



July/August 2024

Editor: Julie Diepenbrock — Production: Kelly Phillips



Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

4-H and the Extension office are offering several programs this summer, and we can't wait to see you at the events!

4-H is a great program all year round, but Summer is my favorite 4-H season! Youth K-5th grade, plan to join me for a Day Camp at one of the 3 remaining locations in Taylor County. 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. And, of course, spend time getting those projects ready for the fair.

Between summer camps, the Taylor County Fair, family time, and vacations, don't forget to get started on your 4-H Record Book! Reflecting on your year of learning is a huge part of being a 4-H member and summer will (hopefully) provide time for you to think about all of the great 4-H activities and achievements you have done over the last year. You can find the record book pages on the Taylor County Extension website on the 4-H page or stop by the office to pick some up.

With all of the summer plans, be sure to check for any deadlines or due dates for any paperwork, registrations, or orientations. As always, if you have any questions please reach out to our office for help.

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator



All Things Fair

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year
TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR

July 25-28 2024 Taylor County Fair
www.witaylorcountyfair.com

TAYLOR COUNTY
**Market
Animal**
SHOW & SALE

Bidder Sheets, YQCA and Clinic Verification Sheets

Due on or before July 1,
2024. Email to
taylorcountymass@gmail.com
or place in the MASS Drop
Box located at the Medford
Ag Service Center. Keep
copies for your records.



What is **Goosechase**? It's a chase as wild and wonderful as you make it! It's fun and engaging interactive challenges. Complete Missions, get creative, earn points, compete for the top spot, or just enjoy the submissions on the activity feed.

goosechase

at THE
TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR!



PRIZES AWARDED



Adults and youth 13 years and older, simply download the goosechase app, enter the code: V8BZLQ and start playing only during the Fair from July 25-28!





Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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 \checkmark)

7-8p.m. Beef weigh-in

Thursday, July 25, 2024

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

Fair Schedule

Friday, July 26, 2024

8a.m. Judging all dept. in Exhibit Hall

8:30a.m. Swine judging

11a.m. Rabbit judging

1:30p.m. K99 Dairy Dessert Contest

6 p.m. MASS Auction

Saturday, July 27, 2024

8a.m. Horse Show judging

9a.m. Dairy judging

1p.m. Carcass Ultrasound

2p.m. Goat & Poultry judging

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9a.m. Cats/Small Animals judging—Exhibit Hall

10-Noon Dress an Animal Contest & Coin Search—Livestock Barn; 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

Fair Volunteers Needed



PLEASE HELP!!

Grader Shed Supervision Signup

Well, it's that time of year again. The Taylor County Cooperative Youth Fair will soon be upon us. We are trying to get things ready to go. One part of our prep is getting volunteers to supervise the static exhibits in the grader shed. The kids work very hard on them, so we all need to work together to keep them safe. **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. It is just too big of a building for one person to be able to keep an eye on all the exhibits. 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. Feel free to ask a grandparent, retired person, or anyone who would enjoy helping out. They can just sign up under your club/organization. I know many of you are CRAZY busy and already spread VERY thin during the fair. (Believe me, I get it!) The superintendents are too, and can't be expected to be there all of the time. Any help is very much appreciated!

You will need to go to the fair office, sign in (or be checked off) so we know you remembered your shift, get a lanyard (or get the one from the person before you), and go to the grader shed. Your duties are to be friendly, answer questions visitors may have, and most importantly, make sure no one touches anything. The Lego displays, fairy gardens, and anything made of fabric/fiber tend to attract people and they want to touch it. The other duty (especially on Sunday) is to make sure no one takes their projects before 5:30p.m. Sometimes they try to sneak their ribbon out if it is something that will be thrown out anyway (like veggies or flowers). The youth helpers are encouraged to answer questions and talk about their projects as well as keeping an eye on projects. There should be a few chairs in the grader shed, but you need to be paying attention to visitors anytime someone is in there.

I will be busy with static judging most of the day on Friday and will work a shift in the 4-H food stand at some point. If you need anything you can try to find me or call the fair office (715-748-3348). If you know of anyone else who would be willing to help, or if you find that you have some "down time" during the fair and could squeeze in some extra time, just let them know in the fair office to write you down and get a lanyard. We need LOTS of volunteers.

I very much appreciate you giving of your time.
Sign up at tinyurl.com/TCFGraderSupervision24
Thanks Again!!! Have a great fair!

Dawn Rudolph

Food/ Food Preservation Superintendent



Help Needed/Youth Opportunity

Working the YLO Food Stand



YLO - Pizza and Soda Stand at the Taylor County Fair is staffed by 4-H youth 12 and older. Youth that work at least 2 shifts earn a local travel experience which the group chooses. Last year the group traveled to the Sea Life Aquarium at the Mall of America. The Pizza and soda stand

need 1 adult and 2 youth (12 or older) for each 2 hour shift. Sign up to have fun during the fair and earn your travel experience.

tinyurl.com/YLOPizza2024

Work the 4-H Food stand

Win a FREE T-shirt!

4-H Families—As you are planning your time at the Fair, please remember we NEED you—both youth AND parents to help in the Food Stand! It is a great fundraising event that provides funds for Taylor County 4-H for 4-H Travel Experience Scholarships, 4-H Camp costs, 4-H Senior Scholarships, 4-H Family Fun Days, recruitment for 4-H, etc. We know Fair time is a super busy time for everyone, but please make it a priority for your family to work a couple of shifts (or more) in the Food Stand. If you work a 6 hour shift, you could earn a FREE t-shirt!

Call or text Sara Matyka at 715-905-0569 to be put on the schedule or if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Fair Volunteers Needed



Exchange with Price County Dining Hall Friday

The Food Stand is a huge fundraiser for the Taylor County 4-H program, but it is difficult to fully staff the Food Stand on Friday night during the Auction. The Price County 4-H Adult Leaders Association is interested in possibly exchanging some workers (ideally 3 adults, 3 youth) on the Friday night (Auction 5pm-10pm) of the Price County Fair (August 23) to work in their Dining Hall. In exchange, they would send the same (3 adults, 3 youth) to work in the Taylor County 4-H Dining Hall on the Friday night of the Taylor County Fair (July 26) during the Auction (5pm-10pm).

The Dining Hall workers' admission to the Price County Fair would be covered by the Price County 4-H Adult Leaders. If you would be interested in helping out both counties in this way, **please contact Julie at 608-381-2435.**





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 11, 2024) 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 3, 2024. If the sign is placed in the city of Medford, it needs to be down on July 29, 2024.

*Location must be turned in with ENTRY FORM.

Helpful Information:

2024 Taylor County Fair dates are July 25-28.

Theme for 2024 is **Taylor County Fair: The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.**

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



Calling All Youth Organizations continued.....

ENTRY FORM:

Organization Name:

Contact person & Phone number:

Sign will be located at:

Permission from landowner was obtained: YES or NO

Who is the landowner and what is their phone number?

Signature of Organization leader attesting that the above is true and that all laws
were followed

Signature _____

Date _____



Project Information



7/2/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	6PM-8PM	Clinic	
7/2/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	5PM-9PM	Open Arena	Clinic 6PM-8PM
7/7/2024	Sunday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	9AM-9PM	Open Arena	
7/9/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	6PM-8PM	Clinic	
7/9/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	5PM-9PM	Open Arena	Clinic 6PM-8PM
7/14/2024	Sunday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	9AM-9PM	Open Arena	
7/16/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	6PM-8PM	Clinic	
7/16/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	5PM-9PM	Open Arena	Clinic 6PM-8PM
7/21/2024	Sunday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	9AM-9PM	Open Arena	
7/23/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	6PM-8PM	Clinic	
7/23/2024	Tuesday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	5PM-9PM	Open Arena	Clinic 6PM-8PM
7/25/2024	Thursday	Taylor County Fairgrounds		Horse ENTRY day	Horses arrive to Fairgrounds
7/26/2024	Friday	Taylor County Fairgrounds		FAIR	
7/27/2024	Saturday	Taylor County Fairgrounds		FAIR	
7/28/2024	Sunday	Taylor County Fairgrounds	4PM	Horses Leave	Horses cannot leave till 4PM

Stay tuned to all Taylor County Horse Project updates on Facebook at

[Taylor County 4-H Horse Project.](#)

Project Information



Upcoming Events

Dog Project Training continues at the Fairgrounds in the Swine/Sheep building at 5:45 p.m. July 3rd, 10th and 17th. Dog Competition is Saturday, July 20th.

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



Check the Taylor County 4-H Facebook page for tips to help you with your 4-H Fair projects!





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

- 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

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is an EEO/AA institution committed to diversity among its employees and in its programs. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. In certain situations, information related to requests may be shared with staff or units necessary to help coordinate an appropriate accommodation.



Save the Dates

For Taylor County 4-H at the County Libraries

July 2nd Rib Lake Library 10:30 a.m.

July 3rd Medford Library 1:30 p.m.

July 10th Westboro Library 11:00 a.m.





May/June Callie Cat Winners: Mary
Ellen Winnie , Aly Czarnezki, Kenzy
Pester & Nacole Butt



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 12/13 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) When is 4-H at Medford Library?
- 2) What page is Taylor County 4-H Day Camp information on?
- 3) What day is Taylor County 4-H Family Fun Day?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) What date and time is the MASS Show & Sale?
- 2) What do funds from plat books go towards?
- 3) What is the name of the 4-H Intern?
- 4) Where is 4-H Day Camp on July 11th?
- 5) When is the Dog Show at the Fair?
- 6) Where is the best place to find Taylor County 4-H information?
- 7) What grades can supervise the Grader Shed during the Fair”?
- 8) When are Record Books due to UW-Extension?
- 9) When and where is Taylor County 4-H Family Fun Day?
- 10) How much can your club earn for putting together plat books?
- 11) Where can you find tips to help you with your Fair projects?
- 12) What are the dates for Fall Forum?
- 13) What clubs put together plat books so far?

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



SUMMER CAMP





Ella & Alaina Nitz from Diamond Lakers putting together the new 2024 plat books at Extension!

Thank you girls.



Thrifty -Go-Getters—Addison demonstrates resin jewelry making and Trinity decorating cupcakes!

Also, thank you for putting together 2024 plat books!



What's Your Club Up To?



Would you like your Club featured in the next Taylor County 4-H Clover Connection newsletter? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event/meeting was and make sure to include pictures with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! Once you have completed your story send it to Kelly at phillips32@wisc.edu



Let the Good Times
Grow



Calendar of Events

July

- 1—Bidder Sheets, YQCA, and Clinic Sheets due to MASS
- 2—4-H at Rib Lake Library 10:30 a.m.
- 3—4-H at Medford Library 1:30 p.m.
- 3—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 4—Happy 4th of July Holiday. UWEX closed.
- 8—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 10—4-H at Westboro Library 11:00 a.m.
- 10—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 11—4-H Day Camp Medford School Forest
- 17—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 20—Dog Judging for the Taylor County Fair 10 a.m.
- 25—28 Taylor County Fair
- 26—43rd Annual Taylor County Mass Auction



Happy Fourth of July

Our office will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day

August

- 4—4-H Family Fun Day 11-3:00 p.m.
- 4—MASS Post-Fair Awards & Forum 7p.m.
- 6—4-H Day Camp Diamond Lake Park Lublin
- 8—4-H Day Camp Stetsonville Elementary School Grounds
- 12—Federation Meeting 7:1 p.m. at UWEX
- 16—Clover Connection Newsletter articles due

September

- 1—4-H Clubs Annual Financial Reporting due to UWEX
- 6—4-H Record Books due to UWEX
- 9—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

TC Newsletter Deadlines

August 16—September/October

October 17—November/December

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

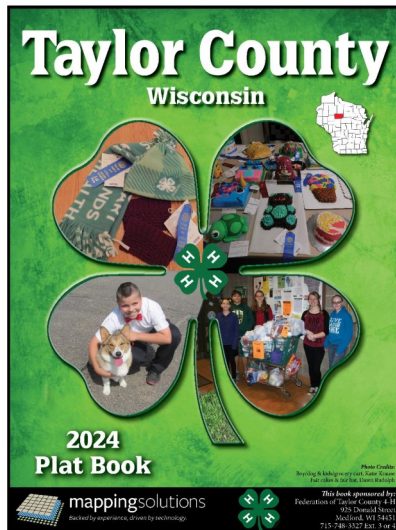
If you have any questions, please contact Kelly at 715-748-1413 or phillips32@wisc.edu

Club Opportunity



Looking for a quick easy way to make some \$\$ for your 4-H club all while chit chatting with a few of your club members? We have the new Taylor County Plat Books ready to be assembled. Your club can earn \$2 for each book assembled. With a small crew of 6 people (2 younger members to count out 5 sheets at a time to be punched, 2 older youth or adults to do the hole punching and 2 youth or adults putting the binders on) coming to the Extension office building, we can set you up and you could make \$200 in about 2 hours!

Thanks to the Katie Krause for her communication with the company and the Federation making decisions to have the 2024 Taylor Plat Book maps completed by Mapping Solutions. The Plat Books are a fundraiser that helps provide funds for 4-H Travel Experience scholarships, 4-H Camp costs, 4-H Senior Scholarships and 4-H Family Activities like the Tubing at Perkinstown, Bowling, Family Fun Day and Kickball tournament (August 4, 2024), Harvest Day Parade 4-H giveaways, etc.



Give Kelly a call at (715) 748-3327 ext. 3, to arrange a time to come in and help out your 4-H club and Taylor County 4-H.



4-H Happenings

Julie at Huey's Summer Program playing games then enjoying a snack with their new 4-H water bottles!



Tychelle creating "adventures" with the kids at the Stetsonville Library.

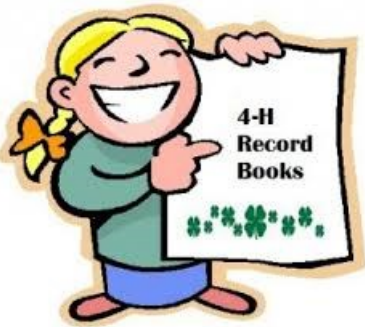




MEET OUR 4-H SUMMER INTERN!

TYCHELLE DUELLMAN

Tychelle 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 the Taylor County 4-H for 10 years! Tychelle graduated from Gilman High School in 2022 and is attending UW-Eau Claire. We are grateful to have her working with 4-H this summer.



Your 4-H record book should be a reflection of your 4-H experience in the past year. Please feel free to personalize it with pictures, drawings or descriptions of your projects and activities.

All records must fit neatly into a binder or report cover. Extension will supply a plastic folder for the

current year, which members are encouraged to use unless their materials do not fit into the folders.

Record Books are due in the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, September 6, 2024**. Check with your club leaders for any earlier requirements.



Save the Dates



TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH 11-3P.M.
GRAHL PARK
541 E. URQUHART STREET, MEDFORD



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, 2024.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/04/Annual-Financial-Report-5.2024-Fillable.pdf>

Charter Application is to be completed by November 1, 2024.

Here is a link to the charter website:

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



Save the Dates



State Dog Obedience
&
Showmanship Show

October 5-6, 2024
At the Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum 2024
Sparking New Connections!

WI 4-H
STATE HORSE
GYMKHANA SHOW

September 7, 2024 (one day show)
State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

Wisconsin State 4-H Gymkhana is an annual horse and pony competition for youth in grades 6th-13th featuring speed pattern racing events including: Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Plug Race, Pole Bending, LT Special, and Key Races.

This event is a fun and challenging opportunity for 4-H Youth to showcase their skills and connect with other 4-H members from across the state.

For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/3Kf1nVD>

SAVE THE DATE

November 2-3, 2024

Holiday Inn Convention Center
1001 Amber Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54482

NONPROFIT

POSTAGE & FEES PAID

MEDFORD WI 54451

PERMIT NO 196



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

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>

Purpose Statement

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



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Taylor County 4-H

An EEO Affirmative Action employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are confidential.