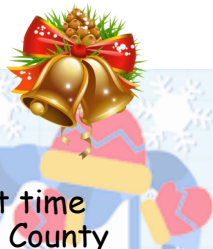




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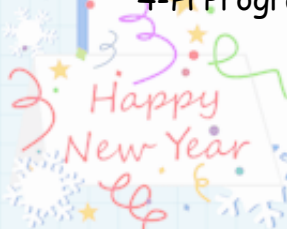
Dear 4-H Families and Friends:



Here's hoping your holiday season was a great time with family and friends! Many clubs in Taylor County had Christmas parties and activities which are great for building that sense of belonging that we value in 4-H. 2023 was a good year in Taylor County 4-H! Special thanks to the Federation for providing the Bowling and Awards event for 4-H Families! Several events are already being planned for Taylor County 4-H in 2024. Annual Leadership Training for club leaders and adult volunteers, youth leaders (6th grade and up) and club officers on Sunday, January 7 will be worth your time! Bring your ideas of how we can make Taylor County 4-H even better. After school programs and project meetings are in the works for Spring. 4-H Day Camps (K-5th grade) and Summer Camp (grades 3-7) are already being planned for summer. And of course, the Taylor County Fair (July 24-28) is a great time to showcase your 4-H projects from the year. Be sure to check out our monthly Email Blasts and Taylor County 4-H Facebook page for the most current opportunities in Taylor County 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H.

Have a wonderful 4-H year in 2024!!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator





2024 Scholarship Opportunity!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications will be accepted starting December 15, 2023, and must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Friday, March 1, 2024, 5:00 pm** to scholarships@Wis4hFoundation.org.

For details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2024FoundationScholarship>

2024 Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship is for graduating seniors with at least five years of 4-H club membership. Applications can be completed using the fillable.pdf file available on the Extension Taylor County 4-H website or typed on the form provided on-line: <https://taylor.extension/wisc.edu/4-h/forms-applications-awards/>

Applications are due April 1, 2024



Bulletin Board for Club Use

The Extension/4-H bulletin board is available to promote your 4-H club. Please contact Kelly at 715-748-3327 ext. 3 or at phillips32@wisc.edu if your club would like to use the bulletin board. Bulletin board content must follow 4-H Policies.



MEETING MINUTES

Club Leaders and Secretaries

Club meeting minutes should be sent to the Extension Office in a timely manner after each club meeting.

They can be emailed to julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu.

Thank you!



2024 Winter Invitational Marshfield

March 1-2, 2024

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449

Disciplines: Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, Sm Bore Pistol, Sm Bore Rifle, Wildlife Ecology

Registration begins at 4:30pm on Friday and 8:30am on Saturday morning. Shooting will begin at 5:00pm on Friday evening and 9:00am on Saturday morning at the assigned line times listed on the registration form. You must compete at your assigned time. Last line should finish about 3:00 pm. Awards to follow as soon as possible after competition ends.

Registration: 2024 registration form will be available soon. Cost varies.

Contact: Dave Hebert, 715-659-5361 or email at doreehebert@yahoo.com



Youth Leadership Organization (YLO)

4-H members in 6th grade and above are eligible to join this group. The YLO is geared towards older youth to build leadership skills appropriate to their age level.

These skills are built through experiences such as helping plan and put on countywide events, doing community service projects, and fundraising at the YLO Pizza/Soda Stand at the Taylor County Fair.

If you are interested, please contact Katie Krause at knkappraisals@tds.net

Taylor County 4-H Federation



IS LOOKING FOR A 4-H MEMBER,
12+ YEARS OR OLDER, TO ATTEND
AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONTHLY
4-H FEDERATION MEETINGS.



Making the Best Better - Club Meetings

We all want to have fun 4-H meetings. And we still need to take care of business - that can be fun too. 4-H was established as a way to educate our youth and their families, so we don't want to forget the educational part of our meetings. The skills youth learn from presenting a project talk, illustrated talk or demonstration at club meetings can help them throughout their lifetime. Hopefully, each of our clubs are offering every youth an opportunity at least once each year to present a short program during the club meeting. Youth may choose when they present and what they want to present.

Looking for ideas for a demonstration? Something that you have learned in your 4-H project or something that you really enjoy doing will make a good 4-H demonstration. Choose a topic that others will also find interesting like "How to Tie-Dye a T-Shirt," "How to make a Fruit Smoothie," "How to Care for Houseplants," or "What to Feed a Pet."

Illustrated talks are great because you have prompts on the posters. Ideas might include: "How to Build a Bird Feeder (or whatever else you want to make)", "How to Make Maple Syrup", "How to Show a Pig" and "Good Photos - What's the Secret?" They can even be about any topic you find interesting - "My Favorite Vacation", "Various Ways to Cook Potatoes", "Why Snowshoeing is the Perfect Winter Sport", or "Things to Know When Visiting Disney World".

Project talks can inform the group about anything you have learned in one of your 4-H projects. "Choosing Fishing Lures", "What to Wear When Competing in a Horse Show", "Shooting Sports Safety" or "Tips for Cake Decorating"



A simple script printed out on index cards to help remind youth what they want to say (not just read it) instills confidence and helps youth do a good job presenting. Every good 4-H presentation begins with an interesting line to catch people's attention. Then "Hi, my name is . . . and I'm a member of the . . . 4-H Club. Today I want to talk to you about . . ." The body of your presentation. Then a conclusion that encourages the audience to learn more about the topic. There are many opportunities in 4-H for youth to learn throughout the year. And club meetings offer multiple ways. Guest speakers from the community (many of the parents have things to share about their jobs or hobbies) can be nice occasionally. An educational tour of a local business or resource (like a library) can be interesting for a change of meeting location. And of course, youth presenting a program.



Federation Election Results

CONGRATULATIONS:

President: Brian Bolstad

Vice President: Katie Krause

Secretary: Cheri Klussendorf

Treasurer: Wendy Rudolph

Youth Leader Rep: Olivia Krause

Youth Rep: Max Klussendorf

Fair Board Reps: Allison Brandt, Dawn Rudolph

Thrifty-Go-Getters at Cracked Escape Room in Weston



Thrifty-Go-Getters making Christmas Cards for the local nursing home & wrapping gifts for TC Giving Tree



Little Whispers Grilled Cheese Event



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 13/14 correct, while following all submission directions, your name will be put into a drawing for a \$15 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:

Grade K-5 Questions:

- 1) What page is there a picture of a pig?
- 2) What club did the bulletin board at Extension?
- 3) What clubs have pictures in "4-H Happenings" section?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) Where do I find information about MASS?
- 2) When is Youth Leaders (6th grade & up) training?
- 3) Who is the new President for 4-H Federation?
- 4) Name the two rooms that can be reserved at Extension?
- 5) What club did the bulletin board at Extension?
- 6) What page talks about the Taylor County Fair?
- 7) What sport is the Winter Invitational in Marshfield for?
- 8) What does YLO stand for?
- 9) What ideas were given for Making the Best Better—Club Meetings?
- 10) When is the 4-H Foundation Scholarship application due?
- 11) What are the dates for Summer Camp?
- 12) Where is the rabies clinic and bake sale held?
- 13) Who do you sign up with for afterschool programs?

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

4-H
summer
CAMP

more info to come

3RD-7TH
Grade

12-14
June

NORTHERN LAKES IMPACT CENTER
RHINELANDER, WI

Regular Registration
\$50

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH 4-H

LEGO ROBOTICS! • **3Doodler**

MAMS	SES
1/9-LEGO Robotics	1/16-LEGO Robotics
2/6-3Doodler	2/13-3Doodler

Sign up through CLC

Julie Diepenbrock,
4-H Educator

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January

- 1—Extension office closed
- 7—Annual Leadership Training 1-2:30 p.m. at UWEX
- 8—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 10—WHC Scholarship Application due
- 13—Diamond Lakers Rabies Clinic Lublin 10-12:30 p.m.
- 16—State Art Team & Drama Company applications due

February

- 1—WPA Application due
- 12—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 16—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX

March

- 1—4-H Foundation Scholarship due
- 1—Enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Fair
- 11—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

April

- 1—Federation Scholarship due
- 12—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX
- 8—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX



TC Newsletter Deadlines

February 16—March/April
April 12—May/June

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

4-H Happenings

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TAYLOR COUNTY

Market Animal

SHOW & SALE

Watch **MASS** Facebook page for upcoming workshops and livestock education opportunities.

January 13, 2024

*Baked
GOODS too!*

Rabies Clinic



Lublin Village Hall 10-12:30p.m.



Sponsored by Diamond Lakers 4-H Club & the Stanley Veterinary Clinic

Must have previous vaccination records if getting the 3 year shot!



ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Who should attend:

**Club Leaders, Adult Volunteers,
Youth Leaders (6th grade up),
Club Officers**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
Taylor County Extension Office**

1:00-2:30pm

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/LeaderOfficerTraining>

**IDEA SHARING -
FUN CLUB
ACTIVITIES**

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Extension Meeting Rooms

Extension has 2 meeting rooms available for 4-H Clubs, the "flat" room and the "tiered" room.



You can reserve these rooms for after hours meetings by calling Kelly at 715-748-1413. A key for the building will have to be picked up that day or prior. Leave building key either on the table in the tiered room or in a drawer in the flat room.

Inclement Weather/Cancellation Guidelines

Taylor County 4-H

-10°C

Taylor County 4-H Programs (county, club, projects and events) are automatically cancelled if any of the following occur:

*Taylor County or the location where the event is scheduled to occur is under a Winter Storm, Wind Chill, Tornado, Blizzard or Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued by the National Weather Service.

*Travel is not advised due to snow, wind, or ice storms.

*Schools are closed for the day or closing early.

Remember, we're in the business of teaching youth to be safe and that includes knowing when to stay home.



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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>

Purpose Statement

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