



The Alphorn

Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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Next Alphorn Deadline:
August 15th



Ellen Andrews
4-H Youth
Development Educator

Two Major 4-H Learning 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 4-11.
- **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** submit Record Books by Monday, August 26, 2024. (See page 3 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

4-H Hotdog Stand

to supports 4-H Camp!

Sat. July 13, 10am-2pm

Green County Fairground
near Family Packet pick-up.

Cash ONLY!

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.

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?

Welcome, Summer Staff!

We are excited to announce our 2024 Summer Staff!

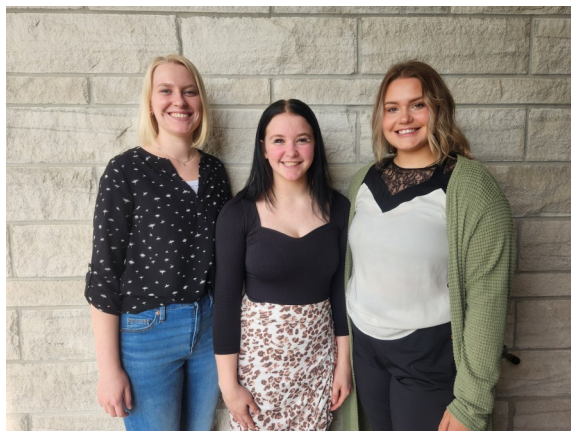


Photo (L to R): Ruby Shaeffer, Abbigail Andrews, Katie Brooks

Welcome, Abbigail Andrews!

Hello, My name is Abbigail Andrews. You may recognize me from last summer working as one of the Green County Extension Office assistants. If you don't, here is a little bit about me- I just graduated from Monroe High School a year early. In the fall I will attend the Advanced Welding Institute in Eagle River, WI. I am an active member in 4-H. I have been in 4-H since 3rd grade. I am the President for the Next Generation 4-H club and Green County 4-H Junior Leaders as well. At the county fair I show rabbits, poultry, and some projects 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 again. See you this summer!

Welcome, Katie Brooks!

Hello everyone! My name is Katie Brooks and I am this year's summer 4-H intern! I am a recent graduate of Juda High School and live on my family's dairy and beef farm outside of Juda, WI. I have been involved in both 4-H and the Juda FFA chapter, serving as an FFA Officer for numerous years. In the fall I will be pursuing a degree in agriculture education at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, with hopes to someday teach. Last year I worked as a student assistant at Extension Green County, and I am excited to be back! This year I will be focusing my time on the 4-H Livestock Judging Team, Master Showman, Herdsmanship, and Premier Exhibitor. I cannot wait to see you all at this year's Green County Fair!

Welcome, Ruby Sheaffer!

Hello everyone! My name is Ruby Sheaffer. This summer I am serving as an AmeriCorps member in the Green County Extension Office. My position is focused on bringing new youth into Green County 4-H programs. Specifically, I will be organizing activities and leading two new summer 4-H clubs coordinated with the YMCA day camp program. During this summer 4-H program, members will get a taste of the full 4-H experience. Members will engage in activities about everything from rockets and hot air balloons to community service and environmental stewardship. Members, and myself, can participate in several camp experiences over the summer. All members will exhibit something they made during the program at the Green County Fair.

When I'm not serving this summer, you can find me reading, trying a new recipe in the kitchen, listening to music, and planning for college. I am a recent graduate from Monroe High School and this fall I will be attending Macalester College in St. Paul to study political science and education studies. I am very excited to dive into this service and bring 4-H to more children in our community!

Thank You!

- To our Cat Committee, Poultry Committee, Goat Committee and Horse 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 8th at the Fairgrounds, with 9 different sessions offered.
- To all of the families and volunteers who brought animals to our Area Animal Science Day competition.
- To the Performing Arts Committee for organizing two terrific events: 4-H Art in the Park and the 4-H Talent Show. They also worked the food stand at the Area Animal Science Day event!

Congratulations!

- To our WI 4-H Education Travel Participants:
Space Camp - Jamison Smith & Hunter Matson
American Spirit - Ayden McCoy & Mirielle Smith
Summer Academy - Mirielle Smith & Milo Dickson
- To our Area Animal Science Days Dairy Judging Teams. Our junior team placed 9th overall consisting of Sierra McCullough, Abby Withrow, Braxton Boeke, and Brooklynn Dosio. Our Senior team consisted of Grace Gold, Ellie Modaff, Reese Speth, and Taylor Svendsen. They placed 5th as a team both overall and for oral reasons. Kate Olmedo and Brooke Mueller also represented Green County in the Senior Division.
- To our Area Animal Science Day Livestock Judging Team. The Livestock Judging Team consisted of Benson Miller, Thadeus Miller, Adelynn Monson, Zoie Donovan, and Cambrie Donovan. They placed 10th Overall in the Junior Division. Congratulations to all of our Green County 4-H members that participated!
- To Sierra McCullough for being invited to compete at the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest!



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 26th** 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.

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/>.

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 9:00-11:30am
Kiwanis Youth Cabin, Monroe

For members in 1st-3rd grade (2024-2025 school year)
Celebrate the end of summer with some 4-H camp fun specifically designed for our youngest 4-H members, as we enjoy a variety of camp experiences, including art, nature, games, campfire songs, s'mores and more.

Check in will be 8:45-9:00am, with pickup at 11:30am. Adult and older youth helpers are needed to assist with this program. If you or a member of your family would be interested in assisting, please indicate so on the registration form. Space is limited to 24 registrations. Register by **Saturday, August 10** at: bit.ly/45GbsY2

Organizational Leader Reminders

- All clubs and chapters need to report animal/pen counts **to the lead Superintendent of each species by Monday, July 8**, so they can accurately assign stalls and pens. For details, go to: <https://bit.ly/3zldSzi>.
- 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 26th** to Extension. For the form, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/6zm8n7>.

4-H Adult Leaders Opportunities

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

A friendly reminder that Green County 4-H Adult Leaders 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 26, 2024, 7:30-9:00 PM** - In-person attendance is encouraged. Phone or Zoom connection info is available at: <https://go.wisc.edu/ehddqm>. 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 4, 2024, 7:30-9:00 PM** - Attend in-person or Zoom/phone: <https://go.wisc.edu/e99tya>.

Animal Science

4-H Horse Games Day Show

Sunday, July 14, 2024

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

Green County Fairgrounds Infield Arena

Pre-registration will be done online.

Register by July 7 at: <https://go.wisc.edu/t52z2t>

Show bill is available at: <https://go.wisc.edu/g1s103>



WI 4-H Gymkhana

September 7, 2024

State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

WI State 4-H Gymkhana is an annual horse and pony competition for youth in grades 6th-13th featuring speed pattern racing events. Entries must be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s), and exhibitor and **submitted to the Green County Extension Office by Monday, July 29th** for the 4-H Educator's signature. **Late submissions will NOT be able to receive the Educator's signature.** Exhibitors are responsible for all individual fees. The 4-H Horse Committee will pay for the required trophy sponsorships, IF the youth have paid their 2024 4-H Horse Project fee. For details, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/927712>.

WI 4-H Horse Expo

September 13-15, 2024

Wisconsin State Fair Park; West Allis, WI

An annual contest for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project, with a variety of educational and horse classes.

- Educational Contest—art, creative writing, photography, model horse, horse judging, and team problems.
- Horse Show—Draft, Driving, Walk Trot, Saddle Seat, Hunt, Western, Showmanship, and Trail Riding.

Entries must be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s), and exhibitor and **submitted to the Green County Extension Office by Monday, July 29th** for the 4-H Educator's signature.

Late submissions will NOT be able to receive the 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 2024 4-H Horse Project fee.

For complete details, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/o018dx>.

Club Happenings

Clarence Bridge Pioneers

On May 4th, 2024, members from the Clarence Bridge Pioneers (CBP) 4-H Club volunteered at the Green County Humane Society. The members helped cleaning the animals' pens, walking the dogs, and socializing with the animals. The club's favorite animals were Bently, a kind Doberman, Hank the Great Dane/German Shephard mix, and Maya the Husky.



County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

2024 Green Co. Fair Volunteer Opportunities

It takes many, many youth and adult volunteers to make the County Fair a success! The Green County Fair Board is asking that the family of EVERY exhibitor volunteer in some way. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- **County Fair Volunteers**—Help out the County Fair with (1) Family Packet Pick-up, (2) Gate Sales, (3) Guest Services and more. To volunteer, call 608-325-9159 or <https://greencountyfair.net/get-involved/#volunteer>.
- **Older Youth Cloverbud Judges** - Saturday, July 13, 9:00am-2:00pm - Older youth talk with our 4-H Cloverbuds about their exhibits. To sign-up, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/gg5ah6>

- **Premier Exhibitor Contest** - Friday, July 21, 4:40-7:20pm - 2 shifts - Adults to help register participants, supervise activity and score tests. To sign-up, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/5uu4a7>
- **4-H Promotion Activities** - Saturday, July 20, morning shifts at Exhibition Hall - Youth and adults to help with hands-on promotion 4-H activities. To sign-up, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/jelq65>

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:

- Wed.-Fri., July 10-12: 8 am to 4 pm
- Thu., July 11: 8 am to 5:30 pm
- Sat. July 13: 9 am to 2:00 pm
- Mon.-Tue., July 15-16: 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 Department Updates

Animal/Pen Counts-Due July 8th

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 Monday, July 8, 2024. 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/3zldSzj>. Superintendents will post barn/pen assignments by Saturday, July 13th at noon.

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 Only.



Livestock Truck and Trailer Policy Changes

Starting Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 AM, all people entering the fairgrounds are 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.

Animal Departments Check-in Times

Please consult the 2024 Green County Fair Judging Schedule for judging times and locations (see page 11).

- **Wednesday, July 10**—Cats & Pets: 5:30-6:00pm
- **Saturday, July 13**—Horses: 7:00-8:00am
- **Monday, July 15**—Swine: Noon to 8 pm
- **Tuesday, July 16**
 - 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

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 16th 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. **Cows should not be unloaded until a superintendent has verified a negative HPAI result.** Heifers 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. **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 16th. Beef animals will not be allowed to unload or tie anywhere on the fairgrounds prior to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16th. 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 19th 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 15th. Weigh in for all pigs will start at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 16th. The swine show will start at 7:00 AM on July 17th 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 9am – 11am on Tuesday, July 16. 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 breeding sheep are required to have either a RFID Ear tag or a Flock Scrapie Tag. All market lambs are required to have BOTH a Flock Scrapie Tag and a RFID Tag. All breeding and market goats exhibited at the Green County Fair must be identified in one of three ways: a legible tattoo with accompanying registration papers from a recognized breed association, a USDA Scrapie Flock Tag or a USDA RFID Tag placed in their ear PRIOR to entering the fairgrounds. **Note: Goat Market Wethers in Lot 30 were previously identified with an RFID tag from the Extension Office.**

Dept 6—Horse & Pony

County Fair Horse Show

Saturday, July 13th, 2024—Green County Fairground

Vet Check-in at 7:00-8:00 AM

Required Exhibitor meeting at 8:00 AM

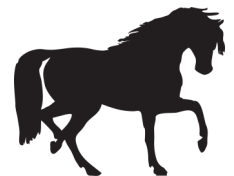
Show begins at 8:30 AM

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://go.wisc.edu/7w8l2u>) 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.

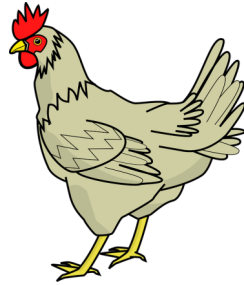
See page 4 for additional non-County Fair Horse competition opportunities.



Dept 7—Poultry

READ the full rules, requirements and instructions for the Poultry Department at: <https://go.wisc.edu/py42ye>

- **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. Class D will begin at 8AM with show order posted by Wednesday afternoon.
- **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.

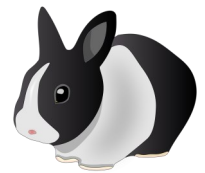


Dept 8—Rabbits

READ the full rules, requirements and instructions for the Rabbit Department at: <https://go.wisc.edu/70156c>

- **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 Showmanship will begin at 2:00 pm starting with the youngest age division moving up. The rest of the Rabbit Show will start at 3:00pm with two judging tables. 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 10, 2024

Check-in: 5:00 PM

Show start: 5:30 PM

Mayor Transport Show Barn #7

Show Order:

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



Dept 13—Cats

Green County Fair Cat Show

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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

Mayor Transport Show Barn #7

Auction Information

Fur & Feather Auction

Saturday, July 20th, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Mayor Transport Show Barn #7

Meat Animal Auction

Saturday, July 20th, 2024—Auction will start 30 minutes following the Fur & Feather Sale. Exhibitors may sell up to two animals shown at the Green County Fair, but only one entry per species. Youth will be paid their bid amount less applicable fees.

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



2024 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 8 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 21st 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.

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 [2024 Green County Fair Judging Schedule](#) for specific times and locations (see page 11).

- **Wed., July 10** – Check-in & Judging: Dept 10 & 13
- **Thursday, July 11** – Check-in & Judging: Dept 26
- **Saturday, July 13** –
 - Check-in & Face-to-Face Judging: Dept 16, 17A, 17B, 18, 21, 22-24, 27-29, 31, 33 & 34
 - **Dept 20** (Annex Building): 9-10 AM Check-in and Conference Judging at 1 PM
- **Monday, July 15** – 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. Vehicles will be allowed at the back door of Exhibition Hall only.

Face-to-Face Judging—Saturday, July 13

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.**

4-H Hotdog Stand

Sat. July 13, 10am-2pm

The Hotdog Stand supports 4-H Camp!
Green County Fairgrounds near Family Packet pick-up.

Cash ONLY!



Conference Judging - July 10, 11, 13 & 15

In Conference Judging, the judge has the opportunity to speak with the individual exhibitors, 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

Exhibitors are 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?
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—Plant & Soil Science

Exhibits in Dept. 14, all classes, may be checked in Monday, July 15 from 8am-10am (NO late check-ins.) Judging will start 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 Monday, July 15 from 8am-9am (NO late check-ins.) Judging will start at 9:30am. See department rules for notecard requirement.

Dept 16—Natural Sciences

This department will be judged on Saturday, July 13, sharing a judge with Dept. 23—Electricity. 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 (except Class I) must have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 17—Grades 5K-2nd (Cloverbuds)

Check in projects for the Green County Fair, Exhibition Hall Date: Saturday, July 13th, 2024—9:00am-1:30pm
Cloverbuds will talk with a 'judge' about their exhibits at check-in. Our "judges" are super friendly 4-H older youth.

Dept 17—Grades 3-4 (Exploring)

This department will share a judge with Departments 21, 31 & 33 in Exhibition Hall, on July 13. Please pay careful attention to exhibit requirements in this department (i.e. poster size, number requirements for an entry, etc.

Dept 18—Cultural Arts

NEW this year, Cultural Arts exhibits will be judged face-to-face on Saturday, July 13, from 9am-2pm. 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 check-in on Saturday, July 13, 9am-10am in the Annex building at the Fairgrounds. All items will be conference judged on Saturday, July 13, 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 be judged on Saturday, July 13. 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 a device for the judge to view the entry AND a visual of the entry to leave on display.

Dept 22—Woodworking

This department will be judged on Saturday, July 13 from 9am-2pm. Entries should have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 23—Electricity

This department will be judged on Saturday, July 13 from 9am-2pm, and will share a judge with Dept. 16—Natural Sciences. Entries should have a 3"x5" description card.



Dept 24—Mechanical Sciences

This department will be judged on Saturday, July 13 from 9am-2pm. Entries 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 Monday, July 15 from 8am-10:30am and will be judged starting at 11am. READ carefully the Department Rules in the Fairbook, as requirements vary by class and lot.



Dept 26—Clothing

Thursday, July 11 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 and be judged face-to-face on Saturday July 13 from 9am-2pm. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card.

Dept 28—Home Environment

This department will be judged on July 13. Each entry should have a 3"x5" description card.

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

These departments will be judged with Departments 17 & 21 in Exhibition Hall, on July 13 from 9am-2pm.
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 21st, 11:00 AM—Entertainment Tent

Come join us in recognizing our 2024 4-H Key Award winners, Volunteers & Friend of 4-H Honorees, 4-H Scholarship winners, and 4-H Graduates at our 9th annual 4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony!

Green County Master Showman Contest

The 18th Annual Master Showman Contest will be held on Saturday, July 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayer Transport Show Barn (Barn #7). The Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship exhibitors in beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, and rabbit departments will have an opportunity to square off and see who will be the overall Master Showman in Green County! Bring your 4-H group to watch and cheer on your friends and fellow exhibitors!

Green County Premier Exhibitor Contest

Green County 4-H will hold its 15th Annual Premier Exhibitor contest on Friday, July 19th, 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. 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. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the contest, please call Katie Brooks, Extension Summer Intern, at 608-328-9440.

Green County Fair Herdsmanship

This is a long running competition for our dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, and rabbit exhibitors from each club/chapter 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 "Country Christmas"; educational exhibits are needed to get maximum points. There will be an awards presentation in the Stock Pavilion at Noon on Sunday, July 21st. Cash prizes will be given to the top 2 clubs/chapters in each species. 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. This year, Clubs/Chapters are assigned an entire day to judge. If the scorecard is turned in on the same assigned day by 7:00 pm, an additional 3 points will be added to that species. This contest is a great friendly competition for our clubs/chapters to compete against each other while maintaining their exhibits in a neat and eye-appealing way for all fair-goers.

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! This program is open to all kids in grades 4K-12. One coupon per kid may be turned in to earn a \$10.00 coupon towards a daily wristband for the carnival. Bring completed Summer Reading Form to the Carnival ticket booth to receive your coupon. Forms are available at: <https://greencountyfair.net/rides-attractions/>.

2024 Green County Fair Judging Schedule

Wednesday, July 10 - 5:30 pm

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

Thursday, July 11 - 5:30 pm

- Location: Green County Justice Center
- Check-in @ 5 pm, Conference Judging for:
 - D26 - Clothing

Saturday, July 13 - 8:30 am

- Location: Green County Fairgrounds - Infield
- Check-in: 7-8 am, Conference judging for:
 - D6 - Horse & Pony

Saturday, July 13 - 9 am - 2 pm

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Check-in & Face-to-Face Judging for:
 - D16 - Natural Science
 - D17 - Youth Org. Childhood Prog.
 - D18 - Cultural Arts
 - D21 - Computers
 - D22 - Woodworking
 - D23 - Electricity
 - D24 - Mechanical Science
 - D27 - Knitting & Crocheting
 - D28 - Home Furnishings
 - D29 - Family & Child Development
 - D31 - Demonstrations & Comm.
 - D33 - Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Service Learning & Self-Determined
 - D34 - Health & Citizenship
- Location: Annex
- Check-in: 9-10 am
- Judging: 1 pm to approx. 3:30 pm
 - D20 - Photography

Animal Department Check-in:

- Monday, July 15
 - Swine: Noon to 8 pm
- Tuesday, July 16
 - 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

Monday, July 15

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Mixture of Conference & Danish Judging
 - D14 - Plant & Soil Science
 - Check-in: 8-10 am
 - Judging: 10:30 am
 - D15 - Flowers & Houseplants
 - Check-in: 8-9 am
 - Judging: 9:30 am
 - D25 - Foods
 - Check-in: 8-10:30 am
 - Judging: 11 am

Tuesday, July 16

- Location: Mayer Transport Show Barn 7
- 6:00 pm - D2 - Beef Performance Class

Wednesday, July 17

- 7:00 am - Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D3 - Swine
- 8:30 am - Mayer Transport Show Barn 7
 - D101 - Open Dairy
- 12:00 pm - Mayer Transport Show Barn 7
 - D1 - Jr. Dairy - Showmanship & Club Herd

Thursday, July 18

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

Friday, July 19

- 8:00 am - Mayer Transport Show Barn 7
 - D2 - Beef
- 9:00 am - Barn 10
 - D5 - Goats
- 1:00 pm - Mayer Transport Show Barn 7
 - D4 - Sheep

Exhibitor Packet Pick Up:

- Wed.-Fri., July 10-12: 8 am to 4 pm
- Thu., July 11: 8 am to 5:30 pm
- Sat. July 13: 9 am to 2 pm
- Mon.-Tue., July 15-16: 8 am to 4 pm

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:
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