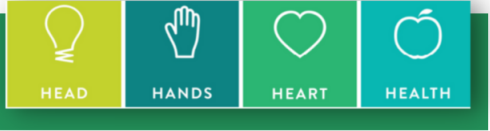


WINNEBAGO COUNTY



SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER 2023

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**Celebrate
National
4-H Week!**

**Oct. 1st-7th
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Re-enrollment Info**
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**Sunflower & Pumpkin
Growing Contest Event
September 30th**

**Fall Fun for All!
See page 6**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 9/4 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 9/5 Re-enrollment Opens
- 9/13 Meat Animal Board 7:30 PM @ JPCC
- 9/17 Rabbit Project Meeting 1PM @ JPCC
- 9/17 Ambassador Meeting 6:30PM @ Joe Kuehl's home
- 9/18 Award Nominations Due by 4:30PM
- 9/19 Leaders' Association Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 9/21 Dog Project Meeting 6:30PM @ JPCC
- 9/24 Dairy Project Meeting 2PM @ JPCC
- 9/25 Horse & Pony Project Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 9/28 Winnebago County Fair Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 9/30 Sunflower & Pumpkin Contest Event 9AM @ JPCC



October

- 10/1-7 National 4-H Week
- 10/11 Meat Animal Board Elections 7PM @ JPCC
- 10/17 Leaders' Association Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 10/19 Pizza Count Night 6-8PM @ JPCC
- 10/21 4-H Family Banquet @ Winneconne High School
- 10/23 Horse & Pony Project Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 10/26 Winnebago County Fair Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC



4-H Club Meetings

*some meetings may vary from time to time

Date	Club	Time
1st Sunday	4-H Friends	3:00PM
1st Monday	Plain V-U	7:00PM
1st Tuesday	Golden Oak Kountry Kidz	7:00PM 6:00PM
2nd Sunday	Allenville Meadows Lakeshore Newcomers Poygan Go Getters Zion 3-C	6:00PM 2:00PM 5:00PM 4:00PM 5:00PM
2nd Monday	White Cedars	6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday	Country Roots (May-Oct) Ridgeway Winchester	7:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM
2nd Wednesday	Homeward Bounders	12:30PM
2nd Thursday	Mears	6:30 PM
3rd Sunday	Westward County Line	6:30PM 3:00 PM
4th Monday	Horse & Pony Project	7PM

RE-ENROLLMENT



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



2023-2024 4-HOnline Re-enrollment will open on Sept. 5th

Closes 11/20/23

For instructions on how to enroll using 4HOnline visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-e-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Types:

If you would like to be affiliated with a specific 4-H club or group, you **MUST** select **CLUB VOLUNTEER**. From there, you can select which type of club volunteer suits you best.

If you plan to be an overnight chaperone, you **MUST** choose **PROGRAM VOLUNTEER** and then choose **Overnight Adult Advisor / Chaperone**

If you are a project leader and want to be affiliated with a specific club, you **MUST** select **CLUB VOLUNTEER** and then select Club Project Leader

If you are a project leader and **do not** want to be affiliated with a club, select **PROJECT VOLUNTEER**. From there, you can select which type suits you best

A description of Volunteer Roles can be found here:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/become-a-volunteer/>

NOTE: Additional or new training and/or updated background checks may be required when re-enrolling. Please keep an eye out for emails regarding these updates. See back side of this page for various volunteer training requirements.

Volunteers wear many hats! You can choose one or multiple volunteer types.

** If your club has multiple Co-Leaders, please document each Co-Leader's list of duties or areas that they are co-leading or responsible for. Keep a copy for your club files and email a copy to: dana.berger@wisc.edu

Approving Adult Volunteers:

After the 4-H Program Coordinator (Dana) has approved an adult volunteer, a Volunteer Agreement letter will be emailed to the volunteer from the State Office. This letter will confirm the volunteer role(s) and will provide a link to the appropriate volunteer role description.

PLEASE NOTE: The content of the Volunteer Agreement Letter outlines the dates that volunteer is covered by liability insurance and essentially serves as a contract between the volunteer and Extension.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

Volunteer Hours & Youth Service Hours:

As a returning volunteer, please be sure to enter accurate volunteer hours. This information is important and reported statewide and nationally.

Paper Enrollments: Please contact the Extension office for paper enrollment forms if needed.

Project Guide and Listing can be found at: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/projects/>

Please Contact the Extension Office with Any Questions: (920) 232-1974

RE-ENROLLMENT

Training Requirements for Staff & Volunteers

Many of the volunteer training requirements also apply to staff. Here's a breakdown of what is required by who and where to locate information on the training:

Mandated Reporter

Required by UW Policy 301 and Governor's Executive Order EO 54

Staff	Volunteers
Required for all staff through this website: https://media.wcupds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/	Required at start of volunteer service, taken through 4H Online, no refresher required.

Sexual Misconduct & Clergy Crimes/Responsible Employee (Title IX)

Required by UW-Madison Office of Youth Protection and Compliance (OYPC). Available for staff and volunteers at <https://youthtraining.compliance.wisc.edu/>

Staff	Volunteers
Required by all PYD staff every year due as 'Responsible Employees'	Volunteers who work with youth are required to take Section 1 & 2 (timing requirement is being discussed - TBA)

Building Safe Spaces

Required by UW-Madison Division of Extension - in Vulnerable Populations Handbook
Training and more information available at: <http://buildingsafespaces.w4h.org>

Staff	Volunteers
Required by all PYD staff who lead youth programs or supervise volunteers who work with youth - take initial training and participate in refreshers every 2 years.	Volunteers who work with youth are required to take initial training, and then participate in refreshers every 2 years

Supporting Youth Mental Health

Required by UW-Madison Division of Extension - in Vulnerable Populations Handbook
Training and more information available at: <http://symh.w4h.org>

Staff	Volunteers
Required by all PYD staff who may be serving in custodial care roles. Initial training taken once, then refreshers every 2 years.	Volunteers who serve as overnight chaperones/adult advisors or custodial care roles are required to take the complete training once, then refreshers every 2 years

Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Orientation

Required by UW-Madison Division of Extension - offered in-person or by Zoom in local counties (and occasionally regionally or statewide)

Staff	Volunteers
Staff who supervise volunteers should participate in a VIP training to shadow the process and learn to facilitate. Staff resources for VIP are available at https://uwprod.sharepoint.com/sites/EXT-PYD/SitePages/Youth-Protections.aspx	Volunteers take this training one time, unless a break in service of 4 years or more. Resources and handouts are available at https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/volunteers-in-preparation



Volunteers Help Make 4-H Possible.

To volunteer, you don't need to have previous experience working with youth. The most important qualifications are:

- *a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills; and
- *wanting to provide youth with positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

**Contact Dana Berger for more info:
920-232-1974**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Cultural Projects
- Family, Home, & Health
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM
- Start Your Own

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

4-H® EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



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Extension and Outreach
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More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>

What resources are available?

Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from shop4-h.org or your local Extension office.



What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop/Benson



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)





Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H: I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H: I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G: I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H: I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H: I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

Totals: A: ___ B: ___ C: ___ D: ___ E: ___ F: ___ G: ___ H: ___

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension

Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment Opens 9/5/23 and Closes 11/20/23

Winnebago County 4-H Project Listing

1. Make a list of all the things you would like learn about.
2. Compare your list with the Projects (**in Bold**) and their examples (not bold)
3. Sign up for the Projects (**in Bold**) that you are even slightly interested in!
Pay attention if your areas of interest states "Also sign up for..." This will help when it comes to sign up for fair entries in the spring.

**Project Selection Deadline
for Fair Entry :**

**January 31st
(no changes allowed past this date)**

Youth Leadership

Ambassadors, Project Leaders, Officers

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds Youth Leader

Exploring

Service Learning & Citizenship

Self Determined

Beef

Cats

Dairy

Dogs

Small Animals & Pets

Caged Birds

Cavies

Pets

Exotic Animals

Goats

(listed as Dairy Goats)

Horses

All Horses

Clothes Horse

Model Horse

Horseless Horse

Poultry

Bantams

Pigeons

Turkeys

Waterfowl

Rabbits

Swine

Sheep

Veterinary Science

Communication Arts

(listed as Communication)

Creative Writing

Demonstrations

Sign Language

Speaking

Performing Arts

(listed as Theater Arts)

Clowning

Dance

Juggling

Music

Theater Arts

Visual Arts

(listed as Art)

Arts & Crafts

Block Printing

Folk Arts

Leathercraft

Metal Enameling

Computer Art

Photography

Incl. Videography

Family, Home & Health

(listed as Home Environment)

Child Development

Health

Home Environment

Intergenerational Programs

Consumer Education

(listed as Consumer Savvy)

Consumer Savvy (also sign up for clothing)

Entrepreneurship

Personal Finance

Workforce Readiness

Foods & Nutrition

Cake Decorating

Food Preservation

Foods & Nutrition

Microwave Cooking

Clothing & Textiles

Sewing

Clothing

Quilting (also sign up for Family Home & Health)

Crocheting

Knitting

Mechanical Sciences

Automotive

Bicycles

Model Rocketry

Scale Models

Small Engines

Tractors

LEGOS

Computers

Electricity

Woodworking

Natural Resources Envir. Ed.

(listed as Explore Your Environment)

Astronomy

Birds

Entomology

Exploring Your Environment

Fishing

Forestry

Geology

Maple Syrup

Recycling

Water

Wildflowers

Wildlife

Adventures

Backpacking

Canoeing

Bicycling

Winter Travel

Shooting Sports

Crops

Vegetables & Fruits

(listed as Vegetables)

Flowers & House Plants

(listed as Flowers)

Home Grounds

Plant Crafts

STEM

Wind Energy

Areospace

Geospatial

Robotics (also sign up for Mechanic Science)

Chemistry

Physics

International Programs

4-H SUNFLOWER & PUMPKIN EVENT

1st Annual Winnebago County 4-H Sunflower & Pumpkin Growing Contest Day!

Join us for some fall fun and to find out who will win the largest sunflower bloom, tallest sunflower and heaviest pumpkin!

September 30th
James P. Coughlin Center
9:00-11:00AM

You do not need to be in the contest to attend!

Food!

Muffins, Cookies, Milk, and Apple Cider



Games!

Pumkin Bowling, Toss Across, and Go Fish

Prizes!

- For those who entered the contest in June...

Prizes, certificates and bragging rights will be awarded to the contest winners.

- All youth who attend...

Entered in a prize drawing



Fall Fun for All!



***We plan to hold this event outside in the new outdoor classroom area that is being built (near the dish antenna). We will be inside if it is raining.**

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 1st-7th !

National 4-H Week is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs and a projects to share their love for 4-H with others, recruit new members, and also thank those in the community that have helped support the 4-H program! This year we have TWO really cool contests happening! Plus, you can win some cool 4-H swag if you win the contests! Learn more about the contests below:

Why I ♥ 4-H Poster Contest

Grab your colored pencils, markers, crayons, or paints and let your creativity flow by participating in the Winnebago County 4-H Week Poster Contest!

Create a poster (can be any size) about why you love 4-H! **Posters are due at the Extension Office by October 6th.** Submitted pieces will be displayed on our social media pages after National 4-H Week and winners will be chosen in each grade category (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-13) Winners will receive some cool 4-H swag!

Social Media Drawing

Break out your 4-H t-shirts, smiles and cameras to submit your entries into our social media challenge! Take a photo of someone in a 4-H t-shirt and share it on our social media any time during National 4-H Week!

Don't have Facebook or Instagram? No worries - photos can also be emailed to the 4-H Program Educator (dana.berger@wisc.edu) and will added to our county 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages!

Participants: be sure to tag @WinnebagoCounty4-H on Facebook or Instagram so we see it! We will also have some cool prizes for our social media contest. Get those t-shirts, take a picture and tag us!

To Be Announced...

We also plan to have 4-H library displays and Key Award interviews on a local radio station. Keep an eye our for **Your Winnebago County 4-H Weekly Updates** (emails) for more information.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

4-H Ambassadors

Spread the good news of
4-H and join the...
AMBASSADOR TEAM!



The **AMBASSADOR TEAM** is made up of youth in grades 6 and up.

Pictured L to R: McKenzie Murphy, Evan Numrich, Melanie Zillges, Madison Plungy, Finn Lettau, Hailey Domke, Joe Kuehnl

They work together to:

- Plan Events such as 4-H Fun Day and Chalk on the Boardwalk
- Build and decorate a float for summer parades and pass out promotional materials to the parade-goers
- Learn how to create and paint barn quilts for our Barn Quilt Fundraiser
- Have fun! Every summer they plan a field trip

Questions? Call Joe Kuehnl—(920) 836-1736
NEXT MEETING: 9/17/23 AT 6:30 PM at Joe's

Join Our Youth Adventure Committee!

What does YAC do?

YAC will meet to plan two fun-filled activities for 4-H youth to attend. The YOUTH decide on and help plan the outings.

Any Winnebago County 4-H youth in grades 6-12 can join YAC.



How does my teen sign up?

It's simple! Please complete the 2023-24 sign-up form:

<https://bit.ly/3Ph4SAH>

Parents/Guardians: Please consider helping out by being a chaperone at one or more YAC events!

FUNDRAISING

Beautiful Barn Quilts

Barn quilts not only look great on the side of a barn or shed, they also look great as front porch décor! Our very own Joe Kuehnl does an amazing job of painting the barn quilts. Let Joe know what design you would like!

Sizes Offered Include:

2x2 \$75

4x4 starting at \$175

8x8 starting at \$300

To Order Call: (920) 836-1736



4-H PIZZA MAKING NOVEMBER 4, 2023

PIZZA COUNT NIGHT
10/19/23
6-8PM @ JPCC



ONLINE ORDERING OPTION!
GO TO:

<https://winnebago4hleaders.square.site/>

Online orders close on October 18th

Be sure to tell your family & friends
ordering online which 4-H club you are from.

Printable order forms are available at:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/leaders/fundraising/pizza/>

CLUBS:

Please designate a person to bring your club's in-person
(non-online) pizza orders to Pizza Count Night.
You do not need to do anything with online orders placed.

Pizza Making Sign Up

We need your help to make pizzas!

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3QVA9KI>

FUNDRAISING

Basket Raffle 2023 Results

Wow! Another great year! In fact, it was the best year ever! These last two years have been wonderful! Thanks to all the clubs who donated a basket. Thanks to the businesses who helped us out. Thanks to the individuals who made their personal donations. Thanks to all the volunteers working the tables during the fair.

It takes a team effort to make this raffle successful! Our team is the entire 4-H family! THANKS TO ALL!!!

- Kay Lettau, Basket Raffle Chair



LEADERS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS

2023 Winnebago County 4-H Family Banquet October 21st at Winneconne High School

The 4-H Leaders' Association is working on finalizing plans for the 2023 4-H Family Banquet. Please keep an eye out for "*Your Winnebago County 4-H Weekly Updates*" (emails) for more information.

Youth & Adult Award nomination forms are enclosed in this newsletter. Please complete and turn in your nominations by September 18th.

Board nominations are also needed! There will be 3 adult positions and 4 youth positions open. If you are interested in serving as a Leaders' Board member, please contact:
Kay Lettau: kaylettau@gmail.com or
Jen Crowley: crowleyview2@gmail.com



The 4-H Leaders' Association is working on setting a date for the **Annual 4-H Roller Skating Party** with the possibility of offering it in the winter or spring.

We will keep you posted on any updates!

HELP!!! LEADERS ASSOCIATION TREASURER NEEDED

Are you good with numbers? Do you enjoy light bookkeeping?

The Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association is in need of a Board Treasurer. This position is volunteer and is ex-officio (non-voting). Training will be provided.

If interested, please contact:
Joe Kuehnl at 920-836-1736

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Lakeshore

Our July meeting is called to order by President Madie Weis. The pledge were said and approved. Roll Call was taken with 10 members and 3 leaders present. The secretary and treasurer report were read and approved.

Old business, we discussed our club will purchase a ride ticket and weekly pass for each member. The picture of the Townhall Kathy was going to figure out. We are putting together a basket for the raffle at the fair. We are going to do a group picture to send to the 4-H Ambassador. We talked about what are designed for the banner would be for fair. Our meeting was adjourned with Jayden Malhke doing a demonstration and serving refreshments.

Next meeting is September 10, 2023 at 2 PM.
Addisyn Kasuboski



4-H Friends

The July 9th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order by Sydney at 3:04pm. 10 parents, 3 leaders, and 14 members were present. The secretary's report was read and the treasurer report had no change. A reminder that all record books are due at the September meeting. Max and Anna went to space camp this year and gave a presentation on it to show what they did. Max's favorite part of space camp was seeing the full scale mockup of Pathfinder outside and the unlaunched Saturn 5 in the museum. Anna's favorite part was learning how astronauts do their missions and meeting new people. Their presentations explained how they did the mission simulator that was a main component of space camp and of what they learned at the museums, along with some fun parts like shooting off rockets, going on rides, and a space trivia game show. Max made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:44pm and Aliya seconded it.

Our next meeting will be September 10th at Calvary Lutheran Church at 3pm.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

CLUB HAPPENINGS

White Cedars Monday, July 10, 2023

Club Meeting this month was an Omro Pool Party and Pizza....with club members swimming from 4-6:30 at the start of our meeting. Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Kenna.

Pledges- were led by the Westphals

Roll Call- 18 members present, 10 Adults present.

Treasurer's Report- June balance \$ 4901.84 , minus \$ 1540.50 Expenses for candy bars, donations, and fair trophies and adding \$782.95 Deposits this month from dues and candy bar sales , New July balance: \$ 4144.29

No IceBreaker, Cloverbud Project, or Demonstrations this month or next.

Old/New Business

Sewing- Contact Jenni if you need any help on a project or have questions on fair entries. Reminder that Wednesday at 4pm of the fair is the fashion show. Simply show up at the Expo building at around 3:30-3:45 to pull out your entry and get ready!

Foods – All highschool age foods project members are invited to compete in "Bake Your Best Blue Ribbon Bundt" cookoff. If you want to enter submit your cake on Monday July 17th at the JPCC to be judged. Winner will then compete at the State Fair level on August 12th. Reminder to plate your fair entries on nice/fancy plates as presentation is also key at the fair. Contact Chelsy if you have any other questions on a fair project.

Small Engines- Caleb helped Jerry Cegielski to get a wood splitter working last month! Way to go Caleb!

Horse + Pony- The July horse show is coming up as well as the Annual Autism Ride.

Backpacking/Survival & Adventures- 13 members have been booked on the August 9th Evening Glow, the owner is giving us a 35% discount. Jenni will coordinate two nights for this option, and possibly a day trip.

Woodworking- Talk to Mark if you want to get a project completed prior to the fair.

Dogs- Show sign up is set up, along with potluck signup.

Other Business

Fair Billboard Contest: Check it out at Chief Feeds on Jackson Street, just off of Hwy 41. Thanks to all that helped, and those who helped put it up!

4-H Interstate Exchange - Paige, Emma, Addi, Gabby will be traveling next week all around Wisconsin with their matches from Montgomery County Pennsylvania.

Raffle Basket for Fair: Kat, Zoe, and Cody will pick up the items and make the basket this year using approximately \$80 in club funds.

Bales for fair: Will need 9 for horse, 2 for dairy, 14 for goats (rabbits/poultry were donated this year), so 25 total needed.

PotLuck at Fair: Saturday, August 5th, 5:30pm. Campsite TBD. See Facebook for signup.

Famous White Cedars: Zoe moved up to Intermediate in BMX! **Great job Zoe!**

Reminders for Next MeetingNext meeting will be @ the fair on Monday, July 31st in the large open air arena at 7pm. Watch Facebook for updates.

Pledges- Gabby

Snack and Refreshments – The Hopp's will bring a birthday cake and the Beck's will bring drinks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm. Motioned by Alison and seconded by Ari. The club then had Jake's pizza, drinks, and many members hung around to play on the playground.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

White Cedars: Monday, July 31, 2023

Club Meeting this month was at Sunnyview Expo (after our first day of Expo judging). Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Kenna

Pledges- were led by Gabby.

Roll Call- 21 members present, 14 Adults present.

Treasurer's Report- July balance \$ 4144.29 , minus \$725 Expenses for wristbands, shavings, and raffle basket and adding \$195 Deposits this month from parent payments for fair tickets and wristbands , New August balance: \$ 3664.29

No IceBreaker, Cloverbud Project, or Demonstrations this month. See the club calendar to sign up for next month.

Old/New Business

Sewing- Just a reminder about the fashion review on Wednesday

Foods – Make sure to plate/present your food on pretty plates for judging.

Small Engines- Next meeting early August, see Mr. Cegielski

Horse + Pony- Mandatory meeting on Tuesday at the fair. Watch for question of the day starting Wednesday. Hawaiian Sunday...dress accordingly.

Backpacking/Survival & Adventures- 13 members have been booked on the August 9th Evening Glow, the owner is giving us a 35% discount. I didn't see others taking up the other date posted, so at this time, please make your own reservations as a family before the summer winds down.

Other Business

Fair Billboard Contest: We took 4th place and earned \$50

4-H Interstate Exchange - Paige, Emma, Addi, Gabby had a great time traveling around Wisconsin, check out their booth in the expo building.

Raffle Basket for Fair: Thank you Skadahl's...check it out in the expo building, and buy your tickets!

PotLuck at Fair: Saturday, August 5th, 5:30pm. Campsite13, bring chairs and beverages and a dish to pass.. See Facebook for signup.

Famous White Cedars: Kenna just competed at nationals, and will be going to Worlds next week!

Gabby introduced Haruka, her International Exchange Delegate for the month.

Reminders for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Sept 11th, 6:30pm at the Lions Club.

Pledges- Paige and Skadahl twins

Cloverbud Project- Lexi

Educational Demo - Emma

Snack and Refreshments – The Beck's will bring a snack and the Hopp's will bring drinks.

Discuss County Level Lock In, and remember to bring your record books!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm. Motioned by Tracy and seconded by Miraya

The club then had cake (happy birthday Teagen!).

4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

American Spirit

Hi, I'm **Emma Cegielski**, and I am one of the 132 Wisconsin 4-H youth that got chosen to go on the 2023 American Spirit Experience. I am so grateful that I had parents and 4-H leaders around me to not only help me to be able to go on this experience, but encourage me too. This experience was 10 days long, and we traveled to Ohio, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Canada. Many of us got to experience things we have never seen or done before. I traveled on week three with 41 other youth from different counties around Wisconsin. At first going into this experience I was extremely nervous, because I didn't know anyone. I was nervous that everyone already had friends, and I would never be able to find a group. Little did I know that was far from the truth, everyone was so welcoming, and there were so many different personalities. I clicked with so many people instantly, that soon became my life long friends.

The first night was filled with many expectations, ice breakers, and getting to know people, and check-ins. Each night you were paired with 2 or 3 different roommates, so you had a chance to meet everyone. The next morning we were off bright and early. This day was filled with lots and lots of driving. Our first stop was Amish Acres, where we got to learn about how the Amish do things. We ended that night in Cleveland, Ohio. The next day followed with a bus tour of Valley Forge, and lunch and shopping at King of Prussia Mall. When we got to the hotel that night we did a really cool immigration workshop. Day four was the day many of us were most excited for, New York! When we got there we checked into our hotel and walked down to the Empire State Building. We first went up to the 80th floor where we couldn't go outside, but then we went to the 86th floor where we could go outside and it was so cool. After the Empire State Building we went on a night bus tour of the city. It was so pretty, and interesting to learn about all the buildings, and the history. Day seven was Battery Park, Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island. It was so cool to be able to see the Statue of Liberty from the ferry on the way to the island. I also had fun looking at my family history on Ellis Island. On day 6 we went to Plimoth Patuxet, Plymouth Rock, Mayflower II, USS Constitution, Atlantic Ocean, and Fire and Ice dinner. Day 7 we woke up early to go to Whale watching on the 7 Seas Whale Watch, after that we got lobster lunch Blue Collar Lobster Co. Then we went to Lexington & Concord, Minuteman center, and we did a Salam Witchcraft Tour. On day 8 we went to the oldest ballpark in America, Fenway Park. We finished the day at Quincy Market, and a walking tour of the Freedom Trail. On the final day we went to Niagara Falls! They were so pretty, and the town around the falls was so much fun! Niagara Falls was also my teachable moment lesson, I did true or false questions and made Canada cookies.

Overall the American Spirit Experience was so much fun! I made friends from all over Wisconsin, and I would recommend it to anyone!

Emma Cegielski
White Cedars 4-H club
10th grader at Winneconne High School

4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

American Spirit

Hello, I'm **Madison Oeftger**, part of the Ridgeway 4-H club and I am writing about American Spirit.

American Spirit was such a fun trip and if you are able to do the trip, do it! I was able to meet many people all around the state and by the end we were a little family especially after 10 days. I had a great experience going with my sister, my cousin and a friend from my club. It was nice to have that family aspect on the trip but I was also able to meet many new people.

The first night of the trip we really worked on the community. Setting norms, doing icebreakers and of course getting to know everyone we will be spending the next 10 days with.

The next morning, we hopped on a bus and started going. One thing I will say is that we did a lot of games and icebreakers on the bus. It really made the time fly by.

We went to many fun and exciting places like Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Plymouth, Niagara Falls, and Canada. Each day we had something new and a new place to explore.

I would say my favorite part of the trip was New York City. NYC was something on my bucket list and that I was really excited about. It also had the most landmarks that I wanted to see. We saw the Empire State Building, Times Square, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial and even went on the NYC Subway. All of these places were landmarks I wanted to see and I know I have to go back.

This trip was also very cool because we learned a lot about history. We had 4-Hers do something called teachable moments on the bus. Everyone got a topic that they needed to learn about and teach to the bus. My sister and I led one about the history of Whale Watching. This was a very interesting topic because I don't think many people know the history. We had to come up with a fun way to present our information and we chose to do a skit. It was fun to be able to work with my sister and learn about this interesting topic.

This experience was something once in a lifetime and I am so glad I was able to do it. I still have family saying they want to go. If you ever get the chance to consider it, think about it!! I am so glad I was able to experience something like this.



4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

American Spirit

Hi, my name is **Mariana Oeftger**. I am from Ridgeway 4-H club and I am going to be a freshman in high school. I went on a trip called American Spirit in the beginning of the summer.

What is American Spirit? Well, it's a 10 day bus trip where you learn about your American Spirit or your American history. We started off in Portage Wisconsin and we did ice breakers and just got to learn more about everyone on the trip. I didn't know if I was going to remember all 49 other people on the trip's names but I got there! The next morning we got up pretty early and hopped on the bus. When I got on the bus I was amazed it was like we were in a spaceship.

Throughout the trip we stopped in Indiana to see the Indiana Sand Dunes and to learn more about the Amish. We stopped in Philadelphia and saw lots of cool stuff like seeing a chair that George Washington actually sat in, a hand rail that George Washington touched too, and also got to see where Ben Franklin's house was! Lastly I also got to see the Liberty Bell which was super cool! On that same day we drove into New York which was amazing because it was one of my dreams to go to NYC. We got to see the Empire State Building, we went on a New York light bus tour and got to see New York at night. Plus the next day we got to Liberty Island and got pictures with the Statue of Liberty and also went to Ellis Island and explored around that island! We also ventured to the New York Subway and saw the 9/11 Memorial. The next day we went to Massachusetts and went to Plymouth with real actors playing pilgrims. Following that we saw the exciting Plymouth Rock (it wasn't exciting, it was a rock). We did more driving to Boston where we saw an Army boat from the Revolutionary war that still works. While we were there we made a pit stop to see the ocean. The following day we went whale watching and ate real Lobster! We did a tour in the Salem Witch Trials, saw Fenway Park, shopped in Quincy market and lastly did a Boston walking tour. Next was Canada and we were the first American Spirit trip to stay a night in Canada! We made a stop at Tim Hortons and visited Old Fort Erie and of course saw the Nigara falls!

Also on this trip you have learning experiences like each person had to write a facebook post to post on the American Spirit week on the Facebook group. My facebook post was on Ellis Island so I had to take pictures and summarize my experience there to share with others on the trip and friends and family at home! Another learning experience was teachable moments. Like the Facebook post everyone is assigned a little activity to teach the others on the bus about that topic. My sister and I were assigned Whale Watching so we made a little skit and gave everyone different sea animals and when we said Whale Watching or their animal they had to hold up the piece of paper!

That was my trip on American Spirit! If you have ever thought about going on this trip I would totally recommend it to everyone!

4-H YOUTH EXPERINECES

Drama Company

Hello, I am **Madison Oeftger**, part of the Ridgeway 4-H club and I am writing about Drama Company (Dco).

This experience is really cool for anyone who is really into acting and/or brainstorming. This year, Dco was part of Summer Academy which is another amazing experience. We stayed in Chadbourne dorms at University of Wisconsin-Madison with a dining hall inside of it. We got there before anybody else and started the process.

We started the year at Spring Planning weekend in Upham Woods which was where some other state teams were as well. We got to know everyone and started to brainstorm ideas for the show. This year the show was called The Story of Ye. We only knew the name and we had to come up with ideas of what we wanted the show to be about. We settled on an idea with birds since there was going to be a nest for the set.

Once we came together in Madison, we started right where we left off with adding new ideas along the way. We had a classroom scene to start the show and I was the teacher talking about passions that everyone has for what they might want to do when they grow up. After, we transitioned into a story of a bird and how Ye (the main bird) was trying to find his passion.

We spent a lot of time running the show once we got our characters and keeping repetition in our bodies. We performed our show on Tuesday night and it ended up going really well. It was fun to see all the alumni and people come to the show.

After the show, Dco led a session about the brainstorming process and the dance we did in the show. It was fun to have some people attending Summer Academy learn about Dco and maybe consider doing it next year.

Then we got to explore Madison a little and I went to the Art Museum and went to the lakeside. Later, we did some reflection and joined in on the rest of Summer Academy activities.

Overall, this experience was good for my acting skills and getting to know others who are into acting as well. If you are interested in acting and brainstorming do consider Drama Company. I also heard that if you are into crew, there will be an opportunity for that as well. I am so glad I was able to experience and improve my acting skills.

4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

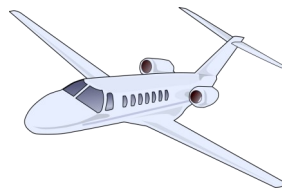
Drama Company

My name is **Mariana Oeftger** and this summer I got the opportunity to participate in the state team Drama Company (D-Co). It was a super awesome experience. For 8 days we stayed in the Chadbourne dorms on the University of Wisconsin Madison campus and also got to eat at Rita's food hall. While we were staying in the dorms we made and performed a show in those 8 days. This year's show was called The Story Of YE. The show was about this bird who was trying to find his Why/Purpose. I played a few roles like a 3rd grader in the classroom scene and a crow chick who was YE's sister. With that I was also in mutable dance numbers and singing numbers too!

But D-Co is not just about the show it's about the people. I got to meet lots of new people from all over the state and the adults are just awesome! One of the adult's names is Barb who was like a grandma to me and the director Jay, he was so inspiring! We also got a Jay happy dance which is a huge thing in D-Co! But my cast members were super fun too! At the end we just felt like a big family!

Lastly, for the last few days we had Summer Academy come and stay in the dorms with us. We went to the Summer Academy and they came to watch our show! So while they were off learning about their topic such as trades or Stem D-Co was working on the show! So if you like theater or dance or singing or just being a part of the family do Drama Company, you won't regret it!

Oh Yeah D-Co Yeah!!!



DID YOU KNOW?...

The Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association provides sponsorships for many of the 4-H state and local educational experiences and trips!



If you need help funding one of the amazing 4-H educational experience opportunities offered throughout the year (American Spirit, Fall Forum, Summer Academy, Citizen Washington Focus, etc.) more information can be found at:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/travel/>

RECORD BOOKS



Have you been working on your record books?
Don't miss out on a chance to win an award!

Standard Award Levels Are:

Participation Sticker: All members who submit a record book to their club (traditional, digital, video or the new 4-H EZ Record Form) and that are not forwarded to the county level will receive this award.

Note: The new 4-H EZ Record Forms are not eligible for advancement to the county-level.

Gold Achievement: 4-H Club Work Sticker: all record books that club leaders nominate for a County Outstanding Award.

Gold 4-H Clover Sticker: County Outstanding Award

Merit Sticker: Exemplary!

Cloverbud Sticker: Received at the county-level to recognize their participation.

NEW "Best Of" Awards:

Best Cloverbud Record Book (either version accepted)

Best Traditional Record Book: Grades 3-5

Best Traditional Record Book: Grades 6-13

Best Digital Record Book: All Grades

Best Video Record Book: All Grades

Best Secretary Record Book

Best Treasurer Record Book

Best Historian Scrap Book

All "Best Of" winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to:

<https://shop4-h.org>

Be sure to check with your club leader to see when your record books are due. Record books that are forwarded on to the county level are due October 16th

For helpful info, record book guidelines, and forms, visit: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/> and scroll down to the record book section.

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

4-H Dairy Project

If anyone is interested in the Cream of the Crop Dairy Challenge, please contact Amy Jo Domke at domke2892@yahoo.com or 920-232-5401. Cream of the Crop Dairy Challenge is held in Fort Atkinson on Saturday September 16th. It consists of on-farm challenges and four challenges at the dairy shrine and ranges from sire selection to DHIA records and judging the clatter to diseases.



ALL DAIRY PROJECT MEMBERS: Dairy Project Meeting :
September 24, 2023 at JPCC at 2PM

4-H Dog Project

Congratulations to all the youth that participated in the 4-H dog show on July 23rd. It was a fantastic show!

A big thank you to everyone that help make the show happen and a successful training season. The dog program wouldn't happen without so many amazing volunteers. Thank you Come join us as a new year for the county dog project starts with the dog education meeting

Sept. 21 at 6:30 pm at the James P. Coughlin Center. Monthly meetings will be held until training begins in early spring.



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

4-H Horse & Pony Project



Next Meeting:

September 25th at 7PM at JPCC

Please remember to finish your achievement books and turn them in at the September meeting. We also will be looking for new adult and youth H&PP board officers. Have a great start to the new school year!

2023 WIHA Show

The WIHA Show will take place on September 30th - October 1st at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds.

For more info contact:

Julia Lepinski. jdlstables@yahoo.com
(920) 672-7370

4-H Rabbit Project

IMPORTANT!

There will be a planning meeting for **ALL** rabbit project youth on **September 17, 2023 at 1PM at JPCC**. Please attend! We will discuss youth leadership, chartering and program planning for the 2023-2024 year. **Pizza will be served, so please RSVP to Melissa Helms: melissahelms70@yahoo.com**

2023 Winnebago County 4-H Family Banquet October 21st at Winneconne High School

Plans are still being finalized for the 2023 4-H Family Banquet. Please keep an eye out for "*Your Winnebago County 4-H Weekly Updates*" (emails) for more information.

Youth & Adult Award nomination forms are enclosed in this newsletter. Please complete and turn in your nominations by September 18th.



Cloverbud Camp

We experienced something a little different this year for Cloverbud Camp. Twenty-four Cloverbuds, eleven older youth counselors and four adults boarded a bus and ventured to Heckrodt Wetland Reserve for a day of learning and fun.

The Heckrodt staff led us through a fantastic lesson on "Life Under Your Feet". We were able to dig for different bugs and examine them with magnifying glasses. We played in the Heckrodt Learning Station (climbed, went through tunnels and even rode a fun zipline), did some crafts, sang camp songs, played games, ate lunch and snacks, hiked and worked on a scavenger hunt and more!

Check out some of our photos on the next page!



Cloverbud Blast

We had a blast at Cloverbud Camp, and now it is time to reconnect with more of our Cloverbud friends for another great day of fun! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 5, 1:00-3:00pm.**

There will be fun games, creative crafts and loads of fun.

There will be a special ceremony to recognize our Cloverbud Graduates at approximately 2:45pm, so parents will want to make sure they are there!

To register, please call the office by Friday, October 27 or email Sarah at sarah.thompson@wisc.edu.

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

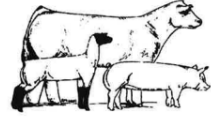


COUNTY NEWS & INFO

Meat Animal Board

Reminder to send out Thank You notes to all your buyers, along with all the trophy, sweatshirts, and banner sponsors.

Winnebago County



Meat Animal Board

Our next meeting is **September 13, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the JPCC**. Bring along new ideas and present to the board!!

Remember anything that you'd like to implement for next year needs to be brought up at the September meeting.

At the October 11th (7:00pm) meeting we will vote on things that have been brought to our attention from the September meeting. Also new elections will take place at the October meeting. Anyone interested in running for the board, will need to be present at the October meeting to vote and be elected.

Winnebago County Fair Board 2023 Barn Award Results:

Dairy (Large)

- 1st: 4-H Friends
- 2nd: Jr. Holstein
- 3rd: Winchester

Horse (Large)

- 1st: Salm's
- 2nd: Legacy Rose Farm
- 3rd: Winchester

Dairy (Small)

- 1st: Zion 3-C
- 2nd: Oshkosh West FFA
- 3rd: Westward

Horse (Small)

- 1st: Allenville
- 2nd: White Cedars
- 3rd: Lakeshore

Sheep

- 1st: Westward
- 2nd: Zion 3-C
- 3rd: Newcomers

Swine

- 1st: Mears
- 2nd: Allenville
- 3rd: Lakeshore

Beef

- 1st: Newcomers
- 2nd: Wesward
- 3rd: Newcomers

Goats

- 1st: Allenville
- 2nd: White Cedars
- 3rd: Plain V-U

ARTS CAMP

Counselors

If you are...

- In 9th-12th grade
- Enjoy art
- Want to help inspire youth



APPLY NOW

APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 5TH

TRAINING WEEKEND:

UPHAM WOODS, SEPTEMBER 30TH- OCTOBER 1ST

ARTS CAMP

UPHAM WOODS, NOVEMBER 17-19



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Do you enjoy creating art and want to share your passion with others?

If so, we have the perfect thing for you!

Become an Arts Camp Counselor! You will be in charge of planning the camp, guiding youth, and creating memories with members! Counselors need to be in grades 9-12 and looking to become youth leaders. The campers will be in grades 6-8.

If this is for you, APPLY NOW !

YOUTH: <https://forms.gle/gNb6NZLj38o2KR529>

ADULT: <https://forms.gle/3vFZW9NRyCtqZscn9>

STATE 4-H NEWS & INFO

National 4-H Dairy Conference Registration is Open!

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 11TH

For all conference information visit: <https://national4hdairyconference.org/>



Dairy Project Members, gather a delegation and 4-H volunteer chaperone from your county to attend this great national conference right here in Madison, WI from October 1-4, 2023. This experience is open to current members that are at least 15 but not more than 18 years of age before January 1 of the conference year.

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future. Fun, hands-on sessions, tours, meeting dairy project members from throughout the nation and more are part of this great experience.

CONGRATS AREA 10 4-H EDUCATORS!

Remember the **Area 10 Arts Retreat 2022** that was held in Rosholt, WI? This was an event created by Waupaca County (Penny Tank), Winnebago County (Dana Berger), Outagamie County (Alicia Schroeder-Haag) and Calumet County (Carlea Liermann) with about 50 youth in attendance. The National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HYDP) has announced that this event was chosen as the national winner for the Excellence in Communication and Expressive Arts Award.

The above educators from Area 10 will be recognized during the 2023 NAE4-HYDP Conference "Building Foundations Stronger Than Steel" Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 10-12.



STATE NEWS & INFO

REGISTER FOR 2023 4-H FALL FORUM!

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff; promote to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- Youth 7th – 13th grade
- Adult volunteer leaders



Fall Forum 2023
November 4-5, 2023
Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address by Tim Talen
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own interactive activities on Saturday night
- Introductions to Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates

Fees & Registration:

Saturday-Sunday (2 meals Saturday, 1 meal Sunday): \$85
Saturday Only (Lunch & Dinner): \$65

Saturday Night Lodging Per Person:

Single Occupancy (Adult Only): \$100
Double Occupancy (Youth, Adult, or Family): \$50
Quad Occupancy (Youth, Adult, or Family): \$35

Friday Night Lodging and Saturday Morning Breakfast Per Person:

Single Occupancy (Adult Only): \$115
Double Occupancy (Youth, Adult, or Family): \$65
Quad Occupancy (Youth, Adult, or Family): \$50

Registration will open in 4HOnline on Sept. 10th and close on Oct. 3rd

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Health & Wellbeing

Exploring 8 Dimensions of Wellness

At UW Extension, we know that being "well" is more than eating healthy and getting exercise. To have "wellness," we must be healthy in many dimensions of our lives including the emotional, physical, occupational, intellectual, financial, social, environmental, and spiritual parts.

Are you a community leader interested in learning more about the 8 Dimensions of Wellness, how they interact with one another, and how they affect health? Contact us at 920-232-1979 to schedule an "Eight Ways to Wellness for Leaders" presentation for your group, or join us on Facebook as we offer tips and tricks for better health - today, and every day.

Katherine Jaegly: jaeglv@wisc.edu



Community Development

Grant Writing Basics Virtual Workshop

Are you a nonprofit, business or government leader in Wisconsin in need of grant writing skills? Sign up for this informative and hands-on (and FREE) virtual training on grant writing.

Experienced Extension Educators will co-lead the workshop to make it informative, fun and interactive.

Join us 9/14 from 10am-12pm or 9/18 from 6pm-8pm

You will learn:

- The outline of a common grant proposal
- Where to look for funding for your organization
- The most common grant writing mistakes
- And so much MORE!

Sign up by following this link: <https://bit.ly/47OTEKs>

Mia Ljung: mia.ljung@wisc.edu

Farmers' Market Tour!

Are you on government assistance? Would you like to know how to shop for fresh, local food? Then join FoodWise this summer for a tour of the Oshkosh Farmers' Market and receive \$10 to spend at the market!

You will gain confidence in:

- Navigating the market to find the best prices
- Talking to local farmers & vendors
- Using food assistance benefits at the market
- Selecting healthy food that you and your family will enjoy

2023 Tour Dates

August 12, September 23, October 14

For more information and to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/42YFFzu>

Kristine Soper: kristine.soper@wisc.edu



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Regional Dairy: A Warm Welcome!

We're excited to welcome Stephanie Bowers as our new Regional Dairy Educator. Stephanie was born and raised on a dairy farm in Upstate New York. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science / Dairy Farm Management at the University of Vermont, and her Master's Degree in Ruminant Nutrition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She moved to Wisconsin in 2008 and worked with a leading dairy nutrition consultancy for five years, then built a nonprofit from the ground up. She is also a graduate of the Young Dairy Leaders Institute Class VII.



She resides on a dairy farm in Wrightstown, with her husband Jeff and two amazing boys. For fun and family adventure, they operate Goats on the Go-Green Bay®, a targeted grazing operation using goats (and sheep) to manage invasive species and nuisance vegetation. They're also actively involved with Wrightstown 4-H.

Please reach out to Stephanie with any dairy questions or just to say welcome. She'd love to hear from you.

Stephanie Bowers

stephanie.bowers@wisc.edu

Horticulture

If you want to become a Master Gardener, or simply wish to strengthen your horticulture skills, two courses will be offered in fall 2023 by the Wisconsin Extension Horticulture Program.

Backyard Gardener Training Program (local, in person)

Growing and Caring for Plants: Foundations in Gardening (online, statewide)

Both courses teach the essentials of horticulture for you to become a more successful and well-rounded gardener. You will not only gain practical gardening skills and techniques to grow healthy plants, but also learn the science behind “why” and “how” these techniques work.

Each course follows a similar curriculum and learning objectives, but offer different delivery modes and networking opportunities for participants.

Both courses are considered approved learning opportunities for the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program in preparation to become a Master Gardener. To find out more, visit the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener website.

If you have questions about either program, contact

madisen.potratz@wisc.edu or call (920) 232-1970.

Madisen Potratz

Ask A Gardening Question :

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/ask-a-gardening-question/>



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Crops & Soils

2023 Outagamie Forage Council Corn Silage Dry-Down Events

The Outagamie Forage Council/Midwest Forage Association (MFA) in partnership with Extension Outagamie County and Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) will sponsor four 2023 Corn Silage Dry Down events. Farmers, agronomists, and professional consultants should bring 4-5 stalks from each field for testing

Dates and locations are listed below. Samples that cannot be processed on site will be taken to Dairyland Laboratories in De Pere for testing and results will be available the following day on the Extension Outagamie County website at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/>. The state UW Corn Silage Drydown website has been moved to the UW-Madison Division of Extension Crops and Soils Topic Hub website at <https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/corn-silage-dry-down/>.

Events:

Thursday, September 7, 12pm (noon) – 2pm
J-Springs Dairy - N4182 County Rd. EE, Appleton, WI 54913

Thursday, September 14, 12pm (noon) – 2pm
Crop Source, LLC - N3888 French Rd., Freedom, WI 54913

Thursday, September 21, 12pm (noon) – 2pm
Pro-Vision Partners - 354 Morrow Street, Seymour, WI 54165

Thursday, September 28, 12pm (noon) – 2pm
NEW Ag Services, LLC - W5631 County Road S, Black Creek, WI 54106

Kevin Jarek
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Human Development & Relationships

Reports of fraud have increased over recent years as scammers used the pandemic to come up with new ways to trick people into sharing their financial information. These pandemic-related scams are in addition to already existing scams, such as threatening someone with arrest by saying they owe taxes or demanding payment on an overdue loan through a wire transfer or paying the scammer using a gift card.

Monitoring your own credit report is one way to keep an eye out for signs of fraud or identity theft. Because of the pandemic, consumers can currently order a free weekly credit report online through December 31, 2023. You can request the weekly reports from <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action> —one each from the three credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. While the free weekly credit reports are only available online, consumers can also order free annual credit reports through the mail using the official request form found online or by phone toll free at 877-322-8228.

In addition to email reminders and links to credit resources, Extension provides information on this financial website for ordering, reading, and understanding your free credit reports. <https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/article-topic/building-and-maintaining-credit/> You can also find out how to place a free credit freeze or fraud alert on your credit reports and whether that's the right decision for you.

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YOUTH SUMMER FUN - INTERSTATE EXCHANGE

Winnebago County 4-H Interstate Exchange Hosts Pennsylvania 4-H Youth

In July, we hosted Montgomery County, PA. Our itinerary was full of fun for the week. We learned a lot about the history of our capital, Green Packers, cheese making and sampling, Ewald Family Farm, and the submarine, USS Cobia. Other fun things were Mt Olympus, Ducks, hiking, Milwaukee Zoo, Brewer tour, Potluck and bonfire. Our community service was making bandanas for dogs at Oshkosh Humane Society. We look forward to traveling to Montgomery County, PA next July.

Thank you to everyone who helped support our fundraisers!! Thank you to all of our parents for supporting and helping! Thank you Erica Dobson for being our Chaperone!

Please contact us if you would like one of us to attend your meeting to talk about Interstate. Members of our group are: Addison and Emma Cegielski, Finn Lettau, Grace Dobson, Gabby Hostettler, Max and Anna Thiemke, and Paige Woelfel.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Sept 30th-Oct 1st: WIHA Horse show at fairgrounds

Oct 21st: 4-H Family Banquet basket raffles and silent auction.

Submitted by: Victoria Ewald



YOUTH SUMMER FUN !



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