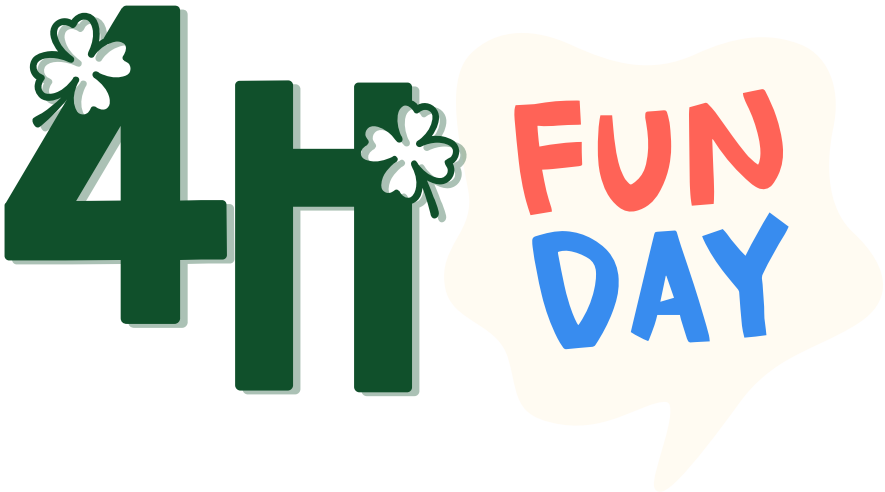
WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H

Nov-Dec 2026 Newsletter

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Save the Date!



Saturday, February 6th

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

November

	Calendar of Events
6th-8th	Fall Forum (Registration Required)
7th	Pizza Making
8th	Cloverbud Blast (Registration Required)
11th	MAB Meeting
12th	Dog Project
17th	Leaders' Board meeting
23rd:	H&PP Meeting 7:00PM @JPCC
26th & 27th	OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving





December

	Calendar of Events
9th	MAB Fair Board Meeting
10th	Fair Board Meeting @ JPCC 7PM
12th	Cookie Exchange @JPCC 1PM (Registration Required)
15th	Leaders' Board Meeting @ JPCC 7PM
24th- 25th	OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas
31st	OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's Eve







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

FUNDRAISING

Beautiful Barn Quilts
Barn quilts not only look great on the side of a barn or shed, they also look great as front porch décor! Our very own Joe Kuehnl does an amazing job of painting the barn quilts. Let Joe know what design you would like!

Sizes Offered Include:
2x2 $75
4x4 starting at $175
8x8 starting at $300

To Order Call: (920) 836-1736



NEW

New 4-H Newsletter Article Submission Form

Have news to share? We now have a new online article submission form for 4-H club leaders and volunteers.
Use the form to submit club updates, event announcements, member achievements, and other newsletter content. We hope this new process makes it quick and convenient to share what's happening in your club with the entire 4-H community!

https://forms.gle/gBJ6eF2H9JJqS2PFA



LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

The Winnebago 4-H Leaders' Association invites all of you to our next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM to answer any questions you may have about reorganizing our leadership into a federation. The board will be publishing and approving a proposed set of bylaws at the November meeting to present to the January All-County meeting for approval. To summarize:

Each club would send 1 adult and 1 youth representative
Meetings would be between 1.5 to 2 hours
Youth representatives would have a dedicated time for leadership development and ideas
Officers would be elected and set agenda of federation meeting
Committee work would meet separately and report activities to federation

More information is available in the presentation that can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/y57vav4u

Reminder: Next Board meeting will be Nov 17. Please come with questions!

Future Leaders' Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 15

NEW CLUB OFFICERS

4-H Friends
President: Aspen Beyer
VP: Anna Theimke
Secretary: Chloe Eisle
Treasurer: John Robbin's

County Line
President: Atlas Dauntes
Vice: Violet Perkins
Secretary: Violet Lane
Treasurer: Lauretta Harleman
Historian: Henry Harleman

Farming Friends
President-Sadie Neuman
Vice President-Arah Schulke
Secretary-Adrianna Sweere
Treasurer-Dakota Overton
Historian-Jolene Neuman
Alternate-Cheyenne Neuman

Interstate Exchange
President: Anna Thiemke
Vice President: Ava Larson
Secretary: Mary Ellen Marks
Treasurer: Jordan Knapp

Lakeshore
President-Abby Minch
VP-Jayden Mahlke
Sec- Lydia Weis
Treasurer-Addisyn Kasuboski
Historian/Reporter
Cashtyn Lemke,Gus Allen,Jase Stone

Newcomers
President- Vanessa Poppy
Vice President- Scarlett Poppy
Secretary- Macy Morse
Treasurer- Eli Kafer
Reporter- Allie Preston
Sargent of Arms- Mallory Tellock

Plain V-U
Westin Lloyd: Vice President
Kase Lloyd: President
Avah Walters: Secretary
Evelyn Zabel: Historian
Jack Zabel: Treasurer

Ridgeway
President & Secretary: Lilly Plungy
Treasurer: Julian Morris
Sargent-at-Arms: Margaret Morris

White Cedars
President- Lexi Palecek
Vice President - Harper Rozek
Secretary- Lanie Palecek
Treasure- Leah Hale
Vice Treasurer- Jordan Knapp
Historian - Kaylin Knapp
Ice Breaker Group - Anna Westphal, Alana Grundman & Teagan Hopp

Winchester
Marit Lettau - President
Max Kieffer - Vice President
Signe Echola-Smith - Secretary
Evelyn Scottberg- Treasurer
Lydia Melby - Historian
Lydia Jurgenson - Sgt at Arms
Lennox Bell - Alternate
Kristopher Walsh - Alternate

Fall Family Banquet Awards

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Marit Lettau- Winchester
Jackson Morton- Winchester

YOUTH CHALLENGE AWARDS
Signe Echola Smith-Winchester
Lucy Wurzbach- 4-H Friends

FRIEND IN 4-H
Herb Numrich

FRIEND OF 4-H
Tom and Patricia Cihowiak

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR
Scott Richter

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Elise Echola

LIFETIME VOLUNTEER
Andy & Nancy Irvine



Fall Family Banquet Photos



















YOUTH EXPERIENCES

Avian Quiz Bowl

On September 26th three Winnebago youth competed in an Avian Quiz Bowl at the Wisconsin International Poultry Show. Maxine Harleman, Gabriel Catteruccia and Signe Echola Smith made up a junior team for Winnebago County. They got together and studied poultry and bird facts leading up to the competition. Every year the show has over 3000 birds entered so our team was able to view many gorgeous birds bred towards the Standard of Perfection. They visited with breeders, spoke to judges, did some shopping and participated in the showmanship competition.

If you love poultry and learning new facts, consider joining our 2027 Winnebago County Avian Quiz Bowl Team. Contact Elise Echola Smith for more information. 920-359-0196



SAVE THE DATE!!

4-H Fun Day

Saturday, February 6th

Perry Tipler Middle School

We are in need of 4-H volunteers to teach sessions! If you have a special talent or a fun make-n-take project to share and teach, please fill out this form by November 30th: https://forms.gle/atgHzxEHeL6vUaWj6

CLUB HAPPENINGS

4-H FRIENDS

September Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. on September 13th 24 members were present. Four members shared their fair projects. Max shared his robot parts that got 1st. Sam showed his photography that got 2nd. Lucy showed her Pottery sandal that got 1st. and Aggie showed his pillow that also got 1st. Today we talked about the leaders board and the News and Views. We also got some new officers today. With Aspen being are new president, Anna being are new Vice president. We also got a new secretary being Chloè also a new treasurer being John and a new position this year our recreational officer Hadley. For presentations Beckett showed his clarinet. He showed us the song Hot Cross Buns and how he cleans and takes care of his clarinet and all the different parts that go into it. For our activity today we played a rock paper scissors game led by Hadley where we had to play Rock Paper Scissors and whoever lost would became part of a train behind the winner until there was one winner left. This meeting was adjourned at 3:58 and John made a motion to adjourn the meaning and Hadley seconded.

October Minutes

Today is meeting was on October 4th the meeting was called to order by Aspen are president. Today thare was 16 members and eight parents. The secretaries report was approved by Hadley and seconded by Chloe. We had are treasurer's report read by John. Motion was made by Hadley and seconded by John. Today we talked about Interstate Exchange Max and John explained what it was about. We also talked about the family banquet on October 3rd and the different Awards that people got. We play the game outside that we had to unknot ourselves while holding hands. And talked about some changes with the leaders board. We had two presentations today one by Carlisa she shared about her rainbow made of yarn and how she made it. Our second presentation was by Cooper he shared about his robot and how he made it. We talked about last meeting about our new officers and what we should expect. The meeting ended at 3:53 and next week's meeting will be at the same place and on November 1st.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

COUNTY LINE

COUNTY LINE 4-H CLUB
MEETING AGENDA
October 11th, 2026

Call meeting to order:
Welcome:
Pledge of Allegiance – 4-H pledge led by:
Secretary's Report: Minutes
Treasurer's Report: Balance
Ice Breakers/Parent Meeting
Continuing Business:
· Enrollment- Re-enrollment closes November 1stth
· County Leaders Banquet/Bowling
· National 4-H week, share what your family did
· West Virginia 4-H club letter request
· Simple Simon Fundraiser –orders due to Mrs. Pieper by Nov. 1st
· Record Books – due to Mrs. Pieper by Nov. 1st.
· Pizza orders are due online by October 24th, if in person, to Mrs. Pieper by Oct. 18th.
Current Business:
· Raffle Basket Idea: Mom's purse, Wisconsin Box, Fair Survival Kit, Gotcha Box
· Birthday Bag idea for Care Partners
· November Demo Day: Atlas & Henry, Edna & Daphne, Lauretta, Violet Lane
· 4-H Day at Wisconsin Herd, Dec. 12th, need a chairperson to follow up/info for tickets
· Club officer training meeting: November 1st, at Immanuel
· Trick or Treat Party at Care Partners: October 23rd, 5:30-7:30pm
· December Meeting Date:
· Other
Close Meeting:
Announcements:
October meeting: Potluck & Installation of officers,
Member Fair project Show & Tell, each family bring a fall centerpiece and a dish to share
October 25th, County Roller Skating party with costume contest. 4:30-7:30pm, no cost to skaters
Open to 4-H members and friends, at Skaters Edge, Appleton
November Pizza making: November 7th
November meeting: Demo Day Refreshments by: Lane Family

December12th, 12:30 4-H Day with the Wisconsin Herd basketball game.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers 4-H
October 18th, 2026

The October meeting started at 3:07pm at Petals & Plows Greenhouse. Lily Woods led in the pledges. For old business, we talked about the club calendar and new officer elections. The new officers are:

President- Vanessa Poppy
Vice President- Scarlett Poppy
Secretary- Macy Morse
Treasurer- Eli Kafer
Reporter- Allison Preston
Sargent of Arms- Mallory Tellock

For new business, we talked about the Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraisers which are due at the November Meeting, 4-H re-enrollment, and the pizza making fundraiser. For October birthdays there was Mallory Tellock, Vanessa Poppy, and Macy Morse. Our next meeting will be on November 8th at the Rushford Town Hall at 5pm. The meeting ended at 3:28. After the meeting we got the chance to go into the corn maze and look for pumpkins!

RIDGEWAY

Ridgeway 4-H Club held their October meeting on Tuesday, October 13th. All officers were absent due to school activities so Ethan Spielbauer lead the meeting. Due to limited attendance, a motion was made to defer all business to the November. The group proceeded with the scheduled program activity - paper circuits - and used card stock, velum, conductive copper tape, LED diodes, reed switches, and magnets to create greeting cards that light up when you “flip their switches.”

CLUB HAPPENINGS

POYGAN GO-GETTERS

The Poygan Go-Getters Meeting was called to order on October 11th and 4:30 PM by Ava Larson. Pledges were led by Audrey Stafford and Kennedy Black. Riley McCollion gave the treasurers report and Devyn Gietman gave the secretaries report. Kennedy Black had a birthday. Open enrollment ends on November first, and adult leader applications are due November first as well. October 25th there is a rollerskating activity open to any county 4-H members. The brat fry and petting zoo at Piggly Wiggly was on October 10th, thanks to everyone who helped out and brought animals! Pizza making is on November 7th from 7-11 AM at the expo building. The goal is 5 pizzas sold per youth. There will be a Facebook sign-up post for selling Vande Walle's candy bars soon, keep an eye out for that if interested! If you want to play ukulele during Christmas caroling, contact Dianne Kromm (krommdia@gmail.com). If you don't own a ukulele, you can rent one for free from the extension office if interested. The Horse and Pony meeting is on the 26th of October at 7 PM, we will be voting for board members.

There is a dog project meeting about emergency care this month as well. Awards were given out to Audrey Stafford (Interstate Exchange and 4-H camp), Ava Larson (Interstate Exchange, Cloverbud camp, and 4-H camp), Riley McCollion (Interstate Exchange and 4-H camp), Layla Schuster (Horse Bowl), Kennedy Black (Horse Bowl), Juliet Monnett (4-H camp), Gabe Bauers (Bronze cloverbud), and Ellen Lang (Adult leader). Congratulations to everyone who received an award! Elections were held, Ava Larson will continue as our president, Riley McCollion is our vice President, Devyn Gietman is our secretary, and Audrey Stafford is our treasurer. We do not have an activity coordinator as of right now, if interested in that role, please attend the November meeting. There will be a Thanksgiving potluck at the November meeting, keep an eye out for the sign-up on facebook. We will also be coloring placemats. Kennedy Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Audrey Stafford seconded at 5:19 PM. Members made caramel apples with toppings to eat at the beginning of the meeting. After the meeting we held a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and a donut eating contest.

The next meeting is on November 8th at 4:30 PM







HAPPY HALLOWEEN















DOG PROJECT

The Dog Project held their monthly educational meeting October 15 at the JPCC with a very informational discussion and demonstration on canine first aid. Veterinarian technician presenter, Sadie Konow, discussed putting together a first aid kit for your dog and demonstrated how to use many of the products if your dog experiences an injury. She also emphasized when it was time to take your pet to a veterinarian appointment and when urgency was necessary. Members were given supplies to start their own first aid kit.

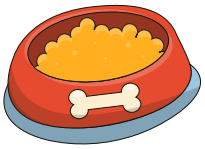
The next meeting will be November 19 at 6:30 at JPCC. Members are asked to suggest a community service project for this meeting and with approval lead the meeting.











PROJECT NEWS & INFO



December 12th
1:00-3:00PM
@JPCC

4-H Holiday Cookie Exchange, Craft & Community Service!

*Bring a non 4-H Friend to this event!

*Bring 4 dozen of one type of cookie or bar to exchange.

*Bring copies of your recipe.

Create holiday crafts & cards for Parkview Health Center Residents.

Enjoy your cookies with some hot cocoa!

Deadline to register is Dec 6th

Register: https://forms.gle/f9JE1RwfL2ATbPDh7

UW-MADISON EXTENSION



STATE NEWS & INFO



Mark your calendars for February 13, 2027 and join us for the upcoming 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest. The event will be held at the STEM Innovation Building located at the UW Green Bay Campus. Watch the WI 4-H Facebook page with more information about registration and contest details.

More information will also be available at: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/

STATE NEWS & INFO

Space Camp

Dates: April 30 – May 2, 2027

Huntsville, AL

Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp participants experience the Pathfinder Program. The Pathfinder Program is a 3 day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, such as:
A Simulated Space Mission (including roles at mission control, on the ISS, in a space shuttle, and on the surface of the moon)
A variety of Space Simulators such as the multi-axis trainer, five degrees of freedom chair, and the space shot.
Building and launching their own model rocket.
On-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience.
Learning all about space exploration and astronaut life in museum tours guided by a Space Camp expert.
A team quiz bowl where participants test their knowledge against others at the end of camp.
Those are just a few of the activities that youth will experience while at Space Camp. Every activity has an educational purpose with the goal of teaching kids all about space, STEM, and teamwork. All of these activities are done in a team with other 4-H youth and adults from across the state of Wisconsin. Speaking of 4-H, you might be wondering, why does Wisconsin 4-H go to Space Camp every year, when it's something that anyone can do by going there themselves? Well, Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is more than just Space Camp!

REGISTRATION
November 16-December 13, 2026 in 4-H Online
Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. Many counties provide scholarship funding. Check with your local county office on how to apply for scholarship funding for Space Camp.
Participants will also need to register directly with Space Camp. Instructions and followup information will be shared in mid-January.
More information here: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/

Questions about Space Camp? Feel free to contact pydadminteam@extension.wisc.edu.

STATE INFO & NEWS

AMERICAN SPIRIT
JUNE 25 – JULY 3, 2027

The 4-H American Spirit Experience is an opportunity for youth in grades 9-10 to immerse themselves in history and heritage through a 7-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada. Staff and volunteers plan and facilitate the experience, while youth participants lead content throughout. Participants will increase their knowledge of American history by visiting significant sites and gain unique exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives foundational to our nation. This program will also focus on career readiness, leadership development, and experiential learning around history and civics, with an emphasis on diversity and the challenges that different groups of people have faced. Additionally, participants will develop positive relationships with adults and peers from across the state.

Participants will:
Enhance Historical Knowledge: Participants will deepen their understanding of American history by visiting significant historical sites and learning about key events and figures.
Promote Cultural Awareness: Participants will gain exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives, fostering a greater appreciation for the diversity that shapes our nation.
Develop Leadership Skills: Through leading content and activities, participants will build and refine their leadership abilities, preparing them for future roles in their communities and careers.
Foster Career Readiness: The program will provide opportunities for participants to explore career paths and develop skills that are essential for future employment, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.
Build Positive Relationships: Participants will form meaningful connections with adults and peers from across the state, creating a supportive network and enhancing their social capital.

Locations:
Nappanee, Indiana
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
New York City, New York
Boston, Massachusetts
Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
Gloucester, Massachusetts
Salem, Massachusetts

Application & Registration
Applications will be done through 4HOnline and application dates are November 1-30, 2026. Staff will finalize participants based on the appropriate number of participants, room assignments by identified gender, space on the bus, age of participants, and date registered. You will be sent additional details after registration with more information on American Spirit and the orientation. Payment is due mid-April, 2027. Total cost is $2,700 per person.
Participants must not have attended American Spirit in the past.
2027 Application Coming November 1!

Please consult with your county educator regarding opportunities for local scholarships. Receipt of a local scholarship does not guarantee a placement on the experience and placement on the experience does not guarantee a local scholarship.

Payment is due mid-April, 2027. Total cost is $2,700 per person.
More information can be found here: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spirit-east/

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

2027 Conservation Awareness

poster contest



Contest Guidelines

- **Who:** Students in grades K5–12
- **Theme:** "From Source to Sea. Every Drop Has a Journey"
- **Create:** Posters must be hand-made using any art medium (paint, crayons, pencils, charcoal, collage, etc.) No computer-generated posters.
- **Originality:** Artwork must be the student's original concept and must not infringe on copyrighted work.
- **Include:** The theme title and a message that educates about the theme topic.
- **Size:** 12" × 18" or 14" × 22"

1st place posters advance from County to Area, State, & National levels!

FROM SOURCE TO SEA

EVERY DROP HAS A JOURNEY

INFO & ENTRY FORMS:

ENTRY DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 25
COUNTY CONTEST
DECEMBER 7

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