



Jan/Feb 2025

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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. 2024 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 2025. Annual Leadership Training for club leaders and adult volunteers, youth leaders (6th grade and up) and club officers on Sunday, January 5 will be worth your time! Bring your ideas of how we can make Taylor County 4-H even better.

All of our 4-H members will love the Project Fun Day on Saturday, January 11, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at MAMS. We have lots of great hands on project sessions for 4-H youth of all ages. You won't want to miss it! Be sure to register SOON!

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 23-27) 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.

Feel free to reach out any time I can help. Have a wonderful 4-H year in 2025!!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator



Youth Opportunities

Apply between December 20—January 20, 2025




4-H INTERN

Looking for 4-H Summer Intern to work in both Taylor & Price Counties. Approx. 40 hours/week between June 2–August 22. Help with Summer Camp, Day Camps, Library Programs, and Fairs.

Must be 18–22 years old

Apply here:
tinyurl.com/4HSummerInternPriceTaylor25



2025 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://tinyurl.com/FederationScholarship25>

Applications are due April 1, 2025



Youth Opportunities

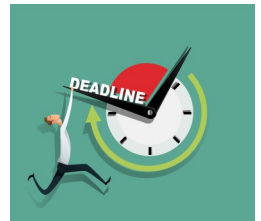


Youth Leadership Organization (YLO)

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



All 4-H volunteers need to be approved by **January 15, 2025**.
Check 4-H Online to be sure you have completed all trainings
and the background check.



Project Fun Day



Join Taylor County 4-H for

Project FUN Day

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

MAMS



9:00AM-2:00PM

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 5K-13TH

Youth 2nd grade and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.

**This event cost \$5 to attend which covers lunch
and all project supplies!**

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PROJECT SESSIONS!

Youth will participate in 3 sessions but will choose 5 because sessions may
fill up or be offered at the same time.

tinyurl.com/TCProjectFunDay2025



or



DEADLINE DECEMBER 30



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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.



Project Fun Day



Cookie baking (grades 5th and up): A hands-on cooking experience where participants learn the techniques to create delicious cookies from scratch, including mixing dough, shaping cookies, and baking them to perfection.

Wanna Build a LEGO? Love building LEGOs and would like to be able to make them move and have sound? Join this session and learn some simple coding and building LEGOs at the same time.

Photography 101: 4-H Youth will explore the basics of using a camera and gain hands-on skills in selecting their best work for exhibits. With a touch of creativity, they'll discover how to tell compelling stories through their photos.

Let's get growing: Explore various plants to grow inside and outside your home. Tips and tricks will be shared. Go home with information and perhaps, a plant or 2!

Communication-the art of getting (almost) anything you want: Learn to effectively communicate through fun and games.

Simple sewing project you can use! You will be using a sewing machine to stitch up a cute potholder. The second project is a cord keeper. To help keep them organized, we will sew a band that will keep them neat.

Can you tie a knot? (ages 8 and up) You will tie fleece around a pillow form and make your own throw pillow.

Crafting with leather: Love the look of leather and want to try working with it? This session will give you that chance!

Whether you like the weather or not, here it comes! While you can't order the weather you want, let's talk about forecasting so you can prepare for what is coming your way!

How to show your rabbit (ages 8 and up): Learn about your rabbit and showmanship.

Get the SCOOP on showing cats (ages 6 and up): Meet and greet feline time with a sneak peek on getting prepared for cat judging at the fair.



Project Update



What: Sleigh Ride—just for fun!

When: Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 11a.m.—2:00ish

Where: Starwood Farm, 715-446-2485

Cost: \$15 per person

<https://g.co/kgs/Yzism2x>

Sleigh ride in the woods.

Camp fire with hotdogs and marshmallows

Sleigh ride back to the farm

Follow the [Taylor County 4-H Horse Project](#) on Facebook!





2025 Karl Petersen Competitive Shoot

April 19, 2025

Location: Augusta Area Sportsman Club, E19255 Co Hwy 66,
Augusta, WI 54722

Disciplines: .117 Air Rifle (Three-Position and Silhouettes),
.117 Air Pistol (Slow Fire/Rapid Fire), Archery (300 Round and
3-D Animal Round, Compound and Recurve), Wildlife Ecology

Check in starts at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, ranges open at 8 a.m.

Registration: 2025 registration form will be available soon.
More information is also available on the shoot website:
<https://ecshootingsports.weebly.com/eau-claire-county-invitational.html>

Contact: Jon Dorn dornconst@gmail.com, Greg Zeman
jzeman@charter.net, and Jessica Zeman jzeman@charter.net
715-205-39793.



Leadership Training



ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Who should attend:

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

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
Taylor County Extension Office**

1:00-2:30pm

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HLeadershipTrng>

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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
(DOES NOT NEED TO BE CLUB
LEADER) TO ATTEND AND
CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONTHLY 4-H
FEDERATION MEETINGS.



Federation Election Results

CONGRATULATIONS:

President: Katie Krause

Vice President: Brian Bolstad

Secretary: Cheri Klussendorf

Treasurer: Open

Youth Leader Rep: Max Klussendorf

Youth Rep: Leigha Geiger

Fair Board Rep: Heidi Geiger/Backup: Dawn Rudolph



Volunteer Opportunity

**ARE YOU IN 8TH GRADE
OR OLDER?**

If you are, you can be a counselor at



June 10-13
Northern Lakes Impact
Center
Rhineland, WI

**WE ALSO NEED ADULTS TO
VOLUNTEER AS CAMP STAFF.**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED APPLY BY JANUARY 20 @

tinyurl.com/4HSummerCampStaffApp2025



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SAVE THE DATE!



Outdoor
Activities



Three Days of
Independence



New
Friendships



Miles of Smiles

4-H SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 11-13
2025

YOUTH who
just
finished
GRADES 3-7

MORE INFO
COMING IN MARCH



Join us for 4-H Summer Camp, where youth from Price, Taylor, Lincoln, and Langlade Counties enjoy fun and adventure as we celebrate summer together! Registration opens in March.



Calendar of Events

January

- 1—Extension office closed
- 5—Annual Leadership Training 1-2:30 p.m. at UWEX
- 11—Project Fun Day 9-2p.m. at MAMS
- 11—Rabies Clinic Lublin Village Hall
- 13—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 15—4-H Volunteer trainings due
- 20—Summer Camp Counselor applications due
- 20—4-H Intern application due
- 25—Taylor County Horse Project Sleigh Ride
- 25—WI 4-H Dairy Bowl

February

- 6—Science of the Chocolate Chip Cookie starts
- 8—4-H Meats Judging Contest
- 10—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 14—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX
- 17—Dinosaurs and Unicorns start

March

- 1—4-H Enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Fair
- 1—Paper Circuits start
- 10—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 15—Skillathon and Quiz Bowl
- 18—MASS Spring Orientation & Salesmanship Training

April

- 1—Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship Application due
- 11—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX
- 14—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 19—Karl Petersen Competitive Shoot

4-H Happenings



TAYLOR COUNTY

Market Animal

SHOW & SALE

March 18, 2025

Spring Orientation &
Salesmanship Training

Gilman High School. New Member
Orientation at 6p.m., continuing
Members at 7 p.m.

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

Baked
GOODS too!

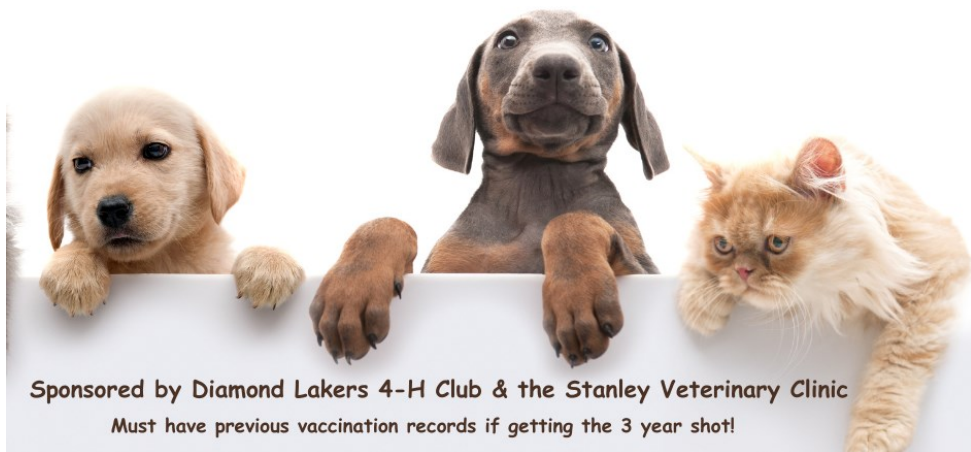
January 11, 2025

Rabies Clinic

Lublin Village Hall 8:30-10:30a.m.



\$10
per shot



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

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



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Nov/Dec Callie Cat
Winners: Zeke Moodie,
& Nacole Butt

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 13/14 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 are the dates for 4-H Summer Camp?
- 2) Did you sign up for Project Fun Day?
- 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) When is 4-H Summer Camp?
- 6) Do clubs meet when it's -10°C or more?
- 7) What club did the bulletin board at Extension?
- 8) What does YLO stand for?
- 9) When and where is Project Fun Day?
- 10) When is the Federation Scholarship application due?
- 11) What age do you have to be to contribute to Federation meetings?
- 12) Where is the rabies clinic and bake sale held?
- 13) How many state programs are mentioned in this newsletter?

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

SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST
FEB. 8, 2025

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 15, 2025

**BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE
UW MADISON CAMPUS**

Save the date for the 2025 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl!
More information on registration coming soon!

WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL



January 25, 2025



University of Wisconsin- Green Bay
STEM Innovations Center



Contest to Start at 11:30 am

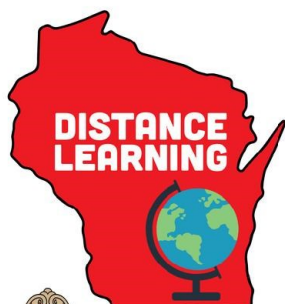


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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



THE SCIENCE OF THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

For Youth Grades 3-12
Starts February 6



DINOSAURS AND UNICORNS

For Youth Grades K-2
Starts February 17



PAPER CIRCUITS

For Youth Grades 4-9
Starts March 1

For More Information and Registration
go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>

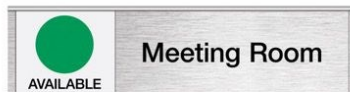


Useful Information



Extension Meeting Rooms

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

TC Newsletter Deadlines

February 14—March/April

April 11—May/June

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

If you have any questions please contact the office 715-748-1413 or

phillips32@wisc.edu

Bulletin Board for Club Use

The Extension/4-H bulletin board is available to promote your 4-H club. Please contact Kelly at 715-748-1413 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!

Taylor County 4-H



Liberty assembling 2024 Plat Books this past Fall!



Liberty decorating cookies at their December meeting



Happenings!



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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."*



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