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AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

The Grant County Agriculture & Extension Education/Fair Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room at the Youth & Agriculture Center, 916 E. Elm St, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Consideration will be given and/or action taken on any or all of the following agenda items.

1. Call to order
2. Statement as to Proper Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 20, 2026
5. Business Relating to Grant County Extension or the Youth and Ag Center
 - a. Educator Updates
 - Bev Doll, Human Development and Relationships Educator
 - Charisse Orth, 4-H Program Educator
 - Casey Lobdell/Jackie McCarville/Jordyn Sattler, Regional Agriculture Educators
 - b. Area Extension Director Update
 1. Extension Overview
 2. Federal Funding Update
 - c. Review Vouchers
6. Grounds and Maintenance Report & Youth and Agriculture Center
 - a. Grounds Repair
7. Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business
 - a. Lancaster Jaycees
 - b. 2026 Fair Update
 - c. Beer and Food Prices
 - d. Poster Contest
 - e. All Event Passes - Sale June
 - f. Volunteers at the Fair
 - g. Review all Fairgrounds Vouchers
8. Livestock Claims
9. Adjourn

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Monday, April 20, 2026
Youth & Agriculture Center, 916 E. Elm St., Lancaster, WI 53813

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Roger Guthrie. Roll Call was taken with six committee members present: Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Pat Schroeder, Gary Northouse, Kathy Kopp and Mike Timmerman. Others present were Nate Dreckman, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Charisse Orth, Bev Doll, Jackie McCarville, Jordyn Sattler, Casey Lobdell and Lynn Perkins. Present by Zoom was Tonya White.

The meeting notice was posted at the Extension Office, Youth & Agriculture Center, Administration Building, on the Grant County website and emailed to media.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Mike Timmerman, to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 23, 2026. Motion carried.

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll, Charisse Orth, Jackie McCarville, Casey Lobdell and Jordyn Sattler. Charisse gave a presentation on the 4-H Thrive Survey.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update sharing the County Officials Training Workshop date changed to May 11 and will still be held in Dodgeville.

Blake Roberts gave the Rural Community Economic Development Specialist update.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Timmerman to pay Grant County Economic Development Special Project as requested and budgeted. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Timmerman, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy gave the grounds and maintenance and Youth & Agriculture Center report.

Spring yard work is being done. All vehicles will be out of storage the end of April. Jeff Bahl, Full Throttle, would like to pour a cement pad in the race track infield and pay the cost.

Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Fairest of the Fair Banquet location may change due to number of applications received. The PRRS and PEDv no testing requirement is confirmed with DATCP. Amy will send a survey this summer asking for feedback regarding a non-terminal swine show for 2027. Poultry events/movement is still suspended through May 10, 2026. Bloomington Sportsman Club will no longer be working the food stand on Saturday night of the fair.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp to have Amy apply for a Corteva Agriscience Grant up to \$5,000 and look into a Compeer Financial General Use Grant up to \$10,000, to purchase bleachers. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting is May 18, 2026. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS - Bev Doll



The Extension Institute of Human Development & Relationships provides the tools Wisconsinites need to thrive as well-rounded, capable individuals and families. We support families in caring for each other in ways that promote growth and understanding. Our programs promote aging-friendly communities, coach effective parents and help families put technology, mindfulness, and financial awareness to use.

- A co-parenting class (Parents Forever) for parents and caregivers experiencing separation, divorce or changes in the custody of their children, where they learned skills to prioritize the parent-child relationship and better communicate with their co-parent. This program is designed to increase child well-being and reduce parental conflict during family transitions.
- Planning AHEAD a 7-session course that helps adults of all ages to make end-of-life financial, healthcare, and final wishes decisions in order to reduce the stress experienced by survivors and to ensure that their wishes are honored. Total Reach: 12 individuals registered - 7 participated in the series x 7 sessions for a total of 49 contacts.
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- Encouraging Financial Conversations, a six-module course for social workers, case managers, and community agency staff where they learn about financial competency skills such as goal setting, budgeting, building credit and paying off debts, strategies for saving money, and how to engage their clients in money management discussions. The goal of this effort is to build their knowledge and confidence when engaging clients in financial conversations.
- Significant preparation and scheduling with 6 school districts for a Babysitting workshop for youth ages 10 - 14, where they learn basic child care skills such as child development, feeding children-nutrition, basic first aid, responsible decision making, problem-solving, communication, good business practices and other topics. The goal is to prepare them to care for themselves and younger children.

AGRICULTURE - Jackie McCarville, Regional Dairy Educator
- Jordyn Sattler, Regional Crops & Soils Educator



Casey Lobdell



Jackie McCarville



Jordyn Sattler

The Extension Agriculture Institute is your connection to the latest University of Wisconsin-Madison research. Our five program areas; Agriculture Water Quality, Crops and Soils, Dairy and Livestock, Farm Management, and Horticulture, are here to educate and respond to the needs of the agriculture community while providing resources that promote economic and environmental sustainability in Wisconsin. We apply research to challenges facing communities and businesses.

Jackie McCarville

- **Artificial Insemination Course-March and April** - An artificial insemination course for dairy and beef producers, where they learned how to breed their own cattle. Through this program, producers will be able to save money and increase reproductive rates by breeding their own cattle in a timely fashion. As a result of this work, 28 people were trained to artificially inseminate cattle. Participants were asked to complete a pre/post-style evaluation to measure their change in knowledge across the various topics covered. Participants indicated an overall change in knowledge of 0.72 on a 4-point Likert scale. The most significant change in knowledge was in the area of AI technique. Participants were also asked to rank the various topics taught, and they indicated that AI Technique, Heat Detection, and AI Practice in Cows were their most valued topics. The topics of Reproductive tracts and semen handling came in second.
- **Badger Dairy Insight-A Clearer Picture: Using Ultrasound to Detect Respiratory Issue in Calves** - A Badger Dairy Insight webinar for dairy producers and veterinarians, where participants learned how to use calf lung ultrasound to detect respiratory disease earlier and make more informed treatment and management decisions to improve calf health, reduce antimicrobial use, and enhance long-term herd performance.
- **Green County Leaders-April Session** - At the April Green County Leaders session participants learned about the importance of agriculture and land stewardship in Green County. The day started at Kuhn North America. Jordyn, Jackie, and Casey provided a very well-received overview of agriculture and the food system. From there, participants learned from a local cheesemaker about cheesemaking. Participants also toured Kuhn North America, learning more about the variety of businesses in Green County supporting agriculture. This also emphasized learnings about entrepreneurial leadership and the value of having local businesses with international connections.
- **Progressive Forage Article-Forage Quality** - An article was written and will be published in the June 2026 edition of Progressive Forage Magazine that provides readers with practical information on how to use standard forage reports to evaluate feed quality beyond using the RFV and RFQ metric. When evaluating forage quality, many farmers primarily use the relative feed quality (RFP) and relative feed value (RFV) metric. However, these metrics only provide an overview of a forage's quality and do not reflect many important aspects of forage quality. This article addresses this knowledge gap by providing information on how to evaluate feed quality beyond RFV and RFQ.



Casey Lobdell

- Written article for the Wisconsin Cattleman's Cattle Trails Column. The article was written about beef heifer selection and considerations.
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Jordyn Sattler

- Participating in an insect trapping network to assist Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the UW entomology lab monitor incoming pest populations and forecast potential damage to crops. Through this effort, timely notifications will be distributed to producers who will then have local information to help guide their pest scouting and make more timely and effective pest management decisions.
- An article for the agriculture community where readers learned about special factors to consider when planting corn during a wet spring season, including monitoring soil temperature and evaluating when soil is "fit" to plant. Through this effort, producers will invest the time to ensure their planting conditions are suitable and set their crop up for success throughout the rest of the growing season.
- Planning for the 2026 Badger Crop Connect season for a statewide virtual audience of farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants. The goal is to provide timely updates throughout the growing season to assist with management decisions of Wisconsin corn, soybean, small grain, and forage crop production.
- An educational session for Green County Leaders where participants learned about the importance of agriculture, food systems, and natural resources planning and stewardship to increase understanding of the Green County community, economy, and local government.



POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - Charisse Orth



The Extension Institute of Positive Youth Development prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

- Budget Committee Meeting of the 4-H Leaders Association - A meeting for the budget committee of the 4-H Leaders Association where they established a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Through this effort they set goals for fundraising and spending limitations to help them be financially responsible to best support the 4-H program.
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- 2026 Area Animal Science Day - Host County - Planning for a regional event for 4-H members in collaboration with WI 4-H Animal Science program. The goal is to provide members with the opportunity to learn about evaluating and practice critical thinking when it comes to livestock and dairy cattle evaluation.