

WINNEBAGO COUNTY



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**Winnebago County Fair
 July 29th–August 2nd
 See enclosed fair booklet!**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 3rd: OFFICE CLOSED
- 6th: Dresser Drawer Planters 9AM (Registration Required)
- 8th: Flower Pounding 9AM (Registration Required)
- 8th: Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30PM @ JPCC
- 13th: Summer Sensory Days: Water, Water Everywhere 9-10AM (Full)
- 16th: Cloverbud Camp (Registration Required)
- 17th: Rooster Dreams 10AM (Registration Required)
- 17th: Basket Raffle Due @ Noon
- 18th: 4-H Dog Show @ OKC
- 21st: Leaders' Association Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 27th-Aug 2nd: Fair Week
- 27th-28th: Fair Judging
- 29th-30th: 4-H Activities 9AM-11AM & 2PM-4PM @ Expo Building



August

- 1st: Fair Activities 9-11AM @ Expo Building
- 1st: 4-H Spotlight Stage 1-4:30 @Expo Building
- 2nd: 4-H Awards 11AM @ Expo Building
- 9th: Back to School Makerspace (Registration Required)
- 12th: Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30PM @ JPCC
- 18th: Leaders' Association Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 25th: All County Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 27th: 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/4rE7pWL>



2025-2026

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual Financial Reports & Club Charter Renewal Info

Thank you for your continued dedication to Wisconsin 4-H and for the many ways you support young people through your volunteer leadership. With this in mind, I have great news to share! To help simplify the 4-H Club and Group renewal process, the **Annual Financial Report previously due in September and the Annual Charter Renewal previously due in November have now been combined into one document with only one signature!** I hope this streamlined process will make annual reporting easier and more convenient for your 4-H Club or Group.

As part of the annual process for clubs and groups, the new Annual Authorization must be completed by September 1 in order to continue using the 4-H Name and Emblem.

IMPORTANT: Annual Authorizations submitted late without prior approval may jeopardize the 4-H Club or Group charter.

To maintain authorization for a checking and/or savings account, 4-H Clubs and Groups must complete and submit the following documents:

1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Authorization
2. A copy of the bank statement ending June 30, 2026 for all accounts.

These statements help ensure that funds are being managed appropriately. A current inventory of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or more.

Federal regulations require that any funds raised in the name of 4-H remain publicly accountable and be used solely for 4-H educational purposes. In addition, all 4-H Clubs and Groups that handle funds must submit an annual summary of their financial holdings to maintain federal income tax-exempt status under the University's Group Exemption Number for 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Club Audits: Even though the club audits do not need to be turned in any longer, completing the audit is still required. **Do not skip this!** In the event of a WI 4-H audit of our county, you may need to produce these records.

Helpful Links: Audit Info: <https://bit.ly/4a5dpRh>

New Annual Authorization Info and Fillable Forms: <https://bit.ly/4vdL6sl>
Again, the September 1st deadline is of the utmost importance.

Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax-exempt status and forfeiture of all financial assets.

Please reach out to Dana with ANY questions you have regarding the Annual Financial Report.

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 putting together baskets for the **4-H Leaders' Association Annual Basket Raffle** held at the 2026 Winnebago County Fair! We need the support of **ALL 4-H Clubs** to make this year's raffle a success. 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? You can contribute individual items that go along with the Leaders' basket. The starting item is a cake/cupcake carrier so cake mixes, cupcake liners, frosting, sprinkles etc. would be great donations. Please have them to the 4-H office by July 17th, labeled with your club's name.

- 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, value of basket, and **stating the club's name**.
- NO perishable items, NO alcohol, NO tobacco products.
- Baskets ready for display must be dropped off at the Extension Office by noon on Friday, July 24 or taken to the Expo Building on Monday, July 27 by 2PM. Please drop them off in the back 4-H office area.



PLEASE NOTE: ANY BASKETS THAT ARE HEAVY, AWKWARDLY SHAPED OR FRAGILE SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF DIRECTLY TO THE EXPO BUILDING ON FRIDAY, JULY 24TH.

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/43FRpc7>

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FUNDRAISING



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.

New for 2026! We will be adding limited day special items to our menu. We are looking to add a 4-H Pizza Day and a day where we will be serving fresh cheese curds from Union Star

Dairy pending volunteer and product availability.

Sign up for your 2026 4-H Dipper Shifts!

2026 4-H Dipper Hours

Sunday, 7/26/2026 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Clean and Prep

Wednesday, 7/29/2026 - 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Thursday, 7/30/2026 - 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, 7/31/2026 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Saturday, 8/1/2026 - 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Sunday, 8/2/2026 - 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Monday, 8/3/2026 - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Clean and shutdown



Register for your Dipper Shifts at <https://tinurl.com/4-HDipper> or scan the QR Code.

Reminders

- Dipper Shifts last between 2 to 2 ½ hours
- Staffing consists of 5 Adults/Older Youth (8th Grade and higher) and up to 5 younger youth (Cloverbuds through 7th grade)
- Adult/Older Youth volunteers are expected to assist and supervise the younger volunteers during their shift
- Group shifts are allowed but this is a great opportunity to meet other youth/adults in the county
- The Dipper may close or limit the menu during times we are short staffed, so volunteers are needed for this fundraiser
- You are allowed to sign up for multiple shifts
- Shifts are flexible and able to work around other animal judging and performance commitments

Younger Youth Volunteer Roles

- Serve drinks, shakes, and malts
- Take orders on iPad and run orders to people preparing the orders
- Assist with keeping things neat inside and outside of the Dipper

Adult/Older Youth Volunteer Roles

- Supervise and assist younger youth where needed
- Handle cash and credit card orders from customers
- Operate the shake machines, griddle, and pizza oven to prepare orders
- Assist with end of day register close out

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 2026 Winnebago County Fair!

FUNDRAISING

Dipper Leadership Opportunity

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!

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



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Hello Club Leaders,

The 4-H Ambassadors are asking ALL clubs to make a club informational poster that can be hung up in the Ambassador's Fair booth. Signs should be about 2'x2'. (Hint: you can get a 28"x22" piece of tag board and cut 4" off 1 side).



Please Include:

- Your Club's name
- Where and when you meet
- Any specific areas your club specializes in (Community Service, Drama, Horse and Pony, Dairy....)
- Photos- members working on projects, hanging out, or serving the community.

Please hand in your 2'x2' club informational poster to the extension office by July 10th and Joe will get them hung up.

Thank you for helping to promote 4-H in Winnebago County!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ!

4-H Leaders Board Federation Option

The upcoming all county 4-H meeting will include an important discussion on the future structure of the county leadership and ways to strengthen engagement across all clubs. Members, volunteers, and leaders will have the opportunity to share ideas and provide feedback on transitioning from the current county 4-H Leaders Board model to a Federation-style leadership structure. This conversation is intended to explore how leadership can become more representative of the diverse clubs and members throughout the county while maintaining strong support for county-wide programs and activities.

A Federation-style leadership model would encourage each club to have a voice in county decision-making by involving one adult and one youth club and project area representatives in planning, communication, and leadership efforts. This approach has the potential to increase participation, foster collaboration among clubs, and create more opportunities for youth and adult volunteers to become involved in county-level initiatives. The meeting will focus on the benefits, challenges, and implementation considerations of this transition, with the goal of building a leadership structure that supports greater involvement, transparency, and shared ownership of the county 4-H program.

**All County 4-H Meeting
August 25th
7PM at James P. Coughlin Center**

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

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

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 (off of main st in Neenah) to organize our group. The parade starts at 9PM.

Winneconne Sovereign State Days Parade: July 18TH. We will meet at the parade line up by the elementary school at 9AM. Parade starts at 10 AM.

Next Ambassador Meeting: July 12th at 6PM at Joe Kuehnl's home (6767 Cty Rd T Oshkosh)

RECORD BOOKS

Have you started your 2025-2026 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 OUR NEW RECORD BOOK PAGES!

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

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Newcomers 4-H

May 3rd

The May meeting started at 5:26pm at the Preston's house.

Weston Morse led in the pledges. For old business, we talked about the May day baskets.

For new business, we talked about restraining the playset at the Rushford Town Hall on Sunday, May 31st, a possible farm or cheese factory tour for our June meeting, and club t-shirts which will be heather grey with the clover on the front and Newcomers 4-H on the back. This year we are also going to be offering sweatshirts and long sleeve shirts for our club. For May birthdays we had Weston Morse and Kolton Ritz. Ava Preston made a motion to end the meeting and Lilly Woods seconded it. The meeting ended at 5:57pm. Before the meeting with got to play some games.



Thank you,
Macy Morse

Newcomers 4-H

June 8th

The June meeting started at 9:57am at Willow Creek Creamery. Weston Morse led in the pledges. For old business, we talked about staining the playset at the Rushford Town Hall and club t-shirts. For new business, we talked about fair entries, club t-shirt money due date, and fair pass money due date. Weston Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Eli Kafer seconded it. The meeting ended at 10:06am. Before the meeting we got the chance to tour Willow Creek and taste four different types of cheeses: cheese curds, extra sharp white cheddar, curds in a cloud, and chocolate fudge. The tour was a lot of fun and we all learned a lot!

Thank you,
Macy Morse

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Poygan Go Getters

The June 14th meeting was called to order at 4:01PM by Hannah. Pledges were led by Brielle and Amelia. Devyn gave the secretaries report and Savanna gave the treasurers report. We had two birthdays; Amelia and Katelyn. The fair registration deadline is June 22nd, so make sure to get your entries in! Fair wristbands will be given out at the July meeting, and money for fair fees will be collected. There will also be a drawing for 10 ride passes for members who volunteered this year. There is no August meeting, but we will have a potluck at fair. Horse & Pony has a saddle fitting clinic on the 16th, and a meeting on the 22nd. Horse declaration forms and Premise ID's are due at this meeting. Savanna made a motion to give 250\$ for board decorations, and Devyn seconded. The goat project requested 150\$ for decorations; Johanna motioned and Rosalie seconded it. We are still collecting shoes until the end of June, we currently have 600 pairs collected! Lilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brielle seconded. After the meeting, Dr. Amy Ryckmann spoke about farm animals and common misconceptions. She talked about the differences between horses and cattle, dogs and cats, chickens and birds, and sheep and goats. She also spoke about the common misconceptions pet owners have about their animals. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th and 4PM.

Ridgeway Birthday Bags

Hello! Thank you for allowing us to help stock shelves today.

We were thrilled to provide 173 birthday bags to the food pantry weighing in at 444 pounds donated! We are thankful to our corporate sponsors- Meijer, Costco, Woodman's and Fleet Farm for helping make this donation possible.

Jenny Numrich
Ridgeway 4H Club



CLUB HAPPENINGS



4-H Friends

The June 7th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3:07pm at Ewald Farm. 23 member and 14 parents were present. The secretary's report was read and approved by Grace C. and seconded by Faith. The family banquet will be October 3rd at Rolling Thunder Lanes. Make sure to sign up for fair projects ASAP. Fair wristband orders are also due at the meeting today. We reminded the club to sign up to work at the Dipper this year at the fair. Lastly remember to bring raffle basket items to next month's meeting. Chloe had a demonstration where she showed her Jersey cow named GG. Chloe shows her at the fair for showmanship and Jersey breed. She walks her around once or twice a week in a halter. She also explained that show halters have chains, unlike the every day rope ones. Chloe also makes sure to brush and wash GG. Hailey also had a demonstration and she showed her sunflower air shire breed. Hailey has taken her to the county and state fair. Something that she does when she is showing her is pull on its head/neck to stretch out the extra folded skin on the neck. Hailey also took us over to her one and a half year old market steer named Hank. Hank is around 1,000lbs. Hailey leaves his hand long and blow dries it to make it stand up fluffy when she shows him. Our club also started making our fair billboard. Members painted rolling hills and a path in the center. And in big letters "Country Roads Take Me Home" as well as the date of the fair and our clubs name. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Max and seconded by Sam. The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm. Next month's meeting will be July 12th at 2pm at the Clayton's farm for a potluck.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Meeting Minutes White Cedars Secretary's Report Monday, May 11, 2026

Meeting was held at Butte Des Morts Lions Club

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Gabby

Pledges- were led by Kate Clover.

Roll Call- 14 members present, 20 Adults present.

Any new members or guests?

Vice President Lexi, read the county highlights from the June/July Newsletter. Some highlights included: On May 28th there is a Fair board meeting, May 24th is I Love My Cat/Dog, Sign up for 4H Dipper Shifts.

Secretary's Report is posted on White Cedars Google Drive.

Motion to approve the Secretary and Treasurer's Report and posting of them on Google Classroom was made by Courtney Clover and seconded by Sullivan 14 votes approving the report, 0 nays.

Icebreaker: The Rec Leaders did: Clothes Pin Tag

Cloverbud project: The Westphal's prepared a Cloverbud project of germinating bean seeds by putting the seeds in a wet cotton ball.

Demonstration: Kate Clover: Not here Courtney Clover: Girls On The Run Zoe Skadah! Horse Bowl and Hippology Cody Skadah! Land Rover Lego Set

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CLUB HAPPENINGS

Old/New Business

- **Foods & Nutrition/Candy Making (Chelsy/Jenni)** - None
- **Mechanical Sciences/STEM (Jerry)** - None
- **Workforce Readiness (Chelsy)** - None
- **Sewing/Consumer Savvy (Jenni)** - Open to register for the clothing review and summer sewing camp and you can sign up to make a tote or quilt and to hem your own clothing. Anyone who had started a quilt top and still need to finish before the fair, touch base with me (Anna and the Turba family)
- **Woodworking (Mark)** - None
- **Outdoor Recreation/Adventures (Mark/Jenni)** - RSVP for June 14th to learn about rockets and make/launch one of your own that you create. Also, everyone needs to complete the signup for Kayaking, so I can lock in our reservations (remember youth are paid for by the club, and adults will pay their way).
- **Any updates on our animal projects:**
- **Dogs** - Next meeting is at the Kennel Club this Thursday.
- **Goats/Sheep** - None
- **Beef** - None
- **Horse and Pony** - Clinic dates May 21st and June 8th and 16th, the Autism Ride is July 25th
- **Poultry/Rabbits** - This year at the fair, poultry and rabbits will be moved to Barn E, next to the Grand Stands

Other Business

- **Famous White Cedars:** Hazel - 1st place in three events in her track meet Caleb - Had his Spring Concert on Thursday Gabby and Kat: Got their graduation chords for NHS
- **Birthday Bin:** We will pick January, February, March, April and May birthdays from the birthday bin
- Motion to approve the club paying for the main dish for the Alumni Picnic was made by Emma Cegelski and seconded by Teagan Hopp 14 votes approving the report, 0 nays.

Reminders for Next Meeting

- **Next meeting will be: 6/8/26 - at 5:30pm at the Butte Des Morts Lions Club**
- **PET YOUR PET!** - members can bring a pet, dress appropriately as this will be outside in the park pavilion
- **Pledges** - will be done by Daniel & Justin Turba
- **Cloverbud Project** skip this month
- **Educational Demos:** Lyndsay & Kaitlyn Turba
- **Snacks** by the Westphal and **drinks** by the Becker family.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Motioned by Sullivan and seconded by Courtney

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Rabbit Project

The Rabbit Project met for a clinic / meeting in June 8. Here are some notes from what they learned regarding rabbit showmanship:

- The tattoo should always be in the left ear and if it doesn't have one then quick sharpie one in.
- If your bunny is being difficult, while flipped over, blow in their face to reset them.
- A rabbit's front teeth should overlap their bottom.
- For showing, older kids should memorize the definitions.
- For showing, even if you have a buck, still say what you'd be checking for if you have a dough.
- Don't say "nice" when saying your comments on the rabbit.
- Make sure to say thank you for your time to the judge.
- At the end ask, do you have any questions?
- The judge may ask where parts are on your rabbit or how you take care of it if you're older.
- When you leave the table, make sure to have the rabbit's head tucked just as you entered with it.
- You should have a white button up shirt for showmanship.
- The smaller cage is about 2 x 2 ft

Interstate

It's traveling time for us. Boys will be traveling to Montana end of June. Girls will be traveling to Missouri in July. Look for our educational booth showing the activities we are doing.

Anyone interested in joining 4-H Interstate Exchange will be able to starting in September. Meeting is to be determined.

Fundraisers coming up:

September 27th-28th WIHA horse show in the dipper.

February 27th-28th, 2027 Echoes of the Past, in the Expo

Huge thank you going to our graduates and their families!!!! You all will be missed!

- Emma Cegielski parents: Jerry and Chelsy
- Gabby Hostettler parents: Jenni and Mark
- Grace Dobson parents: Erica and Dave

Also a thank you to Max Thiemke (parents: Steve and Jackie) who will not be able to join us for another 2 year cycle due to graduating next year.

If anyone has questions, please let me know
email: yewald11@gmail.com or cell phone: 920-379-1710.

Victoria Ewald

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports families,
Thank you to everyone for another fun year of archery! I hope everyone had a great time during the sessions. If you would like additional help with your child's bow, shooting, or have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to reach out to me either by email or my cell 215-410-4404.



Now that we haven't needed our 4H targets in a few years, we would like to offer them up to 4H kids 1st at a cost of \$40 each. The targets are 2' 11" wide x 3' tall x 1' deep. They currently have cardboard in them, but if you have foam pieces you could also make your own DIY target. They are a nice target and do have wheels for ease of moving around. To make them tighter or to add material to them all you need is a wrench to adjust the tension. I attached pictures of the targets. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing any.

Here is the link to the WI shooting sports competition page. Winnebago County can only compete in archery since we did not have firearms instruction. If you need help filling out the sheet let me know.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>

*Our Facebook page is called 4H shooting sports wi-winco and here is the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Du893yiG9/>

If you are interested in volunteering please let me know. We would love to get the .22 program up and running again, but we need

helpers. We are also still looking for Archery helpers. You don't have to be an expert or need to be at every session.

Thanks,
Melissa Walker

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Youth Shine at 2026 Winnebago County 4-H Clothing Revue

The annual Winnebago County 4-H Clothing Revue was held Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at the James P. Coughlin Center in Oshkosh. Seven 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 Revue 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. Chris Kniep served as judge. All participants received a clothing and textiles pin and judging feedback to recognize their strengths and identify areas for growth.



Award Winners (L to R): Golden Thread Beginner: Auggie Wurzbach, **Golden Thread Advanced & Best in Show Thrifty Threads:** Gabby Hostettler, **Best in Show Sewing:** Lizzy Parker, **Golden Thread Intermediate:** Teagan Hopp

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 29 to August 2, 2026. A special *4-H Fashion Show* will be held Wednesday, July 29 at 4:00 pm. inside the Expo Building, carpeted area. **See you at the fair!**

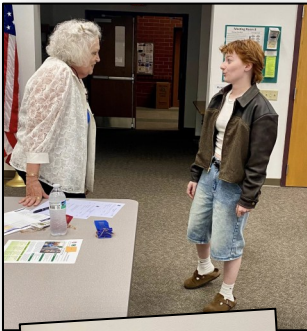


Sewing Participants (L to R): Auggie Wurzbach, Anna Westphal, Zoe Skadah, Gabby Hostettler, Lizzy Parker, Lucy Wurzbach, Teagan Hopp



Thrifty Threads Participants (L to R): Auggie Wurzbach, Gabby Hostettler, Lizzy Parker, Lucy Wurzbach, Teagan Hopp

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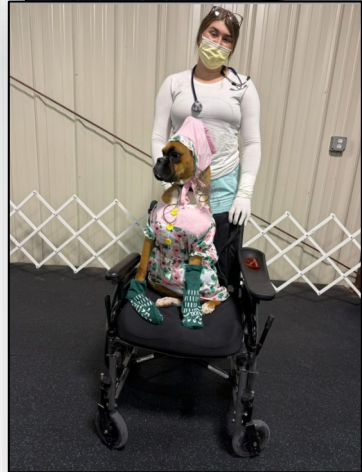


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Dog Project Costume Contest



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Summer Sewing Camp



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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!



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 3RD 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

BACK TO SCHOOL MAKERSPACE

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

August 9th
9AM

\$10/Youth

Deadline to Register
August 2nd at:
<https://bit.ly/47Z5kqr>

Participants will design back to school accessories such as:

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



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 1st from 1-4 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 17TH!

<https://bit.ly/4eh81fg>

4-H AT THE COUNTY FAIR

2026 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 2nd 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 3rd at Rolling Thunder Bowling Alley in Neenah.**

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

**All County 4-H Meeting
August 25th
7PM at James P. Coughlin Center**

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

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: 2024-2025 or 2025-2026

How to Apply: County winners can apply by submitting the following materials by **August 3** 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-H Online 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 3



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: o 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

Rent Smart: Building Skills for a Successful Renting Experience

Renting a home can feel overwhelming, especially if you are new to the process or have faced challenges in the past. Extension offers [Rent Smart](#), a free tenant education series designed to help you gain the knowledge and skills needed for a successful renting experience.



Rent Smart focuses on helping participants understand both the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords. The program covers practical topics such as how to find housing, what landlords look for during the application and screening process, and how to communicate effectively with property owners and neighbors. These skills can help you feel more confident as you search for and maintain housing.

This series is especially helpful for individuals with little to no rental experience or those who have had difficulty securing housing. Participants will learn how to build strong rental histories, create positive relationships with landlords, and better understand lease agreements and housing expectations.

All Rent Smart classes are offered online through Zoom, making it easy to participate from home. There is no cost to attend, and all community members are welcome.

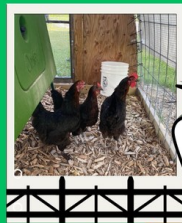
Upcoming Class Dates:

- August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20; 11:00–12:00 PM
- September 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25; 9:00–10:00 AM
- October 10, 17, 24; 9:00–11:30 AM
- November 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18; 7:00–8:00 PM
- December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17; 1:00–2:00 PM

Ready to get started? Register:

Rent Smart offers practical, easy-to-understand information to help you feel prepared and confident in your housing journey

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
SUMMER COWORKERS!**



We can't wait to meet everyone and scratch up some fun together!



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Growing Community Through the Grow A Row Program

Gardening is more than growing food. It is a way to care for neighbors, build community resilience, and create opportunities for people to connect through a shared purpose. Whether you are an experienced gardener or just getting started, there are ways to get involved and make a difference.

One opportunity is the [Grow A Row Program](#) through the [St. Joseph Food Program](#). The idea is simple: if you have extra space in your garden, consider growing a little extra food to share with your local pantry. Even a few tomato plants, herbs, beans, peppers, or cucumbers can help support families in our community.

If your garden produces more than you can use, donating the surplus is an easy way to give back. These contributions help increase access to fresh, nutritious foods for neighbors experiencing food insecurity, while also strengthening local connections.

Small actions can have a big impact. A single row in your garden can help support a more resilient local food system and bring people together around a shared goal of helping others.

Learn more and find details about how to participate:
<https://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org/programs#row>



The poster features a light blue background with a large green apple outline on the right side. Inside the apple, the text reads "Grow A Row ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM". Below the apple, there are illustrations of three carrot plants growing in soil, with a shovel nearby. On the left, there is a small illustration of a tomato plant with red tomatoes. A large green speech bubble on the left contains the text "Grow extra produce for St. Joseph Food Program clients!". In the top right, the address "1465A Opportunity Way Menasha, WI 54952" and phone number "(920) 734-9461" are listed, along with the website "www.stjoesfoodprogram.org" and a QR code.

Grow extra produce for St. Joseph Food Program clients!

**1465A Opportunity Way
Menasha, WI 54952
(920) 734-9461
www.stjoesfoodprogram.org**

Donation Hours
(Enter from Compassion Way)

Monday, Wednesday Friday	7:30am - Noon
Monday Evening	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday	7:30am - 1:00pm

**Grow A Row
ST. JOSEPH
FOOD PROGRAM**

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Share Your Perspective on Soybean Research and Stewardship

Farmers, agronomists, crop consultants, industry representatives, researchers, educators, and other agricultural stakeholders are invited to [participate in a short survey](#) focused on mesotrione use in emerging HPPD-tolerant soybean systems.

This survey is designed to gather input on anticipated use patterns, perspectives, and stewardship considerations. The information collected will help inform future research and Extension education efforts, supporting informed decision-making as this technology moves toward potential use.

By participating, stakeholders can help identify both opportunities and challenges early, contributing to the development of practical guidance and responsible use strategies. Your feedback will play an important role in shaping how this technology is understood and supported in the agricultural community.

To learn more about the survey and its purpose, visit:

<https://badgercropnetwork.com/stakeholder-perceptions-of-mesotrione-use-and-stewardship-in-vyconic-soybean-technology/>

To complete the survey, go to:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePufbOr7F1jeTT8

Your participation helps support research, education, and stewardship efforts that benefit Wisconsin agriculture and beyond.



You're invited to design a postcard for the **You Matter Mail Project!**

POSTCARD CONTEST

All Artists Are Welcome

Art should work well in a postcard format (4" x 6" size limit) and include themes of hope, encouragement, and positivity.

You Matter Mail Project

Winning designs will be printed and mailed around the county to spread kindness through an anonymous message exchange.

Original Designs Only

Please keep designs appropriate for a general audience. Avoid logos, business promotions, and political or religious messaging.

All entries are due by August 31, 2026.

Enter via Email, in Person or via Mail
katie.jaegly@wisc.edu

Learn more: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/you-matter-mail-project/>

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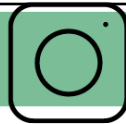
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