

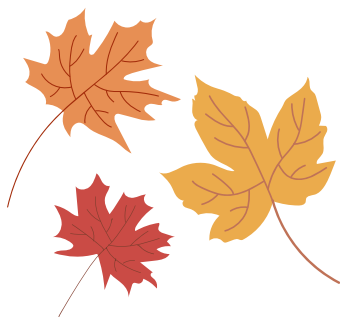


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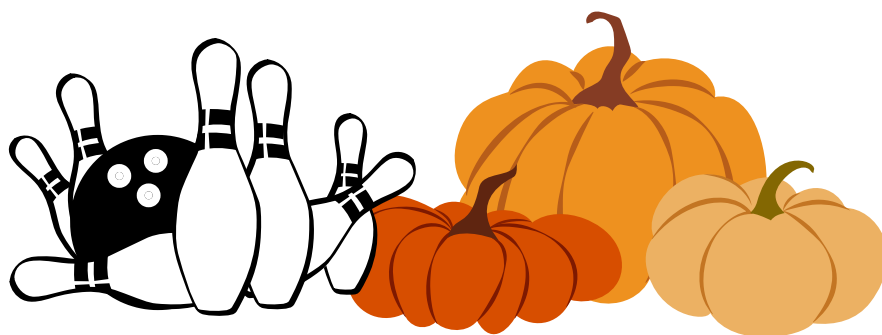
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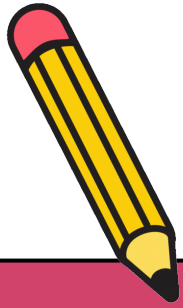
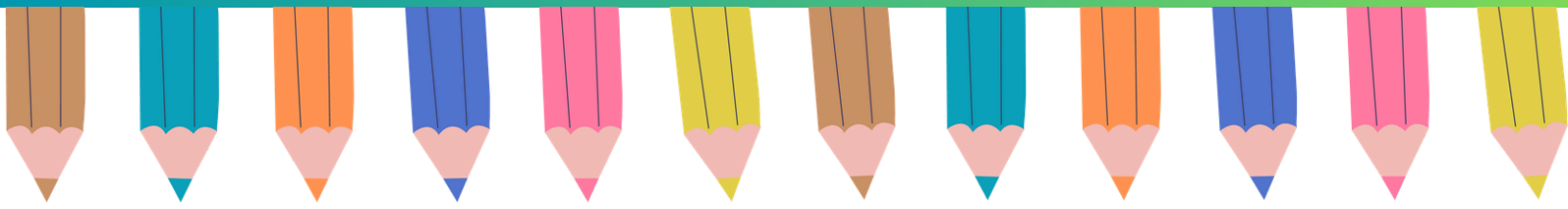


Fall Family Banquet
October 3, 2026
See page. 15



A printable PDF version of this newsletter is available at:

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



September



	Calendar of Events
3rd	4-H Enrollment Opens
5th	Crochet Class: BEGINNING CROCHET - SQUARE- 9 am-12pm @ JPCC
7th	Labor Day- OFFICE CLOSED
9th:	Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ JPCC
15th:	Leaders Association 7:00 pm @ JPCC
20th:	Ambassador's Meeting 6:00 pm @ Joe Kuehn's House
24th:	Fair Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ JPCC
26th:	Crochet Class: BEGINNING CROCHET - ROUND- 9 am- 12 pm @ JPCC
28th:	H&PP Meeting 7:00PM @JPCC

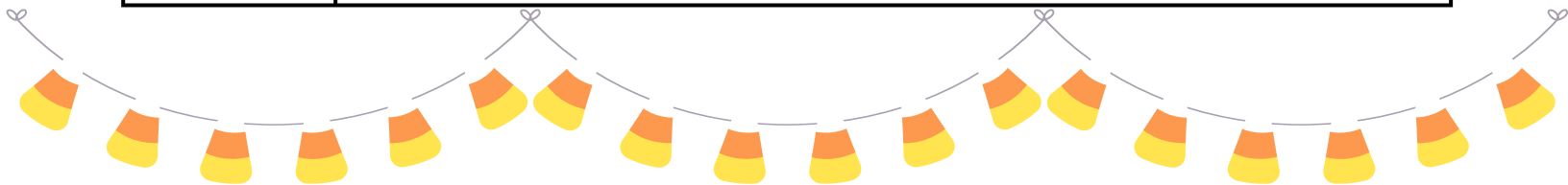




OCTOBER



	Calendar of Events
3rd:	4-H Fall Family Banquet (see registration info)
10th:	Crochet Class: 8 Legged Friends- 9 am- 12pm
14th:	Meat Animal Board 7:30 pm @ JPCC
20th:	Leaders' Board Meeting 7:00 pm @JPCC
22nd:	Fair Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ JPCC
25th:	4-H Halloween Skating Party
26th:	H & PP Meeting 7:00 pm @ JPCC Pizza Count Night





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

Hello 4-H Families,

After many rewarding years serving as the Winnebago County 4-H Program Educator, the time has come for me to begin a new chapter and retire from my role with the 4-H program.

As I reflect on my career, I am filled with gratitude for the many volunteers who have dedicated their time, talents, and hearts to supporting our 4-H youth. Your commitment has made an incredible difference in the lives of young people throughout our county. Thank you for the countless hours you have given and for the positive impact you continue to make in our communities.

I have been fortunate to be part of many meaningful projects and experiences over the years. Some of my favorite accomplishments include helping bring the ChickQuest program to Winnebago County, collaborating with my Extension colleagues to design and build the Outdoor Learning Center gardens and chicken run, teaching AgBadging workshops to 4-H youth, and redesigning the 4-H Record Book pages to encourage our youth to reflect on their 4-H journey and accomplishments. Seeing youth learn, grow, and gain confidence through these opportunities has been one of the greatest joys of my career.

I will miss many of the youth and families whose lives have touched mine over the years. Watching young people develop skills, leadership, responsibility, and a love for learning has been both inspiring and rewarding.

While it is difficult to say goodbye, I am excited for what lies ahead. I look forward to spending more time with my family and pursuing my small crocheting, sewing, and crafting business. This next chapter will bring new adventures, creativity, and opportunities to enjoy the things I love.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your 4-H journey. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the Winnebago County 4-H community. I wish you all continued success, growth, and wonderful memories in the years ahead.

With sincere appreciation,

Dana Berger
Retiring Winnebago County 4-H Program Educator



Basket Raffle 2026 Updates

This year's Basket Raffle was AMAZING! We raised \$11,701! Our highest earnings ever!

The raffle committee wants to say "Thank you!" to

- all the clubs and projects that put together such awesome baskets.
- the volunteers who helped with set-up, selling tickets, all the different roles needed to draw the winners, the handling the winners claiming their baskets and counting the tickets from each bucket. (We have to count each bucket and keep them for a year.)
- to Arianna and Dana who hauled the unclaimed baskets to the 4-H office.
- to Ashley for reaching out to the winners of the unclaimed baskets.
- To Sarah T. for printing the raffle tickets at the Extension office

We could not make this event happen or be so successful without all of you who helped!

Clubs and Projects if you would like to know how many tickets your basket/s earned see the attachment.

A special "Thank you!" to Kay Letteau who has lead this event for many years and helped make it a success!



Tickets Earned #s 2026!!

#	Basket	Donated by:	# of Tickets
5	Mystery Box	County Line 4-H	605
6	Support Local & Treat Yourself	Winchester 4-H	154
9	4-H Sewing Camp	4-H Sewing Camp	101
13	Crochet Your Heart Out	Winnebago Co. 4-H Fiber Arts	178
14	Animal Groomer	Golden Oak 4-H	411
17	I Love Baking	Newcomers	63
18	Squisy & Sensory Fun Basket	Farming Friends	1490
20	Dog Lovers Gift Basket	4-H Dog Project	310

22	Spa Basket	Lakeshore	546
23	Summer Blues	Poygan Go-Getters	817
24	Road Trip Ready	Westward	293
25	Let's Go Camping	Plain VU	350
26	Camping	Golden Oak	407

27	Fishing Outdoor Time	Golden Oak	490
34	Shop Local, Eat Local & Play Local	Winchester	203
35	Chromebook	Kountry Kids	557
40	Gift Cards	White Cedars	806
43	Brewed to Read	Zion 3-C	204
45	WI Home Sweet Home	4-H Friends	109
50	Movie Night	Ridgeway 4-H	232

PIZZA MAKING

Fall will be here soon and it will be time again to think about pizza making!

Set up will be Friday, Nov 6th from 3-6pm.

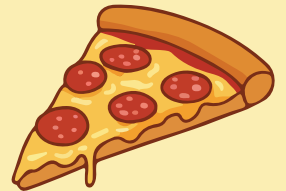
Pizza making will be on Saturday, Nov 7th.

Pizza Count night October 26th 6-7PM at JPCC

Our spring sales were lighter than what we had hoped but we saw a few youth really going above and beyond. This fall we will be offering another opportunity for our 3 top selling youth to make their own pizzas from start to finish! Will it be a classic cheese pizza or loaded with fresh garden veggies, sardines and licorice?

Our base goal is to have every 4H youth member sells 5 pizzas each.

Get those dates on your calendar!
Many hands make light work!



Download pizza form here:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/leaders/fundraising/pizza/>

SIGN UP LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4IVBUVO](https://bit.ly/4ivbuvo)

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

The AMBASSADOR TEAM is made up of youth in grades 6 and up.

They work together to:

- Plan Events such as 4-H Fun Day
- Build and decorate a float for summer & holiday 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 Ambassadors Meeting

When: Sept 20th

Time: 6PM

Place: Joe's House
6767 Cty Rd T Oshkosh

Anyone 6th grade and up welcome.

Note from the Treasurer

Recently the Leaders' Board has been receiving several checks written out incorrectly. This is a reminder that when writing a check out for the Leaders' Association to please write it out to:

Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association

Thank you!



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](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**



4-H LEADERS BOARD FEDERATION OPTION

IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ!

4-H Leaders Board Federation Option

At the last All County 4-H Meeting we had an important discussion on the future structure of the county leadership and ways to strengthen engagement across all clubs.

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.

Please refer to the presentation slides found here:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/files/2026/08/4-H-County-Leadership-Model-Proposal.pdf> and provide your feedback to Herb Numrich herb.numrich@numrichacademy.org

This topic will be voted on at the January All County 4-H Meeting.



UW-MADISON EXTENSION





4-H Volunteer Re-enrollment

PLEASE READ!



Enrollment Opens:
September 3rd, 2026

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>



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.



RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

- Volunteer Enrollment Closes **November 1st 2026**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Youth 4-H Re-enrollment



Link: v2.4honline.com



Enrollment Opens:
September 3rd, 2026

Forgot Password?
Click reset password and
follow on screen prompts.



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Choose Project Categories

- View the 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



RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

- Re-enrollment closes **November 1st, 2026**
- Project changes should be completed no later than **January 31st, 2027**

2026–2027 4–H Project List

Expressive Arts

- Art Appreciation
- Computer Graphic Design
- Creative Writing
- Fiber & Textile Arts
- Folk Arts & Crafts
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Upcycling
- Videography
- Visual Arts

Leadership & Community

- Civic Engagement
- Cloverbuds
- Cloverbud Youth Leader
- Communications
- Community Service
- Exploring
- Global & Cultural Education
- History & Heritage
- Intergenerational
- Leadership
- Workforce Readiness

Family Home & Health

- Candy Making
- Child Development
- Consumer Savvy
- Entrepreneurship
- Food Decorating
- Food Preservation
- Foods & Nutrition
- Health
- Home Environment
- Personal Finance
- Sewing
- Sports & Fitness

Ag & Animal Science

- Beef
- Cats
- Cavies
- Dairy
- Dogs
- Exotic Animals
- Goats
- Horse
- Llamas / Alpacas
- Pocket Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

Plant & Soil Science

- Crops
- Horticulture & Gardening
- Indoor Plants
- Landscaping & Design
- Plant Crafts
- Soil Science

Environmental/ Outdoor Ed

- Astronomy
- Birds
- Conservation
- Entomology (insects)
- Geology
- Maple Syrup
- Outdoor Recreation
- Safety
- Shooting Sports
- Taxidermy
- Wildflowers
- Wildlife & Habitat

STEM

- Aerospace
- Coding & Computer Science
- Energy & Electricity
- GPS & Mapping
- LEGO
- Mechanical Sciences
- Model Building
- Robotics
- Welding
- Woodworking

Self Determined

Available in all categories

Important Dates

New families are
welcome to join at
any time.

Project Choice

Deadline:

1/31/2027

Enroll at:

<https://v2.4honline.com>



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

FALL FAMILY BANQUET



Winnebago County 4-H FALL Family Banquet



OCTOBER 3, 2026

Rolling Thunder Lanes
934 Byrd Ave, Neenah

COST:
\$8.00
per person

**(INCLUDES MEAL
& BOWLING)**



To make your reservations,
please complete the form at:
<https://bit.ly/4zU6vd0>



OR
call in at 920.232.1974



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

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



6:00PM: Check in



6:30PM: Pizza Buffet!



7:15PM: Awards and Election
Interstate Exchange
Auction Winners Announced



8PM-10PM: Bowling

*Come and Celebrate Our
4-H Accomplishments!*



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.



CLICK HERE



4-H YOUTH & ADULT AWARDS



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

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 3rd. Keep an eye out for emails for more info!

4-H YOUTH & ADULT AWARDS

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/>



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

YOUTH EXPERIENCES



Mari Oeftger- Drama Company

Hello my name is Mari Oeftger and I have been going to a Drama Company for a total of four years. Within all of those four years it keeps getting better and better. I love getting to see old friends and making new ones. Plus I love the process of making our Drama Company show. For anyone who doesn't know what Drama Company is, it is where the company makes and performs a show in a week. We get to stay on UW Madison campus and eat in dining halls, while also putting together a wonderful 45-60 minute show. Everyone adds in their different performing arts, such as dance, music and acting. In Drama Company, no idea is a bad idea. This year we incorporated juggling and Color Guard to our show. Yet, shows need the people in the background as well. If you have an interest in the crew side of the show you too are welcome. One part of the drama company that gets overlooked is the leadership side. At the end of the day we leave with a great show and brand new leadership skills we learn throughout the week. So if you're thinking about doing Drama Company do it! You won't regret it.

Madison Oeftger- Drama Company

This year, I was involved in Drama Company 2026. This is my 5th and final year of being a part of the Arts Ambassadors Drama Company. I mention Arts Ambassadors because Drama Company is a branch of Arts Ambassadors along with the Arts Team. The Arts Ambassadors are 4-Hers from all around Wisconsin who get together in mid-June on the UW-Madison campus to come do arts for a week. Arts Team comes up with an Art show while Drama Company comes up and creates their own show. The show this year was about camp cooks and their quests in life. Not to mention, there was an inspection that was making the cooks go crazy, only for them to realize that it was for another camp. I was a Camp Counselor in the show along with other roles here and there. One of my favorite parts this year was we had a Colorguard piece. I got to participate in that and try out some Colorguard. I can come up with many wonderful things to say about Drama Company and what it has done in my life. Here are a few. The adults are my favorite. I love how they are willing to support 4-Hers in any way possible. The creation of the show is different every year but it is unique to that year especially. I can't wait to see what is ahead for Drama Company in the future. Even though I can't be a part of it, I am excited to see what lies on the other side as an alumni. If you love theater and creating, maybe think of doing Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company. The grade levels are 9th-13th year. I would love to see you there representing Winnebago County.

YOUTH EXPERIENCES

Representing Wisconsin at the National 4-H Conference- Evan Numrich

This spring, I had the incredible opportunity to represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. Along with delegates from across the country and U.S. territories, I spent a week developing leadership skills, discussing national issues, and working with federal agencies to create recommendations for the future.

I was assigned to National Park Service Roundtable 12, where our challenge question was: "In a world where people are connected to both the natural and digital environment, how do we get people from all generations to engage with parks virtually and in person, and how can we use technology to help inform people about what parks represent?"

Throughout the week, my roundtable collaborated with National Park Service staff to explore innovative ways to connect people with America's national parks. We discussed ideas such as marketing parks as experiences, expanding National Park Week, creating strategic partnerships, improving the National Park Service mobile app, strengthening community programs, and increasing off-site engagement through technology. Our group worked together to develop recommendations that balanced modern technology with preserving the unique experiences that national parks provide.

One of the highlights of the conference was presenting our recommendations directly to National Park Service representatives. It was inspiring to see that youth voices are valued and can contribute to real conversations about the future of our nation's public lands.

Outside of our roundtable sessions, I had the opportunity to explore many of Washington, D.C.'s historic landmarks, meet 4-H members from across the United States, and build friendships with young leaders who share a passion for making a difference in their communities. Learning about different perspectives and experiences from delegates nationwide broadened my understanding of leadership and service.

The National 4-H Conference strengthened my communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while showing me how young people can have a meaningful impact on important national issues. I am incredibly grateful to Wisconsin 4-H, the donors, volunteers, and supporters who made this experience possible. I look forward to bringing what I learned back to my local 4-H program and community while continuing to grow as a leader.



CLUB HAPPENINGS



WHITE CEDARS

Meeting Minutes White Cedars Secretary's Report Monday, July 13, 2026

Meeting was held at Omro Pool following club activity of swimming and pizza party.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Gabby

Pledges- were led by Everly, Harley, and Hazel

Roll Call- 29 members present, 18 Adults present.

Any new members or guests? No

Vice President Lexi, read the county highlights from the July/August Newsletter.

Some highlights included: Check out the new record book page at the extension office

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 and seconded by Zoe 29 votes approving the report, 0 nays.

Icebreaker: None this month

Cloverbud project: None this month

Demonstration: None this month

Motion to approve the club paying for/donating shavings for fair was made by Courtney and seconded by Nora 29 votes approving the report, 0 nays.

Project Business

Foods & Nutrition/Candy Making (Chelsy/Jenni) - None

Mechanical Sciences/STEM (Jerry) - None

Workforce Readiness (Chelsy) - None

Sewing/Consumer Savvy (Jenni) - Clothing fashion show is Wednesday, 4pm at the spotlight stage area of the fair..

WHITE CEDARS CONTINUED...



Woodworking (Mark) - See him if you have a project you need done before fair.
Outdoor Recreation/Adventures (Mark/Jenni) - August 15th - rocket launch with any club members who want to join us. We will incorporate campfire cooking with pudgie pies as well.

Any updates on our animal projects:

Dogs - Dog show is Saturday at the kennel club. Come and watch and support club members.

Goats/Sheep - Pen setup for fair is at 11:00 am on Sunday

Beef - None

Horse and Pony - Horse barn decorating for fair will be on Sunday around 1:00 or 2:00ish

Poultry/Rabbits - None

Other Business

- The August meeting will be on July 27th in the large covered horse area at the fairgrounds
- Raffle Basket progress: Done
- Money collection for fair entries, kayaking, and club shirts
- Famous White Cedars: Harper and Lexi made Highest Honors honor roll
- Birthday Bin: When we are back at the Lions Club in September

Reminders for Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be: 7/27/26 - in the horse arena at the fairgrounds after expo judging. Short meeting at 6:30pm, White Cedars apparel will be handed out, club photo and graduation cake.
- Pledges - will be done by Addi, Naveah, and Haley
- Cloverbud Project and Educational Demos skip this month
- Club will provide grad cake and drinks by ?



The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm. Motioned by Courtney and seconded by Nora

2026 SUMMER CAMP



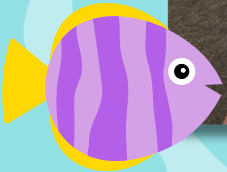
2026 SUMMER CAMP



Lake



CLOVERBUD CAMP



COUNTY FAIR

Winnnebago
FAIR



Billboard Contest Winners



1st Place: Salms



3rd: County Line



2nd: White Cedars



4th: Westward

HALLOWEEN SKATING PARTY



4-H

HALLOWEEN Roller Skating PARTY!



★ OCTOBER 25TH ★



4:30–7:30PM



SKATER'S EDGE

★ *in Appleton* ★



COSTUME CONTEST

≡ PRIZES! ≡



COST: **FREE!** ≡

(THANK YOU FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS)

PROJECT NEWS & INFO

A new season
to create
has begun! ♡

The Fiber Group is excited for
CROCHET
classes to begin!

No experience
needed for
September
classes
♡



SEPTEMBER IS BEGINNER'S MONTH!

Two classes will be offered,
please attend both, so you're ready for
all the amazing creations we'll learn
the rest of this season! 😊



Classes or
work days are
offered 1-2 times
a month

SEPTEMBER
THROUGH EARLY JUNE



Fun, friendly
community
and lots of
creativity!



From your
first stitch to
**beautiful
creations!**

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to sign up for
SEPTEMBER CLASSES! ♡



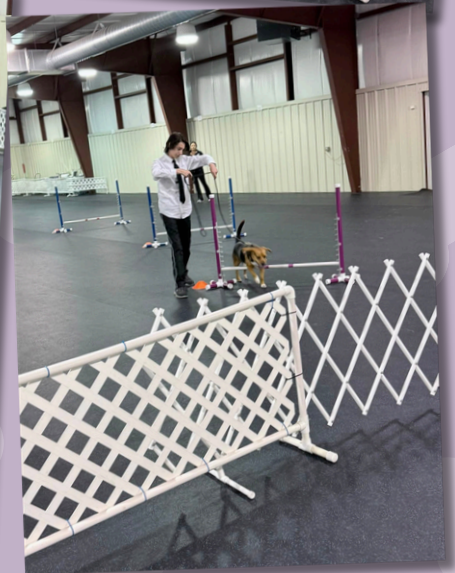
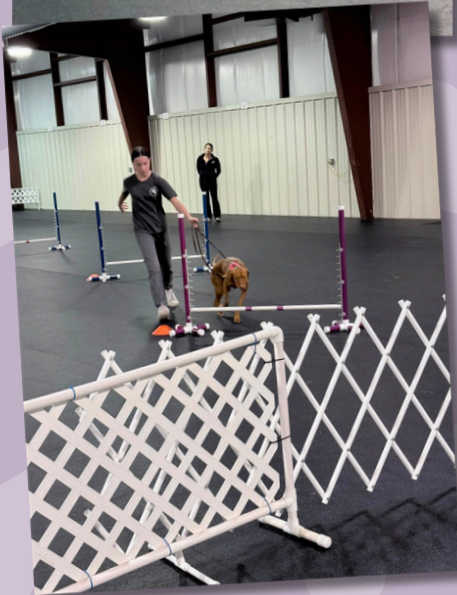
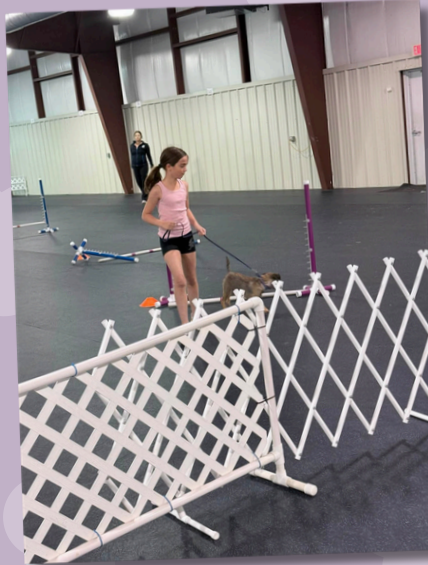
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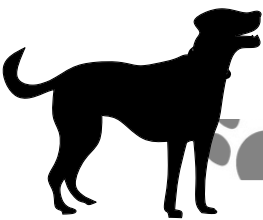
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Let's learn. Create. Connect. ♡



DOG AGILITY SHOW





PROJECT NEWS & INFO



Dog Project

July and August were busy months for the Dog Project. Our youth, volunteers and trainers diligently attended weekly training sessions beginning in March as well as worked individually with their dogs. July 18 was our annual 4H dog show when members were able to demonstrate their partnership with their dogs. All youth should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.

Sullivan Lund was awarded High in Trial for Obedience, Lexie Palecek High in Trial for Rally, and Elise Morin for Best Junior Handler.

August 20 was Winnebago County's first 4-H Agility Show. Agility was added to our dog training schedule and members for the first time were able to compete in agility. Elise Morin Earned High in Trial for Agility. Our youth did an amazing job doing the first levels of agility competing with tunnels, jumps and table and earning qualifying scores to move to higher training levels next spring.

Also in August our youth and their parents did an amazing job at our two fundraisers at Festival Foods and Pizza Ranch to fund our program and 4-H dog shows. All of our success is due to our supportive, parents, grandparents and wonderful volunteer trainers that share their time and talents.

Monthly educational meetings will begin in October until training classes resume next spring.

Dairy Project

Dairy meeting on October 18th at 2pm @ JPCC

Dairy quiz bowl team and practices

RSVP text Amy Jo Domke 920-379-3251 or email domke2892@yahoo.com



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Intro to Plain Language

Join this in-demand FREE virtual training to learn strategies for word choice, font selection, grammar use, user testing, and more that help us communicate quickly and effectively.

Registration is now open:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCQCLZzIp-FtHchrmoFad4dJRS5MnTV1pFYf_HigrHjWNRJw/viewform?pli=1

September 22 | 1 – 3 p.m.

October 6 | 10 a.m. – Noon

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Caring For Trees After A Storm

When a storm passes, cleanup often begins right away. While removing debris is important, the effects of storm damage on trees may continue long after the skies clear. Trees that have lost branches, suffered bark injuries, or experienced root damage may face challenges that are not immediately visible.

Storm-related wounds can create entry points for insects and diseases. In some cases, symptoms may not appear until months or even years after the initial damage occurred. Residents should keep a close eye on affected trees and watch for warning signs such as canopy dieback, fungal growth on the trunk or roots, trunk cracks, or dead and declining branches.

Regular monitoring is an important part of protecting the health and safety of trees following a storm. Changes in a tree's appearance or condition can indicate underlying issues that may require attention. Early detection may help prevent further decline and support informed management decisions.

When evaluating a storm-damaged tree, it is important to seek qualified advice. Certified arborists are trained to assess structural damage, determine whether a tree can be safely retained, and recommend appropriate pruning or removal when needed. Residents can locate a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture, the American Society of Consulting Arborists, or the Wisconsin Arborist Association.

For questions about tree diseases, insect problems, or general tree health concerns, the UW-Extension offers the Ask Your Gardening Question service. Winnebago County residents may also schedule a site visit with Jacob Kluza for assistance identifying tree health issues and discussing management options.

While Extension educators can assist with diagnosing diseases and insect concerns, formal hazard evaluations and structural risk assessments should be completed by a certified arborist. Taking action after storm damage and monitoring trees over time can help maintain healthy landscapes and improve safety for years to come.



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