



The Alphorn

Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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Next Alphorn Deadline:
August 15th



Ellen Andrews
4-H Youth
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Two Major 4-H Experiences

As the 4-H year grows to a close, we find our members busy preparing for two major educational experiences:

- **COUNTY FAIR**—Sort of the “Super Bowl” of the 4-H year. There is a whole 4-H season that leads up to this big event, but it is a highlight for many members. In support of you have a positive County Fair experience, please see page 4-13.
- **4-H RECORD BOOK**—A planning and summary tool that helps youth reflect on and highlight what they have done and learned through 4-H this year. We encourage all 4-H youth to complete a 4-H Record Book, but it is *REQUIRED* of youth in 3rd grade and older who wish to exhibit as a 4-H member at next year’s County Fair or receive a 4-H Travel or College Scholarship. 4-H Clubs **MUST** collect Record Books by Monday, August 28, 2023. (See pages 3-4 for details.)

Now is an important time to remember why it is we “do” 4-H. Youth are often excited about showing their projects at the fair. We are excited for this also! But remember, the purpose of 4-H isn’t really about teaching kids to show a cow, build a birdhouse, or take a picture. 4-H is really about helping youth learn **LEADERSHIP** and **LIFE SKILLS**, and growing youth into **COMPASSIONATE** and **COMPETENT** young people who are **CONNECTED** to their community.

The County Fair and 4-H Record Books can be perfect opportunities for youth to continue developing these 4-H skills and attributes. As adults, whether parents or leaders, our 4-H youth are watching us closely to see how we approach these 4-H opportunities. They take their cues from us as to whether the County Fair is first and foremost about competition and winning, or about learning and practicing Teamwork, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Empathy, and even Stress Management.

We look forward to seeing you all in just a few weeks at the County Fair, and enjoying with you the wonderful learning opportunities that this event offers.

Sincerely, Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator

THE DAIRY BAR



Be sure to support the Jr. Leaders Dairy Bar!

In the Youth-In-Action building

Tues, July 18, 11am–5pm

Wed-Sat, July 19-22, 9am–7pm

Sun, July 23, 9am-5pm

Serving breakfast Wed-Sun at 7:30 am until gone.

Welcome, Sydney Delzer!

Hello everyone! My name is Sydney Delzer and I am working as the Green County Extension summer intern for the second year in a row. I am very excited and grateful to be back in this position and working with the people in Green County again. I am from South Wayne, WI where I grew up on my family's pig farm and was a part of the Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H club. I am now pursuing a degree in agriculture education at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville, with hopes to someday teach. This summer a majority of my time will be focused on getting prepared for this year's Green County Fair which include Master Showman, Premier Exhibitor, and Herdsmanship.

Welcome, Abbigail Andrews!

Hello, My name is Abbigail Andrews. Over the summer I will be working as one of the student assistants at the Green County Extension Office. For the 2023-2024 school year I will be a junior at Monroe High School. I am involved in clubs, and also play basketball. I am an active member in 4-H. I have been in 4-H since 3rd grade. I am the treasurer for the Next Generation 4-H club and Green County 4-H Junior Leaders. At the county fair I show rabbits, poultry, and some arts and crafts in the Exhibition Hall. My favorite project is rabbits. I am so excited to gain new skills, meet all of you and to be a part of the Green County Extension Office staff. See you this summer!

Welcome, Katie Brooks!

Hello! My name is Katie Brooks, and I am one of the Green County Extension student assistants this summer! I'm going to be a senior at Juda School where I'm involved in FFA, numerous clubs, and Basketball. I am also this year's President of the Juda FFA Chapter! I live on my family's dairy and beef farm, where we milk 220 dairy cows and farm roughly 600 acres. Through 4-H and FFA I have enjoyed showing swine, dairy, and projects in exhibition hall. I have a strong passion agriculture, and plan to pursue a career in agriculture education. I look forward to learning new things, meeting new people, and enhancing support for 4-H and FFA through the Extension Office!

Welcome, Samantha Wileman!

Hello everyone! My name is Samantha Wileman and I am the new Activities Assistant at Extension Green County. I am a 2023 graduate of UW-Platteville with a degree in Agriculture Education (non teaching). I grew up on my family's grain and crop farm in Edgerton, WI. I grew up showing beef and swine at local, county, state and national shows. I was a member of the Fulton 4-H Club in Rock County for 13 years and served as an officer for seven of those years. I am excited for this new opportunity at Extension Green County!



Thank You!

- To our Cat Committee, Poultry Committee and Rabbit Committee for planning and leading project workshops!
- To the Cloverbud Committee for the wonderful Cloverbud Summer Fun Day at the Fairgrounds!
- To all the presenters and volunteers who helped us offer a Summer 4-H Project Day on June 10th at the Fairgrounds, with 13 different sessions offered.
- To the Performing Arts Committee for organizing two terrific events: 4-H Art in the Park and the 4-H Talent Show. Thank you also to community members Paula Ritschard and Kevin Swanson, for your support.

Congratulations!

- To our WI 4-H Education Travel Participants: American Spirit - Emily Goers; Summer Academy - Alice Elliot, Spencer Rufer, Lillian Sievers and Mirielle Smith, and 4-H Drama Company - Lani Keehn
- To our Area Animal Science Days Dairy Judging Teams. Our junior team placed 5th overall consisting of Kate Olmedo, Reese Speth, and Brynn Dosio. Kate Olmedo placed 7th overall in the Junior Individual category, and Reese Speth was 9th overall. Our Senior team consisted of Grace Gold, Ellie Modaff, and Taylor Svendsen. Ellie Modaff placed 8th overall in the Senior Individual category. Congratulations to all of our Green County participants!



New Family Corner

In each newsletter, this section will provide some helpful insights into the 4-H program for our new and newer families.

Making Memories at the County Fair

Going to and exhibiting at the County Fair is often a major highlight for 4-H youth. This month's "Explore 4-H for New Families" newsletter (<https://bit.ly/NFNFair>) provides some very helpful information on who organizes the fair and how you can help your youth prepare to show what they worked so hard on.



Parents: How to help your 4-H member find success

- Be **prepared**. Read the General Rule and Department forms, and get to know fair entry rules for your 4-H member's exhibits. Find these on the [Fair website](#).
- Make it **educational**. Ask your 4-H member questions about their project(s). Helping youth reflect on their work can also help them prepare to exhibit.
- Keep everything in **perspective**, and be **supportive**. Even if the color of the ribbon wasn't what your exhibitor was looking for, you can help them focus on what they learned in the process.
- Have **fun** and **make memories**! The fair is full of opportunities that will stick with your family for a long time. Adults can help make sure that it is a positive experience for youth.

Members: Judges might ask you questions about your exhibit. Start thinking about your answers!

- Why did you select this project?
- Who helped you along the way?
- What did you do to prepare from start to finish?
- What challenges did you face?
- What was the hardest part?
- What did you learn while doing this project?
- How can you use what you learned to help you in everyday life?

4-H Member Opportunities

Cake Auction Cake Decorating

We are looking for 15 4-H members to decorate cakes for the 4-H Cake Auction, with this year's fair theme of "Passport". It will be a trip around the world in cakes. The 4-H Foods Committee will supply everything (cake, frosting, bags, tips, cake box, etc.). Youth just need to come with a country in mind, a copy of that country's flag, and any specific edible decorations you might want to use on your cake to carry out the theme.

To participate in this FREE cake decorating opportunity,

youth need to attend BOTH:

- **Sat. July 8th, 2:00-3:00pm**—Cake decorating time at the Justice Center (cake will be froze until Fair), and
 - **Sun. July 23rd, 11:00-Noon** - Cake Auction at the Green County Fairgrounds, Entertainment Tent
- Priority for this opportunity will be given to 4-H Foods Project members who sign up by Thursday, July 6th at: <https://bit.ly/23CakeAuction>.

Fall Forum 2023

November 4-5, 2023

Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Fall Forum is a great opportunity for youth (7th-13th gr) and adult leaders to come together to connect, celebrate, and build excitement for a new year of 4-H learning with the theme "Building Connections in All Directions."

Registration will open in 4HOnline in September. If you are interested in leading a workshop or interactive session, please contact Ellen prior to County Fair.

ASL Day—August 13, 2023 @ Upham Woods

This event is being planned and co-taught by Deaf/Hard of Hearing youth who communicate with ASL, with support from adults who are also Deaf or have experience using ASL. ASL interpreters will also be present.

This is a great camp for any youth in grades 3-12 ready for an inclusive day at camp focused on communicating in ASL, or for hearing youth who want to learn ASL or Deaf youth ready to have summer fun in a signing environment. Cost is \$10. For more info: <https://go.wisc.edu/m69u6h>.

4-H Record Book Deadline

4-H Record Books are a valuable educational resource that offers opportunities for our members to REFLECT on their learning, develop LIFE SKILLS of planning and record keeping, and RECOGNITION of their growth.

Check with your 4-H Club Leader to find out your 4-H Club's Record Book DEADLINE. Clubs must turn in all County Record Books, Cloverbud Record Books, and Record Book Compliance Reports by

Monday, August 28th to the Extension Office.

Cloverbud Record Book (5K-2nd Grade)

Youth in the Cloverbud project are *strongly encouraged*, but not required, to complete a 4-H Cloverbud Record Book. Each youth who submits a 4-H Cloverbud Record Book will be recognized at the County Level.

Record Books for Members in 3rd-13th Grade

Youth in 3rd grade and older who wish to exhibit as a 4-H member at next year's County Fair or receive a 4-H Travel or College Scholarship are *REQUIRED* to do a Record Book.

- **OPTION 1 – 4-H County Record Book** – The county's optimal record book for reflection, record keeping and recognition opportunities. Youth who fill out this county record book are eligible for county awards.
- **OPTION 2 – 4-H Minimal Record Book** – Offers a basic level of reflection and record keeping opportunities, but is not eligible for county level recognition.
- **OPTION 3 – 4-H Club Approved Record Book** – A club approved record book must be agreed and voted on by club membership and needs approval from the 4-H Youth Development Educator to proceed for the year.
- **Exhibition Hall Set-up** - Friday, July 7, 5:00-7:00pm - Older youth and adults needed to assemble metal shelving. Just come & bring friend! There will be a drawing for 30 free Mega Ride Passes!
- **Family Packet Pick-up & Check-in** - Saturday, July 15, 8:45-1:45pm - Adults needed to pass out family packets to check-in. To sign-up, go to: <https://bit.ly/3CRAu9c>.
- **Older Youth Cloverbud Judges** - Saturday, July 15, 9:00am-2:00pm - Older youth talk with our 4-H Cloverbuds about their exhibits. To sign-up, go to: <https://bit.ly/23ClvbdJudges>

All Green County 4-H Record Book forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Green County 4-H Forms website: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>.

Organizational Leader Reminders

- All clubs and chapters need to report animal/pen counts **to the lead Superintendent of each species by Friday, July 7**, so we can accurately assign stalls and pens. For details, go to: <https://bit.ly/3CReew1>.
- Animal stall cards for the fair can be picked up at the Extension office OR the Fair office.
- The 4-H fiscal year ends June 30th. 4-H clubs must submit the Annual Financial Report and supporting documents by **Monday, August 28th** to the Extension Office. For details, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/70ql1i>.

4-H Adult Leaders Opportunities

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

A friendly reminder that Green County 4-H Adult Leaders, Inc. meetings are open to all actively enrolled 4-H adult leaders and held at the Green County Justice Center. Each 4-H club is encouraged to have an adult leader in attendance.

Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- **Monday, August 28, 2023, 7:30-9:00 PM** - Attend in-person or virtually—<https://bit.ly/4HAdultLeaders082823>. Please note that there will be numerous items that need to be dropped off or picked up in-person (i.e. Record Books, 4-H Financial Records, 4-H Herdsmanship Checks).
- **Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:30-9:00 PM** - Attend in-person or virtually—<https://bit.ly/4HAdultLdrs110623>.

County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

2023 Green Co. Fair Volunteer Opportunities

It takes many, many youth and adult volunteers to make the County Fair a success! We need YOUR help with any one of our many, many volunteer opportunities!!!

- **Premier Exhibitor Contest** - Friday, July 21, 4:45-7:15pm - 2 shifts - Adults to help register participants, supervise activity and score tests. To sign-up, go to: <https://bit.ly/3CRAu9c>
- **4-H Promotion Activities** - Saturday, July 22, morning and early afternoon shifts- Youth and adults to help with hands-on promotion 4-H activities. To sign-up, go to: <https://bit.ly/3CRAu9c>
- **Exhibition Hall Clean-up**—Sunday, July 23, 6:30-7:30pm—Adults & older youth volunteers to assist superintendent in taking down displays, shelving & tables. To sign up, go to: <https://bit.ly/3CRAu9c>

4-H Junior Leader Dairy Bar—Help Needed!

We are in desperate need of 4-H members in grades 6-13 and adults to work the 4-H Dairy Bar during the Fair. We have appreciated all the help we have received over the past years from all of you including former trip scholarship recipients, past junior leader members, and others who have worked behind the counter of the Dairy Bar. Please consider taking one or two 2-hour shifts from

- **Wednesday-Saturday: 9am-7pm and**
- **Sunday: 9am-5pm.**

To sign up, please go to: <https://bit.ly/234-HDairyBar>. If you have any questions please contact Deb Myers at 608-934-5460 or april18@tds.net.

If more than five members of any one of our 16 clubs sign up to help during our peak times of 3-7pm on Wed, Thur, Fri, or Sat, clubs will receive a donation from Jr Leaders. If there are more than five members volunteering, the donation will increase to your club. We appreciate your time and support to volunteer in this year's Dairy Bar!

Animal/Pen Counts-Due July 7th

All clubs or chapters with animal exhibitors in departments 1-5, 7-8; need to report their animal/pen counts directly to the lead superintendents in each department by Friday, July 7, 2023. Each superintendent needs specific information to their department. Please be sure to include: Club Name, Exhibitor Name, and your Phone

Number. For Lead Superintendent contact information and a detailed list of information needed, please go to <https://bit.ly/3CReew1>. Superintendents will post barn/pen assignments by Saturday, July 15th at noon.

County Fair Exhibitor Packet Pick-up

Family packets will contain the following...

- Project Entry Tags (for all exhibition hall projects)
- Backtags (for all animal projects)
- Youth Wristbands (including Cloverbuds)
- Adult Leader Passes (if applicable)
- Herdsmanship packets (1 per club per species)

Family Packets with Exhibitor Wristbands and entry tags must be picked up in person at the Fair Office:

- Mon.-Fri., July 10-14: 8 am to 4 pm
- Thu., July 13: 8 am to 5:30 pm
- Sat. July 15: 9 am to 1:30 pm
- Mon.-Tue., July 17-18: 8 am to 4 pm

NO PACKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER TUESDAY at 4 PM. Lost wristbands will result in paying gate price or a season pass to get into the fair! Families unavailable to pick up their packet during this time can seek another individual to pick up their packet for them.

Animal Departments Check-in Times

Please consult the 2023 Green County Fair Judging Schedule for judging times and locations (see page ____).

- **Wednesday, July 12**—Cats & Pets: 5:30-6:00pm
- **Saturday, July 15**—Horses: 7:00-8:00am
- **Monday, July 17**—Swine: Noon to 8 pm
- **Tuesday, July 18**
 - Dairy: 9 am to 3 pm
 - Beef: Noon to 3 pm
 - Sheep & Goats: 9 am to 11 am
 - Poultry: 9 am to Noon
 - Rabbits: 12:30 pm to 4 pm

Animal Department Updates

Exhibitor Parking at the Green County Fair

To aid in creating a safe and enjoyable fair for everyone, the Green County Fair board has restricted parking for livestock exhibitors. **There will be no parking around the livestock barns from Wednesday to Saturday between 8:00 AM-8:00 PM and from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM on Sunday. Exhibitors will be able to bring in feed and supplies to the barns between 8:00 PM-8:00 AM Tuesday-Saturday.**

Livestock Truck and Trailer Policy Changes

Starting Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 AM, all people entering the fairgrounds will be required to pay admission.

Any truck with trailers arriving prior to 4:00pm on Sunday

will be required to park by the southeast gate on the south side of the road going to the infield. Trucks with trailers will not be allowed to park in the parking lot between the east and southeast gates and may be towed. Upon dismissal of livestock at 6:00pm on Sunday, all trucks with trailers will be required to exit the southeast gate and then re-enter at the east gate. Trucks with trailers will be released in stages by a Green County Fair official. A line on the street or at the southeast exit gate will not be allowed. This can be a safety violation should emergency vehicles need to enter. No vehicles or trucks with trailers will be allowed to drive against the flow of traffic at any time.

Dairy, Beef, Sheep & Goat Check-In Procedures

To ensure biosecurity for Green County Fair exhibitors and to comply with state health regulations, we will be conducting Vet Checks for Dairy, Beef, Sheep and Goats prior to tying any animals in the barns at the county fair. This is being done to protect exhibitors from having their animals exposed to any contagious disease that could be taken back home. To accomplish this, several things will be strictly enforced at the upcoming Green County Fair. **All trailers hauling livestock into the fairgrounds must enter through the east gate.**

Barn Clean-up Procedures

All barn decorations must also remain in place until 6:00 PM Sunday evening, with the exception of only the swine department, who can clean pens and remove decorations once pigs are loaded out on Sunday.

All bedding must be pulled to the center alley of each livestock barn. With limited availability of equipment, this will assist the Fair Board and volunteers with cleaning out the buildings.

Dept 1—Dairy

Dairy animals must be checked in on the South end of barn #6 and #7 on Tuesday July 18th between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Dairy animals cannot be unloaded on the fairgrounds outside of this time frame. Trucks and trailers should enter the fairgrounds through the east gate and form a line towards the west on the gravel road just south of barn #7. Cattle should be unloaded in this area and tied to the trailer until they are checked in by the Superintendents and given a tail tag by a Veterinarian indicating they have passed inspection and can be tied in the barns. These tail tags must be left on the animals until they are removed by the Superintendents after the check-in is completed after 3:00 PM. **Exhibitors are reminded to arrange for help to walk the cattle to the barns after they have been checked in and also must have their registration papers with the animals when they arrive!**

Dept 2—Beef

Beef Entry Information

AGAIN THIS YEAR—All Beef entries (market, performance and breeding stock) must be brought to the fairgrounds and checked in by both the Superintendents and the Veterinarian in the north end of Barn #7 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18th. Beef animals will not be allowed to unload or tie anywhere on the fairgrounds prior to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18th. All steers entered in the Performance Class will be scanned immediately after being weighed in on Tuesday between 12:00-3:00 p.m. and will be exhibited in the live show on Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM in barn #7. Steers entered in the Performance Class will also be allowed to show in the Steer Market Classes on Friday, July 22nd with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Champion Performance Steers. The Grand and Reserve Performance Steers will be sold live in the Meat Animal Auction.



Dept 3—Swine

All pigs must be checked in with the swine Superintendents between Noon and 8:00 PM on Monday, July 17th. Weigh in for all pigs will be from 8:00 -11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 18th. The swine show will start at 7:00 AM on July 19th in the Stock Pavilion. Exhibitors are only allowed to place one fan per pen in the swine barn. Swine Exhibitors **Are Not Allowed** to use staple guns to hang things up. Please bring hole punches & zip ties to hang your decorations. In addition, when the fair is over, all zip ties must be cut down and discarded with the paper goods in waste barrels. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE ZIP TIES TO FALL INTO THE BEDDING!

Dept 4 & 5—Sheep & Goats

All Sheep and Goats must be brought to the fair and checked in between 9:00 AM – 11:00AM on Tuesday, July 18th. Sheep and Goats CANNOT be unloaded or penned without first being checked by a Superintendent or Vet. Before they are penned, the sheep and goats will be screened for ringworm, warts and pinkeye as they are unloaded. If any animals are at all questionable for any of these contagious diseases, you will need to walk them directly to the south end of barn #7 to have the animal checked by a veterinarian who will be working in the vet check area on Tuesday. If the vet determines they are okay, he will give you a vet pass that can be presented to the superintendent and they will then allow your animal to be penned. All sheep and goats are required to have either a RFID Ear tag or a Flock Scrapie Tag.

Dept 6—Horse & Pony

County Fair Horse Show

Saturday, July 15th, 2023—Green County Fairground
Vet Check-in at 7:00-8:00 AM; Required Exhibitor meeting at 8:00 AM; Show begins at 8:30 AM

All exhibitors MUST turn in a color copy of Coggins paperwork at check-in the morning of the County Fair Horse Show.

Please carefully read the Department Rules & Instructions (<https://bit.ly/3NpTxvR>) in the Fairbook, as all rules will be followed and enforced. This includes, but isn't limited to rules on the # of horses you can exhibit, reporting for judging, tack changes, scratches, cleaning up your trailer area, and numerous safety measures. It is important to note that horses/ponies cannot be groomed, ridden, driven or schooled by anyone other than the exhibitor or an immediate family member once the horse is unloaded at the fairgrounds. There are also rules about if a participant exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with an injury —OR— the participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck.

See page 11 for additional non-County Fair Horse competition opportunities.

Dept 7—Poultry

READ the full rules, requirements and instructions for the Poultry Department at: <https://bit.ly/44na3nl>

- **Check-in: All poultry must be checked in between 9:00 to Noon on Tuesday, before being put in a pen.** There will be no repeat weighing or swapping poultry.
- **Poultry Testing & Flock Status:** Each exhibitor MUST turn in a copy of the Flock Status paperwork or Individual Testing paperwork at check-in. The Fair Office will NOT print or copy this paperwork.
- **Water Container:** Exhibitors must provide a water container in each pen that cannot be tipped over.
- **Daily Caretaking:** Each exhibitor must daily take care of his/her own exhibit(s). This includes morning and evening chores, and throughout the day, as needed. **Birds not taken care of daily may be sent home and the member will forfeit the premium money on the exhibit(s) and eligibility to exhibit in this department next year.** Exhibitors will be required to sign-in each day, morning and evening, as proof that the birds are regularly being cared for.
- **Show Order** will be Class H, F & G, followed by Class A, B, C & E. All entries, with exception of Class F & G (Market Ducks & Turkeys), will be judged in the center of the Stock Pavilion.

- **Clean-up:** Saw dust and shavings must remain in place until 6:00pm on Sunday at check-out time. Saw dust and shavings must be discarded in the pit on the other side of the swine barn, NOT in the dumpster. All exhibitors are REQUIRED to clean their cages after 6:00pm Sunday, prior to leaving the fairgrounds.

Dept 8—Rabbits

READ the full rules, requirements and instructions for the Rabbit Department at: <https://bit.ly/3Numk2t>

- **Check-in:** All rabbits (Breeding & Market) must be vet-checked between 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, before being put in a pen. Animals incorrectly entered will be moved to the correct lot, but will not receive fair premium and will not be eligible for awards. The deadline for exhibitors to identify an incorrect entry is the end of check-in at 4pm on Tuesday.
- **Weigh-in:** All meat type rabbits must be in place by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and will be weighed in at 4:00 p.m. There will be no repeat weighing or swapping out rabbits if they do not make weight.
- **Daily Caretaking:** Each exhibitor must daily take care of his/her own exhibit(s). **Rabbits not taken care of daily (morning, night and additionally, as needed) will be sent home and the member will forfeit the premium money on the exhibit(s) and eligibility to exhibit in this department next year.** Exhibitors will be required to sign-in each day, morning and evening, as proof that the rabbits are regularly being cared for.
- **Show Order:** This year there will be two judging tables, plus a third judge doing Showmanship (Class J) throughout the show. One table will start with the Market Lots (Class I) and then move one to larger breed rabbits (Class A-C). The other table will judge Class D-G.
- **Clean-up:** Saw dust and shavings must remain in place until 6:00pm on Sunday at check-out time. Saw dust and shavings must be discarded in the pit on the other side of the swine barn, NOT in the dumpster. All exhibitors are REQUIRED to clean their cages after 6:00pm Sunday, prior to leaving the fairgrounds.

Dept 10—Vet Science & Pets

Green County Fair Pet Show

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Check-in: 5:30 PM; Show start: 6:00 PM

Bank of New Glarus Barn #6

Show Order: Starting with class D, then A-C & E-F

Dept 13—Cats

Green County Fair Cat Show

Wednesday, July 12th, 2023

Check-in: 5:30 PM; Show start: 6:00 PM

Bank of New Glarus Barn #6

Auction Information

4-H & FFA Fur & Feather Auction

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 at 10:00 AM

4-H & FFA Livestock Auction

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 at 12:30 PM

Exhibitors may sell up to two animals shown at the Green County Fair, but only one entry per species. Bids made are paid out to the youth auctioning their animals less fees.

All Animals (with the exception of auction animals) will be released from Fair on Sunday evening after 6:00 PM.

2023 Livestock Auction Changes

The auction will again be in Barn 7, the Mayer Transport Show Barn. There will be NO ANIMALS in the auction. The auction will consist of the youth (who must be present) and a display screen projecting a photo from the youth with their project animal. We are encouraging buyers to visit the animals and youth in the barns before the auction. Pictures will be projected on a screen when your animal is being auctioned and as a participant, you will be on the auction floor, near the ringman to walk around. **Appropriate clothing MUST BE worn as on page 5 of the Green County Fair General Rules Dress Code.** You can find this link on our website at <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/livestock-auctions/>

Retention of “Show Rights” For Animals Sold in the Auction

An exhibitor can retain show rights for WI State Fair by declaring their intent to the auction committee prior to the auction. Exhibitors must also provide a written contract form, signed by the exhibitor’s parents and the buyer, to the auction clerks before the conclusion of the auction. The contract must state the exhibitor and parents agree to the following: to accept responsibility for any liability or claims caused by the animal, to provide proper care of the animal, to guarantee a minimum re-sale price to the buyer, to only exhibit the animal at the WI State Fair, and to have their auction check held until they confirm delivery of the animal to the buyer.

Dairy Youth Recognition Auction

Sunday, July 23rd at 1:00 PM—Entertainment Tent
Held in conjunction with the Cheese Exhibitor’s Auction, Dairy Youth qualify to earn a spot to auction. From the highest bid received, each youth receives half of their bid amount, and the other half is placed in a fund to support scholarships to dairy youth furthering their education after high school.

Non-Animal Check-in & Judging

It is important to know when each of your departments' exhibits need to be checked in and judged. Please READ the **2023 Green County Fair Judging Schedule** for specific times and locations (see page 13).

- **Wednesday, July 12** – Check-in & Judging: Dept 10 & 13
- **Thursday, July 13** – Check-in & Judging: Dept 26
- **Saturday, July 15** –
 - Check-in (9am-1:30pm) and Face-to-Face Judging (9am-2pm): Dept 16, 17A, 17B, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33 & 34
 - Check-in ONLY (9am-2pm): Dept 18 & 20
 - Optional Check-in (9am-2pm): Dept 14, 15 & 25
- **Sunday, July 16** – Conference Judging: Dept 18 & 20
- **Monday, July 17** – Check-in & Judging (Conference & Danish): Dept 14, 15, & 25

If you have questions about exhibiting in specific departments, please contact Extension. Exhibiting can be a great learning experience, but great things take time!

Use your Fair Entries confirmation email, which was sent to you after you submitted your fair entries, to help you remember what items you planned to bring.

Read the Junior Fair exhibiting guidelines for each department that you are exhibiting in, for information on exhibit size requirements, whether your entries require a 3"x5" description card, and possible changes to hanger and displaying requirements.

No fair exhibits can be removed before 6:00 PM Sunday. Exhibits in the Exhibition Hall must be removed between 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Sunday evening. No one assumes responsibility for exhibits after 8:00 PM. Vehicles will be allowed at the back door of Exhibition Hall only.

Face-to-Face Judging—Saturday, July 15

We are piloting a NEW judging procedure for Departments judged on Saturday, July 15. **Exhibitors can arrive ANYTIME between 9am-1pm.** Once your entry tags are attached, you can check in at each department that you need to be judged at and take a number. When your number comes up at a department, you will bring your exhibits to the department to talk with the judge and have your items evaluated and placed. Please note, **Exhibitors must arrive early enough to have ALL of their exhibits judged by 2:00pm.**

This will be a new process for ALL of us. Please feel free to ask questions and seek assistance, AND be understanding.

Conference Judging - July 12, 13, 16 & 17

The purpose of conference judging is educational: the judge has the opportunity to speak with the project member to find out what he/she has learned from the project, while also comparing the entry to others in the same exhibitor lot. The exhibitor is expected to answer some questions from the judge, and also has the opportunity to ask questions to learn ways to improve on his/her skill or knowledge base.

Please be aware that the judging times for Non-Animal Departments are approximations, and that the actual judging may run ahead of or behind schedule.

Schedule Conflict in Non-Animal Departments

It is important to note that each person entering the project is expected to be present during judging.

Should a schedule conflict occur, an exhibitor can make arrangements for someone else to check-in their exhibits. The exhibitor **MUST** attach a note card with details about how and why the exhibit was made or selected, and what the exhibitor learned in the process.

General Questions Asked During Judging

Why did you choose this idea/item as your exhibit?
Where did you get the idea to make this exhibit?
What steps did you use to make this exhibit?
How much time did it take you to make the exhibit?
How much of the work did you do? Who helped you?
What do you like about your exhibit?
What did you learn?

Other Judging Tips for Exhibitors

When talking with the judge, stand/sit up straight and speak with confidence. You are talking about yourself and your exhibit, so you should know your stuff! Look the judge in the eye when talking with him or her. If you don't know the answer to a judge's question, it's better to admit it than make up an answer. County Fair Judging is meant to be an educational experience, so do not be afraid to ask the judge some questions about the exhibit or project. Be courteous and polite at all times and at the end of your discussion with the judge, but sure to thank him/her for their comments.



Non-Animal Department Updates

Dept 14—Crops & Vegetables

Exhibits in Dept. 14, all classes, may be checked in Saturday, July 15 from 9am-2pm OR on Monday, July 17 from **8-10am** (NO late check-ins). Judging at 10:30am. Exhibitors **MUST** display vegetables with **NO HELP FROM PARENTS OR LEADERS**. If the exhibitor cannot be present, a superintendent will display the entry. Superintendent will verify the count and mark the entry tag. Vegetables exhibitors should reference bulletin A3306 – “Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables”, available at: <https://go.wisc.edu/61ux93>.

Dept 15—Flowers & Houseplants

Exhibits in Dept. 15, all classes, may be checked in Saturday, July 15 from 9am-2pm OR on Monday, July 17 from **8-9am** (NO late check-ins). Judging at 9:30am.

Dept 16—Natural Sciences

This department will share a judge with Mechanical Sciences on Saturday, July 15. Exhibitors in just Class I (Shooting Sports Target Shooting) do **NOT** need to be present for judging; targets are pre-submitted and already judged. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 17—Cloverbuds (5K-2nd Grade)

Check in projects for the Green County Fair, Exhibition Hall Date: Saturday, July 15th, 2023—9:00am-1:30pm Cloverbuds will talk with a ‘judge’ about their exhibits at check-in. Our "judges" are super friendly 4-H open youth.

Dept 17—Exploring (3-4 Grade)

This department will share a judge with Departments 21, 31 & 33 in Exhibition Hall, on July 15. Please pay careful attention to exhibit requirements in this department (i.e. poster size, number requirements for an entry, etc).

Dept 18—Cultural Arts

Exhibits **MUST** be check-in on Saturday, July 15, 9am-2pm. All items will be conference judged on Sunday, July 16, starting at 1:00pm. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card. Include an adequate hanger, if your exhibit is to be hung. See department form for additional details and rules.

Dept 20—Photography

Exhibits **MUST** be check-in on Saturday, July 15, 9am-2pm. All items will be conference judged on Sunday, July 16, at 1:00pm, starting with Class A & B. Pay careful attention to poster and mounting requirements, and what information should be included on the back of the poster.

Dept 21—Computers

This department will share a judge with Departments 17, 31 & 33 in Exhibition Hall, on July 15. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card. Exhibitors with entries that need to be shown on an electronic device are responsible for providing both a device for the judge to view the entry and a visual portrayal of entry to leave on display.

Dept 22 & 23—Woodworking & Electricity

These departments will be sharing a judge on Saturday, July 15. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 14—Mechanical Sciences

This department will share a judge with Natural Sciences on Saturday, July 15. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card. Farm Displays and Model Projects (Classes D-F) need to pay careful attention to size limits and entry descriptions.

Dept 25—Foods & Nutrition

Exhibits in Dept. 25, Classes I-W, may be checked in Saturday, July 15 from 8am-2pm OR on Monday, July 17 from 8-10:30am. Baked goods brought in Saturday will be refrigerated until Monday, and frozen items will be put in the freezer. **READ** carefully the [Department Guidelines](#) in the Fairbook, as requirements vary by class and lot.

Dept 26—Clothing

Thursday, July 13 at the Green County Justice Center Check-in begins at 5:00pm and Judging at 5:30pm Judging will start with Clothing Style Revue (Classes E-H), followed by Clothing Construction (Classes A-D), and then Looking Good (Classes I-J) and Clothes Horse (Class K-N).

Dept 27, 29 & 34—Knitting, Crocheting, Child Development, Health & Citizenship

These departments will share a judge on July 15. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 28—Home Environment

This department will be judged on July 15. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 31 & 33—Demonstrations, Creative Writing, Leadership, etc.

These departments will share a judge with Departments 17 & 21 in Exhibition Hall, on July 15. See Department rules for requirements.

Additional County Fair Info

If you win a special award at the Fair...

Don't forget to **THANK the sponsors** of the awards you receive! Green County is very fortunate to have generous people, businesses, and memorials supporting many awards and trophies. Without their remarkable contributions, our youth would not be rewarded as well as they are. **PARENTS** - please be sure to assist your youth with questions when writing thank you's! Let's show our sponsors our appreciation by following through.

TIP: many sponsors comment on how they enjoy getting pictures when they receive a thank you!

4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony

Sunday, July 23rd, 11:00 AM—Hospitality Tent

Come join us in recognizing our 2023 4-H Key Award winners, Volunteers & Friend of 4-H Honorees, 4-H Scholarship winners, and 4-H Graduates at our 8th annual 4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony!



Green County Fair Herdsmanship

This is a long running competition for our dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, and rabbit exhibits from each club/chapter to compete against each other. It is based on organization, cleanliness, educational materials, and overall presentation of the exhibits, animals, and exhibitors. Clubs/Chapters are free to come up with their own barn themes but are encouraged to use the Fair's theme of "Travel The World"; educational exhibits are needed to get maximum points.

The judging for this contest will be done by exhibitors, projects leaders, superintendents, and select individuals.

There will be an award presentation in the Stock Pavilion at **Noon on Sunday, July 23rd**. Cash prizes will be given to the top 2 clubs/chapters in each species.

The prizes are Dairy and Beef: 1st - \$25 and 2nd - \$15, Swine: 1st - \$20 and \$15, Sheep, Goats, and Rabbits: 1st - 10 and 2nd - \$5. For those clubs/chapters that receive a 75 or above on their Herdsmanship scores will get a free ice cream coupon on Sunday to the Ag Chest or Jr. Leaders ice cream stand for each exhibitor in that species. Clubs/Chapters must participate in judging in order to be eligible for Herdsmanship Awards and coupons. Clubs/Chapters who have 75% or more of the production animal exhibitors (Dept. 1-5, 7-8) compete in the Premier Exhibitor Contest will earn 5 bonus points towards their Herdsmanship score in their species.

This contest is great friendly competition for our clubs/chapters to compete against each other while maintaining

our exhibits in a neat and eye-appealing way for all fair-goers. Herdsmanship always brings out some really well done exhibits and allows our animal exhibitors to show off pride in their projects that they have worked so hard on!

Green County Premier Exhibitor Contest

Green County 4-H will hold its 14th Annual Premier Exhibitor contest on **Friday, July 21st , 5:00–7:00 PM** in the Stock Pavilion. This contest is open to youth exhibiting goats, sheep, swine, dairy, beef, rabbits or poultry.

4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters who have 75% or more of their production animal exhibitors (Dept 1-5, 7-8) compete in the Premier Exhibitor contest will earn 5 bonus points towards their Herdsmanship score in each species area.

There will be three divisions: Junior Division (grades 3-8), Senior Division (grades 9 & up), and the Platinum (previous senior division winners). All grades are as of January 1st. The contest is divided up into 6 parts: showmanship, equipment identification, cuts of meat identification, breed identification, feed samples identification and a knowledge quiz.

Results will be announced prior to the announcement of the Master Showman Contest winners on Saturday in the Mayer Transport Show Barn. Prizes will be given to the top 3 performers from each species for the Junior and Senior Divisions and the top 2 Platinum Division performers.

Check out our *NEW* Premier Exhibitor website (<https://sites.google.com/view/greencountypremierexhibitor/home>) for more about the event and access to study guides for each category. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the Premier Exhibitor contest, please call Sydney Delzer, Extension Summer Intern, at 328-9440.

Green County Master Showman Contest

The 17th Annual Master Showman Contest will be held on **Saturday, July 22nd at 5:00 p.m.** in the Mayer Transport Show Barn.

The Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship exhibitors in beef, dairy, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, and sheep departments will have an opportunity to square off and see who will be the overall Master Showman in Green County! Local judges will be on hand that day to evaluate specialized areas, and exhibitors will have 5 minutes to show each one of the species—swine, goat, beef, dairy, lamb, poultry, and rabbit.

This should be a fun event for all participating and watching. Bring your 4-H group to watch and cheer on your friends and fellow exhibitors! Bleacher seating is limited, so come early.

Green County Fair Summer Reading Program

By reading a minimum of five books between the end of your school year and July 19th, you can earn a coupon worth \$10.00 off of a wristband for carnival rides at the Green County Fair. This program is open to all kids in grades 4K-12. One coupon per person may be turned in to earn a \$10.00 off rides coupon. The coupon is good any day of the fair and for the entire time rides are going. Here's what you need to do:

- Read five books by July 19
- Fill out the form and bring it with you to the fair
- Take the form to the main ticket booth to receive your coupon. It's that easy!

Forms are available on the Green County Fair Website. www.greencountyfair.net

Wisconsin State Fair

Non-Animal Youth Exhibits

To exhibit a non-animal exhibit at the WI State Fair, the project must be selected as a "Judge's Favorite" project. Every judge gets to select one Judge's Favorite project from all the items they have judges in a single day, by exhibitors age 8-19 years old.

If your project is selected and you want it to go to State Fair, please note...

- You must stop in the Fair Office to complete entry paperwork **by Sunday, July 23** (SSN is required).
- Extension Green County is willing to assist you in transporting your exhibit to and from WSF if the exhibit is of a relatively small size and easy to transport. For more information or to sign up by **Sunday, July 23** for Extension transportation of your entry, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3pkGxA1>.

Additional 4-H Opportunities

4-H Horse Games Day Show

Sunday, July 16, 2023

7:00AM - Check In; 8:00AM - Show Start

Green County Fairgrounds Infield Arena

Pre-registration will be done online this year. Please register by July 9 by going to: <https://go.wisc.edu/cob8n5>.

The Show bill is available at this link: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/04/2023-Game-Day-Show-Bill.pdf>.

WI 4-H Gymkhana

September 9-10, 2023

State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

Wisconsin State 4-H Gymkhana is an annual horse and pony competition for youth in grades 6th-13th featuring speed pattern racing events including: Cloverleaf Barrels,

Flag Race, Plug Race, Pole Bending, LT Special, and Key Races. Entries must be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s), and exhibitor and **submitted to the Green County Extension Office by Friday, July 28th** for the Extension Educator's signature. Exhibitors are responsible for all individual fees. The 4-H Horse Committee will pay for a group tack stall and required trophy sponsorships, IF the youth have paid their 2023 4-H Horse Project fee.

For complete details, go to:

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

WI 4-H Horse Expo

September 15-17, 2023

Wisconsin State Fair Park; West Allis, WI

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws crowds of over 900 youth and 700 horses, plus projects like horse arts, creative writing, and drawing.

Horse Show classes include: Draft Showmanship, Cones, Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship Pony, Horseless Horse Walk, Saddle Seat, Hunt Showmanship, Western Showmanship, and Trail Riding.

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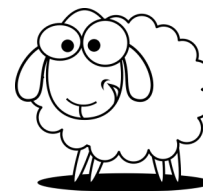
For complete details, go to:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-horse-expo/>.

Make It With Wool

The Wisconsin Make It With Wool competition is a sewing and fashion design competition using wool or wool blend fabrics to create clothing and novelty items that showcase the beauty and versatility of wool. The competition is open to all Wisconsin residents and will take place at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival on Saturday, September 9th, 2023. Entries must be postmarked by August 25th, 2023.

For complete rules and entry forms, visit www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com Click on 'Competitions' and select "Make It With Wool" from the dropdown menu.



4-H Outpost Camp



Green County 4-H Outpost was a great success! 4-H members enjoyed tent camping and hiking at High Cliff State Park, caving at Ledge View Nature Center, and stops for cheese and ice cream along the way!

"Many hands make light work."



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Exhibition Hall Set Up
July 7, 2023 : 5-7 pm**

Volunteers will be put in a drawing for a chance to win 1 of 30 Mega Ride Passes!!

****heavy lifting involved****

Wear closed toe shoes & bring gloves

**YOUTH
SUPERINTENDENTS
NEEDED**

We are looking for dedicated Green County Youth to volunteer as a Youth Superintendent for various Departments.

**INTERESTED YOUTH
SHOULD CONTACT THE
FAIR OFFICE FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

608-325-9159 --
greencountyfairgrounds@gmail.com



2023 Green County Fair Judging Schedule

New in 2023, we will be using "Face-to-Face Judging" for some non-animal departments. Please see the descriptions below for a better understanding of the three different judging styles that we will be utilizing this year.

Conference Judging - Youth is expected to be present and talks with the judge. Exhibit is compared to others in the same lot with Danish placings. **Danish Judging** - Youth does NOT need to be present or talk with the judge. Exhibit is compared to others in the same lot with Danish placings (¼ blue, ¼ red, ¼ white, ¼ pink). **Face-to-Face Judging** - Youth talks individually with the judge about each of their exhibits, right away at check-in. Exhibit is compared to a standard of excellence in that department and placed according to its own individual merits.. This judging style offers families greater flexibility to come any time during the judging time..

Wednesday, July 12 - 6 PM

- Location: Bank of New Glarus Barn #6
- Check-in at 5:30pm, Conference Judging for:
 - D10 - Animal & Veterinary Science
 - D13 - Cats

Thursday, July 13 - 5:30 PM

- Location: Green County Justice Center
- Conference Judging for:
 - D26 - Clothing

Saturday, July 15 - 8:30 AM

- Location: Fairground Infield
- Check-in at 7-8am, Conference judging for:
 - D6 - Horses

Saturday, July 15 - 9 AM - 2 PM

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Check-in & Face-to-Face Judging for:
 - D16 - Natural Science
 - D17 - Cloverbud & Exploring
 - D21 - Computers
 - D22 - Woodworking
 - D23 - Electricity
 - D24 - Mechanical Science
 - D27 - Knitting & Crocheting
 - D28 - Home Furnishings
 - D29 - Child Development
 - D31 - Demonstrations & Creative Writing
 - D33 - Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Service Learning & Self-Determined
 - D34 - Health & Citizenship
- Check-in ONLY for:
 - D18 - Cultural Arts
 - D20 - Photography & Videography

Sunday, July 16 - 1 PM

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Conference Judging for:
 - D18 - Cultural Arts
 - D20 - Photography & Videography

Monday, July 17 - AM

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Mixture of Conference & Danish Judging
 - D15 - Flowers & Houseplants
 - Check-in: 8 AM - 9 AM
 - Judging: 9:30 AM
 - D14 - Crops & Vegetables
 - Check-in: 8 AM - 10 AM
 - Judging: 10:30 AM
 - D25 - Foods
 - Check-in: 8 AM - 10:30 AM
 - Judging: 11:00 AM

Wednesday, July 19

- 7:00 AM - Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D3 - Swine
- 12:00 PM - Mayer Transport Barn 7
 - D1 - Dairy (Showmanship/Club Herd)

Thursday, July 20

- 8:00 AM - Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D7 - Poultry
- 8:30 AM - Mayer Transport Barn 7
 - D1 - Dairy
- 3:00 PM - Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D8 - Rabbit

Friday, July 21

- 8:00 AM - Mayer Transport Barn 7
 - D2 - Beef
- 9:00 AM - Barn 10
 - D5 - Goats
- 1:30 PM - Mayer Transport Barn 7
 - D4 - Sheep

**See Next page of Exhibitor Packet
Pick up & Animal department
Check-in for Fair Week!!**

The Green County 4-H Website is always being updated to include new information, links and dates. Check it out for the most current news: <http://greencounty4h.info>
Be sure to check the 4-H Calendar Page for up-to-date information as events approach:
<https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/>

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