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JULY-AUGUST 2025

NEWSLETTER

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Winnnebago County Fair July 30th–August 3rd See enclosed fair booklet!



County Fair



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

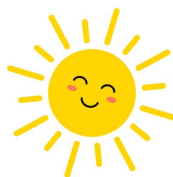
July

4th: Office Closed
 9th: MAB Meeting 7:30PM @ JPCC
 11th: Entomology 9AM (Registration Required)
 15th: Leader's Board Meeting 7PM @ Gerry Mark's home
 15th: Cloverbud Camp @ Menominee Park (Registration Required)
 16th, 17th, & 23rd: Ukulele Camp 5:30-7PM (Registration Required)
 17th: Wizard for a Day (Registration Required)
 18th: Rooster Dreams Acrylic Painting 10AM (Registration Required)
 20th: 4-H Dog Show @ Oshkosh Kennel Club
 20th, 25th, 26th: Theatre Troupe (Registration Required)
 25th: Basket Raffle items due
 28th-29th: Fair judging
 30th- Aug 3rd: Winnebago County Fair
 30th-31st: 4-H Activities 9AM-11AM & 2PM-4PM @ Expo Building



August

2nd: Fair Activities 9-11AM @ Expo Building
 2nd: 4-H Spotlight Stage 1-4:30 Expo Building
 3rd: 4-H Awards 11AM
 18th: Spa Science (Registration Required)
 19th: Leader's Board Meeting 7PM
 20th: Back to School Makerspace (Registration Required)
 26th: All County Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
 28th: 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 County Line Newcomers Poygan Go Getters Zion 3-C Farming Friends	6:00PM 2:00PM 3:00PM 5:00PM 4:00PM 5:00PM 4:30 PM
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

4 FOR 4-H



Proudly Log Your Volunteer Hours

Thank you for volunteering your time and talent with our 4-H Program!

During our January 2024 All County 4-H Meeting, volunteers in attendance voted and passed a motion to request that volunteers log at least **4 hours** of volunteer time within our 4-H program each year to be eligible for annual 4-H Volunteer Service Awards.

YOUR TIME COUNTS!

Please log your volunteer hours utilizing the form link or QR code below. Feel free to log ALL your hours, or just until you reach 4 for 4-H! Don't have internet access? Simply call 920.232.1974.



Log your 4 for 4-H:
<https://bit.ly/48zgBmi>



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

NOTE: PACKETS WILL BE MAILED IN JULY TO CLUB LEADERS

It's that time of year again... **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TIME!**

We realize that this time of year is a bit crazy. Thank you ahead of time for completing these important reports!

What is due when?

Chartered Clubs/Groups with bank accounts are required to complete the report. Deadlines are **extremely important** because it could affect the status of your club charter if reports are late. We would greatly appreciate that your forms meet deadline so that we have time to look the reports over and contact you if there is any missing info or corrections before uploading them to the state portal.

REPORTS DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE

The completed report with supporting documents include:

- **Completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report with all signatures.**
- **Completed 4-H Club Audit Checklist**
- **Copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**
- **Copy of the bank statement ending June 30th or July 1, 2025 for each account.**

Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and notated either on the report or a separate sheet.

- **Current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or more (if applicable).**
- **Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000 (if applicable).**

Club Audit: You will need to have **two** adults, unrelated to the club treasurer or club leader complete the audit, complete the checklist and sign the Annual Financial Report. **Please do not wait until the last minute to have these audits completed.** Allow enough time for two people to complete the audit. **The club leader and treasurer should be present.**

Audit Info: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/08/Audits4-HClubsGroup.pdf>

Required Audit Checklist: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/09/Fillable-Audit-Checklist-1.pdf>

Annual Financial Report: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2025/06/Annual-Financial-Report-6.11.2025-Fillable.pdf>

Please reach out to Dana Berger with ANY questions you have regarding the Annual Financial Report. **Info about the Club Charter Renewal online form will be forthcoming.**

Thanks so much for all the work that goes into the planning and financial reporting that comes along with being a club leader.

FUNDRAISING

Basket Raffle

It's time once again to plan to put together baskets for the **4-H Leaders' Association Annual Basket Raffle** held at the 2025 Winnebago County Fair! We need the support of **ALL 4-H Clubs** to make this year's raffle a success. Anyone can donate a raffle basket! All clubs are encouraged to donate a theme basket(s) (bath/spa, movie night, child-themed, holiday, sports, gardening, camping, birding, cooking, grilling, artist, etc). Don't forget to contact local businesses or individuals. All are welcome to donate baskets to support 4-H!

Can't donate an entire basket? Individual items can be combined with other items or placed in baskets by the Basket Raffle Committee. All baskets must be:

- In a container of some kind – basket, tote, bucket, cooler, etc.
- Wrapped in cellophane or a clear plastic bag to keep things clean and help ensure that the contents stay in baskets while on display at the fairgrounds.
- Include a clearly displayed card/sign listing items in basket, thanking any donors, and **stating the club's name**.
- NO perishable items, NO alcohol, NO tobacco products
- Baskets must be dropped off at the Extension Office by noon on Friday, July 25, 2025.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY BASKETS THAT ARE HEAVY. AWKWARDLY SHAPED OR FRAGILE SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF DIRECTLY TO THE EXPO BUILDING ON FRIDAY, JULY 25TH. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SELL TICKETS AT THE RAFFLE TABLE IN THE EXPO BUILDING!

Please sign up for one or multiple 1-hour time slots:
<https://bit.ly/4kMFrEp>



Thank you so much for being part of this fundraiser.
Last year we had a phenomenal Raffle thanks to all of you!

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FUNDRAISING



Get Ready for the 2025 4-H Dipper!

The 4-H Dipper Committee is busy preparing for the 2025 Winnebago County Fair and is looking forward to a fun-filled fair season for our volunteers.

New for 2025! We will be adding grilled cheese sandwiches and some other prepackaged healthy choices to the menu along with our shakes, malts, sundaes, beverages, and pancakes for breakfast.

Sign up for your 2025 4-H Dipper Shifts!

2025 4-H Dipper Hours

- ▶ **Sunday, 7/27/2025 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Clean and Prep**
- ▶ **Wednesday, 7/30/2025 - 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**
- ▶ **Thursday, 7/31/2025 - 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**
- ▶ **Friday, 8/1/2025 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM**
- ▶ **Saturday, 8/2/2025 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM**
- ▶ **Sunday, 8/3/2025 - 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM**
- ▶ **Monday, 8/4/2025 - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Clean and shutdown**



Register for your Dipper Shifts at <https://tinyurl.com/23yrvs38> or scan the QR Code.

Each 4-H Dipper shift will be 2 to 2 ½ hours and should consist of 5 Adults/Older Youth (8th Grade and higher) and 5 younger youth (Cloverbuds through 7th grade). Responsibilities may vary depending on shift but we prefer to have adults and older youth handle the cash box, scoop ice cream, make shakes and malts, and help supervise the team during the shift. We will also REQUIRE an adult to operate the griddle per state 4-H policy. Younger youth can serve drinks, take orders on the iPad, and help put toppings on the sundaes.

Clubs can sign up for group shifts but we ask that the individuals that will be working the shift sign up for their times so we can learn names and know who is coming to help us work the shifts. Pick times that will work for you and your family between showing animals, performing on the showcase stage, and all the other fair fun. It is a great opportunity to meet other youth and adults from around the county you may not see on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please contact the office or contact a member of the Dipper committee. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you at the 2025 Winnebago County Fair!

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

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.

They work together to:

- Plan Events such as 4-H Fun Day
- 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

PLEASE JOIN US!

The 4-H Ambassadors will be marching in summer parades. All 4-H families are welcome to join us!

Neenah Light Parade: July 3rd. Our 4-H Ambassadors will be walking in the Parade of Lights again this year. All 4-H families are welcome to walk with them! Joe Kuehnl will have the float ready and be there at 6:30 to organize our group. The parade starts at 9PM.

*** Please note there is a location change where parade starts this year. Parade starts west of downtown Neenah on Main Street and merges east onto Wisconsin Avenue.**

Winneconne Sovereign State Days Parade: July 19TH. We will meet at the parade line up by the elementary school at 9:45AM. Parade starts at 10:30 AM

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

Leaders Association Board Members Needed!



Please consider running for a spot on the Winnebago County 4-H Leaders Association. We have a few spots available, and everyone is welcome to be a part of the Leaders Board. We meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. We are looking to fill a few adult positions which are 3-year terms and a few youth positions which are 1 year terms. The elections will be held at the 4-H Family Banquet in October. We are a great team of people who make decisions for the youth of Winnebago County 4-H. Please contact Anne Zillges at 920-379-9146 if you have any questions or are interested in this rewarding opportunity.

RECORD BOOKS

Have you started your 2024-2025 Record Book?

Why Complete a Record Book?

- ▶ Record Books help you reflect on what you've learned.
- ▶ Basic bookkeeping and record keeping skills are used throughout life - in school, for managing your own finances/household, day-to-day record keeping for many jobs, or for managing a farm or personal business.
- ▶ This scrapbook of your accomplishments and learning experiences may help you complete school, scholarship or job applications in the future.
- ▶ Outstanding Record Books are recognized at the club and county levels in the fall each year.
- ▶ Record Books may also be part of the application process for 4-H Awards. For example, for Key Award and Scholarship applications you will need 3 years of record books available for review.

CHECK OUT RECORD BOOK INFO AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPLETED RECORD BOOKS AT:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/record-book/>

CLUB HAPPENINGS

4-H Friends– May

The May 4th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3:03pm. 15 members, 13 parents, and 1 leader were present. The treasurer's report remains the same. And the secretary's report was read, approved by Becket, and seconded by Hadley. We explained a lot of neat workshops offered through 4-H that members can be a part of like the funny face pots, and acrylic painting at Rooster Dreams in the next few months! Cooper showed his paper bag dinosaur puppet he made during the Dino and Unicorn 4-H zoom workshop! He described every detail he added and even down to a cool name for it! We ended our meeting with a fun activity to get to know new members in a game where you take as many toilet paper squares as you want and the catch was that you had to say fun facts about yourself depending on how many squares you took! Some people had a lot and some had just 1 fact! After learning about each other, we told members that our next meeting will be at Ewald farm at 3pm June 1st! Chloe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Becket seconded it. The meeting ended at 3:39pm.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

4-H Friends– June

The June 1st meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3:05pm at Ewald Farm. 15 members and 7 parents were present. The secretary's minutes were read, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Chloe and seconded by Grace C. The treasurer's report remains the same. We had an update from the Leaders Board as they are offering an educational grant of \$200 per club. We are brainstorming ideas and will think of something to do soon! We reminded members to not wait until last minute to sign up for fair projects. We are also gathering supplies for our club's fair raffle basket. Lucy and Auggie went to the 4-H Food Review. Lucy made lemon poppy seed scones, which won an award, and Auggie made s'more cookies. We brought up an opportunity for youth ages 8-18 with special needs to show an animal through Endless Adventures, in honor of our own former club member Josh Perry. This will be taking place August 1st. Look in the news and views as well as social media for more information. Chloe presented her demonstration of her dairy cow Skippy. Skippy got first in her breed at the fair and 3rd in showmanship. Chloe showed us all the things she has to do in order to get Skippy ready for fair including brushing and bathing her, cleaning her hooves, and making sure her haircut looks like her back is straight. For the remainder of the meeting Amy Jo gave us a tour of Ewald farm. We learned about the milking process and how to care for animals on a farm. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 4pm. Our next meeting will be July 20 at 3pm at the Clayton farm.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Winchester– May

The Meeting of the Winchester 4-H club took place May 13th at the Winchester church and started at 6:33pm. Kris led pledges then Jackson gave the secretary's report and Max gave the treasurers report. The old business that was discussed was the April meeting at the Winneconne high school, cemetery cleanup, the foods review and the chopped challenge, spring pizza sales and lastly the poultry and rabbit fun show. Then we moved onto new business where we talked about 4-H sewing camp, the spotlight stage, 4-H animal science days, funny face pots, fair entry sign ups and lastly Cloverbud camp. Then we talked about the billboard project for the club. Lydia gave a demonstration on modern dance. The meeting then ended at 7:06 which after Chris led a project on making extension cords.

Winchester– June

The meeting of the Winchester 4-H club took place on June 3rd. We first had a cook out then Finn Lettau started the meeting at 7:15. Kristopher gave the pledges then Jackson gave the secretary's report and Max gave the treasures report. The old business that was talked about was making extension cords. Four new business we talked about sewing camp, the spotlight stage, funny face pot challenge, clover bud Camp, 4-H theater troupe, fair entry basket raffle, and fundraiser. Then we talked about how there is no official meeting for July. Then lastly we talked about going rock climbing as a club. The meeting ended at 7:48.

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CLUB HAPPENINGS

Interstate– March

The March 9th meeting of Winnebago County's 4-H Interstate Exchange was called to order by President Grace at 1:05pm. 14 members, 12 parents, and 1 leader were present. Max led the pledges. The treasurer's report was read and approved by Oliver and seconded by Max. We started out by letting everyone know about our upcoming fundraisers which include the Culver's fundraiser April 14th 5-7pm at the Westowne location, dog/horse show May 17 and 18th 7-5pm, Festival Brat Barn August 24th, Echos of the Past food stand February 21st and 22nd 2026, and the WIAA horse show in September, details TBD. Jenni will be making sign up sheets for the fundraisers. Oliver's mom will get us in touch with Outagamie County's food stand for their breakfast ideas so we can make breakfast at Echos of the Past next year. She will also look into Appleton's Pizza Ranch and Culver's fundraising options and availability. After that we got right into planning for hosting. The set date we will be hosting is July 7-12th. Discussions were made about lodging and activities that we think represent Wisconsin and will be the most fun. We added places like the Dells, Sub BnB, Milwaukee, Door County, Green Bay, farm tours, etc. We've created a draft of the itinerary which is posted on our Facebook page. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Max and seconded by Nolan. The meeting ended at 3:11pm. Our next meeting will be April 27th from 4-6pm & Victoria will book the JPCC room.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

Interstate-April

The April 4-H Interstate Exchange meeting was called to order at 4pm by Gabby. Pledges were read and roll call followed. 11 member and parents were present. The secretary's report was read and Max made a motion to accept and Ava seconded it. In the treasurer's report our new balance is \$5,847. 82. The treasurer's report was read and approved by Ava and seconded by Oliver. We went over the itinerary for the trip around Wisconsin which included who is traveling this year and making sure we include downtime and our community service project. The Thiemke's job is to look into an EAA Tour and getting a tour of the fire department near the airport. Nolan's family is also looking into fishing. Our Horse Show fundraiser is May 17-18, sign up for time slots. And our Pizza Ranch fundraiser is June 11th 3:45pm-8:30pm in Appleton, again, sign up for time slots. We are also planning a Brat Barn fundraiser August 24th to start fundraising for next year. Other business included Oliver who is creating ideas for our T-Shirts, someone creating a tri-fold about all of us to display during fundraisers, and a discussion on what to do for our gift to Montana. We talked about creating a pre trip basket to send to them before the fun. Our next meeting will be June 1st at 4pm at the JPCC. Max made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Oliver seconded it. The meeting ended at 6:05pm.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Interstate-June

The June 1st meeting of 4-H Interstate Exchange was called to order at 4:06pm by Gabby. Pledges were led by Max and Nolan. 10 members and 9 parents were present. The secretary's minutes from April were read and approved by Nolan and seconded by Ava. In the treasurer's report our new balance is \$9,191.87. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Max and seconded by Nolan.

During new/old business all of our adult chaperones reported on having completed all their trainings needed to travel with the youth. We also had a discussion on how many families want to tag along to the Brewers game in order to lock in tickets. Anna was able to contact the Oshkosh Fire Department for an airport station tour on July 11th at 9:30am as long as the station is available. Grace has also confirmed our community service outing at the senior center/rummage sale for July 9th 1-3pm. Just a reminder that our Appleton Pizza Ranch fundraiser is June 11th 3:45-8:30pm, sign up for time slots. To help fundraise for next year we will also be having another horse show fundraiser August 9-10th, and a Brat Barn fundraiser August 24th (sign up for time slots).

In other business we discussed the t-shirt design, color, and sizes needed. We are planning on making a fair booth. Emma will get the things needed to create our pre gift basket to send to Montana. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nolan and seconded by Ava. The meeting ended at 6:04pm. The next time we will gather is when we are heading out for the trip.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

**All County 4-H Meeting
August 26th
7PM at James P. Coughlin Center**

**All clubs/groups must send one
representative to attend.**

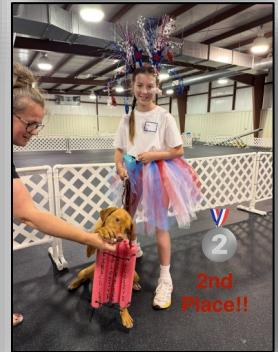
PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Sewing Camp 2025



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Dog Project Costume Contest



Dog Project

The Winnebago County 4-H Dog Show
July 20, 2025
Oshkosh Kennel Club



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Youth Shine at 2025 Winnebago County 4-H Clothing Review

The annual Winnebago County 4-H Clothing Review was held Monday, June 16, 2025, at the James P. Coughlin Center in Oshkosh. Twelve talented youth, ranging from beginner sewers to those with seven or more years of experience, took the stage to model garments they designed, constructed, and styled themselves.

In addition to showcasing their sewing skills, many participants joined the *Consumer Savvy – Thrifty Threads Challenge*, where they created a budget and shopped local thrift stores to put together complete outfits, including accessories. This unique challenge promotes sustainability and creativity while helping participants develop money management and fashion sense.

Open to all 4-H youth in grades K5 through 13, the Clothing Review encourages participants to build self-confidence, improve presentation skills, and learn how to explain the construction and care of their garments during face-to-face judging. Youth are evaluated on posture, poise, creativity, garment fit, construction, workmanship, and overall presentation.

This year's event was coordinated by Winnebago County 4-H Sewing Project Leaders Anita Eichman and Jenni Hostettler. Becky Gutzman served as judge, and Arianna Buehring emceed the evening's show. All participants received a clothing and textiles pin and judging feedback to recognize their strengths and identify areas for growth.



Golden Thread Awards were presented to:

- **Beginner:** Auggie Wurzbach (4-H Friends)
- **Intermediate:** Teagen Hopp (White Cedars 4-H Club)
- **Advanced:** Lizzy Parker (Westward 4-H Club)

Front row L to R: Auggie Wurzbach and Teagen Hopp
Back row L to R: Lizzy Parker, Emily Hunter, and Gabby Hostettler

Best of Show Awards went to:

- **Thrifty Threads Category:** Emily Hunter (Golden Oak 4-H Club)
- **Sewn Category:** Gabby Hostettler (White Cedars 4-H Club)

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Congratulations to all of the youth who participated—their hard work, creativity, and dedication were on full display. A special thank-you goes out to the families, parents, and project leaders who continue to support and guide these young designers.

Want to see their work up close? Visit the Winnebago County Fair from July 30 to August 3, 2025. A special *4-H Fashion Show* will be held Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m. inside the Expo Building. **See you at the fair!**

All Participants



Front row L to R: Auggie Wurzbach, Madison Mitchell, Teagan Hopp, Anna Westphal, Margaret Morris, Briella Milan
Back row L to R: Emily Hunter, Paige Woelfel, Gabby Hostettler, Zoe Skadahl, Lizzy Parker, Lucy Wurzbach, and Jodie Skadahl wearing an outfit sewn by Zoe Skadahl



Auggie Wurzbach



Teagan Hopp



Lizzy Parker

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Clothing Review Participants 2025



PROJECT NEWS & INFO



The poster is designed to look like a sheet of lined paper with a red margin line on the left. At the top, a green banner contains the text 'PROJECT NEWS & INFO'. Below this, the title 'Winnebago County BACK TO SCHOOL MAKERSPACE' is written in blue and orange. A light blue box on the left contains event details: 'Events last 3-4 hours', 'All grades welcome!', and 'Cloverbuds require a parent/guardian to attend'. To the right, the date and time 'August 20th 1PM' and the cost '\$10/Youth' are displayed in orange and blue. A blue box at the bottom left lists the registration deadline: 'Deadline to Register August 6th at: https://bit.ly/4jhZqts'. An orange box on the right describes the activities: 'Participants will design back to school accessories such as:' followed by a bulleted list: '3D printed backpack & lunch box tags', 'Hat', 'Folder/Notebook Labels', 'Water Bottle Decals', and 'Mug'. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of school supplies: a yellow ruler, a pink pencil, a blue pencil, and a green pencil. At the bottom right, there are two logos: the UW-Madison Extension logo and the Cloverleaf logo.

Winnebago County
BACK TO SCHOOL MAKERSPACE

Events last 3-4 hours
All grades welcome!
Cloverbuds require a parent/guardian to attend

**August 20th
1PM**

\$10/Youth

Deadline to Register
August 6th at:
<https://bit.ly/4jhZqts>

Participants will design back to school accessories such as:

- 3D printed backpack & lunch box tags
- Hat
- Folder/Notebook Labels
- Water Bottle Decals
- Mug

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Dairy Project

WANTED: 3-4 people to step up as dairy leaders for Dairy Committee
Requirements:

- to divide up tasks so one person doesn't have to carry the load.
- have minimum 2 meeting per year
- have at least 1 clinic/ educational class
- update charter requirements each year
- help prepare judging teams and compete
- help guide the officer team
- if asked, help during the fair
- find ways to get the membership to participate in educational classes before the fair.

History:

The Dairy program was run by one person for many years. In 2010, it was decided to form the dairy committee to share the responsibilities of the program. Then in 2022, the dairy committee became a charter group.

The current leaders have decided to step down. We have had lots of fun teaching youth but now want to sit back to relax and be the ones cheering from the bleachers. So, if you're interested, let us know.

-Victoria Ewald and Amy Jo Domke



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

4-H Youth & Adult Awards

We have many outstanding youth and volunteers in our 4-H program! Please consider nominating individuals for the Winnebago County 4-H Annual Banquet Youth & Volunteer Awards. See info below and on page 20. Our Annual 4-H Fall Family Banquet is planned for October 4th. Keep an eye out for emails for more info!



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association Annual Banquet Youth and Adult Awards

Name of Award	Award Description	Age Group	# of Awards
Winnebago County 4-H Youth Leadership Award	The Youth Leadership Award is to recognize a youth who has become a leader in 4-H over the past year. They must actively participate and take on 4-H leadership role(s) at the club/county/state level. This award is for someone whose accomplishments you want to recognize to encourage them to continue on their youth leadership path through 4-H. This award is for youth who have not received the Key Award or who are not yet eligible for a Key Award due to grade level.	MS / HS	Up to 1% of enrolled youth
Winnebago County 4-H Youth Challenge Award (formerly I Dare You)	The Challenge Award is offered to 4-H members who are in middle school who are "emerging" leaders. This is a youth who has not yet become a leader – but has the potential to do so in the upcoming year. This award may be the nudge needed to inspire the youth for leadership roles within 4-H.	MS	Up to 2
Friend In 4-H	A 4-H individual or group making outstanding leadership or service contribution to 4-H over the past year. The "Friend in 4-H" must be currently enrolled as a leader or member.	Adult	1
Friend of 4-H	A person or group outside of 4-H making an outstanding contribution to 4-H leadership, service, or other support over the past year. The "Friend of 4-H" is not currently enrolled in 4-H.	Adult	1
Winnebago County 4-H Alumni	Recognizes a former Winnebago County 4-H member who has gone on to use 4-H skills in their success. Current contributions to 4-H may help to identify the candidates but are not required for selection.	Adult	1
Volunteer of the Year	An individual who has done an exceptional job as a volunteer in the past year.	Adult	1
Lifetime Volunteer	Recognizes a Winnebago County 4-H Leader who has contributed many years of service to the 4-H Program.	Adult	1

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Nomination Guidelines

- Any approved adult 4-H volunteer, any 4-H youth enrolled in the youth leadership project and Extension 4-H staff may submit a nomination.
- Nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the Winnebago County Extension office no later than the **Friday before the September Leaders' Association Board meeting** which is held the third Tuesday of September.
- Nominations **may be made from the floor during the September Leaders' Association for any awards** that do not receive any nominations prior to the deadline, to reach the award maximum, or to recognize leadership that may have been missed throughout the year.
- **Nominees may be moved to a more appropriate award at the board's discretion to recognize the recipient.**
- Voting on award recipients will take place at the **September Leaders' Association Board meeting**.
 - In the event of a tie, the top two vote recipients will voted on in a run-off vote
 - In the event of a run-off tie or a tie between only 2 candidates, the winner will be determined by coin flip.
- All Awards are presented at the Annual 4-H Family Banquet.

For nomination form, please visit website:
<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/awards/>



NOTE ABOUT FAIR ENTRIES: EXPO BUILDING FAIR ENTRIES WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND MUST BE PICKED UP IN THE EXPO BUILDING NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 4th- 10AM.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICK UP YOUR FAIR ENTRIES, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO PICK THEM UP FOR YOU. UNCLAIMED FAIR ENTRIES WILL BE RECYCLED OR DISPOSED OF.

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Winnebago County
4-H Ukulele Camp

Instructor: Ashlynn Numrich
5:30– 7:00pm
James P. Coughlin Center
Grades 3 & Up

**July
16, 17 & 23**

Winnebago County 4-H will provide youth with a ukulele to practice on during camp and up until their performance on the Spotlight Stage at the county fair on Aug 2nd. Limited spaces available!

\$10 PER YOUTH

Register by July 1st at:
<https://bit.ly/3SFfXwo>



UW Extension Outdoor Learning Center

We welcomed 10 4-H youth to our UW Extension Outdoor Learning Center this spring. They have planted and are tending garden plots throughout the summer.



4-H AT THE COUNTY FAIR

2025 4-H Youth Awards

Please read!

We will be recognizing youth that are **graduating from the 4-H program, 4-H scholarship winners and our 4-H Key Award winners on Sunday, August 3rd at 11AM** in the Expo building. Many of these youth will be going off to college and we want to recognize them before they leave. **All other youth recognition (Cloverbud graduates, 4-H trip delegates, camp counselors, etc.) to the Fall Family Banquet.**



As you may have heard, the Leaders' Association once again is planning the 4-H Fall Family Banquet this year to include a very fun bowling party!

We anticipate more families will be able to join us at this fun fall event and found this to be the perfect opportunity to capture more youth for recognition! **The 4-H Fall Family Banquet is scheduled to take place on October. 4th at Rolling Thunder Bowling Alley in Neenah.**

**4-H Fashion Show, 4-H Spotlight Stage,
and 4-H Fair Activity Station info
can be found in the enclosed
“Fair Information Book for 4-H
Members & Leaders”**

**All County 4-H Meeting
August 26th
7PM at James P. Coughlin Center**

**All clubs/groups must send one
representative to attend.**

4-H AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Winnebago County 4-H

SPOTLIGHT STAGE

At the Winnebago County Fair

Are you a member of Winnebago County 4-H and have a special talent or project you'd like to share on the stage? Sign up for the 4-H Spotlight Stage on Saturday, August 2nd from 1-4:30 PM. What types of acts are we looking for?

- Singing (submit lyrics to be approved by dana.berger@wisc.edu)
- Instrumental
- Dance
- Demonstrations
- Poetry / Creative Writing
- Magic Tricks
- Juggling
- Comedian Acts
- or just about anything else...



REGISTER BY JULY 20TH!

<https://bit.ly/4iCyDHB>

2025 Theatre Troupe at the Spotlight Stage!

Calling all Actors and Actresses!
Are you interested in performing at the Winnebago County Fair? No theatre experience is necessary! Please sign up with the form below by
Grades 3rd and Up, Both 4-Hers and Non 4-Hers welcome! Bring your friends!

DEADLINE TO APPLY: July 14th
REQUIRED PERFORMANCE: August 2nd
REHEARSALS: July 20th, July 25th, July 26th

<https://forms.gle/200Z1Vr15GE4jMRC8>



STATE NEWS & INFO

NEW - STATE TOP 10 Key Award PROGRAM

Key Award winners represent the best of the best in Wisconsin 4-H and we want to elevate this award to the next level. County Key Award winners will have the opportunity to apply for a state level Key Award competition. All applicants will receive a state award and be invited to an award ceremony. From these applicants the state will choose the Top 10 Key Award recipients annually. The Top 10 winners will be highlighted via media / social media (including picture and bio) and will receive a special state award.



Qualifications: Must have received a county Key Award within the last two 4-H years. Example: 2023-2024 or 2024-2025

How to Apply: County winners can apply by submitting the following materials by **August 1** of the current 4-H year.

- Application Form
- Cover Letter and Resume addressing applicants of Membership/Club Experience
- 4-H Projects
- 4-H Activities
- Leadership
- Personal development
- County 4-H /Community Involvement
- Photo (to use for media release)
- Short Bio (half page to be used for media release)
- Completed Essay Questions

Applicants will use 4-HOnline to apply for the State Key Award. All materials must be uploaded to the site in a PDF format. All application materials will be scored by a team of staff using the enclosed scoring rubric. The team will then choose the top 20 youth to participate in an interview where the top 10 will be chosen. Interviews will take place virtually. Winners will be selected and announced by November 1. Award presentation will occur at Fall Forum.

Application Deadline: August 1

STATE NEWS & INFO



New-WI 4-H State Volunteer Award

Wisconsin 4-H wants to highlight and reward our vast group of statewide volunteers. No matter the role or time they give each volunteer is amazing and our programs would not be the same without them. Three new awards have been developed to recognize outstanding volunteers in your county programs.

- Emerging Volunteer of the Year – 1-5 years of service
- Outstanding Club Leader of the Year
 - ▶ Outstanding Project Leader of the Year
 - ▶

Qualifications:

- Must be an active 4-H volunteer
- Must be current on all required volunteer trainings and background checks
- Selection is based on the evaluation of the volunteer around the Thriving Models:
 - Sparks
 - ▶ Belonging
 - ▶ Relationships
 - ▶ Engagement

How to Apply:

- Application Form
- Photo (to use for media release)
- Completed Essay Question
- Short Bio (to use for media release)
- Letter of Recommendation (from another volunteer, youth member, Extension staff member)

Applicants will use 4-HOnline to apply for the State 4-H Volunteer Awards. All materials must be uploaded to the site in a PDF format. All application materials will be scored by a team of staff using the enclosed scoring rubric. The team will then choose the winners. Winners will be selected and announced by November 1. Award presentation will occur at Fall Forum.

Application Deadline: August 1

NEWS FROM EXTENSION



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UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION WINNEBAGO COUNTY



Health & Well-Being

Oshkosh Farmers Market Returns to Main Street!

Head to Main Street this month for fresh, in-season produce and a fun, family-friendly experience. Support local farmers while enjoying healthy, flavorful options. Need recipe ideas? Check out our [Fresh & Simple Recipes](#). Don't forget your reusable bag and water bottle! See you there!



Katie Jaegly

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Crops & Soils

Determining the Value of Standing Alfalfa

Pricing standing alfalfa can be tricky due to the lack of daily price reports, unlike grain commodities. However, hay market prices from the UW-Madison Extension provide a good estimate. Key factors to consider when determining value include:

1. Expected dry matter (DM)
2. Yield per acre Estimated DM value per ton
3. Harvest costs



For a more accurate calculation, farmers can use the [Pricing Standing Hay Calculator available here](#), or dive deeper into the full white paper for detailed guidance on fair transactions.

Stay informed and make sure your alfalfa sale or purchase is a fair one!

Kevin Jarek

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NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Human Development & Relationships

The Strong Couples Program

Having a strong relationship with your romantic partner can be hard. And when you need help, finding trustworthy support can be difficult. The Strong Couples Program can help! And it's FREE!



The Strong Couples Program is:

Six self-paced online modules and five brief video calls with an Extension educator. Topics include communication, commitment, problem-solving, and fun and friendship.

Why should you and your partner consider the Strong Couples Program?

- Scientifically-supported online program
- Supported by multiple research studies
- Has helped thousands of couples to date

[Click here to register for The Strong Couples Program.](#)

(This program is for couples together for at least six months. This program is NOT counseling.)

Todd Wenzel

Todd.Wenzel@wisc.edu

Horticulture

Calling all plant lovers! Join us in growing community connections this summer. You don't need to be a Master Gardener—just someone who enjoys gardening and wants to share that passion.



Here's how you can help:

Join us at the Oshkosh Farmers Market the second Saturday of each month (June–October). No experience needed - just a willingness to talk about plants!

Help tend the Learning Garden at the Coughlin Building. Tasks include watering, weeding, and planting. A great hands-on way to support local food education!

Are you a Master Gardener in need of volunteer hours? UW-Extension is approved for Master Gardener hours.

All are welcome and encouraged to join!

Ready to sign up? Visit [Volunteer Matters](#) to browse opportunities.

Questions?

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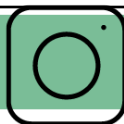
UW-MADISON EXTENSION

HOURS: Monday through Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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Jacob Kluza - *Horticulture Educator*
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