



4H COUNTY CLASSIC

HORSE SHOW

Saturday, August 22, 2026
8:00 a.m.

La Crosse County Interstate Fairgrounds
West Salem, Wisconsin

The La Crosse County 4-H Horse Project is proud to sponsor and welcome you to the 4-H County Classic Show - a La Crosse County 4-H Horse Project led event that is open to 4-H members from other counties! The purpose of the 4-H Champ Show is to provide opportunities for horse project members to grow in their project. The goals of this show are to provide a positive atmosphere of learning and camaraderie; build members' self-confidence; allow members to demonstrate their skills, while focusing on safety and good sportsmanship.

About our Judge: Sara Gronski

Sara Gronski is the owner and trainer at Birch Valle Farm/Gronski Performance Horses and is a carded judge for Wisconsin Horse Council, Pony Of the Americas Club (POAC), WI 4-H, IL 4-H, Open Horse Show Association (OHSA) and Wisconsin Interscholastic Horse Association (WIHA). Sara has been showing and training horses for most of her life. She is a multiple national champion trainer with National POA Futurity and POA Congress wins in Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure. She has coached youth and non pro riders to national placings and wins in pleasure, equitation, horsemanship, showmanship and trail. Sara was the 2019 Wisconsin Horse Council Judge Of The Year. She continually attends judging and training seminars to advance her own horse knowledge and believes you are never done learning.

About our Facility:

La Crosse County Fairgrounds is home to a beautiful horse barn constructed in 2008. We have indoor stalls for over 100 horses. The show will be held in our indoor arena. We have a nice outdoor arena and lunging arena for your use, too. On-grounds camping is available. There will be a food truck on site.

Location:

La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds is located in West Salem, Wisconsin. West Salem is just 12 miles East of La Crosse, on I90 exit #12. The fairgrounds are easily accessible from both the Interstate and US Hwy 16. Driving directions: **From I-90 westbound**, take Exit 12 (West Salem). Go south to 3-way intersection, turn right (west) on County Road C. Go 1.3 miles, turn right (north) at 3-way intersection onto County Hwy M. Fairgrounds are about 1 mile ahead, on the left, just past the stoplight. **From I-90 eastbound**, take Exit 5 (Onalaska). Turn left (east) on Hwy 16 and drive 4.5 miles to West Salem. At stoplight, turn left, go 1/4 mile and the Fairgrounds are on your left.

Accommodations:

Camping is available on the grounds for a \$35 fee. Other campgrounds in the immediate area are Neshonoc Campground and Veterans Memorial Campground. Within one mile of the fairgrounds is the AmericInn Motel of West Salem, which allows pets. Hundreds of motel rooms are available within five miles of the grounds West on I-90, such as Holiday Inn Express, Microtel Inn, Baymont Inn, Hampton Inn and Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska or in Sparta, Country Inn & Suites.



Contact Information:

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WI 4-H County Classic by phone: 608-606-4269 (Brook Strangstalien)

Read the attached Guidelines and complete your Registration Form. We hope you'll join us for a day of fun, friends and showing!



4-H County Classic Horse Show

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Exhibiting in this Horse Show is open to any eligible 4-H Horse Project member in grades 3 through 13. They must be a 4-H member in good standing. Your school grade is as of 1/1/26.
2. Pre-registration is encouraged, but entries will be accepted up until 30 minutes before Class 1.
3. No donkeys or mules are allowed
4. Only members of the immediate family, and a 4-H youth paired with a Horseless Horse youth, are permitted to show the same project animal. Each family member may show any combination of classes, provided the horse is only shown once in a specific class number.
5. **Lunging of horses is to be done ONLY in the designated lunging areas/during designated lunging times.** Special permission for lunging assistance for safety reasons may be obtained by reporting the circumstances to the show office. A special permit **MUST BE WORN** while handling the animal.
6. A junior horse, 5 years old and under, may be shown in a bosal or snaffle.
7. SEI approved helmets with safety harness securely fastened must be worn whenever mounted or driving a horse. Appropriate riding boots must be worn—no tennis shoes, flip flops, etc. This includes warm ups.
8. All exhibitors will be issued an exhibitor number which must be worn on their back or the number may be used on BOTH sides of the saddle pad. 2 duplicate numbers will be issued.
9. Original, current negative Coggins required prior to unloading your horse. The Barn Coordinator will check your horse in and provide you with your stall assignment.
10. No horses will be allowed to tie overnight to trailers.
11. Exhibitors less than 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while on the grounds.
12. Any exhibitor using alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or who demonstrates inappropriate behavior while on the show grounds, will be required to leave the grounds at the discretion of the Show Committee.
13. Food truck on site
14. Dogs must be on a leash
15. Refunds of show entry fees are reserved for emergency and veterinary reasons. Please contact the Show Chair to get approval from the committee.
16. The show committee reserves the right to combine classes based on entry numbers.

SHOW OFFICE:

1. Friday arrival no earlier than 2:00 pm
2. The show office, located in the Show Arena, will be open from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday night, and open at 6:00 am on Saturday.
3. If you need a check in later than 9:00 p.m on Friday please contact the show committee.
4. Participants will receive their exhibitor numbers from the show office.
5. Entries will be accepted up until 30 minutes before Class 1.
6. Class entries close 2 classes in advance.
7. Each class will be given a 2-minute gate call. Riders are expected to be checked-in at the gate before their class begins. No entering at the gate.



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SHOW RULES:

1. The 4-H County Classic will be governed by the rules and guidelines of the State 4-H Horse Association. Refer to these guidelines for descriptions of proper tack and attire.

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HOW TO ENTER THE HORSE SHOW

1. Read all rules thoroughly.
2. You must be a currently enrolled WI 4-H Horse/Horseless Horse Project Member in grades 3 through 13.
4. Read entry blanks carefully.
5. Horseless horse exhibitors may only show in combined W/T-horseless horse classes.
6. Registration can be done either by mail or on the online form. Entries will be accepted on the day of the show. Pre-Registration is highly appreciated.
7. Online entries can be done through the Google form - Please see our Facebook Page (4H County Classic Horse Show)
8. Jump-outs are allowed, extra stalls cannot be guaranteed.

REFUNDS:

1. No refunds will be made.

PONY EXHIBITORS:

1. Ponies may enter only classes designated as a pony class. (NOTE: Once you have entered a pony division you must remain in the pony division for the entire show.) Ponies include heights of 56" and under. Any equine over 56 inches will be considered a horse. All equines entered in a pony class must be measured before exhibitor number is issued.

ARENA RULES:

1. SEI approved helmets must be worn while riding and driving with chin straps fastened.
2. Boots must be worn while riding.
3. The arena will be open for practice riding Friday evening, from 2:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and from 6:00 a.m - 7:15 a.m. Saturday.
4. Lunging will be available in the indoor arena at the show committees discretion.
5. No bareback riding or riding double.
6. No tying in the arena.
7. Respect other participants.
8. If a horse is presenting a danger to its rider or other exhibitors, that horse and rider may be asked to leave the ring by show management.

STALLS:

1. A stall fee of \$25 must accompany your registration form. Include a separate check in the amount of \$50 as your stall cleaning deposit.
2. Stalls will be assigned by the Show Committee. You may not switch stalls.
3. Stalls have concrete floors. Please feel free to bring mats and or shavings as needed. Shavings will not be available onsite.
4. Emergency information stall card will be supplied. They must be completed and affixed to the stall.
5. A master stall list will be posted in the Show Office.
6. When you leave, you must clean your own stall. A limited number of wheelbarrows, shovels and picks will be available. The Barn Coordinator will inspect your stall and return your \$50 deposit. If your stall is not cleaned, then

the cleaning deposit will be forfeited by you. Checks will not be mailed; you must pick them up upon leaving or you will forfeit your deposit.

7. Limited tack stalls will be available for \$15 each. Must be requested upon registration. Tack stalls may be limited to one per county.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING:

1. Overnight camping, with electrical hookup, is available on the show grounds. Campers, tents, trailers are allowed. Bathrooms are available.
2. Friday camping fee of \$35 will be collected in the show office.

Registration Form

Please circle the classes you wish to enter. Please use one form for each rider/horse combo.

1. Pleasure Driving, grades 1-13
2. Reinsmanship, grades 3-13
3. Driving Obstacle, grades 3-13
4. Halter, grades 9-13
5. Pony at Halter, grades 9-13
6. Halter, grades 6-8
7. Pony at Halter, grades 6-8
8. Halter, grades 3-5
9. Pony at Halter, grades 3-5
10. Showmanship, grades 9-13
11. Pony Showmanship, grades 9-13
12. Showmanship, grades 6-8
13. Pony Showmanship, grades 6-8
14. Showmanship, grades 3-5
15. Pony Showmanship, grades 3-5
16. W/T Showmanship, grades 3-5
17. W/T Showmanship, grades 6-8
18. W/T Showmanship, grades 9-13
19. English Pleasure, grades 9-13
20. Pony English Pleasure, grades 9-13
21. English Pleasure, grades 6-8
22. Pony English Pleasure, grades 6-8
23. English Pleasure, grades 3-5
24. Pony English Pleasure, grades 3-5
25. W/T English Pleasure, grades 9-13
26. W/T English Pleasure, grades 6-8
27. W/T English Pleasure, grades 3-5
28. W/T English Equitation, grades 3-5
29. W/T English Equitation, grades 6-8
30. W/T English Equitation, grades 9-13
31. English Equitation, grades 3-5
32. Pony English Equitation, grades 3-5
33. English Equitation, grades 6-8
34. Pony English Equitation, grades 6-8
35. English Equitation, grades 9-13
36. Pony English Equitation, grades 9-13
37. Ranch Riding
38. Ranch Pleasure
39. Ranch Conformation
40. Ranch Showmanship
41. Western Pleasure, grades 9-13
42. Pony Western Pleasure, grades 9-13
43. Western Pleasure, grades 6-8
44. Pony Western Pleasure, grades 6-8
45. Western Pleasure, grades 3-5
46. Pony Western Pleasure, grades 3-5
47. W/T Western Pleasure, grades 9-13
48. W/T Western Pleasure, grades 6-8
49. W/T Western Pleasure, grades 3-5
50. W/T Western Horsemanship, grades 3-5
51. W/T Western Horsemanship, grades 6-8
52. W/T Western Horsemanship, grades 9-13
53. Western Horsemanship, grades 3-5

54. Pony Western Horsemanship, grades 3-5
55. Western Horsemanship, grades 6-8
56. Pony Western Horsemanship, grades 6-8
57. Western Horsemanship, grades 9-13
58. Pony Western Horsemanship, grades 9-13
59. Western Riding, grades 9-13
60. Pony Western Riding, grades 9-13
61. Western Riding, grades 6-8
62. Pony Western Riding, grades 6-8
63. Western Riding, grades 3-5
64. Pony Western Riding, grades 3-5
65. Trail, grades 9-13
66. Trail, grades 6-8
67. Trail, grades 3-5
68. Pony Trail, grades 9-13
69. Pony Trail, grades 6-8
70. Pony Trail, grades 3-5
71. W/T Trail, grades 3-5
72. W/T Trail, grades 6-8
73. W/T Trail, grades 9-13
74. Trail, in-hand, grades 3-13 (Minis, weanlings, yearlings, and 2 year olds)

Name	
Horse Name	
Back #	
# of Classes (\$10 each)	
Stall (\$25)	
Tack Stall (\$15)	
Camping (\$35)	
Coggins Collected	
Stall Deposit Collected	
Total	

This registration form must be accompanied by a copy of the current Coggins test. Original Coggins must be shown on arrival at the showgrounds.

Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

RELEASE:

I, _____, in my capacity as _____
(name) (father, mother, guardian)
of _____ do hereby grant permission to La Crosse County 4-H staff or chaperones
(member's name) to secure emergency medical care of my son/daughter or ward if necessary and
I am not able to be reached immediately.

We, the undersigned, also understand that participation in activities involving horses involves known and unanticipated risks. The undersigned on behalf of him/herself, his/her heirs, successors or assigns plus the undersigned parent, parents or legal guardians of the La Crosse County 4-H member listed on this form, hereby specifically agrees to hold La Crosse County 4-H, its staff, representatives, volunteers, 4-H members, employees, and elected officials harmless from any and all liability for injury, death or property damage which may occur as a direct or indirect result of participation in this event. This release is binding on the participant, his/her heirs, successors and assigns and if the participant is a minor, this release is binding on the participants' parent, parents or legal guardian and heirs, successors or assigns of the same.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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