#### WINNEBAGO COUNTY











#### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

#### **NEWSLETTER**

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### **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Winnebago County 4-H Fun Day! February 3rd, 2024

# NEW LOCATION Perry Tipler Middle School See insert for registration info







#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### January



- Jan 1 Happy New Year! Office Closed
- Jan 7 Camp Counselor Training 1PM at JPCC
- Jan 10- Meat Animal Board 7:30PM at JPCC
- Jan 16 Leaders Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- Jan 18 Dog Project Meeting (info TBD)
- Jan 22 Horse & Pony Project Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- Jan 23 4-H All County Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- Jan 25 Fair Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- Jan 28 4-H Dairy Meeting 2PM at JPCC

#### **February**



- Feb 3 4-H Fun Day! Perry Tipler Middle School
- Feb 9-11 Winter Leadership Camp at Spencer Lake
- Feb 17 Winter Photography Workshop 10AM @ JPCC
- Feb 20 Leaders Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- Feb 22 Fair Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- Feb 26 Horse & Pony Project 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 County Line Newcomers Poygan Go Getters Zion 3-C	6:00PM 2:00PM 3:00PM 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 Thursday	Mears	6:30 PM
3rd Sunday	Westward	6:30PM
4th Monday	Horse & Pony Project	7PM

#### PROJECT SELECTION

#### 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 & Citizen-

ship

**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

Arts & Crafts Block Printing Folk Arts Leathercraft Metal Enameling Computer Art

Photography Incl. Videography

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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 Decroating
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

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Computers Electricity

Woodworking

Natural Resources Envir. Ed. (listed as Explore Your Environment)

Astronomy Birds Entomology Exploring Y

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** 

#### **FUNDRAISING**

## Spring Pizza Sale is APRIL 6, 2024



#### PIZZA COUNT NIGHT 3/21/2024 6-8PM @ JPCC



#### ONLINE ORDERING OPTION! GO TO:

https://winnebago4hleaders.square.site/

#### Online orders close on March 20th

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: bit.ly/3G3sfsP

Keep an eye out for emails regarding updated pizza info

#### NEW! CLUB INCENTIVE

The Leaders Association will give 25 cents back for each pizza sold (by your club) for any club that sells at least 100 pizzas.

#### **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 LEADERS' ASSOCIATION 2023-24 OFFICERS:

**Co-Presidents:** Brenda Nuite and Madison Oeftger (youth)

Co-Vice Presidents: Lisa Dauntes and (youth TBD)
Co-Secretaries: Nancy Pieper and Lilly Plungy (youth)

**Treasurer:** The Leaders' Board is in need of a treasurer!

Please contact Steve Thiemke for more info at

stevethiemke@hotmail.com

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H ALL COUNTY MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2024 7:00PM AT JPCC

All clubs/groups are expected to send at least one volunteer!

#### 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: 1/21/24 AT 6:00 PM at Joe's home

#### 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!



# Winter LEADERSHIP CAMP

@Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca

Registration deadline Jan 12th







For youth in grades 7th and up

in the following counties: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Portage, Washington, Waupaca, and Winnebago.

A weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding and making new friends to winter recreation and campfire, there will be something for everyone! Youth will participate in hands-on, interactive sessions to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.



An EECIAA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Tide VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

## Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association Scholarship Applications, References and Record Book due February 29th

The Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association awards up to five \$500 scholarships to current 4-H members who are high school seniors. This includes one scholarship from the Judith Gruszynske Memorial (Oshkosh Area Community Foundation), one scholarship from the Stevenson Memorial, one scholarship from the Simpson Memorial and two from the Winnebago County 4-H Board of Directors.

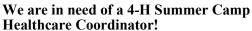
Scholarships are available to 4-H members who meet the following requirements: must have been a 4-H member for at least 5 years, must have exhibited at the fair, must have displayed an active leadership role, must graduate from high school, must attend college, technical college, university or a special education program either full-time or part-time, tuition costs must be at least \$500, and student must achieve a 2.0 or higher GPA after their first semester.

The Academic Scholarships (for post-high school education) and Key Award are a combined application. Youth can apply for just one or both, depending on their eligibility.

All Requirements to apply are listed on the application: <a href="https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/12/SCHOLARSHIP.KEY-Application-1.pdf">https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/12/SCHOLARSHIP.KEY-Application-1.pdf</a>

## Save the Date for 2024 4-H Summer Camp!

June 28-July 1<sup>st</sup> at Upham Woods, WI Dells Registration info will be available in February.



This person will be either a certified emergency response technician, a nurse, physician, or other certified individual (first aid and CPR).

#### This person will:

- Review camp health forms
- Distribute medications to campers
- Treat minor injuries / health issues or refer to emergency care as needed
- Maintain a log of all meds and treatment to campers



Please contact dana.berger@wisc.edu for more info

#### 2023-24 4-H Club Officers

#### Poygan Go Getters

President: Lilly Black

Vice President: Katelyn Resop

Secretary: Ava Larsen Treasurer: Riley McCollian

#### Lakeshore

President: Madie Weis Secretary: Addi Kasuboski Treasurer: Brock Kasuboski Historian: Jayden Mahlke

#### 4-H Friends

President: Grace Dobson

Vice President: Hannah Dobbish Secretary: Anna Theimke Treasure: Max Theimke

#### Ridgeway

President: Nolan Smith Vice President: Evan Numrich Secretary: Madison Oeftger Treasurer: Ethan Spielbauer Historian Chairman: Julian Morris Historian team: Jazelle Nowak, Madison Oeftger, Marianna Oeftger, Sam Davies, Hannah Smyth, Eilana

Seargant at Arms: Alivia Haller

#### Plain VU

Smyth

President: Scout Achterberg

VP: Leah Moen

Secretary: Ava Wesenberg Treasurer: Avsh Walter Historian: Kase Lloyd

#### Rabbit

President - Tori Helms Vice President - Brady Kiesow Secretary - Madison Kiesow Treasurer - Gabrielle Hostettler Youth Leader - Griffin Anderson Youth Leader - Paige Goehring

#### White Cedars

President: Kat Skadahl VP: Lexi Palecek

Secretary: Gabby Hostettler Treasurer: Paige Woelfel Historian: Zoe Skadahl

Rec Leaders: Lanie Palecek, Leah

Hale, and Blakeleigh Last

#### **County Line**

President: Brynn Perkins

Vice President: Maxine Harleman

Secretary: Shirley Shen Treasurer: Lark Scott Historian: Gabe Scott

#### Newcomers

President: Madelynn Poppy VP- Makenna Lang Secretary- Vanessa Poppy

Treasurer- Scarlett Poppy Reporter- Maeley Lang Sgt at Arms- Grant Besaw

#### Westward

President: Lizzie Parker Vice President: Gavin Krueger Secretary: Sharlette Hasse Treasurer: Braydon Schmoker Historian: Gretchen Priesler

#### **Interstate Exchange Youth Leaders:**

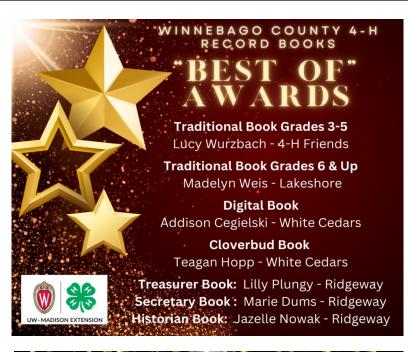
Addie & Emma Cegielski Gabby Hostettler Anna & Max Thiemke

Finn Lettau Grace Dobson



\*not all clubs reported

#### **RECORD BOOKS**





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#### **HOLIDAY CHEER**

Holiday cheer was spread for Parkview Healthcare residents last weekend. Ridgeway 4-H Club organized a holiday parade. Decorated vehicles made a couple laps around the Parkview buildings for all to enjoy.



## **HOLIDAY CHEER**



The 4-H Ambassadors participated in the Winneconne Holiday Parade.



Poygan Go-Getters went caroling at Country Villa in Omro.







Lakeshore 4-H Club made and handed out Christmas cards and ornaments at Country Villa Assisted Living.





#### 4-H Friends-November

The November 5th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3pm. Eight members, three leaders, and five parents were present. We reminded families that our Echos of the Past fundraiser set up is February 22 at the Sunnyview Expo Center. Tear down will be February 25 at 3:30pm. Some members went to pizza making and said that it keeps getting more efficient every year and that it was a great experience. It was the time of year again where we elect officer positions. Nominated fir president were Sydney and Grace. Vice president candidates included Hannah, Chloe, and Max. Treasurer was Aliya and Max. And the secretary was Anna. The new president will be Grace; vice president is Hannah; treasurer is Max; and Anna is our secretary. Our next meeting will be 2pm at the JPCC for a gift exchange and the Parkview Health Center parade. Hannah made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Grace seconded. The meeting concluded at 3:43pm.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

#### 4-H Friends- December

The December third meeting of the 4H Friends 4H Club was called to order at 2:08 PM at the JP Coughlin Center. Three leader, 14 members, and 10 parents were present. The club conducted its gift exchange and everyone got some great stuff. 4H Fun Day is February 3 at Tippler Middle School. 4H Night with the Wisconsin Herd is on February 3, as well. We discussed what our next meeting's theme should be and we decided on a neon/bright color theme. Our meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM. After our meeting we participated in a Christmas parade around the Parkview Health Center, joined by other 4H groups. Our float was a trailer with 4Hers & fun Christmas blowups, including a gingerbread girl. The next meeting of the 4H Friends will be Sunday, January 7 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Submitted by Anna Thiemke

#### **County Line**

On October 8, 2023 the County Line 4H club meeting was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clayton, Wisconsin and was called to order by president Lark Scott at 3:03 p.m. Maxine Harlemann led the pledges. Secretary Violet Perkins read the September minutes. Atlas Dauntes made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Lauretta Harlemann seconded the motion, and it was approved.

The current balance is \$295.57. We heard about the Sunflower and Pumpkin contest from Dana Berger. It was a success this year ad they will continue sending certain seeds to be used for next year as well. Dana also told us about upcoming Cloverbud Blast on November 5, as well as an Oshkosh Museum tour on November 18. Pizza sales are due today, and pizza making is November 4. We were reminded to re-enroll as soon as possible. Our club fundraiser is going to be Simple Simon Bakery. The forms will be at the November meeting and will be due November 30<sup>th</sup>. Pickup will be December 16. Everyone who had letters for our Care Partners Pen pals turned them in, if you still have one, you can give it in the future. We also decided to sew mug rug coasters as a community service project. Holidays were chosen for our basket raffle that will include plates, napkins, tablecloths, placemats, cups, place cards, candles or anything else holiday related. November's meeting is when we will start working on our String Art projects. Parent Benji Perkins and Mrs. Pieper showed us examples of string art they had done for previous fairs when they were in 4H. Lark Scott and Violet Lane volunteered to do demos for next meeting.

Atlas Dauntes made a motion to close the meeting at 3:40 P.M. Maxine Harlemann seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Everyone shared a fair project that they had brought to the fair this year. Then we had a potluck and installed new officers with a rainbow activity!















#### Golden Oak

This fall, members of the Golden Oak 4-H club voted in the new club officers. Candidates were required to give a speech to the club highlighting their achievements in 4-H as well as their qualifications for the position in which they were running. These youth will help lead



the club through meetings and activities throughout the next year. Pictured below are President Ryan Beck, Sergeant at Arms Ezden Barthels and Jase Peppler, Reporter Payton Lenth, Secretary Catey Hunter, and Vice President Briana Zentner. Not pictured is Treasurer Hallie Potratz. Congratulations to our new and returning officers!

#### Lakeshore

Our club meeting was called to order by president Madi Weis and pledges were said. Roll call was taken with 9 members and 2 leaders present. Secretary and treasurers reports were read, and approved. Old business, our meeting was moved to Dec. 3rd so we could make Christmas cards and ornaments for residents at Country Villa Assisted Living. We will meet on December 10th at Country Villa Assisted Living at 2 pm to hand out our cards and ornaments to the residents. We also sang Christmas carols too. We will then go to the Omro bowling alley to do our club secret Santa exchange, and enjoy some pizza. We then discussed our club sweatshirts and the issue with the design. We discussed the club banner at the fair and starting a google doc, for us all to

> create ideas for our next meeting. We are going to get a new banner to advertise our club's ice cream social. Our next meeting will be February 11, at 2pm. Our meeting was adjourned, and we had fun decorating cards and ornaments to hand out.

#### Poygan Go Getters-November

The November 2023 Poygan Go Getters Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm on November 12, 2023 by our new president Lilly Black. Pledges were lead by Juliet and Adelyn. We then had role call and welcomed many new families. We look forward to getting to know them and sharing our 4-H experiences with them! We then had our treasurer's and secretary's reports read. Then we had our com-



mittee updates. Fundraising- we will be doing Vande Walles candy bars. Volunteering- Christmas caroling at Country Villa. Crafts/ Activities- make Thanksgiving place mats, Christmas party next month. Next, we had County board updates Meat animal- Voted for officers. Horse & pony- November meeting is mandatory!!!

The motion to adjourn the meeting was by Nolan, and Reed seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.

#### Poygan Go Getters—December

December 10, 2023 Poygan Go-Getters meeting was called to order by Lilly Black, President at 4pm. The pledges were led by Nora Albright. Roll call and reading of November minutes was completed by Ava Larson, Secretary. Treasurer's report was read by Riley Micollian: beginning balance was \$2,898.56, ending balance was \$2,078 and money received was \$180.12. There were no payments made. Another reminder was made about 4-H dues which are \$10 per child. Cash or check should be given to Riley McCollian as soon as possible if you haven't already.

We welcomed new members: Jonathon Koplitz, Payton Rabe, Cecillia and Owen Raddatz, and Kayden Pick. Each introduced themselves to the club and shared what projects they were interested in. December birthdays were Devyn Geitman. Melissa, volunteering coordinator, reminded the club we are caroling at Omro Country Villa this Wednesday, December 13th at 4:30pm.

Reid Albright made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Drew Achterberg seconded it. Following the meeting was our holiday party which consisted of a delicious potluck, cupcake and cookie decorating, crafts and games which concluded at 6pm. Thank you to our project coordinators for coordinating a fun evening.

December minutes written by Ava Larson, Secretary

#### Ridgeway

Ridgeway 4-H Club met at JPCC on Sunday December 3rd, 2023. The meeting had several demos to start by Evan Numrich, Anna and Connor Bassage, Nolan Smith and Alivia Haller. During the demos, members enjoyed some party snacks, which were very good. Afterwards, members participated in a few games. We played the candy cane game, toilet paper snowman, left, right game and the big saran wrap ball. Each game had the members involved and excited for what to come next.

#### Attendance:

Anna Bassage, Conner Bassage, Sam Davies, Alivia Haller, Abigail Hermsen, Julian Morris, Evan Numrich, Madison Oeftger, Mariana Oeftger, Max Oeftger, Lilly Plungy, Evelyn Prochnow, Jac Prochnow, Nolan Smith, Cecilia Spielbauer, Charlie Spielbauer, Ethan Spielbauer, George Spielbauer, Paul Spielbauer

#### Winchester

The meeting of the Winchester 4-H club took place on December 5, 2023, and started at 6:36. Dakota Overton and Lydia Melby led the pledges. Marit Lettau read off the secretary's report, the minutes were approved. Nora Good gave the treasurer's report. We discussed the old business which was Thanksgiving community service events. We discussed the new business: Winneconne Christmas Parade, Fun Christmas event at the JPCC, 4-H winter leadership camp registration is open, 4-H Space camp registration is open, and the Celebrate the Arts Art contest. The meeting was adjourned. We ended the night with caroling at the Henrietta Foundation and local houses. The club also split into teams for a gingerbread decorating contest.

Written and Submitted by Winchester 4-H club Secretary, Madelyn Melby.

#### White Cedars

Monday, December 11, 2023

We held an officers training meeting prior to the club meeting, starting at 5:30pm, with Dana Berger in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by our President, Kat Skadahl.

**Pledges-** were led by Lanie and Cody.

**Roll Call-** 20 members present, 10 Adults present. No new members or guests tonight.

Secretary's Report Motion to approve was made by Emma, and seconded by Lanie. 20 of votes approving the report, motion passed.

**Vice President** Lexi read the county highlights from the November/December Newsletter.

**Icebreaker:** Led by Leah and Lanie. We all came up with our Elf names and shared them with the group.

**Cloverbud project:** Led by Kenna and Lexi, the Cloverbuds and Explorers up through grade 5 made candy cane reindeer.

**Demonstration:** Addi gave a demonstration on her National 4-H Congress trip to Atlanta. Emma gave a demonstration on Fall Forum 2023 held in Green Lake.

#### **Old/New Business**

**Clothing-** Jenni will be touching base with Primitive Gatherings in Larson to see if we can host a sewing meeting there over winter break.

**Foods-** Chelsy let everyone know about requesting a meat box by December 15th, once signed up, you will receive that box in the mail, and connect virtually for a statewide meeting.

**Scrapbooking and Photography-** Jodie let us all know to save the date for Feb 17th Art Eichman county photography meeting at JPCC.

**Small Engines-** Watch for an update from Jerry to possibly work on a wood splitter or snowblower in January.

**Adventures-** Waiting on snow to plan a Jan/February Snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing outing.

Woodworking- Share your project ideas with Mark.

#### Other Business

**Club Shirts** - Jenni will work with a shirt printer in Oshkosh to set up a run of new club apparel. More info in January.

Blessing Bags/Day by Day - Kat is awaiting information from the shelter if they would prefer completed bags or individual item donations. If they do want bags, she will work with April and Jenni to get those bags, and share info with the club for next month.

**Present wrapping** - After discussion, Lanie made a motion to wrap presents on either Sunday or Monday December 17th or 18th at the police station, Emma seconded the motion. 20 members present voted. Motion passed.

**Famous White Cedars:** Leah Hale has a holiday concert this Tuesday. Kate just had her holiday concert.

**Birthday Bin:** Anna, Kat, and Addi all have December birthdays and picked from the bin.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motioned by Emma and seconded by Zoey.

#### YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

#### 4-H Helps Feed America

27 youth and parents from White Cedars, Winchester, Ridgeway and Poygan Go-Getters 4H clubs helped repackage more than a ton of Fruit O's. Really, more than 2000lbs of fruity, sugary goodness into 2lb bags. The 2 pound bags are distributed to food pantries throughout central and northern Wisconsin by Feeding America.

Feeding America provided a short tour of their impressive operations. It was a great Thanksgiving break community service project to use our hands for larger service for our community and our world.





A special THANK YOU to Chelsy Cegielski for arranging this 4-H opportunity!





## 4-H YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY



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#### **Farmers Market Tour**

Rescheduled due to rain, 10 4-H youth and 5 parents enjoyed a chilly morning tour of the Oshkosh Farmers market. Members learned about products grown locally, how to evaluate prices, and whole foods.

One kind vendor offered free pumpkins to all 4H youth. Participants were able to shop for fresh produce and farmer's market products with a generous donation \$10 each. Thank you to Kris Soper, Nutrition Educator with FoodWise for collaborating with the Foods & Nutrition













#### **Rabbit Project**

The Rabbit Project hosted their Hoppy Holidays party on 12/3. We had a great time with cookie decorating, making ornaments, playing games and filling up on the potluck!





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#### Winnebago County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Board Meeting

Meeting Date: November 27, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center

For complete minutes, contact Makayla Ronk: makayla.ronk@yahoo.com

#### Agenda:

#### 1. Welcome and Opening

Call to order, 6:05 p.m.

#### 2. Committee Reports

- Achievement: Have gift cards to hand out to those who completed achievement tasks.
   Not sure where goal sheets that have been handed in <u>are, but</u> will hand out cards confirmed and will confirm if others did complete.
   New goals books will be handed out tonight at Project meeting.
- Engagement: Ready to run craft at Project meeting tonight. Will get information on reserving the room to lock-in, although there is no date yet.
- Education: New team will get information from Avery regarding prior year. Will ask
  Project members tonight for suggested topics for clinics for next year. If doing a
  Beginner's Clinic, will need to set date soon. No other dates have been set yet.
- Horse Bowl/Judging: Practices will start in January. Members will be told to contact Wendy or Kat if they are interested in participating. Need people for the younger age groups.
- Horse Show: Not much to report. Will have sign-in/sign-out sheets at horse shows this summer to keep better track of volunteer participation and hours.
- Mentorship: Once final list for Project membership has been provided (late January), they will reach out to beginners to help set them up with mentors.
- Tack Sale/Autism Ride: Tack Sale is scheduled for March 2. Will speak with the Resons
  to get information about their experiences last year. Will also have sign-in/sign-out
  sheets for volunteers. Avery volunteered to manage the Raffle. Carol Beck will donate
  ½ pig for food. Kari is interested in working on Consignment, and Susan is willing to
  help. Makayla will speak with Suzanne regarding food. Kari has torte pans.
- Scholarship/Graduation: Kim Holmes has scholarship applications and will forward to Heather M. Avery also has a binder to pass on. Will get application up on website so available to print. Will also <u>mail</u> to seniors. Makayla will provide list of members who will be graduating.

#### 3. Old Business

None

#### 4. New Business

- · Youth Roles: Discussion regarding roles and questions had.
- Committees: Will encourage members at Project meeting to join committees. More people who help, the easier it goes. Suggested that committee meetings be held at 6:45 p.m., right before every Project meeting, to make it easier for members to participate.
- Fair: Heather R. suggested asking if David Stone would be willing to come to a meeting before fair, to introduce himself and talk about fair expectations.
- Advertising: Avery discussed staffing farmers markets this winter at Herd Arena to advertise the Project. Avery will take care of reserving a spot.
- State: Discussion had regarding changes to the event and how members felt it went this
  year. Discussion had regarding state meetings and need to participate to share our
  feelings about the event and how we think it should be run in future. People generally
  not happy about removal of qualification requirements. Not sure where state board
  meets, but they do post information no the State 4-H Youth Horse Association
  Facebook page. Makayla volunteered to ask Dana if she can help us get in touch with
  anyone at state levels.
- New Board Member Introductions: will introduce all Board members at tonight's Project meeting.

#### 5. Next Meeting

- Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., Coughlin Center
  - Next Project Meeting: January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Coughlin Center

#### 6. Adjournment

· Meeting concluded at 6:49 p.m.

Adult

#### **Horse & Pony Project Officers**

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Please, note the **Horse and Pony Project Lock-In on February 3, 2024 5pm to 10** pm @ JPCC. This is a great event for new and existing project members to build and nurture friendships along with learning all areas of the project.

#### **Interstate Exchange**

Youth

Do you ever wonder how other 4-H work in other states? What do other 4-Her's do in 4-H? How about learning the history of an area and state? Experiencing the lifestyle and culture of another state? Would you like to travel to that state to experience first hand historical sites, lifestyle and culture? Then be able to share your knowledge and what the great state of WI has to offer. If you answered yes, then consider joining Winnebago County 4-H Interstate Exchange starting in Sept. If you are interested and still need more information, then let me know.

"Interstate Exchange isn't simply a week of travel, but involves **year-round fundraising**, **planning**, **researching**, and **learning**. Then repeated the following year."

Currently, our group will be traveling to Mongremonry County, PA in July. We will be fundraising to raise money to pay for our plane tickets. Stay tuned for upcoming dates to be announced: Pizza Ranch, May Horse Show, and WIHA Horse Show.

Victoria Ewald vewald11@gmail.com

# **4-H Dog Project Next Meetings**January 18th / Location TBD February Date & Location TBD



#### **Winnebago County**

## 4-H DAIRY PROJECT MEETING

**JANUARY 28, 2024** ZPM @ JPCC

- · Do you know all the parts of a dairy cow?
- Do you know how to judge a dairy cow/heifer?
- What nutrition is needed for each stage of a cow's

Get involved with your dairy project to learn and help put education workshops on!







ALL dairy project youth are HIGHLY encouraged to come to determine this year's youth leadership roles and educational events!

#### Winnebago County 4-H

# Winter Photography Workshop

with local photographer, Art Eichmann

FEBRUARY 17, 2024 10AM-N00N JAMES P. COUGHLIN CENTER

#### Learn winter photography tips and tricks.

We will begin with classroom instruction and then go outdoors to practice winter outdoor photography skills. FREE - 4-H YOUTH GRADES 3 AND UP



Register at: https://bit.ly/3NizUqw

#### **4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES**

#### **Fall Forum**



Hello everyone my name is Evan Numrich and I attended Fall Forum this year. The purpose of Fall Forum is to provide educational opportunities to inspire youth and adults to try new ideas in their communities. What you do at Fall Forum is first to go to a bunch of different sessions that are led by kids or adults that can teach us many things. This year I was able to help lead a session with a few other members

on WLC. We got to teach kids different ice breakers to then take back to their clubs. We also have one educational speaker come and talk to us. This year we had Tim Talen who talked about his history of 4-H and what he has done for many different programs. Also at Fall Forum, there's an election for the Wisconsin leadership council where youth can get elected to be a part of this elite team that leads and prepares things for Fall Forum and other 4-H activities. I got elected last year and will continue my 2 year term. But in the [ast year we had to communicate with different session leaders and contact a keynote speaker to make fall forum super amazing and fun. If you would like to attend it is for grades 7th grade and up and adults can attend as well, for more info visit 4-H online.



Need help funding one of the many amazing 4-H Educational Experiences? The Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association provides sponsorships for many of these great opportunities.

For more info visit:

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

#### **4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES**

#### Fall Forum

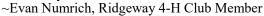
Hi, I'm Emma Cegielski and I was able to go to the Fall Forum this year in Green Lake. Fall Forum is a 2 day workshop to learn new skills, meet new people, and vote for the new WLC (Wisconsin leadership committee) candidates. We started off Saturday morning with SPARKS interactive workshops where I made a light up name tag and a bird house. After that we got welcomed and introduced to the 2022-23 WLC committee as they shared presentations and slideshows about themselves. They also shared about what they do in WLC to provide to 4-H. Shortly after we got introduced to the new 2023-24 candidates. We then had lunch in the Kraft Center, and had two workshops. My first workshop was about career readiness and my second one was tips and tricks for camp counselors. Then dinner and elections for the new WLC members. We were broken into our regions and counties, where we talked about who we should vote for. We then ended the night with an ice cream social and a dance! The next morning we had the installation of the new WLC members and resignation of the outgoing members. We also had a capnote speaker, Tim Talen where he shared his story about being in 4-H and all his experiences. I would encourage all 7th-11th graders to attend Fall Forum as it was a fun way to meet new people and learn.

#### **Arts Camp**

Arts camp is a fun camp in Upham Woods for 6th to 8th graders in October. At Arts Camp, you get to go to 5 different tracks and learn about the arts like music, crafts, photography, and communications. At these different tracks, you get to be taught by counselors and you get to do fun interactive activities.

Also at Arts camp, you get to be a part of a counselor hunt where you look all around the camp and find the counselors. Then, there's a campfire where you get to sing songs, see skits, and have a fun time. Then for older youth in High School, the counselors plan all of this. So you can be a track or cabin counselor. If you are a cabin counselor you get a group of kids

that you take around to all the tracks and you get to watch and help them at the tracks. If you're a track counselor you get to come up with something to lead. I was a track counselor for the music and drama track, where I came up with an idea for kids to do skits where they get a prompt that was spy-themed which was our theme for the camp this past year. They then had to take instruments and their minds and act out their prompts in fun and silly ways. So, if you ever want to go to Arts camp as a counselor or camper I definitely recommend it.





#### **COUNTY NEWS & INFO**

Winnebago County Fair

2024 Theme: "Strolling Through the Fair Without A Care"

**Fairest of the Fair Contest:** Must be 18 years old and have a passion for promoting the county fair. Applications available in January and due March 31,2024. Contest will be held in April.

Watch the fair website: <a href="https://www.winnebagocountyfaironline.com">www.winnebagocountyfaironline.com</a> and our Facebook page

#### **Meat Animal Board**

Beef weigh-in will be Saturday, February 24 from 9-11AM at the Doug Reese Farm

**Next Meetings** 

January 10 at 7:30 PM at JPCC February 14 at 7:30 PM At JPCC



County Fair

Meat Animal Board

## DEADLINE TO CHOOSE 4-H PROJECTS IN 4-H ONLINE IS JANUARY 31ST

(in order to be able to sign up for fair entries in June)

Email dana.berger@wisc.edu with any project changes.

#### **COUNTY NEWS & INFO**



**DUE APRIL 15, 2024** 

# 2024 Essay Contest

# "WISCONSIN AGRICULTURE IS FRUIT-FULL"





# WISCONSIN 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS CREATE AN ORIGINAL ESSAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Explore what makes Wisconsin's sweetest agriculture fruit-full for our state's history, economy, and future. Prizes awarded at county, district and state levels.

FULL CONTEST DETAILS, RULES, AND RESOURCES AT BIT.LY/WIAGESSAYCONTEST

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#### **COUNTY NEWS & INFO**



**DUE APRIL 15, 2024** 

2024 Essay Contest

### "WISCONSIN AGRICULTURE IS FRUIT-FULL"

#### **CONTEST OVERVIEW**

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation - Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest is an annual essay contest that challenges students to research and write an informative essay. The contest prompt explores Wisconsin history, geography, and economics through the lens of Wisconsin Agriculture. The contest supports Wisconsin academic standards including English Language Arts and Social Studies.

#### **PRIZES**

NEW THIS YEAR top 4th and 5th grade essays will be recognized at the district and state levels. District Winners receive commemorative medal and prize pack. State Winners receive additional commemorative plaque and prize awarded at a special ceremony with Wisconsin's Secretary of Agriculture.

#### **RULES**

- Contest is open to Wisconsin 4th and 5th grade students.
- · Contest is limited to one essay entry per student.
- Maximum essay length is \*400 words for grade 4, and \*500 words for grade 5.
- Essays must be typed or handwritten in INK.
- Entries must include at least 3 documented references to support essay.
- All entries must be submitted by \*\*April 15, 2024.
- All entries must include the Required Entry Information.
- Awards will be presented to top essays in each grade level at the county, district and state level.
- \* Maximum word lengths DO NOT include bibliography, captions or works cited.
- \*\*Entries may be submitted online or mailed directly to county essay coordinator.

#### **RESOURCES**

The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the 2024 Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Book of the Year, *I Love Strawberries!*, by Shannon Anderson. This picture book is a fun way to introduce and engage students in the essay contest. More resources, lessons, and writing tools are available online.

Full contest details, rules, and resources at bit.ly/wiagessaycontest

#### STATE NEWS & INFO

#### WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

We are pleased to announce our 2024 Scholarship opportunity!

The #WI4HFoundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursu-



ing higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm.



For more information, visit: <a href="https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/">https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/</a>

## Save the Dates

#### STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST** FEB. 3, 2024

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL March 16, 2024

BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS









#### STATE NEWS & INFO







## **Wisconsin 4-H Night**

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin
4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin
Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group
purchasing through this link will get to
participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- · Jockey High Five Tunnel

#### FOR TICKET INFORMATION: SCAN THE QR CODE! OR VISIT:

fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h



GAME: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>



LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP FOR TICKETS TODAY!



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM

#### **NEWS FROM EXTENSION**

#### Health & Well-being

Are you ready to embark on a transformative journey towards embracing and nurturing the most important relationship in your life the one with yourself? Join us for S.P.A.R.K., an empowering 3-hour possession of the production of



workshop on self-love designed exclusively for women.

S.P.A.R.K. stands for Self-confidence, Positivity, Accountability, Resilience, Kindness.

Our program will provide women with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and attitudes necessary to navigate the challenges of adolescence, adulthood, and beyond, helping them become resilient, empowered, and self-assured individuals. Local facilitators from pdsF.U.S.I.O.N. and Simply Yoga will lead participants through thought-provoking discussions, interactive activities, and practical tools to empower self-love and discovery. Join us for one of these three sessions:

S.P.A.R.K. for Adults: January 14, 2024 S.P.A.R.K. for Young Adults: February 11, 2024 S.P.A.R.K. for Mothers & Daughters: March 3, 2024 Learn more and register today at pdsFUSION.org Katherine Jaegly - jaegly@wisc.edu

#### **Human Development & Relationships**

Rent Smart focuses on the knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. Rent Smart is designed to help those individuals who have little to no rental experience and those who have had difficulty obtaining rental housing. Successful participants will learn new skills to build positive relationships with landlords and neighbors, gain confidence in their ability to find and maintain



affordable housing, understand the application and screening processes used by landlords, and learn the responsibilities and rights of tenants and landlords.

Recent Rent Smart participants were asked to name the most important new idea they learned in the program. Their responses included:

That it is absolutely necessary to pay my rent on time Be honest and upfront with the landlord What is and isn't legal when it comes to landlord and tenant rights Rent Smart classes are offered online via Zoom and are free of charge!

The 2024 online schedule has been finalized! See the schedule and register for Rent Smart classes at <a href="https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister">https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister</a>

Todd Wenzel, todd.wenzel@wisc.edu

#### **NEWS FROM EXTENSION**

#### **FoodWIse**

Looking for a great and easy recipe that you can use all year long and for every holiday?

Try this easy recipy as is or add in a few holiday-colored M&M's or candies of your choice! (Such as red and green for Christmas, white and blue for Hannukah, pink and red for St. Valentines Day, or green and orange for St. Patrick's Day.)

6 cups air-popped popcorn

2 cups chocolate flavored checked cereal

2 cups toasted oats cereal

2 cups frosted wheat cereal

1 cup peanuts (optional)

Combine all these items into a large bowl or bag and mix well. Divide this into servings for a great snack on the go, or serve it at a gathering in a fun, festive container!

Kris Soper - Kris.soper@wisc.edu

#### Crops & Soil

The Midwest Forage Association (MFA) and the Outagamie Forage Council (OFC) will once again be conducting their annual meeting on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 8, 2024</u> at Buzz's Pub & Grill (W2116 County Rd S, Freedom, WI 54130) with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the program beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone who has done tilling work this fall can tell you the subsoil is still extremely dry even after the rainfall we received at the end of the growing season. Among our many speakers, we will hear Dr. Francisco Arriaga detail what farmers should be considering ahead of the 2024 growing season. And Dr. Stuart Rymph will utilize his background as an agronomist and nutritionist to share observations from 2023 and what we can do to manage the 2024 crop.

We will recognize our Forage Council Youth Scholarship winner, get an update from Chelsea Russell, Local Council Director, Midwest Forage Association (MFA), conduct our Annual Business Meeting, and conclude with the auction fundraiser that helps support the many on-farm activities and educational outreach programs the Outagamie Forage Council conducts on an annual basis.

Once meeting details are finalized, registration will be posted at <a href="https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/">https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/</a>

For questions about registration, contact Ina Montgomery at ina.montgomery@outagamie.org or (920)-832-4763.

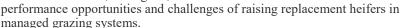
Kevin Jarek kevin.jarek@wisc.edu

#### **NEWS FROM EXTENSION**

#### **Regional Dairy**

## The Future of Dairy Heifer Raising: Grazing Heifers for Economic and Ecological Returns

Please join us for a discussion with farmers, nutritionists, and other technical service providers about the economic, ecological, and animal



Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, 10am to 2pm (with lunch) RSVP at https://bit.ly/3GRwOGp

Northcentral Technical College - Wausau, 1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, 10am to 2pm (with lunch) rsvp AT: https://bit.ly/4atiPrM

Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center - Manitowoc, 7001 Gass Lake Rd, Manitowoc

Join the live webinar on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 16th</u> at 11am, or watch the recorded version at a later date!

Topic: Selection of Dairy Cows for Consistent Performance under Unpredictable Conditions

Kent Weigel is Professor and Chair of the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences at UW-Madison. He holds research, extension and teaching appointments and serves as a technical consultant for numerous companies and organizations in the dairy genetics industry. In this session, Dr. Weigel will present current research on the day-to-day consistency of dry matter intake, milk yield, and the genetics behind it. <a href="https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-insight/">https://dairy.extension.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-insight/</a>

## COMET<sub>TM</sub> is a short, two-hour program offered <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January</u> <u>20th</u> from 10am - Noon

COMET<sub>TM</sub> stands for Changing Our Mental And Emotional Trajectory.

This program helps people take the next step after noticing someone might be struggling. It empowers friends and neighbors to be more prepared to support others' mental health needs — especially before a crisis. This training empowers people to feel comfortable initiating a supportive but potentially emotional conversation using a conversational seven-question guide. It provides an easy way to start a conversation, teaches you how to exit the conversation in a supportive way, and offers resources to share with others if they need more than a listening ear.

Register now, space is limited! https://forms.gle/HtZvsDhsERRu6Tde9

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