



July/August 2023

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Summer is here! That means lots of 4-H activities are happening! So far, my summer has included 4-H Summer Camp (ask Emily Kiselicka, Kenzy Pester and Isabella Hruby how much fun they had), a 4-H Day Camp at Wood Lake, 4-H programs at Huey's Hideaway, and a 4-H Summer Reading Program at the Rib Lake Library. Other 4-H activities in Taylor County include the Gilman Dairy Breakfast hosted by the Poplar Grove 4-H club, dog project meetings, horse project clinics, a variety of animal shows, and other 4-H club activities.

Youth K-5th grade, plan to join me for a Day Camp at one of the 4 locations in Taylor County. (See inside for details). Registration is required in 4-H Online (4 days prior to the event is appreciated). We will have a variety of activities you will enjoy! Join us at the Taylor County public libraries as we present a 4-H program based around their theme. (See inside for dates and times). No registration required - just show up :)

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you helping in the Food Stand and exhibiting your 4-H projects at the Taylor County Fair highlighting what you have learned throughout this past year. And continue working on those record books! Here's hoping you enjoy your summer of learning and doing in 4-H!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator





Help Wanted/Youth Opportunity

Registration dates: 6/5-7/1/2023



From the Fair Board:

Welcome to the 2023 Taylor
County Fair!

If you have any questions or
issues regarding your entries,
please call Kim at 715-465-0330.
Do not call the UW Ext Office or
the Fair Office.

Save the Dates

Work days at the fair grounds are Wednesday, July 12, 2023 from 9a.m. - Noon AND Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 from 5p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Looking for Fair Volunteers

- *Superintendent for Poultry & Cats
- *Grandstand Security
- *Grandstand Volunteers
- *Grader Shed Supervisors



Contact Taylor County Fair: witaylorcountyfair@gmail.com

Fair Schedule

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Wednesday, July 26, 2023

12-8p.m. Open Class Entries accepted at Multipurpose bldg.

5-8p.m. Youth Fair Entries accepted (Static) & Cans for a Cause registered entry set-up

5-8p.m. Animal check (vet √)

7-8p.m. Beef weigh-in

Thursday, July 27, 2023

7-11:30a.m. Open Class Entries accepted at Multipurpose bldg.

7-5p.m. Cans for a Cause registered entry set-up

8-11:30a.m. Entries accepted for all Youth Fair Exhibits (static & animal)

12p.m. Mandatory ALL Livestock Exhibitors Meeting in show ring; Open Class judging begins

12:30p.m. Livestock weigh-in (swine & sheep)

2p.m. Sheep judging

5p.m. Fair Officially Opens! Beef judging

5:30p.m. Cans for Cause judging

Friday, July 28, 2023

8a.m. Judging all dept. in Grader Shed

8:30a.m. Swine judging

11a.m. Rabbit judging

2p.m. K99 Dairy Dessert Contest

6 p.m. MASS Market Animal Auction

Saturday, July 29, 2023

8a.m. Horse Show judging

9a.m. Dairy judging

1p.m. Carcass Ultrasound

2p.m. Goat & Poultry judging

Sunday, July 30, 2023

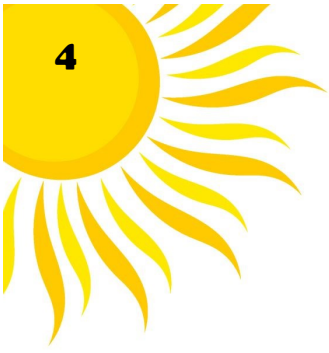
9a.m. Cats/Small Animals judging—Grader Shed

10-Noon Dress an Animal Contest—Livestock Barn; Coin Search & FREE Ag Olympics in Dairy show ring

12:30p.m. Barn Meeting/Awards

5p.m. MASS Animals released

5:30p.m. All youth animal and static exhibits released

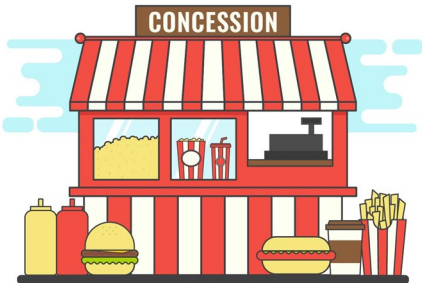


Working the Food Stands

Each 4-H member will be **required** to work either the 4-H Food Stand or the YLO Pizza Stand **4-6 hours during the Fair**. Each shift requires at least two over 12 years old and 2 over 18 years old.

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/4-HFoodStand2023Signup by July 1st!

Please note there are TWO SHEETS that need to be filled out by each member. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kara (Rudolph) Diers, Food Stand Manager, at rudolphkara@gmail.com.





Working the Grader Shed

We would like to get each family with static exhibits to take at least **one two-hour shift**. If at all possible, we would like at least 2 adults (one on each end) per shift. RESPONSIBLE youth who will be 6th grade or older may also supervise if only one adult is available. You can split the shift if you only have an hour. Please read through the Supervision Letter for details: [Grader Shed Supervision letter 2023 - Google Docs](#).

Sign up here: [2023 Taylor County Fair Grader Shed Supervision Schedule - Google Sheets](#). (Refer to 6/15/23 Special Edition Email Blast on Extension's web page under Taylor County 4-H News for direct link.)

Static Exhibit contacts: Dawn Rudolph (715-748-2243)
Kathleen Schumacher (kathleenanschumacher@gmail.com)

The Fair Board is looking for a group/organization to clean the bathrooms during the fair.

This would need to be done all 4 days. Bathrooms need to be checked about every 2 hours. Groups should try to have a male take care of the men's restroom.

This job pays \$200!





2023 Taylor County Fair Photo Contest

Everyone takes pictures at the fair, so why not try your luck at winning one of our prizes by submitting your photos. We would love to see what you're up to at the fair!

<https://forms.gle/yMN2PQdUS733vFMSA>

The 36th Anniversary—Pullet Surprise Youth Essay Contest

Each applicant must submit an entry of 500 words or less on one of the following topics: Why I Want To Raise Exhibition Poultry; Raising Poultry—It's A Family Affair; My Most Memorable Moment In Poultry; An Original Poultry Poem; Any Poultry Story- Fact Or Fiction. Entries that exceed 500 words will not be considered. Enter by August 15, 2023. All decisions are final & winners will be notified by September 1, 2023. Winners are required to attend the award presentation to be held during the youth show at the 2023 Wisconsin International Poultry Show on Saturday, September 23rd at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage, WI. **Call Kelly at Extension for details.**



CALLING ALL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS!

Earn money by helping the fair advertise!

PRIZE PAYOUTS

\$200 1st place

\$100 2nd place

\$75 3rd place

\$25 to clubs reusing a sign and just changing the dates

Clubs are asked to design plywood signs as promotional ads for the fair.

Rules:

*Clubs are responsible for finding legal locations to place signs, putting up the signs and removing them.

*Minimum size 4'x8'.

*Sign must be **visibly** placed at least 2 weeks prior (before July 13, 2023) to fair for spot-checking. Please pick **high traffic** areas.

*Submit a photo of the posted sign emailed in high resolution 2 weeks prior to the fair. witaylorcountyfair@gmail.com

*Sign stays up until the fair is complete and must be removed by August 13, 2023.

*Location must be turned in with ENTRY FORM.

Helpful Information:

2023 Taylor County Fair dates are July 27-30.

Theme for 2023 is **Things are Cookin' at the Taylor County Fair.**

Grandstand/Major events: Horse Pull, NTPA, Hillbilly Racing, Demolition Derby, Carnival Games & Rides, MASS Auction

Email or call Kelly for Entry Form:

phillips32@wisc.edu, 715-748-3327 x3



Here are some reminders to static exhibitors:

First of all, we are in desperate need of help in the grader shed. Please help by volunteering to supervise the static exhibits in the grader shed. (See link on page 5.)

Foods: Please make sure you include the recipe and full directions for ALL entries. If you choose to use one of the recipes from the 4-H literature or the uniform recipe list you do not need to include the recipe as long as you didn't change anything and you write 4-H literature or uniform recipe list on the tag. (I have a copy of all those recipes.) If you don't you will drop one placing. Do not use plastic wrap if at all possible. We have plates, baggies, and flip-top containers available for you to use. Be sure you have the right quantity and size for your entries. If you don't follow directions you will drop a placing. All breads should be from a full-sized loaf. 1/3 of the loaf should be entered and must include one end. Please attach the tags to the OUTSIDE of the baggie/container. (Be sure not to staple the bag shut.)

Food Preservation: Make sure you fill out the yellow tag that should have been included with your entry tags. If you do not have it filled out properly or use an unapproved canning method, you can/will be disqualified. Make sure your jars are clean and you remove the ring. FYI...processing time is not the time of day you canned it and the recipe source needs to be a current canning book, not a person. We encourage the use of the U.W. Extension literature or the Ball Blue Book.

Cake Decorating: ALL food, including decorated cakes, get thrown away promptly at 5:30 on Sunday. If you want pictures, take them before 5:30. Also, if you make a "fake" cake, please write down what you used for your base (styrofoam, rice krispies, etc.)

Fabric projects (knitting, crochet, home furnishings, etc.): Please pin your tag to the items. Tape does not stick very well.



Continued reminders to static exhibitors:

Photography: Make sure your pictures and tag are securely fastened to your picture board. Also, DO NOT USE GLITTER!!! It makes a huge mess all over everything! Drawings, stickers, etc. are discouraged. The focus should be on the pictures. These are NOT scrapbook pages.

Clothing: ALL clothing items should be brought in on a hanger. We encourage you to use clothes pins or the hangers with clips so the clothing doesn't get bumped off. We do not have a lot of table space. Make sure you include the care label if required (see fair book/website). If you do not include the card with all the information required, you will drop a placing.

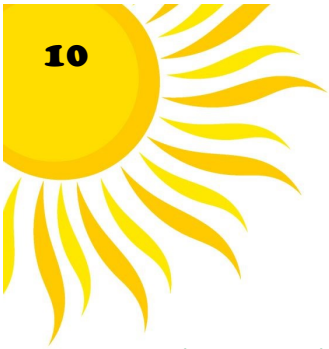
Home Furnishings: Be sure to include a description of the room (see fair book) the item will be used in. "It will keep me warm" does not describe the ROOM. You will drop a placing if the card is not there or you did not follow directions.

Woodworking: Make sure to write what your item is on the tag. Signs made by ironing on a saying is NOT woodworking unless you actually cut out, sanded, and finished the sign. Please do not glue bows, flowers, etc. to a woodworking project.

Flowers/House Plants/Fruits/Vegetables: Entries must be grown by the exhibitor, not purchased from a florist, at the farmer's market, etc. Flowers must be real, not artificial.

Fruits/Vegetables/Field Crops: Check the fairbook for quantities. Also read directions for length of tops or to include roots.

Houseplants: The age of the plant must be written on the tag or it drops one placing.



Continued reminders to static exhibitors:

Lego/Scale Models: Please put these on a sturdy surface such as a thin board, small cookie sheet, etc., so the project can be moved easily without it breaking. Using a glass/plexiglass case is encouraged. The board/hard surface should not be more than 1" bigger all the way around than the base of the project. If bringing a **large scale model project**, please email the fair or let Dawn Rudolph or Kathy Schumacher know so they can plan accordingly.

Jewelry: Please display items in such a way that they aren't easily lost or taken. This may be pinning them to foam, covered styrofoam or cardboard, etc. and placing them in a clear plastic baggie. Loose items laying on the table can easily be slipped into a pocket.

When in doubt, read the fairbook!

Thanks! See you at the fair!

Dawn Rudolph

Foods/Food Preservation Superintendent

4-H Rep on the Fair Board





The Taylor County Food Resource Group presents...

Cans for a Cause 2023

Taylor County Fair
9th Annual Can Sculpture Contest

CAN SCULPTURE TEAM COMPETITION

Gather friends/co-workers to start planning your sculpture ideas for the 9th Annual Taylor County Fair Can Sculpture Contest!

WHERE:

Taylor County Fairgrounds

SET UP:

Wednesday, July 26
5 pm – 8 pm &
Thursday, July 27
8 am – 5 pm

JUDGING:

Thursday, July 27
5:30 pm

TAKE DOWN:

Sunday, July 30
Starting at 5:30 pm

All cans & food items donated to Taylor County food pantries after the competition!

AWARDS:

Best in Show
Most Original Idea
Most Colorful
Most Cans Used
Best Represents Fair Theme, “Things Are Cooking at the Taylor County Fair”
Crowd Favorite

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Space is limited, sign up now to reserve your spot!



Taylor County Fair Can Sculpture Contest
For Rules and Entry Form Contact:

Cathy Retzer
715-748-4806

Email: cathyretzer@gmail.com





Upcoming Events

Dog Project Trainings

July 5th, 12th and 19th at the Fairgrounds in the Swine/Sheep building at 5:45 p.m.

Dog Show is Sunday, July 23rd @ 10:00 a.m.

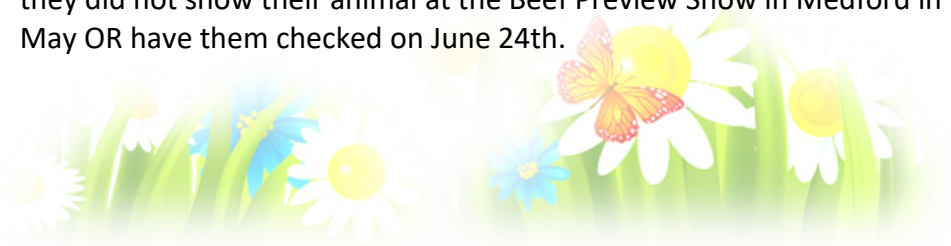
Questions? Call Jeanine Renzoni at 715-748-4248.

Beef Safety Checks

Taylor County Fairgrounds

Saturday, July 15th 8:00 a.m.-Noon

All exhibitors MUST bring their steers AND heifers to the safety check if they did not show their animal at the Beef Preview Show in Medford in May OR have them checked on June 24th.





Upcoming Events

Event: Mock Fair Clinic

When: Sunday, July 16th

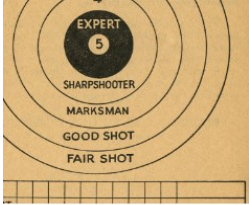
Time: 9-Noon

Where: Taylor County Fairgrounds

Attend to practice two weeks before the fair—Mock Fair. We will be going through fair events and practicing as if it was the fair!

For those of you signed up for Horse and Horseless Projects, stay informed by following Taylor County 4-H Horse Project on Facebook! Also, check taylor.extension.wisc.edu for schedule.





UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Central WI 4-H Shooting Sports 22nd Annual 4-H Triple Crown Statewide Invitational July 28 & 29, 2023

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM & FEES BY JULY 18TH



Participating in Age-Group Class (Check One) - (Age as of 7/28/2023)

Junior (ages 8-11) _____ Intermediate (ages 12-14) _____ Senior (ages 15-19) _____

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/585747y5>



Callie Cat's 4-H Newsletter Contest



Hey 4-H Youth Members! Callie Cat wants you to read the 4-H newsletter so you can have the opportunity to **win a prize** each newsletter! All you have to do is complete the Callie Cat 4-H Newsletter questions and submit them by the last day of the month the newsletter comes out. If you are in K-5 and submit at least 2/3 correct answers OR in grade 6-13 and submit at least 13/15 correct, while following all submission directions, your name will be put into a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate! There will be 1 winner from each grade group per newsletter. Participants must be 4-H youth members.

Callie Cat 4-H Newsletter Questions:

May/June Callie
Cat Winner:
Trevor Kodl

Grade K-5 Questions:

- 1) What page is Lego Robotics mentioned?
- 2) When is the 4-H Dog Show?
- 3) When will 4-H be at the Stetsonville Schools grounds for Day Camp?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) When is the 1st session for Lego Robotics in Gilman?
- 2) What is the date and time for the MASS Market Animal Auction?
- 3) When are you scheduled to work a 4-H Food Stand at the fair?
- 4) Did you enter a project at the fair?
- 5) When is the 4-H Dog Show?
- 6) Can you enter your projects into the State Fair?
- 7) What days are Work Days at the fairgrounds?
- 8) When is Leader of the Year award due to Extension?
- 9) What's your favorite 4-H Happenings picture?
- 10) Where is Triple Crown Statewide Invitational held?
- 11) When is Friend of 4-H award due to Extension?
- 12) What is the name of our 4-H Newsletter?
- 13) What would you like to see added to this Newsletter?
- 14) Do you follow 4-H on Facebook?
- 15) Do you follow 4-H on Instagram?

Instructions for submitting your entry:

- Answer questions on an 8.5x11 piece of paper. Write your full name and club name in the upper right hand corner of your entry page.
- Submit to: 4-H Agent Attn: Callie Cat Contest, Taylor County Extension, 925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford, WI 54451



TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP

FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR
YOUTH IN 5K-5TH GRADE...IN 4-H OR NOT!

9:00am-3:30pm

Cost \$10

Includes lunch

**June 27 - Rib Lake
Wood Lake County Park**

**July 13 - Medford
Medford School Forest**

**August 1 - Lublin
Diamond Lake Park**

**August 3 - Stetsonville
Stetsonville Elementary
School Grounds**

Join us at as many as you want, however
each day camp will have the same activities.

Activities
Include



Foldscopes



Bird Feeders



3Doodle Pen



Ocean Exploration



For information on how to register visit
taylor.extension.wisc.edu

or scan the QR code with your phone's camera



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Save the Dates

For Taylor County 4-H at the County Libraries



July 5th Medford Library 1:00 p.m.

July 12th Gilman Library 10:00 a.m.

July 12th Stetsonville Library 3:00 p.m.

July 26th Westboro Library 11:00 a.m.



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LEGO ROBOTICS!

All youth 2nd-6th grades are invited and encouraged to join in the fun and learning. We will get together to build and learn using our LEGO WeDo Kits! If you love building and creating, this is a great opportunity for you!

Held monthly starting September 11th, 2nd Monday of each month from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

COST: FREE!



**1ST SESSION:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
1:30-3 PM**

**WESTERN TAYLOR COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY - GILMAN**

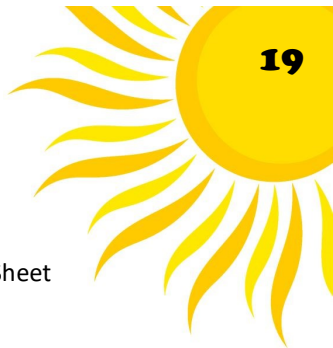


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Calendar of Events

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July

- 1—**Deadline:** Fair Entry
- 1—**Deadline:** Bidder Sheets, YQCA and Clinic Verification Sheet
- 1—**Deadline:** Food Stand sign-up
- 4—UW Extension Office Closed for 4th of July Observation
- 5—4-H @ Medford Library 1:00 p.m.
- 10—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 12—4-H @ Gilman Library 10:00 a.m.
- 12—4-H @ Stetsonville Library 3:00 p.m.
- 12—Work Day at the fairgrounds 9:00 a.m.—Noon
- 13—4-H Day Camp: Medford School Forest
- 15—Beef Safety Checks at fairgrounds 8:00 a.m.—Noon
- 16—4-H Horse Project: Mock Fair Clinic
- 18—Registration due for Triple Crown— 4-H Shooting Sports
- 19—Work Day at the fair grounds 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- 23—4-H Dog Show 10:00 a.m.
- 26—4-H @ Westboro Library 11:00 a.m.
- 27-30—42nd Taylor County Fair
- 26-27—Taylor County Fair Livestock Arrival Days
- 28—42nd Annual Taylor County MASS Sale
- 28-30—Triple Crown Statewide Invitational (Shooting Sports)

August

- 1—4-H Day Camp: Diamond Lake Park
- 3—4H Day Camp: Stetsonville Elementary School Grounds
- 15—Entries due for Taylor County Fair Photo Contest
- 15—Lego Robotics at Gilman Public Library 1:30 p.m.
- 15—Entries due for Pullet Surprise Youth Essay Contest
- 26—State Dog Agility Show

Just a reminder...

TC Newsletter Deadlines

August 18—September/October
October 18—November/December

Clubs are welcome to share events or meetings by these dates.

If you have any questions please contact the office 715-748-3327 or
phillips32@wisc.edu



**WISCONSIN
STATE FAIR**
AUGUST 3-13, 2023
Presented By 

Did you know?

YOU can enter your projects into the state fair!

Go to the Wisconsin State Fair's website under *Ag & Exhibits*, then *Enter a Competition*. For more information on what you can enter into the State Fair, visit wistatefair.com/competitions.

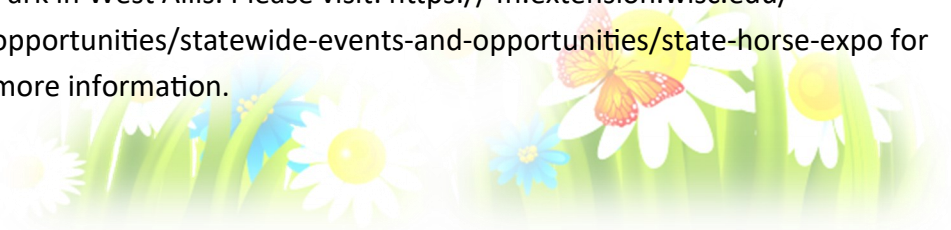
State 4-H Gymkhana

36th Annual WI State 4-H Gymkhana is set for September 9-10 at the Stair Far Park in West Allis.

Entries must be postmarks no later than August 1st. Please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-gymkhana/> for more information.

State 4-H Horse Expo

58th WI State 4-H Horse Expo is set for September 15-17 at the Stair Far Park in West Allis. Please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-horse-expo> for more information.





Invitation to apply for the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award

Are you a 4-H member in 11th grade or older? Consider applying for the **Wisconsin 4-H Key Award**! This prestigious award is the highest award given to 4-H members, and is considered the pinnacle of achievement. The application packet for the **Wisconsin 4-H Key Award** can be found on our website's [4-H Forms & Resources page](#) (click on the blue "Forms & Award Applications" box). Mark your calendars — your completed application is due to the Extension office on September 11, 2023.

Friend of 4-H Award

The friend of 4-H Award is a way for us to honor businesses, organizations and individuals for their support of 4-H.

Write a one page or less description of why your nominee is deserving of this award. These nominations should be turned in by Monday, September 11th.

Leader of the Year

Send in a one page or less description of why the leader you nominated should be the Leader of the Year! These nominations should be turned in by Monday, September 11th.



4-H Happenings



4-H Intern, Emma, making hero buttons at Huey's Summer Camp

Little Farmers 4-H Club project night

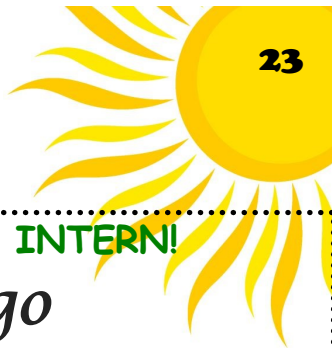


Summer Camp—Taylor County group & Isabella and Kenzy paddle boating!



Rib Lake Library program





MEET OUR 4-H SUMMER INTERN!

Emma Tingo

Emma started the beginning of June and will be helping us until the end of August, splitting her time with Price County. She was a member of Price County 4-H for 12 years! Emma graduated from Phillips High School in 2022 and is attending UW Stevens Point. We are grateful to have her working with 4-H this summer.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS & CHARTER APPLICATIONS

The Annual Financial Report for all 4-H Clubs/Groups with a checking and/or savings account is posted and due on September 1, 2023.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/05/Annual-Financial-Report-4.2023-Fillable.pdf>

Charter Application is to be completed by November 1, 2023. Here is a link to the charter website:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/>





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Taylor County 4-H
925 Donald St., Rm 103
Medford, WI 54451

Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook & Instagram!

This will be another way to communicate information,
event details and learn more about Taylor County 4-H



Facebook: Taylor County 4-H
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/4h.taylorcounty>



Instagram: uwextaylorcounty4h
Link: <https://instagram.com/taylor.uwex.edu>

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