County go to 4-H Camp at Upham Woods, where we spend four days enjoying each other's company in the great outdoors, with cabins of course. Campers enjoy a wide range of hands-on activities, including hiking, archery, water games, nature classes, crafts, and team games, all designed to build confidence, skills and friendships. With the help of dedicated chaperones, counselors, and Upham Woods staff, campers learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication, and independence. For many, it is their first time away from home, and they quickly find comfort in the supportive camp environment and new friendship. Evenings are filled with campfires, songs, skits, plenty of laughter and memories created that will last long after summer ends. 4-H Camps continues to be a highlight of the year for many youth, offering a safe and welcoming space to grow, explore, and just be themselves. If you are interested in coming with us to camp this year, either apply to be a High School Counselor or look for the registration, which is open until May 15. Hope to see you there!



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2026 4-H CAMP

June 22 – June 25, 2026

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 is open to Grant County 4-Hers.

Cost: Thanks to the Grant County 4-H Leaders Association for off-setting the cost of camp. Camp costs for members are:

\$200 for a first year member or a member who completed a record book.

\$250 for no-record book completion.

Payment: Checks or cash. Drop off at the Grant County Extension Office.

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 is currently open and closing May 15, 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 are eligible to attend camp.

To register visit <https://bit.ly/2026GrantCo4HCamp> and complete the form. Please submit a new form for each camper. The registration deadline is Friday, May 15th.

Also needed are **Adult Chaperone** to ensure a strong camp experience by providing guidance and oversight to camp. Adult Chaperone 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. To apply to be a camp chaperone complete the form at <https://bit.ly/26Grant4-HCampChaperone>

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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SAVE THE DATE!

4-H FAMILY FUN DAY

at Vesperman Farms

 Sunday, Sept 13
 1pm - 8pm
 \$9.50 (over 37"); Free for under 36"



Details and a link for tickets will be sent to club leaders by June 1.

OPEN TO GRANT COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES ONLY

4-H Family Fun Day at Vesperman Farms – Save the Date!

Join us for a 4-H Family Fun Day at Vesperman Farms! Vesperman Farms will open exclusively for Grant County 4-H families to enjoy a day together. Meeting space will be available, as well as areas to review record books. Throughout the day, families can also take part in 4-H activities and educational sessions.

Sunday, September 13 | 1pm – 8pm

\$9.50/person (37" and taller) (Kids under 36" are free)

Every person with a 4-H Family Fun ticket will receive a \$5 food voucher.

This event is open to Grant County 4-H members and their families only. Details and a ticket link will be sent to group leaders on June 1.

Questions? Contact Morgan at morgan@vespermanfarms.com.

Volunteer Opportunity



Badger Camp is seeking volunteers to help care for the animals at the camp this Summer. They are looking for helpers each Saturday in June, July and part of August. The animals are housed in sheds and include calf, rabbits, goat and chickens.

If you are available to help please contact Carol Beals at 608-778-7652 to sign up and receive details.

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4-H Shooting Sports

Shooting disciplines offered are Air Rifle, Archery, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle and Shotgun. 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. For more information contact Rhonda Hughey at 778-8415 or Dave Vosberg at 943-8492.

If you plan to compete in a fair competition shoot youth must attend at least two practices to participate in Fair Shoots. Practices will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. 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, May 17 at 1:00 pm at Tri-County Archery, just outside of Arthur

Events:

Fun Shoot: June 11, 4:00 pm, Bloomington Sportsman's Club

Blake's Prairie Fair Shoot: Bloomington Sportsman's Club

Grant County Fair Shoot: Bloomington Sportsman's Club

Fennimore Fair Shoot: Southwest Tech, Fennimore

Additional shoot details will be emailed to project members.

Record Book Info

Record book forms are listed on the Grant County Extension website. There were a few forms that were updated again after receiving helpful feedback from leaders and families as of December 2025. Please use new forms each year (except your permanent record and cover) as updates and score sheets did change.

Check with your club leader if you would like hard copies of the forms as some clubs will pick them all up from the Extension Office at the same time. Leaders; please contact the Extension Office at least a week ahead of pick up. If your club is not planning on getting the record book forms for your group, please contact Jenny or Charisse at the Extension Office and we can help you out.

If you would like to use pdf versions of the forms, you can save/print/view record book forms at: <https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications/4-h-record-book-pages/>

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 \(New Policy\)](#)
- 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.

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4-H Dog Project



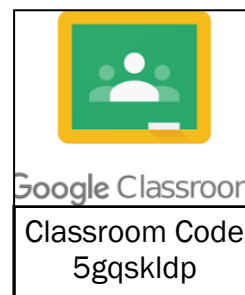
Are you interested in learning more about the 4-H dog show?
Here is what you can expect to learn from joining the dog project (not a complete list)

1. Heeling-walking on a leash
2. Patterns- specific paths a handler follows with their dog in the ring so the judge can clearly see how the dog moves
3. Long sit and down
 - a. First years or new dogs (pre-novice) 1 min sit and 1 min down
 - b. Novice 1 min sit and 3 min down
 - c. Graduate Novice 3 min down handler out of sight, 5 min down handler out of sight
4. Recall-calling your dog back to you when asked
5. Stacking- the art of physically placing the dog's feet in the best position.
6. Dog body parts and basic dog care
7. Agility work: jumps, tunnels, weave poles and more!

Practices will be on Tuesday evenings starting sometime in May. If you have questions, feel free to reach me at kacibusch@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to another great year!

Kaci Busch



4-H Cat Project

All 4-H cat project members welcome. You will need to attend at least 1 meeting to show at the Grant County Fair. The meetings are held in the south room from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



The meeting dates are the following:

- May 6
- May 20
- June 10
- June 20 9am to 11am This is a Saturday, North Room
- June 24
- July 15
- Aug 9th is the day of the Cat Show.

Hope to see you there! Any questions please feel free to call Julie Cyborski at 608-723-9813.

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Grant County Youth Safety Day (formerly Rural Safety Day) Helpers Needed

We are seeking youth and adult volunteers to help lead groups at Rural Safety Day which will be Tuesday, June 9 at the Youth & Ag Center on the Fairgrounds in Lancaster.

4-H members in grades 9 and over, parents and adult volunteers are also needed to help.

Volunteers would need to be arrive around 8:30 am and will be done around 3:30 pm. If you are unable to help the whole time but could do half of the day, let us know.

If you are interested, call Charisse Orth at the Extension Office 608-723-2125 by June 1st.

Volunteers Needed - Grant County Hosting Area Animal Science Day

We are seeking youth and adult volunteers to help host Area Animal Science Day on Friday, June 19 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster.

We will need help around the ring in both dairy judging contest and livestock judging contest as well as in the Youth & Ag Center.

If you are interested, call Charisse Orth at the Extension Office 608-723-2125 or email at 608-723-2125.

What is Area Animal Science Days?

Regional animal science educational opportunities are available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include dairy cattle evaluation; livestock (beef, sheep, swine, & meat goats) evaluation; oral reasons contests for senior members; and dairy showmanship contests. In addition, each site may offer a variety of workshops like poster and photography contests or horse judging activities.

Are you interested in participating in the Livestock Judging, Dairy Judging or Dairy Showmanship competition at Area Animal Science Days? If so, contact the Extension Office. Dennis Patterson will be the head livestock judging coach and has set up the first practice for Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 pm at his farm. There has not been a dairy judging coach established yet, but if you are interested let us know and we can connect members with each other. If you are interested in being a dairy judging coach please call Charisse at the Extension Office.

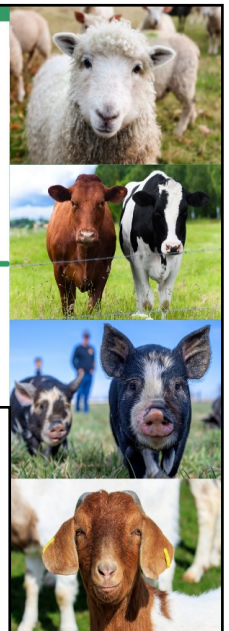
WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

**GRANT COUNTY
JUNE 19TH**

For more information, visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>



Announcements

GRANT COUNTY RABBIT FUN DOUBLE YOUTH SHOW



June 13th, 2026

916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster, WI 53813

Located in the Livestock Barn

Judges :

Karsyn Bartell
Makayla Wallock

Show Starts @ 9am
Show Room opens @ 7am

Any Questions? Email lilfarms02520@gmail.com
or Cabincreekrabbitry@gmail.com

Showmanship :

(Free/donation)
(By exhibitors grade)
Beginner <2
Junior 3-5
Intermediate 6-8
Senior 9<

Vendors :

- Cornelia Badgers 4H Club food stand
- 50/50 raffle
****ALL PROFITS MADE FROM THE SHOW
AND RAFFLE WILL GO TOWARDS THE
GRANT CO. RABBIT PROJECT****

Entries Due June 10th @ 10pm

\$2/Rabbit for single show
\$3/Rabbit for double show
\$1/Rabbit for fun classes
Email entries to lilfarms02520@gmail.com
Venmo/Paypal entries to [lilfarms02520](https://venmo.com/lilfarms02520)

Fun Classes :

Best DQ
Worst hair day
Biggest dewlap
(4 class only).

**** This is a fun show for ONLY RABBITS. Only purebreds that are recongized by ARBA. This is a YOUTH SHOW, no open exhibitors. This is not a sacntined show, there will not be any points or legs awarded. This show is to have fun and make friends. ****

Announcements

Foods Revue Registration Information - July 7

Do you like to decorate cupcakes, cookies or cakes? Do you like to prepare a meal for your family or plan decorations for a party? Then show off your skills at Foods Revue! Foods Revue is the time for decorated food items, as they are not judged during fair week.

Foods Revue, Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 pm, Youth & Ag Center. Entry forms will be available online at <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu> and mailed to members of the Candy Making and Foods & Nutrition Projects.

The list of classes and lots can be obtained from the Grant County Fair website at <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/>. All classes are determined by grade as of January 1, 2026.

- ◆ Cloverbud Division can be found in Department 17 - Cloverbuds under Pre-Fair Events
- ◆ Members 3rd grade and older can be found in Department 25 - Foods Revue

Each member must send in the \$4 entry fee or Fair coupon before Foods Revue unless you already paid the fair entry fee when you entered the Music, Speaking, Demonstration or Clothing Revue contests. No more than 4 entries may be made by each exhibitor. **Registration deadline is Friday, June 5 by 4:00 pm** or sending it to the Grant County Extension Office postmarked by June 5.

Members must be present when their exhibit is judged and should be prepared to discuss their exhibit with the judge. Members will use half of the 8' x 2.5' tables at the Youth & Ag to display their exhibit.

Reminder: The Cloverbud division was added to Foods Revue.

Several Foods Revue awards are available:

- ◆ Peer Choice Awards - Foods project members will have the opportunity to vote on the outstanding food, project, or table display in each grade range. Laura Orth, Pampered Chef, sponsors this award.
- ◆ A special merit ribbon for the Best Foods Revue Display.
- ◆ Any exhibitor that includes beef in a food exhibit will be eligible for the outstanding beef exhibit award sponsored by the Grant County Cattlemen. Members are not required to include beef in their prepared food.

Foods Revue entries will be presented at the Grant County Fair via picture/display. This will qualify those exhibits for fair premiums without re-exhibiting their displays

Clothing Revue Registration Information - July 13

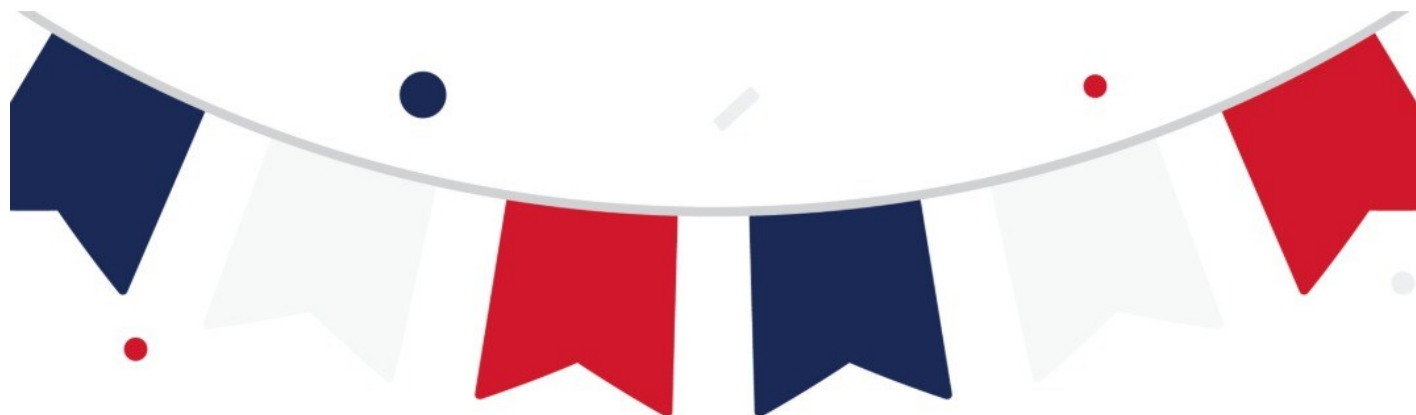
Do you like fashion and design? Enjoy sewing? Sign up to participate in Clothing Revue. Clothing Revue is the opportunity for you to be judged on how the article of clothing fits you or your model. How the item is constructed is judged during fair time.



The 4-H Clothing Revue will be held on Monday, July 13. 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 19 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, 2026.



Fairs in Grant County

JULY
17-19

BLAKE'S PRAIRIE FAIR

[HTTPS://WWW.BLAKESPRAIRIEFAIR.COM/](https://www.blakesprairiefair.com/)
BLOOMINGTON, WI

AUG.
16-23

GRANT COUNTY FAIR

[HTTPS://FUNONFORTY.CO.GRANT.WI.GOV/](https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/)
LANCASTER, WI

AUG.
29

FENNIMORE JR. FAIR

[HTTPS://WWW.FENNIMORE.K12.WI.US/](https://www.fennimore.k12.wi.us/)
LISTED UNDER "PARENT RESOURCES" TAB
FENNIMORE, WI

Grant County Fair

2026 Grant County Fair / Livestock Auction Animal ID Dates

May 1 - Horse and Dairy (paper id), by 4:00 pm
May 2 - Sheep and Goat 9 - 11:00 am (in-person)
May 29 - Swine (paper/photo id), by 4:00 pm
July 9 - 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.

YQCA Information

The Livestock Auction Committee set the 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 are mailed out to 4-H 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.**
 - Youth can attend other counties/trainings that are listed on the online registration system.

Grant County Fair

To match our 2026 theme, “**Ribbons of Red, White & Blue, and Fair Fun Too!**”, we’ve added brand-new patriotic-themed lots to several Fairbook departments. That means more ways to participate, more chances to showcase your talents, and even more ways to join the fun with our theme!

Department 14 – Plant and Soil Science

Scarecrow – decorate as Uncle Sam

Department 24 – Mechanical Projects

Patriot theme lego item (flag, statue of liberty, etc.)

Patriot theme scale model (flags, statue of liberty island scene, historical monuments, etc.)

Department 15 – Flowers and Houseplants

Patriot themed floral arrangement

Patriot themed bouquet of flowers – to be viewed from all sides

Patriot themed hanging basket – ready to hang

Department 25 – Foods

Patriot cookie

Patriot food item – 3” corner, unfrosted, with a picture of the entire item)

Department 26 – Clothing

Patriotic tote bag

Patriotic themed machine sewn stuffed item (pillow, etc)

Patriotic themed pillowcase or scarf

Department 27 – Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting

Patriotic item

Patriotic Afghan

Crocheting

Patriotic item

Patriotic Afghan

Department 28 – Home Environment/Home Furnishings

Patriotic themed creative wall hanging

Patriotic themed centerpiece for family dining

Patriotic themed table runner

Patriotic tied item (blanket or throw) for living room

Patriotic hand quilted item (blanket or throw) for living room

Patriotic machine quilted item (blanket or throw) for living room



Grant County Fair

Note from the Grant County Fair Office...

To: Grant County Fair Attendees, Exhibitors, Families, and Community Members

From: Grant County Fairgrounds & Operations

Subject: Major Change for the Fair: Free Gate Admission (Grandstand Admission Still Required)

We're excited to share a major change for this year's Grant County Fair: gate admission will be free for everyone. That means there will be no season passes and no separate gate ticket required to come onto the fairgrounds, enjoy the exhibits, walk the grounds, visit the vendors, and take in the fair atmosphere. With free gate admission, a few ticket practices are also changing. There will not be exhibitor tickets, and exhibitors will not receive a free admission ticket with their entry fee. Similarly, there will not be privilege tickets provided either. Vendors will also no longer need to obtain admission tickets. Everyone is welcome through the gate at no charge because the gate is free for all to enter on the grounds.

Please note: Grandstand events are still ticketed. While entering the fairgrounds is free, you must still purchase a ticket to enter the grandstand for shows and performances held there.

Thank you for supporting the Grant County Fair. We look forward to welcoming you for a great year of fair traditions—with a simpler, free gate entry for all.

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CHANGES ■ ■ ■

ARE

COMING YOUR WAY!

Important changes for 2026

- Free admission on grounds only
- Walk in entry day is July 21 (8am-8pm)
- Final deadline to enter the fair is July 24 with a late fee if entering after July 21
- Vet check-in during fair ends at 3pm on Thursday

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Grant County Fair - August 16 - 23, 2026

New Fairbooks are online! Visit our website funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov to download the new version with added lots and changed lots and also new premiums have been added in some departments.

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 \$50 a ticket. After June 30th it will be \$60 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 18th 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 18th 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/53

CARNIVAL TIMES FOR 2026

Wednesday, Aug. 19

5:00 pm to close \$2 rides

Thursday, Aug. 20

3:00 pm to close wristband rides \$35

Friday, Aug. 21

Noon to close wristband rides \$35

Saturday, Aug. 22

Noon to close wristband rides \$35

Sunday, Aug. 23

NOON to close wristband rides \$35

Grant County Fair Office:

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Important Dates

- May 12 - Countywide Leaders Meeting
- May 17 - Shooting Sports
- May 17 - Night with Ambassadors
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- May 29 - DEADLINE - Grant County Fair Swine id due by 4:00 pm
- June 5 - DEADLINE - Grant County Fair Foods Revue Entries by 4:00 pm
- June 9 - Grant County Youth Safety Day
- June 11 - Shooting Sports Fun Shoot
- June 14 - 18 - WI 4-H Summer Academy, UW-Madison
- June 19 - DEADLINE - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue Entries by 4:00 pm
- June 19 - Area Animal Science Day
- June 22 - June 25 - 4-H Camp at Upham Woods, WI Dells
- July 7 - Grant County Fair Foods Revue
- July 9 - Grant County Fair Rabbit ID
- July 13 - Grant County Fair Clothing Revue

