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## Leaders' Corner

### New Volunteer Leader Orientation

**November 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Medford Ag Service Center, 925 Donald St*

If you or anyone you know needs Volunteer Leader Orientation to become a 4-H leader, **Call or Email Laura!**

Going forward, these will be held on an as-needed basis. That said, if you are a parent and you attend club meetings, it is in your best interest to become a leader for liability reasons and for the protection of ALL of the children we work with in our programs. Making the process painless is my job!

715-748-1981 (Direct Line)  
Laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu

### **Plat Book Making: Earn money for your club!**

Assembling plat books is an easy way to earn money for your 4-H club's activities! Please call us at 715-748-3327 if a group from your club would like to make plat books. UWEX staff needs at least two business days notice so book pages can be printed if needed and the room is available.

Clubs can request reimbursement of \$3 per book made from the Federation—checks will only be written to clubs, not individuals. Voucher **MUST** be submitted immediately after you make the books, and is available at the office. It should be returned to the Federation treasurer, Wendy Rudolph, W4693 Rudolph Ln., Medford, WI 54451.

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#### **Mission of the Taylor County 4-H Program**

Taylor County 4-H Program Will Provide Many Learning Experiences Through the Cooperation and Leadership of Both the Youth Members and Adult Leaders

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### **Happy Holidays!**

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

I think at this point I've met quite a few of you. I'm starting to feel settled in, although every day I'm finding things that I don't know about and so I'm learning a lot! Thank you for being patient with me on this journey together.

One of the things I wanted to ask was that if your club is having a holiday party and you'd be willing to let me come out, I would love to try and fit it in my schedule. Shoot me an email with the date, time, and location, and I'll let you know if you should expect a visit from Agent Fuller. I might even manage to find a red suit or something festive to wear.

As I'm sure you're all aware now, Karyn left us in September, so this newsletter is a bit shorter than most, but we wanted to make sure you had all the pertinent information. That said, there are going to be some changes in the near future. We'll try to discuss them as much as possible, but know that they're coming.

I apologize this is coming out late. Hopefully in the future I will have the process more streamlined with our changes.

I hope you find lots of interesting news in this newsletter. As always, please don't hesitate to call or email if you need something!

Taylor County 4-H Agent



100 YEARS OF GROWING  
WISCONSIN LEADERS:  
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
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# Upcoming Events

## 4-H Cancellation Policy

4-H programs are automatically canceled if:

- 1) The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- 2) We are under a Winter Storm Warning.

Always remember, we're in the business of teaching youth to be safe! That includes knowing when to stay home!

If in doubt, check Facebook.

## County Events

### November:

- 27-28: THANKSGIVING (OFFICE CLOSED)
- 30: 5 pm YLO Meeting (MANDATORY for TRIP!)
- 30: 6:30 pm New Leader Orientation

### December:

- 8: 6 pm Fairboard Annual Meeting
- 24-25: Christmas (OFFICE CLOSED)
- 29-30: YLO AWARD TRIP
- 31: New Year's Eve (OFFICE CLOSED)

### January:

- 1: New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- 23: 1 pm MAQA Training
- 24: 1-4 Project Discovery Day
- 25: 5pm YLO

## Friendly Reminders



Access your 4HOnline Profile at

<http://wi.4honline.com>

### Help with 4HOnline

Did you forget your password? Need to update your contact information? Can't remember what email address you used to register? If you need any help using 4HOnline, please contact Laura at 715-748-3327 ext. 4 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., M-F. Our office staff can also help you if you would like to stop in and work through the issue.



### Address Changes

If you move, please update your address in your 4HOnline family profile or notify the UW-Extension office. We often get mail returned due to changed and incorrect addresses and the post office charges us a fee for the service with our newsletters. If you or someone in your club has not received their 4-H newsletter in the mail, contact us so we can correct our mailing list.

### Taylor County MAQA Training

January 23, 1-3 PM  
Medford High School.

Required for Market Animal Projects. Only being offered once. Taught by local FFA teachers and Taylor County Ag Agent.



### Project Discover Day:

Shooting Sports and Environmental Education

January 24, 1-4 PM, UWEX Office  
Make it Take it fun for the Outdoor Enthusiast including Archery Hip Quivers!

## Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook!

<http://www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty>

Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with the latest news, announcements and reminders.



# Final Thoughts

## Budgets

As I'm going through Club Charters and getting them loaded in the system, one of the things that stands out is that our clubs are not doing budgets.

For those of you that attended the Banquet and stayed for the training, we did some training around this. It's a topic we'll be revisiting in the future, but I thought I'd go ahead and mention some of the key points we talked about:

Money collected by a 4-H Club is PUBLIC MONEY. That means that it is subject to all of the regulations of public money, including the request for information about how it is handled from anyone under the Freedom of Information Act. The guidelines are not mine, or even Wisconsin 4-H, but are those of the IRS.



What that really means to you is this:

Every Club needs to vote on EVERY SINGLE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY. You can do this in one of two ways.

- 1) Every time you write a check, your club votes to approve the spending of the money and NOTES IT IN THE MINUTES.
- 2) Once a year, your club creates and votes on a budget. Then, so long as you stay within your budget, your treasurer can write checks for expenses without a vote. If you need to spend more than what you budgeted, then you need to vote on it and, again, put it in your minutes.

A copy of all club minutes and budgets needs to be filed at the end of the 4-H year with the county office.

If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to call me. I will be happy to come out and lead your club through creating a budget. Budgeting is a very important life skill, one that will serve youth well for their entire lives. Creating a 4-H Budget isn't hard, but it gives them practice for something they will have to do as adults.

## WERE YOU IN 4-H?

Whether you were a member, leader, volunteer, parent or friend of 4-H, we invite you to register online to receive information on our 100th anniversary, event announcements and occasional updates.



Visit us @ [www.wis4hfoundation.org](http://www.wis4hfoundation.org)

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY  
WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION

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I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

## Federation Meetings:

It is very important that we have each club represented at our Leaders Federation Meetings. This allows clubs to have a voice in what's happening in 4-H and also to take news back to their clubs. Youth or adult leaders are both welcome!

Everyone who comes to the Federation Meeting gets a vote, and each Club gets a vote during Executive Board meetings. Wouldn't it be nice if we could boast 100% Voter Turn Out? We're teaching kids about civic engagement, let's try and be more engaged in our own organization.

The next meeting is February 8th. Let's pack the house!!!

## For Your Information



### Change.

For a lot of us, Change is a dirty word. When things have been done a certain way, when it's predictable and comfortable, we like it to stay that way. Unfortunately, that isn't always possible.

The change in our office of losing a support staff is going to mean a lot of changes for the 4-H program in Taylor County. It is physically impossible for me to do everything I need to do as the 4-H Agent and everything that a support staff did. Going forward, I will have approximately five hours a week of support staff time instead of the twenty-five or so I had when Karyn was here.

One of the changes that you're going to see is fewer things mailed to you. I realize that not everyone has internet at home, and so at this time I plan to continue mailing out a newsletter. However, other mailing is going to be cut back. We will be utilizing the webpage and Facebook more. Forms will no longer be mailed, but instead put on the website. Reminders will go on Facebook, and I am going to have to ask that we all help each other get the word out to those who don't have internet. Cathy and I will do our best to help you, but they call it growing pains for a reason.

My goal is to provide the best possible youth program. If I'm going to make cuts, I would rather make them to the number of mailings and not the number of programs. I have plans for us. Big ones. I'd rather work to make memories for our youth, to give them experiences that they'll remember forever.

Please help me to do that.

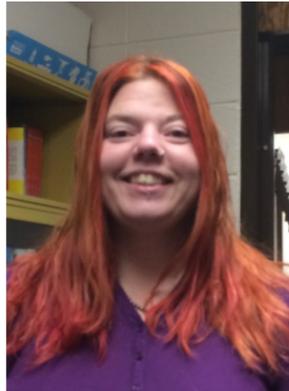
Laura



Introducing Stephanie Arnold, our new 4-H After-school Program Coordinator. Stephanie was born in Wisconsin Rapids and moved to Goodrich in 2005. Stephanie is the oldest of five children and loves working with kids and critters. In her free time, she volunteers with an animal rescue organization

She is excitedly planning lessons for the CLCs in Rib Lake, Medford, Stetsonville, and Gillman. She is also going to be helping with Cloverbud Camp, 4-H Camp, and the Fair.

She can be reached at (715) 748-3327 ext 7 or by email at stephanie.arnold@ces.uwex.edu.



## YLO UPDATES

After a wildly successful Trick or Treat for the Hungry, we had our first YLO meeting of the year on October 26th. At that time, youth voted on the destination of their trip and we selected CHICAGO.

The current plan is to leave Medford on December 29th early in the morning, arrive in Chicago just in time for lunch, spend the afternoon volunteering (at a soup kitchen if I can get it organized), then spend the evening somewhere fun. Tuesday morning we'll wake up and spend the day at a museum then eat dinner and come back to Medford getting in late on the 30th.

To be eligible, youth must be in at least 6th grade and have worked a shift at the soda stand last fair.

Going forward, they will be expected to attend YLO meetings, work in the soda stand at fair, and participate in other activities as they're organized so that they have a minimum of three community service experiences and three training experiences.

To go on the trip, youth **MUST attend the meeting on November 30th at 5pm at the UWEX Office.**

## Recognition

### Safe Travels!

Congratulations to those representing Taylor County next summer. The following youth have been selected for trips:

#### Citizenship Washington Focus:

Joshua Langteau  
Kara Rudolph

#### Leadership Washington Focus:

Jack Krause  
Kendyl Stahlbusch

#### American Spirit Experience:

Sam Krause  
Bailey Krause  
Joelle Zenner



### Wisconsin Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Held November 15, 2014

Taylor County was honored to have two of our volunteers inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame.

Mary Hoefs-Weller was inducted In Memoriam. Mary was the parent of 5 4-Hers. She served as the General Leader of Countrysiders 4-H Club starting in 2001 where she modeled the importance of generosity and community engagement. She served as Treasurer of the Leader's Federation and was involved in the Taylor County Fair where she was also the Treasurer.

Deloris Larson was inducted after 59 years of being a 4-H volunteer! Over the years, she was attended 4-H Leaders Forum in Washington D.C. served on the Taylor County Leaders Federation, and chaperoned 4-H Space Camp. She is passionate about the environment, and has received national honors for Environmental Education.

The Awards Banquet was held on November 2 at Holy Rosary. The following people were recognized for their service to 4-H in Taylor County:

#### Leader Awards:

**Bronze Clover (One Year):** Allen Bolstad, Elizabeth Kiselicka, Kirby Jensen, Denise, Kroeplin, Nancy Jensen, Sherri Wright

**Silver Clover (5 years):** Heidi Brandner, Cheri Klussendorf, Dawn Rudolph, Lanice Szomi

**Gold Clover (10 years):** Jane Laub, Deborah Miller, Jamie Johnson, Jackie Schmeiser

**Pearl Clover (15 years):** Michael Johnson, Steve Kakes

**Diamond Clover (20 Years):** Stanley Halida Jr, Anita Mnichowicz, James Mnichowicz

**Gold Clover (45 Years!):** Violet Jensen

**Friend of 4-H:** Gina Timm

**Leader of the Year:** Kathy Langteau

#### Youth Awards:

**Graduating Seniors:** Benjamin Rudolph, Brittany Perkins, Hannah Luther, Jakob Laub, Jennifer Stolp, JoshuahKakes, Katie Doucette, Kendra Aldiger, Kristin Heller, Serenity Lynch

## Don't let this be your last 4-H Newsletter!

If you have not re-enrolled in Taylor County 4-H, your membership expired on November 1. This means you will no longer receive newsletters.

Please make sure you're enrolled at <http://wi.4honline.com/>

If you have problems or questions, stop into the office ASAP for help or send Laura an Email at [laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu).

# Wisconsin 4-H Updates

## Greetings from Upham Woods!

Are you tired of Wisconsin winters forcing you and the youth in your life indoors for months on end? Come join us at Upham Woods on Friday, Dec. 5th from 12:30-4:30 pm for an afternoon packed with tips and tricks to keep active outdoors this winter.

Learn the logistics and safety of snow sports like broomball, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and sledding. Find out how to incorporate winter survival and snow science/winter ecology into interactive programming. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please RSVP to

lauren.dixon@ces.uwex.edu by Nov. 25th.

For More information on Upham Woods Programs, their newsletter is available at

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/woods-writings-newsletters/>



## 2015 International Immersion Opportunities!

¡Hola! Hei! Konnichiwa!

Expand your communication skills and global understanding through a summer 2015 Wisconsin 4-H International immersion experience, a homestay that will open your world to new cultures, foods, and languages. Live with a host family as you experience their daily way of life.

Youth 12-18 are eligible for homestay experiences in Japan; 15-18 for Costa Rica; and 15-19 Finland; usually participants have rural or farm experiences in Costa Rica and Finland and urban homestays in Japan but all vary. Adult leaders are also needed.

Note the new application deadline is Dec. 1.

For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website <http://wi4hinternational.org/>

Contact WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491; (608) 262-1557 or [wi4hinternational@gmail.com](mailto:wi4hinternational@gmail.com).

## 2015 State and National Program Adult Advisor Applications

Applications for 2015 state and national 4-H outreach program volunteer and staff Adult Advisors are available at

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm>.

If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA.

Note the new deadline of February 13, 2015, a change from previous years.

## 2015 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2015. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 15, 2015.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2015-2016 academic school year.

Instructions available at <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hyouthline/2014/10/31/2015-wisconsin-4-h-foundation-scholarship-program/>

Questions  
Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation  
608.262.1597 or [info@wis4hfoundation.org](mailto:info@wis4hfoundation.org)

# Help Wanted

## Bulletin Board:

One of the first things I was told when I started was that the 4-H Bulletin Board by the Extension Office was outdated. Like really, really outdated. Like it had pictures of youth who had graduated from high school on there as Cloverbuds! EEK!

So I was struck with the idea that it would be a great place to showcase the awesomeness that is our Clubs here in Taylor County. I'd like to see it changed every other month to keep it fresh and show the great things we have going on. I am hoping to pass the opportunity around to different clubs so they can strut their stuff. I'll take a picture of each one, and then once a year, there will be an award for the Best Showcasing of 4-H and give your Club Scrapbooks a place to shine!

Since the idea struck me while I was at a Little Whispers meeting, I asked them to do the first board, which they have.

Now, I'm opening the floor up to all of you. Call me to sign up for your chance to show off your club!

## Chaperones/Drivers for the YLO Trip to Chicago:



4-H Policy states that for an overnight trip, we must have 1 chaperone for every 10 youth on the trip. We would prefer to have at least one male and one female chaperone, although this is not a hard rule.

Dates: December 29-30

Requirements:

Must be 21 or older

Must have completed 4-H Leader Training and be completely through the screening process.

Must have vehicle and insurance and driving record clear of criminal charges (approved to transport youth via the volunteer screening process).

## Clover Bud Camp:

My plan this year is to have three Cloverbud Day Camps. One in Medford, one in Gilman/Lublin, and one in Rib Lake.



I need someone (or several someones) to help make this happen.

You will be responsible for finding us a place to have the camp (probably from 11-3 on a Saturday), coordinating the food, and for helping me get the word out in your area.

If you're interested, please email me at [Laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu).

## 4-H Camp:

Camp takes a lot of coordination. If you would like to help, please call Laura.

Specific Volunteer Roles:

- ★ Nurse
- ★ Chaperone
- ★ Lifeguard/Waterfront Director
- ★ Cooking Crew
- ★ Certified Shooting Sports Leaders.

If you're interested in helping with camp, let Laura know!

We're coordinating with Price and Lincoln Counties.

Counselor and Adult Training Day will be May 16.

Camp Dates will (PROBABLY) be June 28-July 2.

