



WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H

March-April 2026 Newsletter

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JUNE 14-17

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GRADES 3-8

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Registration Deadline: April 1st

Download camper registration and health form at:
<https://bit.ly/49Xx811>




Discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, creed or religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, veterans' status, arrest or non-job or program related conviction record or qualified disability is prohibited. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. In certain situations, information related to requests may be shared with staff or units necessary to help coordinate an appropriate accommodation.



Spring Ahead
March 8th



A printable PDF version of this newsletter is available at:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/events/#newsletters>



MARCH

Calendar of Events

7th:	Quilting Workshop 9am-3pm @ JPCC (Registration Full)
8th:	4-H Dog Fun Day
11th:	Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ JPCC
14th:	Family Ice Skating Event 1:00PM-3:00PM @ Champion Center Appleton
17th:	Leaders' Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
21st:	Crocheting Workshop: Itty Bitty Kitty 9AM-12PM Archery 9AM @ Critters
23rd:	H&PP Meeting 7:00PM @JPCC
26th:	Dog Obedience Training Begins 6:30PM-8:30PM @OKC Fair Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
28th:	Camp Couselor Training 9AM-12PM @ Camp Lakota Archery 9AM @ Critters

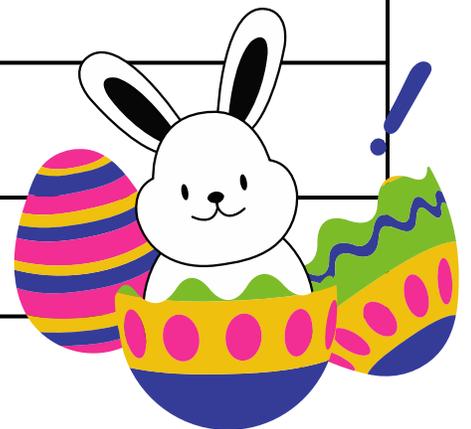




APRIL

Calendar of Events

2nd:	Dog Project Meeting 6:30 TBD
3rd:	OFFICE CLOSED- Good Friday
4th:	Archery 9AM @ Critters
6th-10th:	WI Idea Week see pages 26-27
8th:	Meat Animal Board 7:30PM @ JPCC
12th:	Camp Counselor Training 1PM @ JPCC
21st:	Leaders' Board Meeting 7PM @JPCC
22nd:	4-H All County Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
25th:	Horseless Horse (Registration Full)
26th	Camp Counselor Training 1PM at JPCC





4-H CLUB MEETINGS



Date	Club	Time	Location
1st Sunday	4-H Friends	3:00PM	Calvary Lutheran Church
1st Monday	Plain V-U	7:00PM	Utica Town Hall/Fisk Fire Dep
1st Tuesday	Golden Oak Kountry Kidz	7:00PM 6:00PM	Nekimi Town Hall Oshkosh FVTC
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	Allenville Baptist Church Nepeuskun Town Hall Immanuel Lutheran Church Rushford Town Hall Omro Bowhunters Club Omro Fire Station Winchester Town Hall
2nd Monday	White Cedars	6:30 PM	Butte des Morts Lions Clubhouse
2nd Tuesday	Ridgeway Winchester	6:30PM 6:30PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
2nd Thursday	Mears	6:30 PM	Kobussen Bus Office
3rd Sunday	Westward	6:30PM	Vinland Town Hall
4th Monday	Horse & Pony Project	7PM	James P. Coughlin Center



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/4rE7pWL>**



2025-2026

PIZZA MAKING

Are you ready to make more pizzas?

For the last several years pizza sales have been continually dropping, but this last fall numbers increased. The following clubs that sold over 100 pizzas got money back for their club!

Newcomers 575 Pizzas!	Winchester 223
Farming Friends 380	Westward 153
4H Friends 377	County Line 120
Golden Oaks 364	White Cedars 110



Nice job Winnebago 4-Hers!

Did you know that 100% of the money raised from; pizza sales, the Dipper at fair and the Basket Raffle at fair go back to our youth? This money helps fund workshops, 4-H Fun Day, summer camp costs, skating, school and trip scholarships, and so much more! In order to continue this forward momentum;

Mr. Joe Kuehnl has challenged all 4-H members to sell 5 pizzas!

If we sell 2,925 pizzas, Mr. Joe will begrudgingly wear the "Big Slice" pizza costume at both Summer Camp and Cloverbud camp!

Extra incentive this spring sale:

The top 4 pizza sellers will win the opportunity to make their own unique pizza to take home.

Reminders:

Pizza pick up will be 9:30-11:30

On line orders close at 11:59pm on Saturday, March 28th

Pizza making will be April 11th Plan to join the fun!

For pizza forms: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/leaders/fundraising/pizza/> OR pickup hard copy at Extension office.

Sign up for Pizza Making!: Set up and shift work needed! :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA9AD2CABFC1-61234009-spring#/>

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 AMBASSADORS

We recently have helped out at 4-H Fun Day. Thank you to the Ambassadors and parents that taught sessions. The rest of us assisted with sessions, took care of getting started and snack break, carrying equipment to and from rooms and clean up. The young children get to hear some camp songs for the first time. There was time to advertise 4-H Camp and 4-H Pizza sale. The Pizza Man made an appearance while the Ambassadors were doing the Pizza Man song. 4-H Fun Day was a great event.

We have been talking about going somewhere this summer for the day. In January we worked at Culvers as a fundraiser for two hours. It was a great experience, even if it was a tad cold. Before you know, it will be July 3rd for the Neenah-Menasha Light parade and then the Winnebago County Fair.

Our next meeting is March 15th at 6:00pm at my house. Anyone 6th grade and older are welcome any time during the year to learn how to help promote 4-H.

Joe Kuehnl (920-836-1736)



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 Kuehnl—(920) 836-1736

Get Ready for the 2026 4-H Dipper!

The 4-H Dipper Committee is busy preparing for the 2026 Winnebago County Fair and is looking forward to a fun-filled fair season for our volunteers. Watch this space as we prepare the links for shift sign ups and other ways to support the Dipper in 2026.

As announced at previous all-county meetings, the Dipper Committee is looking for new leadership to take over management of this fundraising event for the county. We would like to thank Scott and Herb for their years of service in supporting this fundraiser, and they would like to share the processes and other behind the scenes things that allow this initiative to continue as they serve out their final year.

If you are interested in assisting with soliciting donations, ordering supplies, supporting the Square point of sale system, or the other management responsibilities, please contact anyone on the Leaders' Association Board of Directors or the Extension office for more details and someone will reach out to you!

One initiative we are planning is a summer "replace the screens" date at the Dipper. Watch your weekly e-mails from the office to see when we will gather, construct, and replace the screens on the windows on the Dipper building to provide working sliding doors for all of the windows!



MATCH UP TO \$5000



The Winnebago Leaders



Association needs you to donate
to our Educational Endowment
Fund to be matched up to \$5,000

What: Anonymous Donor matching up to \$5,000.

Why: To improve our goal for future funding and programming.

When: We are collecting donations up to October 31st 2026.

Where: You can donate by going to https://oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1235 or Scanning the Q-R code to the right.

Wanting more information go to:

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

**DONATE
NOW**





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Cost:
\$100
per camper



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2026 SUMMER CAMP

High School Camp Counselors Attend Trainings

Our 2026 High School 4-H Camp Counselors began training and planning meetings in January! Our 10-13th grade camp counselors will be leading the youth at camp with many fun activities in recreation, arts n crafts, nature, campfire and cabins all with an Olympics theme! Our 9th grade camp counselor applicants will attend camp as "counselors in training" (CITs) planning some of their own activities, shadowing the older counselors, gaining new leadership skills and participating in camp-wide events.

Watch the video below to meet some of our 2026 High School 4-H Summer Camp Leaders!

2026 4-H Summer Camp Counselors & CITs

Camp Assistants: Evan Numrich & Makenna Lang

Girls Cabin Counselors: Lucy Brey, Maddy Calkins, Madelynn Poppy, Gabby Carley, Emma Cegielski, & Emily Hunter

Boys Cabin Counselors: Finn Lettau, Tanner Piper, Max Thiemke & Evan Numrich

Crafts Counselors: Abby Barry & Allyson Decker

Nature Counselors: Max Kieffer & Anna Thiemke

Recreation Counselors: Drace Dodd & Vanessa Poppy

Campfire Counselors: Scarlett Poppy & Madison Kiesow

Camp Nurse Assistant: McKenna Lang

CITs: Thomas Bostwick, Kendall Carley, Gavin Krueger, Ava Larson, Payton Lenth, Riley McCollian, Juliette Monet, Macy Morse, Jackson Morton, Audrey Safford.



Watch Me!

CLUB HAPPENINGS

COUNTY LINE

Watch me!



At 3:04, Lark called the meeting to order. We had two new members.

Ashley and Gabriel Rolph. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge were led by anyone who's been fishing before. The secretary's report was read. Henry accepted the minutes and Shirley seconded the motion. Club dues are \$10 per member. Old business, Fun Day. Gabriel, Violet L., Henry, Laurretta, Maxine and Edna attended. Then we had the Icebreakers and Parent meetings.

Current business, Pizza making is April 11th, orders are due to Mrs. Pieper by the March meeting or ordered online. Dana Berger came in and talked about fair entries and asked for workshop ideas and brought heart charms for the members. Summer camp is June 14-17 and registration is now open. Tria Frog Treats is February 28th at 1:00pm, we need to know who is going by February 19th. Our Raffle Basket theme for this year for the county fair is going to be a Mystery Raffle Basket. For the next meeting everyone is supposed to make an idea for our new Club T-shirts. Violet P. made a motion to close the meeting and Atlas seconded the motion.

After the meeting was adjourned, we had valentine snacks and made Tissue Paper Hearts for the CarePartners as a craft. Refreshments for next month are going to be from the Lane Family.



GOLDEN OAK

Golden Oak 4-H Club held their annual chili dinner fundraiser. Left over chili was donated to the Oshkosh Hope Fridge



CLUB HAPPENINGS



POYGAN GO-GETTERS

January Minutes

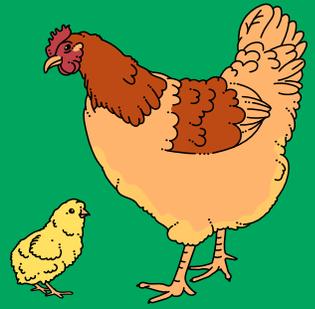
The Poygan Go-Getters meeting was called to order on January 11, 2026 at 4:02. Pledges were led by Katelyn and Quinn, roll call and secretaries report was led by Devyn Gietman, and treasurers report by Riley McCollion. Brielle and Hannah had a birthday. We welcomed the Watt family into our club. Youth must attend 5 meetings by July for the fair. We are hosting a shoe drive for third world countries at the Bowhunters club, details are to be determined. Donating can start as of the February meeting. More details will be given at the next meeting. The meat and animal board have a meeting on January 13, and horse and pony have one on January 26-members must attend two meetings and turn in an achievement book before the fair. February meeting hopefully the Bowhunters Club owner/manager will talk to us about what they do there. If there is time, we will plant seeds and decorate pots. At 4:40 Brielle motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kennedy seconded. Sammy from Samantha James boutique came in to talk about entrepreneurship and her experience with owning and managing a shop in two different locations. Youth decorated valentines day cards for veterans.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8th.

February Minutes

The February 8th meeting was called to order by Ava Larson at 4:02 PM. Pledges were led by Audrey Stafford and Lilly Black. Roll call and secretary's report was given by Devyn Gietman and Treasurer's report by Riley McCollion. Dana Berger attended the meeting and talked about workshops and summer 4h camp. We welcomed the Parker family, as well as Magnolia Brayton. Reminder, members must attend 5 meetings by July for the club to supply free exhibitors and entry bands. The shoe fundraiser is officially happening, let Heather know if you want to help on the chosen drop-off day. We are hoping to collect 90+ bags, shoes must come in pairs and in good condition. Easter bags for the Omro food pantry will be made in March. The next Horse and Pony meeting is on February 23rd at 7. There are clinics on May 5, May 21, June 8, and June 16; the club is looking for ideas and clinicians. Tack sale is February 28 and Lock-in is March 14. ½ a pig raffle is open, contact Heather for tickets. There are several clinics for the Dog project, contact Ellie for further information. Ava, Riley, and Audrey talked about the Interstate Exchange, which fundraisers are open for on; February 21-22 (Sunnyview), March 10 (Culvers 4-8), and April 4 (Qdoba 4-8). Drew Achteberg made a motion to donate 500\$, Kennedy Black seconded. Chuck gave an education presentation about the bowhunters club, if interested in trying out archery, Fridays December-March are open! Additionally, please if each family could sign up for a snack or drink at least once a year that would be great. At 4:45 Tristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Drew seconded.

CLUB HAPPENINGS



WINCHESTER

Our February was called to order by Marit Lettau at Grace Lutheran Church. Kristopher Walsh led the pledges. Mitchell Morton led the secretary's report, and Eleanor Dudenhoeffer led the treasure report. For old business we discussed 4-H Funday. For new business we discussed 4-H camp, pizza making, horse and pony tack sale, and Art Beat.

After the meeting we had one demonstration by Jackson Morton. Then Elenor Dudenhoeffer and Lyla Siegmann played their instruments. Then Tony bell hosted a music night. He taught us about different instruments, we talked into the microphone, and we played the ukulele.

Submitted by Mitchell Morton, Winchester Alternate

NEWCOMERS

The December meeting started at 5:06pm at Fox Lanes in Omro. For our old business, we talked about the Kwik Trip car wash fundraiser, bell ringing at Piggly Wiggly, and the food drive which we had at the December meeting. For our new business, we talked about club dues which are due by February, awards for 4-H events, and our January meeting which will be held at the Rushford Town Hall on January 11th. We will be having a guest speaker. Savannah Shuster, Harrison Shea, and Harper Hielke had December birthdays. Liam Schrieber made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Savannah Shuster seconded it.

Our meeting ended at 5:22pm. After the meeting, we went bowling and had pizza!

Thank you,
Macy Morse

CLUB HAPPENINGS



FARMING FRIENDS

The Farming Friends 4-H Club meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Aliyah Eckstein on February 8, 2026. 35 members were present. Pledges were led by Aliyah Eckstein. Roll call was done by Secretary Sadie Neuman, and there was no report to be read aloud. The treasurer's report was read aloud by Lily Noffke and a motion to accept the report was made by Abby Noffke and seconded by Dylan Barter. The attendance reward was drawn, and winner of the candy was Avery Beard. Meat Animal Board and Fair Board updates were discussed, and the pig show is now not terminal, and a weigh-in for pigs will be May 2nd, and rope testing along with vet inspection are now required if showing swine. Also, if showing a meat animal you must complete the YQCA certification. Now on to old business. After re-enrollment our club now has 58 members. We have two new members: Lauren Sleik and Skyler Hansen. Club dues are set at \$20 per youth and are due today. All unsold candy bars along with money from the candy bar fundraiser are due today. Our club has the opportunity for a tour at Country Visions Co-op, it would be around 1 hour long, and we are thinking about doing it around May. We need to decide on an activity for the club to do with the money we have raised, we are thinking of doing a ½ day pass at TundraLodge. Nora Neuman and Dylan Barter both received outstanding awards on their record books. Now, on to new business. Spring pizza sale orders are due March 29th to Melissa Noffke, and we made \$95 from the fall fundraiser. 4-H summer camp runs from June 14th to June 17th, and registration is now open until April 1st. Rope testing, and CVI certificates are now required if showing swine. Our club will be having a goat clinic on April 18th with the judge from previous goat show at the County Fair, and it will be hosted by the Overton Family. Also, there will now be fundraisers available to anyone part of the goat project to purchase new goat pens. The 2026 fair theme is "Country Roads Take me Home" and we need to think of barn and billboard decoration ideas. The project leader's expectations and fair week manual are due at the next meeting. The Points System committee shared that each member who gets 4 points from the club will get a free ride pass, Farm Bureau gift card, or a Kwik Trip gift card. Attending 5 meetings will get you one point, and after that a ½ point. Any fundraiser you participate in besides the pizza sale will earn you one point, along with having a demonstration at any meeting, and volunteering. Reminder that the next meeting is March 8th at the Winchester Town Hall around 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by Aliyah Eckstein and was followed by snacks and a game of Valentine's Day bingo.

CLUB HAPPENINGS



WESTWARD

The January Westward 4-H meeting at Vinland town hall came to order at 6:43 pm. The American flag pledge was led by Gavin Schmoker. And the 4-H pledge was led by Gretchen Preisler. Roll call was answered by what's your favorite winter activity. The secretary's report was read by Lizzy Parker. Layla Brickner made a motion to accept it and Alya Worm seconded it. The treasure report was read by Evalyn Schomker and announced that after the kiwk trip cards were sold we had 4,561.45 in our account. Gavin Schomker motioned to accept the treasure report and Alya Worm motioned to second it. During old business all the officers who went to officer training shared something about it. Braydon then brought up the geode workshop and announced that Lizzy Parker got a Merit award on her record book. Gavin Schmoker accepted the old business and Maddie Biggar seconded it. In new business Brayden Schmoker talked about the activities for at the next few meetings, 4-H fun day, and beef weigh in. Layla Brickner motioned to accept the new business and Gretchen Preisler seconded the motion. Layla Brickner motioned to adjourn the meeting and Maddie Biggar seconded the adjournment. The next meeting will be at 4:30 at the Plaza in Neenah.

The February meeting of Westward 4-H came to order at 4:38 on the 15th at the Plaza in Neenah WI. The American Flag pledge was led by Gretchen Preisler and the 4-H pledge was led by Evalyn Schmoker. The secretary's report was read by Lizzy Parker. Gretchen Preisler motioned to approve the minutes and Kennedy Krueger seconded the motion. The treasure report was then read by Evalyn Schmoker. Gretchen Preisler made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Gavin Kruger seconded it. The discussion followed with the old business where Braydon Schomker talked about 4-H fun day and asked if there was any report about the different county wide meetings. The only report out about it was from the meat animal board meeting and that there is no beef weigh in. Gavin Kruger motioned to approve the old business and Kennedy Krueger seconded the motion. During new business we talked about no weigh in for beef was brought up again and the dates for all the market animal weigh-ins were also talked about. Evalyn Schmoker motioned to accept the new business and Sophie Olson seconded it. The next meeting will be March 16th at Vinland town hall at 6:30 for game night and a cloverbud activity. Gretchen Preisler motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kennedy Krueger seconded the motion. After the meeting everyone had fun ice skating.

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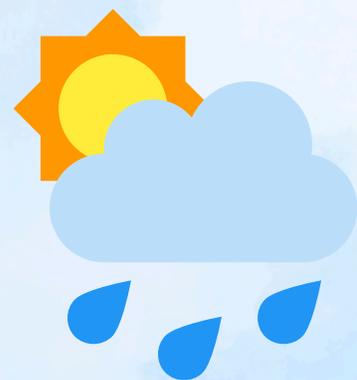
JOIN 4-H GROWERS!

...a gardening club for youth.

We are looking for ten 4-H youth interested in growing, tending and harvesting produce and flowers in our UW Extension Outdoor Classroom at JPCC.

- Learn how to plant, care for and harvest fresh produce and/or flowers.
- Enter your produce / flowers at the county fair!
- Create delicious recipes with your fresh produce or create floral arrangements

Interested? Complete the form :
<https://bit.ly/3ZMWLak>



Winnebago County 4-H Family Ice Skating

GRAB YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US!

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Community First Champion Center Fox Cities
5000 W. Champion Drive, Appleton

1:00-3:00 PM

FREE!

(Thank you Leaders' Association)

Each youth and adult who plans to skate should complete the waiver and bring it along

Waiver: <https://bit.ly/4cyUNEj>

Skates are provided, but you may also bring your own





PROJECT NEWS & INFO

DOG PROJECT



Winnebago County Dog Project hosted an agility seminar January 31 at the Oshkosh Kennel Club. A huge thank you to the Kennel Club for use of their facility and 6 of our trainers to assist them. Youth and their dogs were introduced to equipment and techniques.

It was a great educational and enjoyable experience for the enthusiast group. We plan to incorporate more agility training in our future. As always thank you to the parents who regular accompany and assist their youth to all of our programs.

Winnebago Dog Project met Feb 12 at the JPCC for Dog Fun Day planning. It was decided to postpone the event to next spring to allow more planning input and time or do something similar during the county fair. Members did discuss ideas for the event including a scavenger hunt, dog bingo, dog anatomy, dog snack demo and recipes, and demonstrations of rally, obedience and showmanship.

Trainers will meet Feb 19 to structure training classes.

Training classes will begin March 26 and meet weekly Thursday at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oshkosh Kennel Club, OKC. Completed registration, shot records and training fees will be collected. For insurance, all dog records must be up to date and on site. Forms were emailed and sent by mail.

Classes will be held weekly until our 4-H Dog Show July 18 at the OKC. Watch our schedule closely because there are Thursdays we will be meeting at different locations due to conflicts at OKC. April 2 we will meet at JPCC at 6:30, no dogs, for a guest trainer to introduce our youth to a "Shaping Game."



DAIRY PROJECT

We are looking to have a clipping and showmanship clinic in April day and time to be announced. You'll be able to bring your own animal and your own equipment.

PROJECT NEWS & INFO



MARKET GOAT CLINIC

LED BY:
BEN AMERA
&
BA MEAT GOATS

**Saturday April
18th**

**Starts at 10:30am
Rain or Shine**

**Hosted at:
Curvy Hill Farm, LLC
4940 Grandview Road
Larsen, WI**

**Refreshments will be
served**

**For questions contact:
Brooke Overton
920-379-4342**

DAILY CARE

Ben will walk through what every day care of your market goat should look like including a grooming routine.

NUTRITION

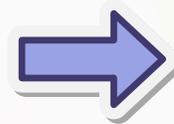
We will dive into what it will take to feed your market goat, what happens if yours gets overconditioned and how to bulk up if need be.

SHOWMANSHIP

For all levels of showmanship classes. Ben will focus on bracing, positioning, show day tips and more.

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Watch me!



4-H Horse & Pony Project Meetings

01/26/2026

Board Meeting:

Achievement - Give out new Achievement books (Mistake on last one)

Engagement - Discussing dates on the Lock in Saturday March 14th
(LeAnn Schneider doing rider yoga moves)

Education - May 5th, May 21st, June 8th, June 16th -

Clinic dates When we have shorter meetings to bring in someone to speak on something educational for educational hours?

With the decrease in people going to clinics we decided pass. Discussed May Meeting on Zoom on May 18th. Discussed doing a clinic about what tack goes in what class/discuss what they are being judged on.

Horse Bowl and Judging - February 19th first day of practice at Wendy's house

Horse Show - Judge - Jody, May 16th - 17th (16th is English day 17th is Western) Camping is available for \$20

Mentorship -Sorting them out and pairing them up

Tack Sale and Autism ride -Getting everything set up. Need Security, Torte Pans, Consignment tags available tonight. July 25th Autism Ride

Misc - Making a list for Horse fair for our shed. Likes cones, poop bucket, picks, etc
Bumping up prices for equipment use

Main Meeting : Start time: 7:02 End Time: 7:22 The meeting was called to order by: Annie Beck, 4H
Pledge by: Breleigh Biro

Pledge of Allegiance by: Riley McCollian

Achievement: Talked about declaring two horses and make sure you are doing it correctly and still handing out achievement books

Engagement: Lock in March 14th

Education: Discussed Clinic ideas and dates

Horse bowl and judging: Feb 19th at Wendy's house, need beginners but accepting all

Horse Shows: Went over that we are going over horse show bill, etc and doing finishing touches.

Mentorship: Handed out get to know you sheets one last time to pair everyone together

Autism ride and Tack sale: July 25th Autism ride

February 28th Tack sale: Consignment tags will be available , Torte pans will be available, Can get 4 of your 6 volunteer hours at tack sale, One consignment sheet per person

Old Business: Return plaques, Midwest Horse fair youth day sign up

Ice Breaker: Went around saying each others names, horse name and what club they are in

New Business: Pig Raffle, Every club donates a basket, Talked about the POA wanting people to clean stalls so if any club was looking to do that

PROJECT NEWS & INFO



CLOVERBUDS

Lucas Westphal shared his Cloverbud Science in the Season winter activities!

Forever Green: How do some trees keep their needles year round?

Lucan felt and observed how the Cedar tree needles feel waxy. Then he crumbled up printer paper, wrapped it in wax paper, sealed the ball with a rubber band, and placed the ball in water. Then he unwrapped the wax paper, after removing the ball from water, and observed that the printer paper was dry!

Cloverbuds... watch your mail in March for the spring Science in the Seasons packet!



CLOVERBUDS...

Join us!
Spring Equinox
Science in the Seasons
Zoom

May 21st
6PM

Register by May 20th:
<https://bit.ly/4pa4dkC>

During this zoom you will
share what you learned from
your Winter mailing pack.

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Mailing will arrive in March
Email dana.berger@wisc.edu

A colorful graphic for the 'Science in the Seasons Series'. It features a sun, a fox, a fish, a bird, a pumpkin, a butterfly, a rabbit, and various trees and leaves.

Cloverbud Camp



Save the Date!

Cloverbud Camp

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Winnebago County Community Park

More Information coming.

We are looking for Cloverbud Camp Counselors!

4-H Youth in Grades 7-12 may apply.

Applications due 4/8/26

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



New Option To Add 4-H Projects Mid-Year!

Did you find a new spark or interest in a 4-H project area?

OR

Would you like the opportunity to take a fair entry in a category that you have have worked on within the 4-H program year

BUT

You forgot to add the project on 4HOnline by the January 31st deadline?

Important Note:

Some animal projects have deadlines and fair pre-requisites that you will want to keep in mind such as: weigh-ins, fundraising requirements, educational point requirements and meeting attendance. Please check with your project leader to make sure you are able to meet any prerequisites before adding new animal projects to 4Honline.

GOOD NEWS...

Now you can add these projects if you missed them by the deadline!

How? You must complete the form at:

<https://bit.ly/3UnZ5ev>

(PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL REQUESTS)



4-H Archery

**Dates: March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11,
April 18, & April 25 at 9AM**

Critters Wolf River Sports 700 W Main St - Winneconne

Registration pack can be downloaded and printed at:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports/>

COUNTY NEWS & INFO



WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR FAIREST OF THE FAIR INFO

The Winnebago County Fair Board is searching for the 2026 Fairest of the Fair. The Fairest of the Fair (FOTF) is an Ambassador for the County Fair. This is a marketing and public relations position whose purpose is to promote the exceptional variety of opportunities – educational, agricultural, social, cultural and commercial – available at the Fair. This is a ONE YEAR position, with promotional responsibilities throughout the year. In addition, the FOTF is the host of the Fair: welcoming guests, appearing at events, interacting with youth exhibitors and engaging ALL fair attendees in activities at the Fair! The FOTF should be passionate about getting the community involved in this great tradition. Applications can be found on our website <https://winnebagofairoshkosh.com/> Please reach out to Jill Butt at 920.379.0908 or email jvzentner@gmail.com for more information.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be at least 18 years of age on December 31 of the current year (no upper age limit)
- Valid WI driver's license with an insurable driving record
- Cannot be convicted of any type of felony
- Winnebago County resident for at least one year prior to competing (and throughout your term if chosen)
- Note: you may attend school outside of the county during your term as long as you can complete your duties
- Have skills in (or an interest in learning) public speaking, marketing/advertising and public relations
- Have a passion for (or an interest in learning) about the County Fair or community event promotion

ENTRY MATERIALS DUE MARCH 15

Your entry materials include an Info Sheet, Profile, Photo(s), Question Sheet and a written Radio Ad. Materials will be used to promote contestants leading up to the contest and will be evaluated by the judges.

CONTEST: APRIL 18, 2025 at Wehrmann's Bar 1762 County Road FF Oshkosh (in Fisk)

The contest assesses your public speaking skills in front of judges and an audience, as well as your abilities to interact with the public in an informal setting. The contest will consist of interviews with the judges (in private) and speaking in front of an audience including introducing yourself, reading your radio ad and answering impromptu questions.

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Winnebago County Youth Government Day

Sponsored by Winnebago County & American Legion

April 24, 2026

Winnebago County Courthouse

County Youth Government Day is a field day experience at the county courthouse that provides high school students firsthand knowledge of how county government plays an important role in their daily lives.

You will hear from our...

- County Executive
- Elected Officials
- Various county departments such as sheriff, human services, parks, veterans, county clerk, IT, parks, and more!

How to attend:

We encourage our 4-H high school youth to check with their high school office to find out if they are participating in this event.

If your high school is not participating and you would like to attend, please contact Dana Berger: dana.berger@wisc.edu or call 920-232-1984.



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4-H FUN DAY PHOTOS



Watch me!



4-H Fun Day

2026



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**A special THANK YOU to all of the 4-H volunteers
that helped out with 4-H Fun Day 2026!**

WISCONSIN IDEA WEEK



Join the constellation! Across our county, departments shine like stars, and these FREE Wisconsin Idea Week events bring them into alignment for something extraordinary: A chance to see what Extension, Public Health, and other departments can do for you! All of these events are FREE, and open to the public. Registration is required for all programs.

Winnebago County Wisconsin Idea Week Events

April 4th Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt around Oshkosh

Get ready to explore Oshkosh like never before! Join our scavenger hunt during Wisconsin Idea Week and complete fun missions to earn points and win prizes. Two hunts—one for adults and one for families—make it easy for everyone to play. Discover local landmarks, hidden gems, and community resources while solving challenges that spark creativity and teamwork. Download the Goose Chase app, start your adventure, and see how many missions you can complete! Prizes provided by Discover Oshkosh, while supplies last. Prizes redeemed based on points earned.

April 6th at 6:00pm: Living Well and Planning AHEAD for a Healthy Life Neenah Public Library

Join Ashley and Todd to learn how supporting your health and making plans for life's eventualities can keep you at your best as you age. Ashley will explore ways to support overall well-being as we age like staying active, eating nutritious food, and caring for your mental health. We will consider how small healthy habits can help you feel your best and stay healthy as long as possible. Todd will discuss Planning AHEAD, an Extension program that guides participants on their health care wishes, financial changes and responsibilities as they age, legal requirements and documentation of financial and health decisions, planning for distribution of personal property, and end-of-life healthcare decisions.

Winnebago County Wisconsin Idea Week Events Continued

April 7th at 4:30 pm: Emergency Preparedness For All / Winneconne Public Library

Preparedness is more than having a go-kit—it's a mindset, or even a shift in how you approach the unexpected. When you take time to think through your options, understand the resources available to you, and map out the steps you'd take in different emergencies, you give yourself a real advantage. No matter your age, physical abilities, or financial situation, there are practical ways to become better prepared. Shelley Brown-Giebel the Emergency Preparedness Specialist for Winnebago County Public Health will walk you through some basic steps you can take to be more prepared.

April 8th at 5:30 pm: Sustainability and Healthy Living / Omro Area Community Center

Discover how gardening and healthy living work together in this down-to-earth session on sustainability and wellness. Learn how growing, harvesting, and storing your own vegetables can support long-term access to fresh, healthy food. We'll also cover simple, safe food preservation practices like proper storage and canning. This event offers practical tips to help you build a healthier lifestyle and a more resilient food system in today's chaotic world. Join us to explore small steps that make a big difference.

****April 9th from 5-8pm: Community Engagement Fair / Sunnyview Expo Center****

Join us for Exploring Connections Under the Stars! Discover local programs and resources that make our community strong. Meet experts, enjoy hands-on exhibits, and learn something new. Plus, experience a Badger Talk on stargazing with Dr. James Lattis, and step inside a portable planetarium for a cosmic adventure with Barlow Planetarium. This free event is open to everyone—come connect and celebrate under the stars!
BadgerTalk: Eyes on the Skies

6:00-7:00pm (South Wing)

Discover the wonders above! Join Dr. James Lattis, Director of UW Space Place, for an exciting talk on the current night sky. Learn how to spot constellations, bright planets, and other celestial objects, plus get tips for observing meteor showers, eclipses, and upcoming astronomical events.

5:30-7:30pm

Barlow Planetarium: On-The-Go Shows

Step inside the universe! Experience the magic of the night sky in our portable planetarium show, presented by Barlow Planetarium. Shows run every 30 minutes from 5:30-7:30 PM, and admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis. Explore constellations, planets, and cosmic wonders—all without leaving Oshkosh. Don't miss this chance to connect under the stars!

April 10th at 4:15 pm: Climate Smart Gardening, Air Quality, and Health / Oshkosh Public Library

In recent years, many of us have noticed more days when the air feels hazy or the sky looks unusually gray. These changes are becoming more common—and they affect more than just how the outdoors look. Air quality plays an important role in our daily lives, influencing how we breathe, how we feel, and how active we can be. Understanding what affects air quality helps families make informed choices to stay healthy on days when conditions aren't ideal.

To register for any of the above events, visit:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-idea-week-2026/>

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