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March 2021

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Awards Night & Leaders Banquet Drive Through Celebration

Friday, March 19
3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Youth & Ag Center in
Lancaster

More details inside the ECHO

April 1 - Deadline

Look over your projects you signed up for in [wi.4honline](http://wi.4honline.com). The deadline to add or change 4-H projects in order to show at the Grant County Fair is April 1. Go to wi.4honline.com to view your projects. If you would like to make changes please email Jenny at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu with your changes or call the office at 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.



4-H DAY IN THE ARTS



**VOCAL
INSTURMENTAL
DANCE
DRAMA
SPEAKING
DEMONSTRATION
ARTS
PHOTOGRAPHY
CLOVERBUD**



**VIRTUAL
CELEBRATION
MARCH 21
1:00 PM**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE
MARCH 7, 2021**

@ <http://bit.ly/3aCmeEr>



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COVID-19 / Extension Update

Extension Office Hours:

At this time, the Grant County Extension Office and the Grant County Fair Office is closed to the public until further notice but still working internally.



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The Extension Educators are currently working remotely and can be reached by e-mail. A full listing of our staff is at grant.extension.wisc.edu. Office support staff can also be reached by e-mail, by phone or by stopping by the office. It is recommended to call the office to check staff schedules. Our staff will be checking e-mails and voicemails periodically. Grant County Extension Office - 608-723-2125 or the Fair Office at 608-723-2135.

Update from Charisse:

Hi Everyone,

It has been quite the year as we think about all that has happened as we approach March and the mark of 1 year since the pandemic began. I want to say thank you for being patient, adaptive, flexible and understanding through this tough time especially for the 4-H program, thank you! This is an ever changing time and I appreciate your support as we deal with the constant changes and unknowns. As we look forward we will be moving into a new set of guidelines very soon! A brief outline is below and you can always find more information and the current guidelines at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

Beginning April 1, 2021:

- Increasing total event participants to 50 indoors (or 30% of room capacity) / 150 outdoors
- Increasing pod numbers to 20, with additional flexibility to have one large group if there is no safety reason to have participants in pods
- Increasing length of events to 4 hours
- Face coverings and other safety precautions are still required
- Pre-approval for in-person meetings/trainings/gatherings is still required. Contact Charisse to work through the process.
- All of the above options are for events planned now that will occur April 1 or later

These changes cover events April 1 to June 1; we'll be communicating soon on any changes for events in June and thereafter.

Please continue to take safety precautions – the end of the pandemic is in sight!

4-H Events Update

4-H Awards Night & Leaders Banquet - Virtual and Drive Through Celebration (March 19)

Grant County 4-H Awards Night & Leaders Banquet will look a little different this year! A presentation is recorded and will be posted, including the listing of members who will be honored and receive awards.

We will also have a drive through celebration on Friday evening, March 19 from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm near the Youth & Ag Center in Lancaster. We will congratulate you and present you with your awards from the past year, from the comfort and safety of your vehicle.

Those receiving awards will have completed the following:

Completed a full record book or a COVID-19 version record book and...

- scored 65 points or more at **club** level for grades K-8
- scored 65 points or more at **county** level for grades 9 & over
- was a Cloverbud or graduating 4-H member
- traveled on a 4-H sponsored trip
- participated in a 4-H activity, judging team, etc.



If you have met the above requirements and will be receiving an award you will receive an invitation via us postal mail. If you have any questions about the process please contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125 or email charisse.orth@wisc.edu.

If you are not able to make the drive through celebration we will have your awards in the Extension Office or contact us at 608-723-2125 to make other arrangements.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, **March 15, 2021, 5:00 pm**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

For eligibility and requirements for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, visit <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Applications must be emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. Applications will consist of a résumé and a cover letter.

Questions? Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation: 608.262.1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org

4-H Club Minutes

Active Americans 4-H Club by Libby V. (December)

The Active Americans met on Sunday, December 6, 2020 by ZOOM. Installation of officers took place. Club donations for the Adopt-a-family were turned in. Club members are having a snowman building contest through the end of February. A Christmas Scavenger hunt was held at the end of the meeting.

Active Americans 4-H Club by Libby V. (January)

Zoom meeting was held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was held and club members responded with what they got for Christmas. Members were reminded to re-enroll at 4-H Online if they have not already done so and a reminder to members if they are showing beef at the County Fair to get their animals identified by the deadline. Our next meeting will be held by Zoom on Sunday, January 31, 2021. We ended the meeting with 3 games of BINGO!

Blake's Prairie Bombers 4-H Club (October)

We held a virtual meeting over Zoom on October 18, 2020. We talked about record books and the deadline of October 23. Next, we mentioned selling Plat Books. We plan on posting on Facebook and find out if people want any or not. If plenty of people want some we plan on getting more. We adjourned the meeting and had a virtual costume contest and a virtual scavenger hunt. There were prizes for the funniest, scariest, cutest, and the best costumes. After that, we had a virtual scavenger hunt. You had to grab items in your house, with the first letters of your items you had to spell Halloween. Everyone received a prize for participating. Our next meeting will be on November 15, 2020, on Zoom again. We encourage more people to join as we are having elections!

Boscobel Big Green Clovers 4-H Club by Gretjen B. (October)

The Big Green Clovers 4-H Club held it's October meeting at Hinneman Park in Boscobel on Sunday, Oct. 18. Ten members were present. Social distancing was used. The club turned in record books and held elections. The new officers are: President Nathan Beck, Vice-President Faith VandeHey, Treasurer Joseph VandeHey, Secretary Lydia Uren, Sergeant at Arms Luke VandeHey, and Reporter Gretjen Buchholz.



Dairyland Diamonds 4-H Club by Courtney S. (October)

Our last meeting was Sunday, October 25th via zoom. We talked about how the milk coupons that we got for Platteville schools went. We decided the club will pay everyone's dues and we are going to try and elect new officers at our next meeting which will be via zoom. We talked about trying to adopt a couple families for the holiday season. We also made a motion to pack boxes for the elderly again this year. Be checking your email and Facebook for information on the next meeting.

4-H Club Minutes

Merry Mixers 4-H Club by John M. (December)

For the Merry Mixers December Virtual meeting, we sent the food we donated to the food pantry. Next, we voted to make tie blankets for the Veterans Honor Flight. We then made candles by painting a jar, filling it with Epsom salt, and putting in a battery-powered candle. We finished the meeting playing online bingo.

Merry Mixers 4-H Club by John M. (January)

We received a thank you card from the food pantry and it was read to the members. We discussed tie blanket making of which we will do next meeting. We ended the meeting by making energy balls for our fun activity/ demonstration.

Potosi Happy Clovers 4-H Club

We started doing monthly zoom meetings in Oct 2020. 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. Congratulations on 2020-2021 club officers: President-Shelby Knoble, Vice President-Austyn Olsen, Secretary-Anna Drinkwater, Treasurer-Zoey Udelhoven, Reporter-Sarah Mayer, & Sargent of Arms-Lane Schaefer. In December we continued our tradition of Christmas making cards for Orchard Manor, and we also donated new toys to local Toys-For-Tots. Over Christmas break we had a club challenge to share outdoor pictures in the snow to be placed in a drawing to win ice cream; Congrats to Hennick Schaefer, the drawing winner. In January we are making blessing bags to donate to area homeless shelter. February community service we will be mailing Valentine's Day cards to local veterans as a Thank You for their service. Our next meeting be held Feb 7th at 6:00 pm, zoom link can be obtained from contacting Melissa Puetz.



**Hey!
Club Main Leaders!**

Picking up record book sheets and project literature - Club Main Leaders, please contact Jenny, at the Grant County Extension Office, to set up a time you would like to pick up your club's materials. This year, our office will assemble all of the sheets and literature requested and schedule a time for pick up. All record book sheets are also online at grant.extension.wisc.edu under the 4-H & Youth tab.

It is important that each member receives their record book information and resources on their projects to aid them in accomplishing their goals for the next year.

Jenny will be emailing club main leaders a list of active members in each club to give the leaders a current member list. If any clubs have questions or concerns, please contact Jenny at jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or call 608-723-2125.

Announcements

Grant County 4-H Scholarships: Grant County 4-H Scholarships are available in the amount of \$500.00 each to 4-H members who are high school seniors. Applicants must have been a 4-H member for the last 4 years (consecutively), have exhibited at a Grant County Fair and must have held an active leadership role. Scholarships will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes a program of study or semester of post-high school classes, achieving a 2.0 gpa or higher. The program can be either full or part-time and tuition costs must be at least \$450 to receive the entire \$500 award. Applications are due April 1. Contact the Extension Office for an application or go to the Extension Office website at <https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/>

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

The Leaders are again offering mini grants to 4-H members. This is a great opportunity for you to start a new project or expand a current project in 4-H. Applications will be due April 15 at 4:00 pm to the Extension Office. To find the guidelines and application, visit grant.extension.wisc.edu. Any questions, contact the Extension Office at 608-723-2125.



4-H Member Dues: Each member and leader of the Grant County 4-H program needs to pay a membership due of \$5.00. In the past, you may have heard these referred to as “club dues”, when they are actually member dues that the club collects from each member and turns into the county. “So why do I have to pay \$5 and where does it go?” The member dues are turned into the county and from there a portion of it goes to insurance and a portion goes to the State 4-H Foundation.

Please understand that each club handles member dues differently and you should talk to your club leader about your club’s process.

Club leader’s may choose not to confirm your 4hOnline registration for the club until dues are paid. Once a club confirms registration your enrollment will be processed by the county. If you have any questions or concerns about member dues, or need financial assistance please contact Charisse at the Extension Office at 608-723-2125.

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Learn the basics of the 4-H Foods Project



4-H FUN WITH FOODS

Join Columbia, Grant & Green County 4-H in a 4 week Foods Series geared towards 5K-5th grade members but open to all. Participants will learn together via Zoom.

WHAT IS ON THE MENU



Quick Bread



Mini Pizzas



Cookies



Soft Pretzels

Thursdays
April 8, 15, 22 & 29
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Register via
Events at
v2.4honline.com
by April 1, 2021



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4-H Ambassadors



The Grant County 4-H program would like to introduce the 2020-2021 4-H Ambassadors. They are Allison Adrian from the Dairyland Diamonds; Shelby Knoble from the Potosi Happy Clovers; Ainsley Noble from the Dairyland Diamonds; Amberlee Stenner from the Plum Valley Boosters; Kaelyn Weigel from the Dairyland Diamonds; Makenzie Wiest from the Cassville Country Buddies; and Randy Winch from the Plum Valley Boosters.

This is the second year for the 4-H Ambassador program.

Ambassadors will serve as the public relations team for the county 4-H program. You will find them throughout the year meeting with clubs, promoting 4-H and helping at the fair. They will also take pictures, write press releases, do radio interviews, and write articles for the 4-H Echo Newsletter. Ambassadors are members in grades 10 and over. They had to fill out an application and go through an interview. The team is being led by Charisse Orth, Margaret Yearous, and Christina Winch.

A special Thank You to the 2019-2020 4-H Ambassador Team of Allison Adrian, Amberlee Stenner, Makenzie Wiest and Randy Winch for your hard work in a new program despite the extra challenges.

The 2020-2021 Ambassador Team is pictured from left to right: Makenzie Wiest, Ainsley Noble, Randy Winch, Kaelyn Weigel, Amberlee Stenner, Shelby Knoble and Allison Adrian.



*Shelby
Knoble*

*shares about
the Livestock
Project*



4-H Ambassadors' Corner



Grant County
4-H Ambassador

Wanna learn more about Livestock? Then you should think of joining one of the many judging teams. You can learn about animals without showing them. First, there is the Livestock Judging team. Here you evaluate the live animal just by looking at them. You will have a class of 4 and you will place the animal from top to bottom. Next there is Meat Judging. You can learn the different cuts of meat and can learn how to evaluate the carcass. Last year I was able to participate in Quiz Bowl and Skillathon for my first year. What is quiz bowl and Skillathon? It is a competition where the judge asks you different questions about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats. It is a team of 4 where you answer 4 questions each that the judge gives you. If you are interested in any of these judging events I hope to see you at the practices. If you are interested in any of these opportunities contact the Extension Office to sign-up.

Grant County Fair

Grant County Fair Poster Contest

This year the fair will take place August 18-22. We are again offering students a chance to help us out. We would like to do a poster contest for students to participate in, in grades 7th, 8th, and 9th. If you choose to participate, all entries must be in to the Grant County Fair, 916 E. Elm Street Suite B, Lancaster, WI 53813 **no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 7, 2021**. The sooner the better! No entries will be accepted after that date and time.

Contact the Fair Office for guidelines, along with a form to be completed and attached to the back of each poster.

The “theme” for the contest is **“Fair, Friends, and Fun in 2021”**. All entries will be judged by the Grant County Fair Board. Poster size must be between 8.5” x 11” and 12” x 18”. There will be a first, second and third place winner. First place entry will receive 1 season pass and \$25.00. Second place entry will receive 1 season pass and \$20.00. Third place entry will receive 1 season pass and \$15.00. Also, in addition to a student being rewarded for their work, the main 4-H leader of the first place winner will receive an All Event Pass. This pass will get you into the gate and grandstand events during the fair.

We will get in touch with the poster contest winners and the leader as soon as the posters are judged. Some of the top posters will be displayed at the fairgrounds all summer.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing your posters!



Wanted:

Junior Fairest of the Fair for the Grant County Fair

Contest Rules:

Contestant must be in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in school.

Complete the essay question below in 150 words or less.

If selected, contestant can no longer seek the role of Junior Fairest of the Fair.

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.

Grant County Fair Board members will select the finalist. Number of finalists based on number of applications received by deadline: **April 23, 2021**. Applicants will be notified by May 7 of their status. The winner will receive \$100.00 plus an all event ticket into the 2021 Grant County Fair. Call the Fair Office at 608-723-2135 for an application or go online at www.grantcountyfairwi.org to download an application.

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Important Dates

- March 7 - Deadline for entries for Day in the Arts Virtual Contest
- March 15 - Deadline Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- March 19 - Awards Night & Leaders Banquet Drive Through Celebration
- April 1 - Deadline to add / change projects for Fair exhibits
- April 1 - Deadline for Grant County 4-H Scholarship
- April 1 - Deadline to register for 4-H Fun with Foods
- April 15 - Deadline to apply for 4-H Mini Grants



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