

Taylor County 4-H

Clover Connection



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April is a special month as we say THANK YOU to our 4-H volunteers since National Volunteer Week is celebrated in April each year. It is a time to thank all of our 4-H volunteers for helping in countless ways to make our program the best it can be. We are blessed in Taylor County to have some awesome 4-H volunteers. I truly hope each of you know how very much I appreciate you.



Taylor County 4-H is able to offer numerous opportunities to our youth only because of your time, effort, and energy. Volunteers play a significant role in the success of the Taylor County 4-H program. These caring, dedicated individuals help make positive impacts in the lives of young people by providing hands-on experiences, building life skills with youth, and sharing their time, talents, and energy. We have 35 volunteers that provide 4-H experiences for the approximately 140 youth that take part in the 7 community clubs across the



Remember to say thank you to 4-H volunteers in your clubs, projects, or groups and let them know how much you appreciate their time in helping make a difference in your life and the lives of young people.



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Thank you to all of our volunteers!!



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 tinyurl.com/2024FoundationScholarship

2024 Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship is for graduating seniors with <u>at least five years</u> 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 at: taylor.extension/wisc.edu/4-h/forms-applications-awards/

Applications are due April 1, 2024

Scholarship Opportunity



WI Towns Association 2024 Scholarship Program

Your thoughts - combined with your writing skills and creativity - can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the students with the highest-ranking essay score from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2024.

Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest ranking essay scores.

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2024 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2024. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Judging will be completed by August 9, 2024. Recipients will be announced by August 23, 2024. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship.

Submit your essay along with this background information sheet to sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com or W7686 Co. Rd. MMM, Shawano, WI 54166.

Essays must be postmarked by May 24, 2024.

2024 Scholarship Topic:

"What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?"

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National

What is National 4-H Congress?

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-H members to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Olivia Krause, Taylor County 4-H member recently attended National 4-H Congress. While at Congress, Olivia engaged in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Here are some of the activities she was able to partake in while at National Congress:

- Educational Workshops: Varying from sessions like "Farm to Fork-Teaching as Service Learning," "Dancing with the Stars," "Social Media in Our World," and "The Healthy Gourmet," there's bound to be a state-of-the-art workshop for everyone!
- Exploring the city: With educational trips to museums, theaters, and Centennial Olympic Park, Olivia was able to broaden her appreciation for the arts and many historical events in America.
- State and Congress-wide meetings: Olivia was given time to reflect on their recent experiences as well as put their new skills to use!
- International Events: Let's take a trip overseas! With a night of international dinner and entertainment, Olivia expanded her knowledge on the culture, food, and art of countries from around the globe!
- Community Service: Olivia was able to serve in downtown Atlanta to give back and experience what it feels like to have a positive impact on a community!
- Educational Tours: Whether delegates are learning about the hottest attractions in "Hotlanta," exploring the CNN News Worldwide Headquarters, learning about the historical events of the south, visiting the College Football Hall of Fame, walking around the aquarium or exploring the zoo, delegates will get a little taste of what there is to experience in Atlanta!

4-H Congress



- World-Renowned Speakers: Olivia was able to hear topranked motivational speakers.
- National 4-H Congress Gala: To close out the experience, Olivia attended a formal dinner and ceremony with some special guest appearances.

National 4-H Congress is an experience like no other! Feel free to talk to Olivia about her experience at 4-H Congress. The Federation of Taylor County 4-H helps fund this travel experience. We hope to see you at National 4-H Congress in the near future!







WI 4-H Key Award

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award was recently presented to Olivia Krause at the Taylor County 4-H Awards ceremony by Rob Klussendorf, a Wisconsin Farm Bureau member. The prestigious 4-H Key Award is one of the highest recognitions a 4-H member can receive. Youth receiving this award have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in their club and community. Key Award recipients are high school students with at least three years of experience in 4-H and at least one year as a youth leader. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Rural Mutual Insurance Company have sponsored the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award program for almost over 50 years, helping 4-H to honor some of Wisconsin's finest youth.

This year's recipient, Olivia Krause, has been involved in the Taylor County 4-H program for 10 years and has served in many leadership roles, including the Youth Leaders Organization (YLO), Youth Representative for the Federation of Taylor County 4-H, and many offices within the Liberty 4-H Club throughout her 4-H career. Olivia has also been a participant of multiple 4-H Educational Travel Experiences, including American Spirit East and 4-H Congress. Olivia is an excellent example to younger 4-H members. Congratulations, Olivia!



Youth Opportunity





MAPLE FEST 2024

TAYLOR COUNTY LIONS FLOAT/ROLLING BILLBOARD COMPETITION SATURDAY, APRIL 27

The Taylor County Lions Club invites youth, ages 12 and under, to participate in the Maple Festival Float/Rolling Billboard Competition. This age group includes members of youth groups and their leaders/parents.

To register, simply download an entry form at: http://tinyurl.com/MF2O24Float

Little Whispers 4-H float from Maple Fest 2023 won 4th place.
They even won \$50!





Youth Opportunity 5K-5th Grade

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









TAYLOR COUNTY
4-H DAY CAMP
FOR BOYS & GIRLS
5K-5TH GRADE...IN 4-H OR NOT!

9am-3:30pm

Cost \$10

Includes lunch

LOCATIONS

- June 25 Rib Lake Wood Lake County Park
- July 11 Medford School Forest
- August 6 Diamond Lake Park Lublin
- August 8 Stetsonville Elementary School Grounds



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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Youth Opportunity





JUNE CAMP for

12TH - 14TH

GRADES 3-7

NORTHERN LAKES IMPACT CENTER IN RHINELANDER

Actual cost of camp is \$185/camper but thanks to the generosity of the Federation of Taylor County 4-H supplementing the fees, the cost to youth will be:

\$50 for 4-H members \$75 for community youth (not enrolled in 4-H).

Additional scholarships available by request if financially necessary

REGISTRATION OPEN IN 4-H ONLINE

from March 4-May 17



www.v2.4honline.com





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Project Updates



MARKET ANIMAL PARTICIPANTS





TRAINING

MARCH 10 @ 1:00 PM EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

MASS participants interested in taking the YQCA Training in-person this year? Youth still need to log in to YQCA (yqcaprogram.org) to pay the \$3 fee to take the training in person (online fee is \$15), take the pre-test, then attend the 1 hour in-person training. Certificates will be available shortly after the in-person meeting.



Spring Orientation & Salesmanship Training

March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension/Ag Service Center, 925 Donald Street, Meeting Room 1.

Project Updates





Meet & Greet

<u>Sunday, May 19th 4-6 p.m.</u> at the Extension Building parking lot (925 Donald Street). Bring your dog(s), leashes, potty baggies, and proof of vaccination. We will hike the trail, learn a trick to train your dog, and end with a tailgate potluck.

Rain date is set for Wednesday, May 22nd at Renzoni's 5p.m.

For the full schedule, visit: <u>Taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-dog-project/</u>



The WI 4-H Horse Association has updated their handbook for the year. Link: taylor.extension.wisc.edu/horse-project/

FYI - New starting in 2024 for State 4-H Horse Shows: Youth are permitted to share a horse. Each exhibitor may show any combination of classes provided the horse is only shown once in a specific class number (horse may not show against itself).

Look for more information coming out in the March Email Blast!

Follow Taylor County 4-H Horse Project on Facebook.



4-H Happenings

Countrysiders: Catapults from November's Meeting



Tie blankets in January for



4-H Happenings



Card making





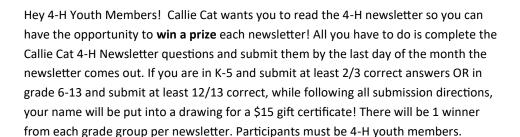
Taylor House/TC Supportive Housing





Jan/Feb Callie Cat Winners: Nacole & Natasha Butt and Jihun Leiby

Callie Cat's 4-H Newsletter Contest



Callie Cat 4-H Newsletter Questions:

Grade K-5 Questions:

- 1) When is the Taylor County Fair?
- 2) What page is Taylor County 4-H Day Camp information on?
- 3) What club made Cards and Tie Blankets?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) What is The Federation of Taylor County?
- 2) When is the Meet & Greet for the Dog Project?
- 3) Who won the 4-H Key Award?
- 4) What can you enter at Maple Fest 2024?
- 5) When is MASS Spring Orientation?
- 6) When are Senior Salutes due?
- 7) What Club is featured in "4-H Happenings"?
- 8) What is National 4-H Congress?
- 9) Who went to and is featured at the National 4-H Congress?
- 10) When is the Taylor County 4-H Scholarship application due?
- 11) Where is YQCA Training?
- 12) When is National Volunteer week?
- 13) Thank your Club Leaders during Nat'l Volunteer Week!

Instructions for submitting your entry:

- Answer questions on an 8.5x11 piece of paper. Write you 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

Save the Dates







For those of you exhibiting at the 2024 Taylor County Fair, this year's theme is: The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.

July 25-28, 2025



Taylor County Fair



Calendar of Events

March

1—Enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Fair

1—4-H Foundation Scholarship due

4—Summer Camp registration opens 10—YQCA Training at UWEX

11—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

12—MASS Spring Orientation & Salesmanship Training 16—Service Project at UWEX 9-3 p.m. 17—St. Patrick's Day (wear your 4-H green) 29—Extension will be closed from Noon to 4:30 p.m.

31-Faster

<u>April</u>

1—Taylor County Federation Scholarship due

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

14-20 Thank a Volunteer week!

22—River Country Co-op Equine Workshop (Eau Claire)

23—River Country Co-op Equine Workshop (Merrill) 27—Maple Fest: Float/Rolling Billboard Competition

May

3—Senior Salutes due to UWEX

12—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX 17—Summer Camp registration closes

19—Dog Project: Meet & Greet at UWEX 4-6 p.m.

22—Dog Project: training at Renzoni's 6 p.m. (required)

24—WI Towns Association Scholarship due

27—Memorial Day

29—Dog Project: training at Renzoni's 6 p.m. (required)

TC Newsletter Deadlines

April 12—May/June

June 14—July/August

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 Updates



2024 SENIOR SALUTES!

Attention 4-H Seniors or Parents, we need your help gathering information about your upcoming graduate!

Please fill out the questionnaire and submit a Senior picture for the 4-H Senior Salute by going to tinyurl.com/20244HGraduates by May 3, 2024.





Extension's Office Hours

M-F 8:30a.m.—4:30p.m. Closed daily from 11:30a.m.—12:30 p.m.

If you need assistance during that time, please call Kelly in advance at 715-748-1413.

Thank you!





Volunteer Resources

Resources for Volunteers

Looking for resources to support your work as a 4-H volunteer? Check out these Wisconsin Positive Youth Development (PYD) resource libraries! You'll uncover everything from downloadable lesson plans and project tip sheets to ready-to-use, hands-on educational materials you can borrow! There's a treasure trove of materials just waiting to be discovered!

PYD MEDIA COLLECTION

A collection of free resources which can be borrowed for use in programming statewide. Mostly animal science, but some other project areas.

Sample Resources:

Hippology Charts, Learning Labs, DVD's, Skillathons, and Displays https://go.wisc.edu/ltnckj

RESOURCE LIBRARY

A searchable library of resources related to 4–H community club organization, 4–H projects, youth-adult partnerships, and more.

The PYD Media Collection is also included in this mix.

Sample Resources:

Project Tip Sheets, Lesson Plans, Club Financial Report Forms, and PYD Media Collection Resources

https://go.wisc.edu/emz3iw







VOLUNTEER RESOURCES WEBSITE

A resource hub for youth leaders, club volunteers, project volunteers, and more.

Sample Resources:

Trainings, Marketing and Communication, Volunteer Recognition Opportunities, and Financial and Administrative Information https://go.wisc.edu/127lsv



If you have questions about any of the resources, contact your local county educator.

Developed by Educational Resources Standing Committee, August 2022.

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Thank you Volunteers



National Volunteer Week April 21-27 2024

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of our 4-H volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle 4-H's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and help to transform the world.

We are shining a light on our 4-H Leaders that inspire to serve, recognizing and thanking them for lending their time, talent and voice to make a difference in Taylor County 4-H and the community.

Allen Bolstad

Amanda Jensen

Amannda Szomi

Anthony Schumacher

Ashley Dums

Angel Tyznik

Benjamin Bolstad

Beth Hraby

Brian Bolstad

Cheri Klussendorf Cheryl Bolstad

Christy Tomandl

Daniel Krause

Daniel Gellert

Dawn Rudolph

Debbie Miller

Debra Diepenbrock

Dorothy Halida



Heather Blasel Jeanine Renzoni Jenny Duellman

Jessica Sommer

Jill Penk

Joshua Penk Julie Diepenbrock

Karyn Eckert

Kathleen Schumacher

Katie Krause

Lanice Szomi

Laura Kippley Lorraine Westaby

Meagan Neitzel

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Nancy Graun

Natalie Arndt

Paula Dubiak

Sara Matyka

Stacy Juedes

Stanley, Jr. Halida

Violet Jensen

Wendy Okerglicki

Wendy Rudolph

Wesley Danielewicz

Note: Names in bold are Taylor County Club 4-H Leaders

Federation



What is the Federation?

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H is a board of members who provide assistance to the Taylor County 4-H program and its clubs in various ways including:

- Making decisions affecting Taylor County 4-H
- Offering County-wide Activities for 4-H Members and their Families
- · Supplementing County 4-H Programs
- Providing 4-H Clubs with Literature
- · Running the Food Stand as a Fundraiser for Taylor County 4-H
- Producing the Taylor County Plat Books as a Fundraiser for Taylor County 4-H
- Providing Scholarships to outstanding 4-H Members
- Supplementing Camp Fees for 4-H Members
- · Providing Award Educational Experiences for 4-H Members
- Supplementing the cost of Educational Travel Experiences for 4-H Members

Any 4-H Volunteer is eligible and welcome to be a part of the Federation. Each club also has one standing spot on the Board of Directors for the Federation. The Federation typically meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. at the Extension Conference Room. Join us!



Management Team Needed





Taylor County 4-H 4-H Food Stand Manager or Management Team NEEDED



Application Due: April 30, 2024

JOB TITLE: 4-H Food Stand Manager or Team to Manage the Food Stand

REPORTS TO: Federation of Taylor County 4-H and 4-H County Educator

PAY RANGE: TBD

HOURS REQUIRED: MUST BE ABLE TO WORK as needed the week before, of, and after the Taylor County Fair. *Work may not be needed each day during that time frame.

<u>JOB SUMMARY:</u> The manager and/or management team performs various functions related to the operation of the Food Stand for the Federation of Taylor County 4-H at the Taylor County Fair. The manager and/or management team facilitates efficient customer service in the areas of the concession sales. Mentored position for 1st year.

REQUIRED DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

- Oversee all operations of the food stand.
 - o Create volunteer schedule
 - Determine menu and pricing for the season
 - Pre-order all food and non-perishable items before and during the Taylor County Fair
 - Work with Federation of Taylor County 4-H on overall structure of the food stand operation
- · Oversee day-to-day operations of the food stand, which may include:
 - o Opening proceeds for stand operation
 - Training volunteers to operate cash drawer as well as prepare food to ensure safety standards are exceeded
 - o Follow and enforce federal, state, and local regulations
 - Supervises, coordinates, and trains activities of stand attendants and cooks; assigns duties within the stand; enforces stand policies and procedures
 - Ensures quality appearance of the concession stand at all ties; ensures that all workstations and the back of the stand and storerooms remain clean
 - Maintains level of inventory for stand throughout shift; orders replacement stock as necessary
 - Close stand at end of each day
 - o Perform end of shift cash handling procedures. Ensure dual control is maintained in preparing cash deposits
 - o Ensure all food stand areas have proper displays and merchandise
- Ensure dual control is maintained in preparing cash deposits, and deposits are made in a timely manner. Work closely
 with Federation of Taylor County 4-H and Treasurer in regard to banking needs for operation
- Prepare report for the Federation of Taylor County 4-H at end of the fair regarding operations, expenses, income, and maintenance requests
- Maintain clean work area and work with the inspectors throughout the fair to ensure inspections are being passed
- Must demonstrate dependability, a positive attitude, an excellent work ethic, and ability to work accurately in a
 fast-paced environment
- Must be able to provide and accept guidance and supervision

Please contact Julie Diepenbrock at julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu to express interest.





4-H Cloverbud Word Search

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ACTIVITIES FUN **HEART PLEDGE CLOVER GAMES LEADERS** SCIENCE **CRAFTS SNACKS GREEN MEMBERS FLAG HANDS NATURE** SONGS **FRIENDS HEAD HEALTH** WHITE



Bruce Zimmer, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, OSU Extension Monroe County, Ohio. Buckeye Hills EERA.

Cloverbud Corner



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The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities at Home

GAME "TASTES LIKE...": Healthy Lifestyle



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Blindfold
- Samples of healthy foods such as grapes, carrots, banana slices, apples slices, cheese, whole grain bread, celery, nuts, and pretzels
- CAUTION: beware of allergens and make substitutions as needed.



APPLICATION:

Ask

- Encourage that healthy food snacks and fun and good to eat.
- What are some other healthy food snacks?
- What are some snacks you would want from the grocery store?



BOOKS TO READ:

My Food, Your Food, Our Food, by Emma Carlson Berne The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Junk Food, by Stan and Jan Berenstain



WHAT TO DO:

- Place food samples on a tray so everyone can see them.
- Blindfold first participant and give them a sample taste.
- Ask what the food is and then which food group it belongs (vegetable, fruit, grain, protein, or diary)
- 4. Let everyone have a turn.



Source: American Heart Association, heart.org

Source: This Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities at Home works well with Chapter 14 'Making Healthy Food Choices' in *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* available through OSU Extension offices or online at extensionpubs.osu.edu. Ohio residents get the best price when they order and pick up their purchases through local Extension offices.

Activity compiled by Scott D. Scheer, Professor, Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership

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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

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Purpose Statement

"We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities."



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