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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:



## Happy Holiday Season 4-H Families,

Thanks to all of our 4-H youth members and adult volunteers who made the 23-24 4-H year a great one in Taylor County with lots of activities, learning, and growth. We are working hard to create new, fun, engaging learning activities for a meaningful 4-H experience in the 2024-25 4-H year.

4-H is open enrollment which means people can enroll throughout the year. However, it helps our clubs and our office to know who is going to be involved. Last year we ended the 4-H year with 169 4-H youth members in Taylor County and 28 adult volunteers. Currently, we are at 64 4-H youth members and 4 adult volunteers (15 more volunteers once they complete the trainings and/or background check). If you haven't enrolled yet, please do so. Let's keep increasing these numbers so other youth can benefit from 4-H! Remember youth need to enroll in 4-H by March 1 and attend at least 3 club meetings by summer to be qualified to exhibit at the Taylor County Fair.

Adult volunteers, we need your help to provide project meetings for our youth to help them learn. We will soon be sending out information about how many youth are enrolled in each project. Please register to be a 4-H volunteer and be thinking about how you can share your skills with our youth.

Julie Diepenbrock  
4-H Program Educator





# Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H by November 1

to continue receiving emails/newsletters from us!

All members/leaders  
must re-enroll  
each year.

Re-enroll **HERE**  **v2.4honline.com**

Your login will be the same as last year. If you forgot your password,  
click on Reset Password. Do not make a new account!

Questions? Contact our office 715-748-3227

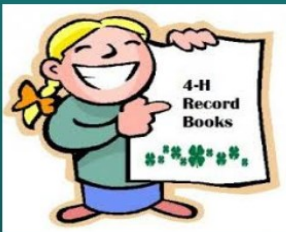
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**Creating 4-H Record Books  
Training  
Sunday, November 24th  
1-2 p.m.**

**Extension Office Conference Room**



Join Julie Diepenbrock, 4-H Educator, for  
snacks, fun activities, and information.

# Beginning the New 4-H Year



4-H youth and Volunteers enroll through 4-H Online beginning September 1. As of October 25, we have 85 youth and 21 volunteers enrolled for the 2024-25 4-H year. October 7-12 was National 4-H week - Taylor County 4-H was highlighted in radio spots on K99, many social media posts, window decorations in local businesses, displays in public libraries, and many of our clubs had their first club meeting of the new 4-H year. Most clubs elected their new officers for the 2024-2025 4-H year and plan for the year including: service, education, fundraising and fun. All of this information is included in the Club Charters due November 1. Planning and organizing is a great life skill that 4-H members learn during these meetings.







# Bowling & Awards





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Could earn your club\* **\$50**

\*Registered clubs receive \$50 TSC gift card; registered individuals receive \$25 TSC gift card.

See website for details: [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org)

## The Paper Clover Campaign has been moved to November 29-December 15, 2024

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is providing an incentive to any 4-H club or individual 4-H member who does an in-store promotion at a Wisconsin TSC store during the Fall 2024 Paper Clover Campaign.

A \$50 TSC gift card will be given to any club who completes an in-store promotion and a \$25 TSC gift card will be given to any 4-H member who completes an in-store promotion during the Fall 2024 Paper Clover Campaign. For rules and how to register: [Wis4HFoundation.org/tscpaperclover](http://Wis4HFoundation.org/tscpaperclover).



# COOKING CLASS

With 4-H Educator Julie  
Diepenbrock

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Tuesday 5th @ MAMS

Wednesday 6th @ MAES

Wednesday 13th @ SES

**LEARN HOW TO MAKE OMELETS  
IN A BAG!**

MAES, MAMS & SES  
AFTERSCHOOL  
PROGRAM



# Holiday Snacks

with 4-H  
Educator  
Julie  
Diepenbrock



**December**

Afterschool Program

Wednesday 4th @ MAMS

Wednesday 11th @ MAES

Wednesday 18th @ SES



## 4-H is a Family Program

4-H members need the support and encouragement of their family. Parents and other family members can contribute in many ways to the 4-H program. They may help members:

- Determine project goals
- Obtain necessary project supplies
- Carry out work at home
- Maintain records
- Evaluate project work
- Attend club meetings
- Participate in countywide events
- Choose to become a 4-H volunteer

Some helpful advice from 4-H families to new 4-H families:

- Read the Taylor County 4-H Newsletter and 4-H Email Blasts
- Follow Taylor County 4-H on Facebook
- Be on time for important 4-H deadlines
- Bring your family calendar to your 4-H meeting
- Take lots of pictures of your children during 4-H activities
- If you have questions, reach out to your club leader, other 4-H families, or the county 4-H Educator

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## 4-H Terminology

**4-H Educator**—4-H staff that manages the county 4-H program and provides outreach programming to non 4-H youth.

**4-H Year**—October to September

**Cloverbud**—4-H member in grades K-2nd grade

**Club Meeting**—monthly meeting for 4-H members





## What Are Project Meetings?

A project meeting is defined as a scheduled meeting which is planned, organized, coordinated, and /or taught by a certified 4-H volunteer with the purpose of learning new project skills or mastering project knowledge which will assist the 4-H member enrolled in 4-H project work.

Routine tasks associated with project work should not be considered as an appropriate substitute for project meeting attendance. For example, feeding a pet cat daily should not be considered a project meeting. As the purpose of the 4-H program is one of education and not competition, project meetings should provide an opportunity to develop new skills. Therefore, project meeting focus should be on skill development and not simply on fair exhibit completion and competition. For example, if a 4-H member baked purple ribbon cookies at a project meeting last year and returned to bake the same recipe this year, this activity would be defined as project work and not a project meeting as no new skills were developed.

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## 4-H Terminology continued....

**Club Leader**—an adult volunteer who is responsible for the general operation and coordination of the club.

**Project Leader**—work with individual members, or a group of youth, in a project area to support and guide their learning.

**Federation**—group of countywide volunteers who set policies, coordinates countywide activities, and plan and promote the county 4-H program.



## Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarship

The Wisconsin Pork Association is sponsoring several scholarship programs for Wisconsin high school seniors recognizing individuals pursuing a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to those students possessing leadership abilities and interests in the swine industry.

To find this scholarship, go to <http://www.wppa.org/scholarships/>.

### Scholarship Requirements

1. All applicants must possess a sincere interest in the pork industry.
2. All applicants must pursue a post high school education, i.e. college, vocational school, short course, etc.
3. All applicants are required to fill out and return the form, found at the above link, no later than **DECEMBER 1, 2024**
4. Only seniors in a Wisconsin high school are eligible to apply.

For more information contact:

Wisconsin Pork Association

PO Box 327

Lancaster, WI 53813

(608) 723-7551 or 1-800-822-7675





## Equity Cooperative Livestock Scholarship

Annually, Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association offers ten \$1,250 4-year or university scholarships and four \$1,000 technical college scholarships. Students applying must have completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, or at least one semester at a technical college. They must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale. Either the student, their parent (s) or grandparent(s) must be an active member or employee of Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association. Go to [www.equitycoop.com](http://www.equitycoop.com) to see eligibility requirements. Entries must be completed by **November 30, 2024**, to be considered.



**Fall Orientation and Annual Meeting** is Saturday, Nov. 2 in Medford (location to be announced soon). New member orientation: 9 a.m. Returning member orientation and annual meeting: 10 a.m.

**Beef and Dairy Beef Steer Weigh-in:** Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to Noon, Taylor County Fairgrounds.



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Sept/Oct Callie  
Cat Winner:

# Youth Opportunity



## 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:

#### **Grade K-5 Questions:**

- 1) What date do you need to be enrolled in 4-H by?
- 2) What dates can you make omelets in a bag with 4-H Educator Julie?
- 3) Where is record book training held?

#### **Grade 6-13 Questions:**

- 1) When can you make Holiday Snacks with 4-H Educator Julie?
- 2) What Fall 4-H Activities have you done so far?
- 3) How many club meetings by summer to be qualified for the Fair?
- 4) Where can you find out what's happening in Taylor County 4-H?
- 5) What are Project Meetings?
- 6) When do entries for WI 4-H Hall of Fame have to be submitted?
- 7) What is Taylor County 4-H Federation looking for?
- 8) What grades can attend the Annual Leadership Training?
- 9) When is Beef and Dairy Beef Steer Weigh-in?
- 10) What 2 scholarships are offered?
- 11) What clubs put on a window display for Nat'l 4-H Week?
- 12) How many 4-H Youth Members were there last year?
- 13) Where can you make omelets in a bag with 4-H Educator Julie?
- 14) When is 4-H Record Book Training?
- 15) What dates will Extension be closed?

### 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



# WISCONSIN 4-H HALL OF FAME

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This Hall of Fame is established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. The candidates represent 4-H in the broadest sense - they may be 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, UW—Madison Division of Extension professionals, or staff employees who had an impact on the lives of children, their community, or state through significant contributions of time, energy, or financial resource to 4-H and its members.

Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination for consideration.

All 2025 nominations must be submitted electronically to Amanda Lacey at [amanda.lacey@wisc.edu](mailto:amanda.lacey@wisc.edu) no later than January 15, 2025. Complete nominations include a:

1. Nomination cover page
2. Nomination signature page
3. One-page Microsoft Word document outlining the nominee's qualifications based on the 4-H Hall of Fame criteria
4. Digital head and shoulder photograph and
5. Brief (no more than 250 words) biography.

**Online Entry form at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>**





# Calendar of Events

## **November**

- 1—4-H Enrollment Ends
- 2—MASS Fall Orientation and Annual Meeting
- 5—MAMS Afterschool Program: Cooking Class
- 6—MAES Afterschool Program: Cooking Class
- 11—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 13—SES Afterschool Program: Cooking Class
- 15—Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest Order Entry due
- 24—Record Book Training @ UWEX 1-2 p.m.
- 28—Happy Thanksgiving Day
- 28-29—UW-Extension is closed
- 29—Paper Clover Campaign @ Tractor Supply starts
- 30—Equity Cooperative Livestock Scholarship Due

## **December**

- 1—WI Pork Association Scholarship Due
- 4—MAMS Afterschool Program: Holiday Snacks
- 9—MASS Beef & Dairy Initial Weigh-In—Taylor County Fairgrounds 10-Noon
- 9—No 4-H Federation Meeting
- 11—MAES Afterschool Program: Holiday Snacks
- 14—MASS Beef & Dairy Beef Steer Weigh-In 10-Noon
- 15—Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply ends
- 18—SES Afterschool Program: Holiday Snacks
- 24-25—UW-Extension is closed
- 31—UW-Extension is closed

## **January**

- 5—Annual Leadership Training @ UWEX 1-2:30 p.m.
- 15—WI 4-H Hall of Fame submission due



### **TC Newsletter Deadlines**

December 15—January/February

February 16—March/April

**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](mailto:phillips32@wisc.edu)

## 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Process

Anyone who is at least 18 years old by September 1 can apply to become Wisconsin 4-H volunteer as long as they are not enrolled as a high school student.

Individuals cannot be enrolled as both a Wisconsin 4-H member and a Wisconsin 4-H volunteer. Once accepted as a Wisconsin 4-H volunteer, the individual is no longer eligible for Wisconsin 4-H membership.

All 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a staff member or an approved 4-H volunteer, 18 years of age or older, who has completed all the following steps:

Step 1: Enroll in [4HOnline](#) including agreeing to the [Division of Extension Volunteer Behavior Expectations](#).

- Step 2: Complete Criminal Background Check\* (information will be sent via email to all new potential volunteers once a person has enrolled)
- Step 3: Complete Volunteer Trainings:
  - UW Madison [Supporting You, Supporting Youth Training](#) \*\*\*
  - Division of Extension [Grow Green Training](#)\*\*
  - Division of Extension [Building Safe Spaces Training](#) \*\*\*
  - Volunteers serving as a chaperone will need to complete the [Supporting Youth Mental Health Training](#)

*\*A background records check for arrest and conviction records will be completed every two (2) years for continuing 4-H volunteer leaders.*

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/4-h-volunteers/>

## 2024 Discovery Days

Discovery Day 2024 was a success thanks to all who helped. Aly, Ryker and Becky Czarnezki (Thrifty-Go-Getters) brought a dog, cat, rabbit and duck for a Pet and Learn station. Nora and Addison Hamland (Thrifty-Go-Getters) helped youth at the Cultural Crafts (paper bead bracelets) station and the STEM (3Doodler pen) stations. Vi Jensen (Little Farmers) taught several kids how to do some leather working. Dawn Rudolph (Liberty) handed out Taylor County brochures and helped wherever she was needed at the time! Best guess - we had around 100 youth interact with one or more of our 4-H activities.







## Happy Halloween from the Thrifty-Go-Getters

~Fall Meeting~





# Leader Training

**4-H Club Officers and Youth Leaders** - Ready to have some fun and learn more about how to be a great 4-H youth leader and/or club officer?

**Adult Volunteers and Club Leaders** - Looking for some great ideas to make your 4-H club meetings and project meetings even better? Join Julie Diepenbrock for an hour and a half of fun, learning, and sharing ideas .



## ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

*Who should attend:*  
**Club Leaders, Adult Volunteers,  
Youth Leaders (6th grade up),  
Club Officers**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**  
**Taylor County Extension Office**  
**1:00-2:30pm**  
**Register at:**  
**<https://tinyurl.com/4HLeadershipTrng>**



**JOIN US FOR SNACKS,  
FUN ACTIVITIES, AND  
INFORMATION.**

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## Taylor County 4-H Federation



IS LOOKING FOR 4-H MEMBERS FROM EACH CLUB, 12+ YEARS OR OLDER, PARENT OR VOLUNTEER WELCOMED AS WELL TO ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONTHLY 4-H FEDERATION MEETINGS.



UW-Extension will be closed on Thursday & Friday November 28th & 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.



UW-Extension will be also be closed for the Holidays on December 24th-25th & 31st!

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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

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of Wisconsin, and engaging with them  
in transforming lives and communities."*



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