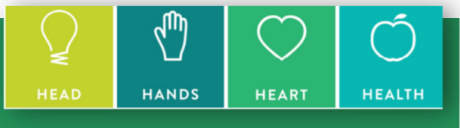


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**National 4-H Week
October 5-11, 2025**



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

4th– Re-enrollment Opens
 10th– MAB Meeting 7:30PM @JPCC
 15th– Award Nominations Due
 16th– Leader’s Board Meeting 7:00PM @JPCC
 22nd– H&PP Meeting 7:00PM @JPCC
 25th– Fair Board Meeting
 26th– Banquet Registration Due



October

4th– Family Banquet (Registration Required)
 5th-11th– National 4-H Week
 8th– MAB Meeting 7:30PM @JPCC
 21st– Leader’s Board Meeting 7:00PM @JPCC
 23rd–Fair Board Meeting



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>



At least 4 volunteer hours need to be entered by September 15th to be considered for service years and awards.

FROM ARIANNA...

I had the privilege of being the 4-H summer program assistant again this summer, and it was a lot of fun! I started my summer by helping lead the Yarn It Up workshop. I never knew just how many things you can do with yarn. Following that workshop was detective science, and that one was one of my favorites. Youth had the opportunity to become detectives for the day by making spy kits, dusting for fingerprints, and writing with invisible ink!

Summer camp came next, and the rain didn't stop our fun! From endless crafts to squish hiking to the laughter and songs that filled the night sky. By far, my favorite part of summer camp was seeing the crazy skits at Campfire each night and hearing the roar of laughter over the rest of the crowd.

After we got back, we jumped right into entomology. Youth got to catch and mount bugs that they found, and they got to create their own bug out of modeling clay. Clover bud camp was next, and it was a blast. Seeing the youngest 4-Hers enjoying just one opportunity this amazing program has to offer was truly unforgettable.

Just days after Cloverbud camp, I got to experience my all-time favorite workshop, which was Wizard for a Day. It was a unique experience that offered youth a lot of creativity. We worked on crafts, made potions, and created our own ties and hats to represent each house. Following that was the county fair. Fair is such a neat experience, as I got to walk around and see all the hard work these youth put into their projects. I also got to see them have fun by attending the many 4-H mini sessions that we provide each year at the fair.

After the fair finished up, I began the process of planning for the last two workshops of the summer. These last few months have been busy, but they were so memorable!



FROM MEGHAN...

I will take action. I will persevere. I will get things done. The opportunities I had during my time serving as the Winnebago County 4-H AmeriCorps member is coming to a close. Beginning my journey in May, I had so many ideas; partnerships I wanted to explore, programs I hoped to develop. Being a recent college graduate, I wanted to use my geology skills in my position to not only share my passion for STEM, but also change the narrative surrounding 4-H and its members. My saying has always been that 4-H is more than cows, plows and sows, and I am a testament to that. The foundations built in agriculture is what made 4-H strong, but it is how it has expanded that makes it thrive.



I started my service teaching about chickens. The irony will never fail to make me laugh. I've always said I feel socially awkward around animals, and yet this is the third time I have taught about chickens and the poultry industry. While I had the opportunity to teach ChickQuest before, I chose to expand on the lesson plans I had used in the past, redesigning them to feel more interactive.

Towards the middle of my service, my programming picked up the pace drastically. From Summer Camp to teaching at the Omro Boys and Girls Club, there was always something to work on. Since I had made it a personal goal of mine to try and integrate the things I loved as a 4-Her into my service, I chose to take on a Theatre Troupe opportunity with the hopes of finding musically inclined youth who were interested in performing at the fair. I hoped that the troupe would inspire both younger and older youth to work together, and hopefully peak the interest of middle and high school youth looking for other music programs to join 4-H, since it is a challenge to keep older youth involved. The troupe began with a group of six high school students, the theatre troupe leadership team. Over the course of 5 rehearsals and 1 performance, friendships were formed. On top of that, it has enticed them enough to want to do it all again, as soon as possible, or so I've been told.

Finally, nearing the end of my service, I remembered my true goal. I wanted to use my degree. I wanted to share my love of science, especially since 4-H was where I had found this. With the release of the Minecraft movie, it was easy to see that video games were as always still popular among youth of all ages. With that in mind, I devised fast paced activities that taught about Minecraft geology. I also wanted to incorporate the new knowledge I had of paleontology, and did so by researching fossil Pokémon. Thus, an educational geologic and palaeontologic program that was threaded together with video game characters and biomes. My final program, all about Astronomy, has yet to take place, but cannot wait for it to close out my time of service.

Persevering. Taking action. Looking back, I can see just how much I pushed to get things done. Obstacles that I encountered only made it feel that much more real and that what I was doing would really matter to the youth that participated. My hope and goal is that youth everywhere in Winnebago County have learned what 4-H has to offer; experience. Youth will experience passion, education, drive, determination, perseverance and taking action during their time in 4-H. If one new member joins because of my service, then it was a job well done.

RE-ENROLLMENT



4-H Volunteer Re-enrollment PLEASE READ!



Enrollment Opens:
September 4th, 2025

Link: v2.4honline.com



Choose Volunteer Type

- If you want to be affiliated with a specific 4-H club/group, you **MUST** select **CLUB VOLUNTEER**. Then you can select which type of club volunteer suits you best.
- If you want to be an Overnight Chaperone, you **MUST** choose **PROGRAM VOLUNTEER** and then chose **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 you do not want to be affiliated with a specific club, you **MUST** select **PROJECT VOLUNTEER**. Then you can choose which type suits you best.
- Volunteer Role description can be found at: <https://bit.ly/4flyuSQ>

NEW TRAINING & BACKGROUND CHECK DEADLINE

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ!

All returning volunteers will have online training to complete. When you re-enroll, 4-H online will tell you if you have a training to complete and/or a background check to complete. **ALL TRAININGS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE COMPLETE BY DECEMBER 1ST OR UW MADISON YOUTH PROTECTION WILL REJECT YOUR RE-ENROLLMENT AND REQUIRE YOU TO START THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS AGAIN. YOU ALSO WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE ALL VOLUNTEER TRAININGS OVER AGAIN.**



NEW RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

- Volunteer Enrollment Closes **November 1st 2025**



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RE-ENROLLMENT



Youth 4-H Re-enrollment



Link: v2.4honline.com

Enrollment Opens:
September 4th, 2025

Forgot Password?

Click reset password and follow on screen prompts.



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Choose Project Categories

- View the NEW Project Guide at: <https://bit.ly/45bKHw3>
- Select **ALL** projects that might interest you
- Select your club. Be sure to add any project clubs you belong to. (If you select Horse, Dog, Dairy or Rabbit as project categories **select your community club as primary** unless you only want to show in that specific category)



Rabbit Project



Interstate Exchange



Community Clubs

NEW RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

- Re-enrollment closes **November 1st, 2025**
- Project changes should be completed no later than **January 31st, 2026**

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 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 Kuehn!—(920) 836-1736
NEXT MEETING: TBD

AMERICORPS OPPORTUNITY

Winnebago County 4-H is recruiting a WI 4-H Americorps Member for the school year! This is a paid position.



2025-26 WI 4-H Member, HALF TIME SCHOOL YEAR
Help us grow Winnebago County 4-H and build the capacity of partner organizations throughout our county! You will chose and serve with Winnebago county 4-H office, and in partnership ...

- 1) see what is currently being offered,
- 2) help identify what else is wanted/needed and
- 3) start new partnerships and 4-H clubs to meet needs, reaching new, more and different young people in 4-H and the organization. Help us provide positive youth development opportunities!

Position info: <https://tinyurl.com/3u7ydnpm>

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 Kuehn 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



THANK YOU 4-H DIPPER VOLUNTEERS!

The Dipper Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who signed up and volunteered to work the Dipper during the county fair. It is YOUR support that allows the Dipper to run and raise funds for the youth of Winnebago County 4-H experiences, programming, and scholarships. We also get to interact with a large number of fairgoers and serve them delicious treats throughout what has been very warm days over the past few years. The great fair weather resulted in higher sales, and we raised around \$167 from our flavor of the day sales and donations on Saturday for the Educational Endowment fund with our Chocolate Chip Mint promotion. The addition of grilled cheese, chips, and vegetable trays helped offset lower ice cream sundae sales. The committee would like to thank Kwik Trip, Sweet Lair, Culver's, Beck's Meats, and Gordon's Food Service for their help in providing our supplies each year.

Our volunteers accumulated over 500 volunteer hours scooping over 500 sundaes, over 580 shakes and malts, serving over 200 pancake plates, and grilling almost 300 grilled cheese sandwiches. If you are a youth needing volunteer hours, please reach out to the Dipper Committee to sign off on your hours if you volunteered and helped make the Dipper a success in 2025.



As a reminder, the Leaders' Association is looking for new volunteers to lead the Dipper as 2026 will be the final year Scott and Herb will be co-chairs of the committee. They would like to work with new volunteers to help transition and share their knowledge to keep this fun and vital fundraising program alive and well at the fair each year. Please reach out to any Leaders' Association member, Dana, or the committee directly if you are interested in joining the committee.

FUNDRAISING

4-H PIZZA MAKING NOVEMBER 1, 2025



PIZZA COUNT NIGHT October 20, 2025 6-8PM @ JPCC



**ONLINE ORDERING OPTION!
GO TO:**

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

Online orders close on October 19th

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: <http://bit.ly/41fJCRr>

**ALL PIZZAS SHOULD BE PICKED UP
BY 11:00AM**

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.**

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

4-H for Good!
Community Service
Recognition



National 4-H Week

October 5th-11th

Calling all 4-H Clubs...

Send in a photo or video

Please submit a photo or video of your club participating in a community service activity.

Please include a short description of community service that your club does!

Lastly, share your photo/video and description with
dana.berger@wisc.edu

Posts then will be shared on the Winnebago County 4-H Facebook page!

Please have them turned in by
October 3rd, 2025!



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SAVE THE DATE!
Cloverbud Blast
November 9th, 2025
1PM-3PM

RECORD BOOKS



Winnebago County 4-H Record Books



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
- Participation Sticker-Everyone receives this award
- Gold Achievement 4-H Club Work Sticker
- Gold 4-H Clover Sticker
- Merit Sticker
- Clover bud Sticker
- All "Best Of" winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to <https://shop4-h.org>

What is a record book?

A scrapbook that shows your 4-H journey for the year that was just completed. Then they may advance to higher levels and may even earn more awards.

Check with your club leader to find out when your record book is due. Club Leaders, please forward county-level record books to the Extension Office by Oct 15.

Different types of Record Books:

- Traditional Record Book
- Digital Record Book (online)
- Video Record Book
- EZ Record Book

Why is it important?

4-H awards require that you submit your record books. The Key Award and the scholarships that are offered require submission of record books.



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LEADERS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Winnebago County 4-H Fall Family Banquet

October 4, 2025

Rolling Thunder Lanes - 934 Byrd Ave, Neenah

Cost: \$8.00 per person
(includes meal & bowling)

To make your reservations, please complete the form at:

<http://bit.ly/476rOMm>

Or call in at 920.232.1974

Registration Deadline: September 26, 2025

Online payment option is available or please submit payment promptly after registering

4-H: It's How We Roll!



6:00PM: Check in

6:30PM: Pizza Buffet!

7:15PM: Awards and Election

Interstate Exchange Auction Winners Announced

8PM-10PM: Bowling

*Up to 6 lanes will be open with up to 6 people per lane. Sign up for a lane at the registration table the night of the banquet. Youth grades 5 and under must have an adult on the lanes present. Bowling is included with your \$8 registration.

Come and Celebrate Our 4-H Accomplishments!

Leader & Youth Awards

Volunteer of the Year
Alumni of the Year
Friend of 4-H
Friend in 4-H

Lifetime Volunteer
Youth Leadership
Youth Challenge
Years of Service

Youth Recognition

Ambassadors
State & Regional Event Participants
Cloverbud Graduates
Camp Counselors
Interstate Exchange



**Interstate Exchange Raffle
Will Also Take Place!**

*The Awards Ceremony portion of the evening will be FREE for anyone who wants to arrive after the meal.



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Winnebago County

4-H Halloween Roller Skating Party

October 26, 2025
4:30-7:30 PM
Skater's Edge
5714 Integrity Way - Appleton

Halloween Costume Contest!
Prizes awarded for best costumes.
Cost \$3 per person

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Adult Award Nominations Needed!

Due September 15, 2025

- Anyone may nominate someone they feel is worthy of the awards below. **Submit names and a summary of why the person deserves the award to the Extension Office or email dana.berger@wisc.edu by September 15, 2025.** You may use the backside of this sheet for your nomination(s) for the 5 awards listed below. (Additional forms are available)

Friend in 4-H

A 4-H individual or group making outstanding leadership or service contribution to 4-H. The "Friend in 4-H" must be currently enrolled as a leader or member.

Friend of 4-H

A person or group outside of 4-H making an outstanding contribution to 4-H leadership, service, or other support. The "Friend of 4-H" is not currently enrolled in 4-H.

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.

Volunteer of the Year

An individual who has done an exceptional job as a volunteer in the past year.

Lifetime Volunteer Award

Recognizes a Winnebago County 4-H Leader who has contributed many years of service to the 4-H Program.

**All awards will be presented at the
NEW 4-H Family Banquet Saturday, October 4, 2025**

Youth Award Nominations Needed!

Due September 15, 2025

- Organizational Leaders may nominate a youth who they feel is worthy of the awards below. **Submit names and a summary of why the youth deserves the award to the Extension Office or email dana.berger@wisc.edu by September 15, 2025.**

Youth Leadership Award

This award is to recognize a youth who has become a leader in 4-H. They must actively participate and take on leadership role(s) at the club/county level. This might be a youth that is not yet eligible for a Key Award, but someone whose accomplishments you want to recognize to encourage them to continue on their youth leadership path through 4-H. You may use the backside of this sheet for your nomination of a youth for this **YOUTH LEADERSHIP** award.

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.

**All awards will be presented at the
NEW 4-H Family Banquet Saturday, October 4, 2025**

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Farming Friends

The Farming Friends 4-H Club Meeting was called to order by Alternate Jolene Neuman at 4:46 p.m. 26 members were present. Pledges-Led by Jolene Neuman

Secretary's Report-The secretary's report was read aloud by Sadie Neuman, reviewing last month's meeting. A motion was made to accept the secretary's report by Dylan Barter and was seconded by Nora Neuman.

Treasurer's Report-The Treasurer's Report was read aloud by Lily Noffke. A motion was made by Addie Prill to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Lilly Killinger.

Old Business

- T-Shirt orders are in and were picked up after the meeting.
- We are entered for the Billboard contest and just need to finalize some ideas and find a date to work on the billboard as a club at Neuman's. The billboard will be to include the theme, and the club's name.
- Cloverbud Camp is July 15th at Menominee Park.
- We are planning on having an end of the year celebration at the Overton's house in August, there will be no actual meeting. We will just hang out as a club, have a cookout and bonfire, and pool party.

Meat Board Point System

-One point can be from education; upcoming Meat Animal Board meeting is June 18th and there is an available education point.

New Business

- Fair Entry is closed at midnight on June 24th, make sure to enter youth into all areas of interest.
- We need to brainstorm ideas for a club education or a speaker for the fall 4-H meetings. Ideas should be brought to the July Meeting.

Upcoming Events

- June 18th: Meat Animal Board Meeting at JP Coughlin Center at 7:30 p.m. (education point opportunity.)
- June 26th: Fair Board Meeting at the JP Coughlin Center at 7:00 p.m.
- June 26th - June 29th: 4-H Summer Camp in WI Dells
- July 13th: Farming Friends Club Meeting at the Overton's at 4:30 p.m.
- July 15th: Cloverbud Camp 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 13th at 4:30 p.m. at Overton's
- The meeting was adjourned by Hayden Murray at 5:23 p.m. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dylan Barter and seconded by Abby Noffke.
- The meeting was followed by the meal.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

County Line 4 H Club

June 8, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Maxine H called the meeting to order.
People wearing their favorite color said the pledge.

Cecila brought in her Leopard Gecko and did a demo on the care of Mr. Martin.

Lauretta H said the secretary's report. Lark made a motion to accept the minutes, and Violet P 2nd it, motion passed.

No old business.

Parents meeting and ice breaker, we played mafia.

Current business

Everybody had to bring the stuff that we have in the Basket Raffle. The Perkins family will put together both baskets and take them to the Extension office.

Care partners BINGO day is June 16th and it is at 1:00pm.

Fair entries and the last day to enter is June 24th.

Wristbands For weekly passes will be purchased and given out before the fair.

Dipper sign up, watch for the Friday email.
Our Club trip to Bay Beach is on the 19th, at 10am.

We will paint our Billboard for the fair at the Pieper's on June 11th at 3:00.

Henry H made a motion to close the meeting, Atlas 2nd it. Motion passed

Henry H did a demo on fire starters.

We ate ice cream and all the family's brought all of the toppings.
We worked on our Billboard design after the meeting.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Poygan Go-Getters

The Poygan Go-Getters meeting was called to order on July 13, 2025 at 4:04pm by Kaitlyn Resop. Pledges were led by Mikkiya Botker and Avery Gorte. Roll call and the secretary's report was led by Ava Larson and the Treasurer's report was given by Riley McCollian. Youth who did not attend five meetings, entry fees were to be paid to Jennifer and Riley McCollian after the meeting. Candy bar money to be turned in as well. We had several May through August birthdays to celebrate.

Reminder was given to sign up to work in the 4-H Dipper at the fair. There will be a new snack sign up posted for the next 4-H year to begin in September. The club requested another potluck at the fair. A signup will be created for Sunday, August 3rd to be held in the Horse Barn. All families are invited to attend. Toni shared Meet animal board updates. Joanna shared Goat project updates. Kaitlyn shared Horse and Pony project updates. Toni shared what was purchased with the club's donation towards Poygan's Go-Getter's fair raffle basket. We had one speech by Ava about the Interstate Exchange hosting week. There will be no August meeting because of the Winnebago County Fair. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2025. Reid Albright made a motion, 2nd by Kaylee Giddings, to adjourn our meeting at 4:30pm. Ice cream, popsicles and soda were enjoyed after the meeting.

Written by Ava Larson

4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

Drama Company

Hello my name is Mari Oeftger and this was my third year going to Drama Company. Drama company once in a life thing experience! If you don't know what it is it's a Wisconsin state 4-H team. We are a part of the 4-H Arts Ambassadors. But what we do is make a 1 hour show in under a week. The show is a full show filled with dances, music and skits. Which the Drama Company all makes in our week. It's sure to be a week full of emotions. One of the best parts is we get to stay on University of Wisconsin Madison campus, eat on campus and perform our show at some amazing theaters all around Madison. Even if you're not into dancing or theater there are other teams like Art team and Com's team. So if you're looking for something to do next summer where you will have fun, stay on campus, meet other youth from around the state and grow as a leader PLEASE consider becoming an Arts Ambassador!



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Foods Review 2025



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Dog Project– Dog Show Photos



PROJECT NEWS & INFO



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Dairy Project

We will be having a meeting September 21st at 3pm at the JPCC. Please join us to discuss the future of the dairy project committee along with officer election if it plans to continue. With enough interest we will plan to have some activities and practices for Dairy Quiz Bowl, Dairy Judging, and care and clipping workshops. Please let us know if you plan to attend by September 19th by texting Amy Jo Domke 379-3251 or email domke2892@yahoo.com.



From Dairy Superintendent

Thank you are all for a great fair week. There was a lot of laughter and fun which was great to see. Show day went well as you all were ready to go. Thank all for completing your barn herdsman ship judging and the dairy was the only group that every 4-H club turned theirs in. That is fantastic. Thank you all,

Amy Jo Domke

Winnebago County 4-H

AgBadge #5: Food & Health

4-H FARMERS MARKET TOUR

Saturday, September 27th

Join FoodWise for a tour of the
Oshkosh Farmers' Market!

Please meet at 9AM on the
corner of Main St. & Merritt St.

REGISTER BY 9/24
EMAIL DANA BERGER
DANA.BERGER@WISC.EDU



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PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Horse and Pony Project

Congratulations to Cassandra Kohanski on receiving the Winnebago County Horse & Pony project scholarship! We wish her the best in all her future endeavors!



Our September project meeting is September 22nd @ 7 PM at the JP Coughlin Center. If you're interested in joining our project this meeting starts off a new year and we would love to see new faces!

Winnebago County Horse Bowl Team Heads to Regional Competition!

The Winnebago County Horse & Pony Horse Bowl team—Kat Skadahl, Emily Hunter, Andrea Beck, and Lilly Black—has earned the honor of representing Wisconsin at the prestigious All American Quarter Horse Congress on October 14, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. Held at the Ohio Expo Center, the Congress is the largest single-breed horse show in the world, and this event puts our local Horse Bowl team on a national stage!

So, what exactly is Horse Bowl? Think Jeopardy!—but all about horses. This fast-paced quiz bowl challenges teams to buzz in with answers to questions about everything equine: anatomy, nutrition, reproduction, diseases, breed standards, stable management, and much more. It's a true test of teamwork, quick thinking, and deep horse knowledge.

Winnebago County supports three levels of Horse Bowl teams: Beginner (grades 3–5), Junior (grades 6–8), and Senior (grades 9–13). While all teams compete at the Wisconsin State Competition each May, only Senior teams can advance to national contests. This year marks a major milestone—our first national qualification since 2010!

Interested in joining the fun? Horse Bowl is open to new participants in all age groups. We meet weekly from mid-January through early May, and all study materials are provided. No experience is necessary—just a love of horses and a willingness to learn!

Want to know more or give it a try? Talk to Wendy Stabler after any Horse & Pony meeting to find out how to get involved. Let's keep this winning tradition going!

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

4-H Interstate Exchange

In July, 4-H Interstate Exchange hosted 4 boys from Carbon County Montana. We spent the week touring WI. Some of the fun things we did were WI Dells Jet Boats, Devil's Lake, Brewer game, Kettle Moraine Fish Hatchery, slept on USS Cobia submarine, Hendrick's Fishing, slept at Lambeau Field, toured Union Star, toured Ewald Family Farm, tour Fire Station, and EAA. We had a potluck before sending them back home. It was sad to see them leave but we look forward to traveling to Montana next summer.

We have several fundraising events coming up:
Sept 27-28 WIHA Horse Show
Oct 4-5 District 4 WIHA Horse Show
Feb. 27-28 Echos of the Past

Many thank you's to everyone. We greatly appreciate your support.



Winnebago County Fair Board 2025 Barn

Goats

4. Poygan Go-Getters
3. Kountry Kidz
2. Newcomers
1. Allenville Meadows

Beef

4. Lakeside
3. Newcomers
2. Plain V-U
1. Oshkosh West FFA

Dairy

4. Zion 3-C
3. Newcomers
2. Westward
1. 4-H Friends

Sheep

4. Westward
3. Golden Oak
2. Mears
1. Zion 3-C

Horses

4. Newcomers
3. Winneconne FFA
2. Poygan Go-Getters
1. Salms Youth

Swine

4. Westward
3. Farming Friends
2. Allenville Meadows
1. 4-H Friends



COUNTY NEWS & INFO

Fair Billboard Rewards

1st place: White Cedars— 195 pts

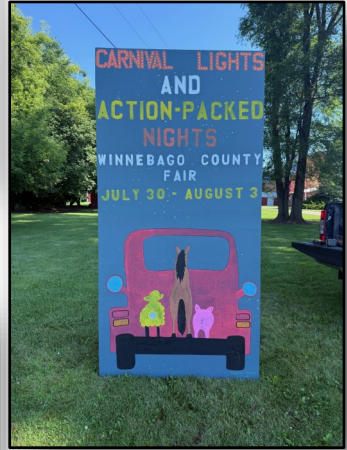
2nd place: Farming Friends-153 pts

3rd place : Westward-144 pts

4th place : County Line-130 pts



White Cedars



Farming Friends



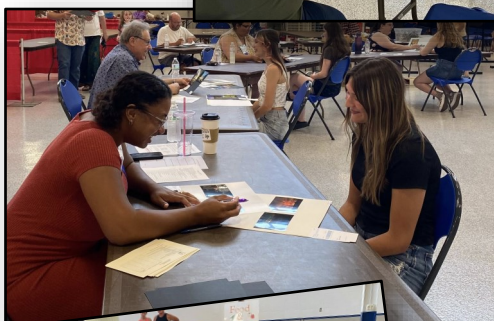
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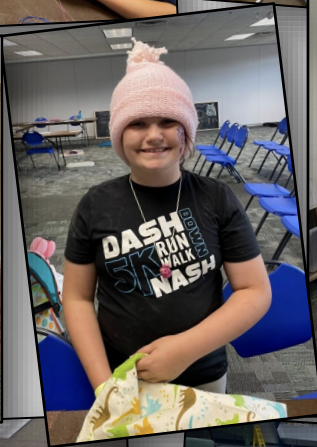
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Youth Awards



STATE NEWS & INFO

REGISTER FOR 2025 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

Fall Forum 2025

October 31-November 2, 2025

Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Registration:

Friday – Sunday (includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, afternoon snack, t-shirt, and supplies)

Saturday – Sunday (includes 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, afternoon snack, t-shirt, and supplies)

Saturday Only (includes 1 lunch, 1 dinner, snack, afternoon snack, t-shirt, and supplies):

Registration opens in early September. More info to come.

STATE NEWS & INFO

New Project Guide

Check out the new Project Guide on the WI 4-H Youth Development website:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h.../4-h-project-guide/>



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Horticulture

2025 Urban Forestry Workshop: Focus on Invasive Plants

UW-Madison Extension and the Wisconsin DNR invite you to the 2025 Urban Forestry Workshop, with a special focus on invasive plants! Learn how to identify, remove, and manage these harmful species to protect our green spaces.



This workshop includes:

- Morning classroom session
- Afternoon field demonstrations
- Lunch!

The cost is reduced to \$40/person thanks to a USDA Urban Forestry Grant. Space is limited, so register early!

Register for the Urban Forestry Workshop here: <https://waukesha.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/urban-forestry-workshop/>

Happy Gardening!

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Community Development

Introduction to Plain Language is back!

Join this FREE virtual workshop to learn strategies for word choice, font selection, grammar use, user testing, and more that help us communicate quickly and effectively with both native and nonnative English speakers.

Registration is open for:

- Wednesday, September 17th | 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Tuesday, October 28th | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

More information at: <http://go.wisc.edu/plain>

A partnership between UW-Madison's Cultural Linguistic Services and UW-Madison Division of Extension.



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NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Human Development & Relationships

End-of-life planning is a gift for your loved ones. A medical crisis can leave you unable to make health care decisions, regardless of age. Join our **Planning AHEAD** program for tools and resources to start or continue your planning. It's not just for the elderly or ill—plan ahead and leave a legacy!

Dates: September 16, 18, & 23

Time: 1:00PM-3:00AM

Location: Fox West YMCA - W6931 School Road, Greenville

Cost: FREE

Registration: (920) 832-5129 or online at [https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/PlanningAheadFoxWest)

PlanningAheadFoxWest



Raising Wisconsin's Children - a FREE, monthly lunch-and-learn series designed to support parents and caregivers in navigating the joys and challenges of raising children today. Join us every 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00pm.

What to expect:

- Live, virtual sessions over the lunch hour
- Topics that reflect the real questions and concerns of today's families
- A welcoming space for learning, reflection, and connection

Upcoming classes:

- September 18th | Confident Kids: Building Young Children's Self-Esteem
- October 16th | Emotion Coaching: Helping Children Manage Strong Feelings
- November 20th | Peace at Home: Supporting Positive Sibling Relationships
- December 18th | Screen Smarts: Using Family Values to Guide Media Use

Register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd1n1-3It3TZ5_63254LcNGwBqNKM2qVW7-KPRwbNXx1lBQ/viewform

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