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Taylor County 4-H

Clover Connection



Mar/Apr 2025

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

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 37 volunteers that provide 4-H experiences for the approximately 140 youth that take part in the 7 community clubs across the county.

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.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator



Project Updates

MARKET ANIMAL PARTICIPANTS

SAVE THE DATE

for



TRAINING

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND 1-2 P.M.

EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

MASS participants interested in taking the YQCA Training in-person this year? Youth still need to log in to [YQCA \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Gilman High School

New member orientation at 6 p.m.

Continuing members at 7 p.m.

Lamb Initial Weigh-In

Friday, April 25, 2025

Taylor County Fairgrounds

6-8 p.m.

Swine ID photos and paperwork due

Project Updates



Meet & Greet

Sunday, May 18th 4-6 p.m. 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.

For the full schedule, visit: [Taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-dog-project/](https://taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-dog-project/)



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

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

Reach out to Ashley Dums if you have any questions, 715-965-4773.



Scholarship Opportunity



2025 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 2025. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via mail, postmarked by **Saturday, March 1, 2025**

scholarships@Wis4hFoundation.org

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 at:

<https://tinyurl.com/FederationScholarship25>

Applications are due **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

Scholarship Opportunity



WI Towns Association 2025 Scholarship Program

2025 Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship

Along with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, and Scott Construction, Inc.

Offering \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2025 from either a public or private college or a university in 2025.

Essays must be postmarked **Friday, May 23, 2025**. For more information, visit: <https://wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

WI Rural Opportunities Foundation 2025 Scholarships

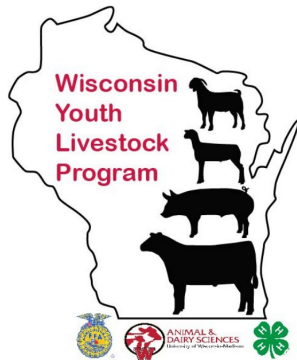
The WROF, Inc. will award \$3,000 scholarships to five outstanding high school seniors from rural Wisconsin to pursue post-secondary education through our Premier Scholarship Awards Program.

Applications are currently open and will close at 11:59 pm on **Friday, March 7, 2025**. The application can be found on our website: <https://www.wrof.org>. We will only accept applications submitted online.





Youth Opportunity



Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, will host a webinar **March 18th** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** This is available for all youth **grades 3-13**. The session will be recorded and available on the [Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel](#). This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension.

March 18, 2025 - Management for your animal project

This session will identify tips and tricks related to management of your animal project. Biosecurity standards are the best practices in raising animal, this meeting will stimulate thoughts on how to minimize disease spread. Dr. Gretchen May from DATCP, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, will be the speaker. More information will be forthcoming.

If interested, please email Kelly at phillips32@wisc.edu for the [Educational Verification Form](#) that needs to be filled out prior attending.

Youth Opportunity

Save
the
Date



Northwoods Premiere Beef Show Inc

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Sharpen Your Skills, Elevate Your Showmanship!

Get ready to elevate your beef showmanship game with our hands-on, expert-led educational clinic! Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor or just starting out, this clinic is designed to teach you the techniques and skills that will set you apart in the ring.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Showmanship Techniques

- Learn proper posture, halter control, and show ring etiquette from experienced professionals.

Presentation & Grooming

- Discover the secrets to presenting your animal in the best light, from clipping to setting up your steer or heifer.

Confidence Building

- Gain the confidence to stand tall and proud in front of judges, showcasing your animal like a pro.

Expert Advice

- Get personalized tips from industry experts who have been in the show ring and know what it takes to succeed.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- 4-H, FFA & youth organization members
- Beef exhibitors of all experience levels
- Parents and mentors interested in supporting youth showmanship



May 16-17, 2025
Educational Clinic
Showmanship Contest
Open Heifer Show
Junior Steer Show

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FRIDAY
MAY 16
7 PM

**TAYLOR COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

HWYS 13 & 64
MEDFORD, WIS.





Youth Opportunity



2025 DATES

- April 26
- May 10
- June 21
- No July
- August 16
- Sept 27
- October 25

Join us
7am-1pm



\$10 seller fee per space
Free buyer Admission
Set up at 6am
No early sales
No hooved stock



swaptaylorcounty@gmail.com
www.taylorcountyswap.com

Youth Opportunity



2025 Taylor County Lions Maple Fest *Saturday, April 26, 2025*

The Taylor County Lions Clubs invite 4-H youth ages 12 and under to participate in their Maple Festival Float/Rolling Billboard Competition.

For details and entry form, visit:
[www.taylorcountylionsmaplefest.org/
contests.php#floatcontest](http://www.taylorcountylionsmaplefest.org/contests.php#floatcontest)





Youth Opportunity
5K-5th Grade

4-H DAY Camp

SAVE THE DATE

Join Us for Outdoor fun, Activities and Projects!

JUNE 24 – WOOD LAKE COUNTY PARK (RIB LAKE)
JULY 10 – MEDFORD SCHOOL FOREST
AUGUST 5 – DIAMOND LAKE PARK (LUBLIN)
AUGUST 7 – STETSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

JUMP ROPE ACTIVITIES **HIPPITY HOP RACES** **INTERNATIONAL ARTS**

To register:
<https://tinyurl.com/TC4HDaycamp2025>

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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
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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.

Register at: 4HOnline.com from March 10th to May 10th.



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Adult Opportunity



Adult Certification Workshops, Stoughton, Phillips, and Marshfield, WI

The southern workshop scheduled for **April 19, 2025**, at Stoughton will offer archery, pistol/air pistol, rifle/air rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun.

The northern workshop to be held **May 10, 2025**, at Phillips has archery, rifle/air rifle and shotgun offered.

The central workshop date at Marshfield for **September 2025**, will be posted soon at the link below. This annual certification workshop offers all disciplines including coordinator. Adults 21 and over can register and select one discipline in which to be certified. All registration information for these and future certification workshops will be posted here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LeaderTraining2025>

If interested in being a certified instructor, please contact your county 4-H Educator and those in shooting sports leadership roles in your county regarding requirements prior to registering for a certification workshop.

Information Update



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

JULY 31-AUGUST 10, 2025 Presented By uscellular

NEW for 2025: A new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rule requires that official ID tags newly applied to cattle on or after November 5, 2024, must have both a visual and electronic component. The only official tags that currently meet these requirements are 840 RFID tags.



DNA supplies are **NOW** available for purchase!

All animal entries in the market and non-registered breeding stock shows of the Junior, Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine Divisions of the 2025 Wisconsin State Fair must have 840 ear tag identification and DNA samples submitted to Wisconsin State Fair or an approved County Fair.



Information:

<https://tinyurl.com/48rcbtmf>



Purchase 840 Ear Tags and DNA Sample Envelopes

entry.wistatefair.com

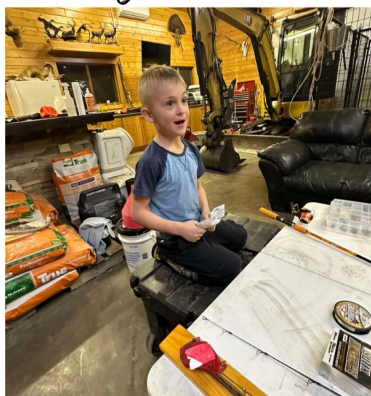


Taylor County 4-H



Andi demonstrating how to make cheesecake strawberries!

Thrifty-Go-Getters



Jep showing ice fishing and summer fishing tools!

Happenings!

Taylor County 4-H



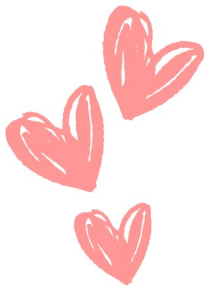
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Blankets*



*for
Country
Gardens*



Happenings!





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

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) What page is there a picture of a rabbit on?
- 2) What page is Taylor County 4-H Day Camp information on?
- 3) What Club made Valentine cards?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) What is The Federation of Taylor County?
- 2) When is the Meet & Greet for the Dog Project?
- 3) When is the Taylor County Fair? What is the theme?
- 4) What can you enter at Maple Fest 2024?
- 5) When is MASS Spring Orientation?
- 6) When are Senior Salutes due?
- 7) What Clubs are featured in "4-H Happenings"?
- 8) What type of ear tags are required at the State Fair?
- 9) What session is on the WI Youth Livestock YouTube channel?
- 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 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



Clover Connection

TC Newsletter Deadlines

April 16—May/June

June 20—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



For those of you exhibiting at the 2025 Taylor County Fair, this year's theme is:

July 24-27, 2025

Things are Blooming
AT THE TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR





Calendar of Events

March

- 1—Enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Fair
- 1—4-H Foundation Scholarship due
- 2—YQCA Training at UWEX
- 7—WI Rural Opps Foundation Scholarship due
- 10—4-H Summer Camp Registration opens
- 17—St. Patrick's Day (wear your 4-H green)
- 18—MASS Spring Orientation & Salesmanship Training
- 18—Youth Livestock—Mgmt for your animal project
- 24—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

April

- 1—Taylor County Federation Scholarship due
- 16—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX
- 18—UWEX closed for the day at Noon
- 20—Easter
- 20—26 Thank a Volunteer week!
- 25—MASS Lamb Initial Weigh-In
- 26—Small Animal Swap
- 26—Maple Fest: Float/Rolling Billboard Competition
- 28—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

May

- 1—Senior Salutes due to UWEX
- 10—Small Animal Swap
- 10—4-H Summer Camp registration closes
- 18—Dog Project: Meet & Greet at UWEX 4-6 p.m.
- 21—Dog Project: training at Renzoni's 6 p.m. (required)
- 23—WI Towns Association Scholarship due
- 26—Memorial Day
- 26—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 28—Dog Project: training at Renzoni's 6 p.m. (required)



4-H Updates



Federation of Taylor County 4-H

President: Katie Krause
Vice President: Brian Bolstad
Secretary: Cheri Klussendorf
Treasurer: Nancy Graun
Youth Leader Rep: Max Klussendorf
Youth Rep: Leigha Geiger
Fair Board Rep: Heidi Geiger/Backup: Dawn Rudolph

Beginning March 24th, the Federation Meetings have been changed to the 4th Monday of each month starting at 7:15 p.m. at the USDA/Extension Building.

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!

EXTENSION WILL BE
CLOSED APRIL 18TH FROM
NOON TO 4:30 P.M. IN
OBSERVANCE OF EASTER



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 4th Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. at the Extension Conference Room. Join us!



Thank you Volunteers



National Volunteer Week April 20-26, 2025

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
Angel Tyznik
Anthony Schumacher
Ashley Dums
Becky Czarnecki
Benjamin Bolstad
Brenda Popple
Brian Bolstad
Cheri Klussendorf
Cheryl Bolstad
Carli Tomandl
Dawn Rudolph
Debbie Miller
Dorothy Halida
Heidi Erl
Heidi Geiger



Jeanine Renzoni
Jenny Duellman
Jessica Sommer
Jill Penk
Joshua Penk
Julie Diepenbrock
Karyn Eckert
Kathleen Schumacher

Katie Krause
Laura Bolstad
Meagan Neitzel
Mollie Danielewicz
Nancy Graun
Paula Dubiak
Sara Matyka
Stacy Juedes
Violet Jensen
Wendy Okerglicki
Wendy Rudolph
Wesley Danielewicz

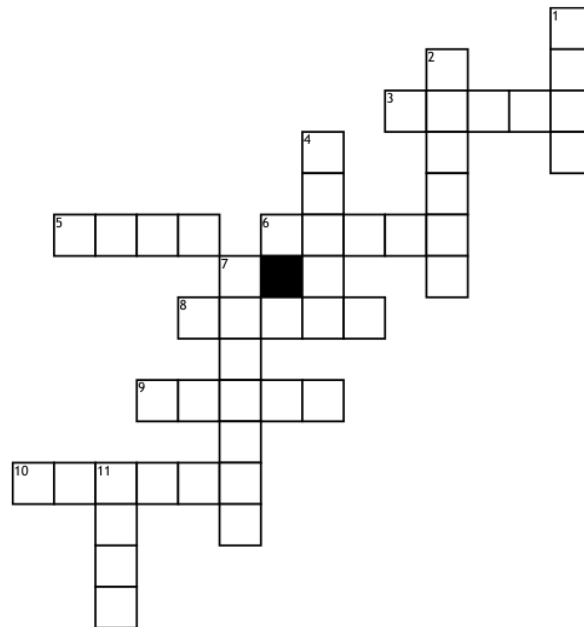
Note: Names in bold are Taylor County Club 4-H Leaders



Cloverbud Corner

Name: _____ Date: _____

Cloverbud Crossword



Across

3. 4-H began over 100 ____ ago!
5. I pledge my ____ to clearer thinking,
6. My ____ to greater loyalty,
8. The 4-H slogan is "Learning by ____"
9. My ____ to larger service,
10. The 4-H emblem is a _____?

Down

1. The 4-H motto is "To make the _____ better"
2. My ____ to better living.
4. The 4-H colors are white and _____
7. For my club, my community, my _____, and my world.
11. What state did 4-H start in?

Word Bank

Hands Head Doing Clover Country Heart
 Health Green Best Years Ohio



OHIO 4-H CLOVERBUDS
CLICK AND DO ACTIVITY

CREATE A PET

Original lesson from the Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities. Adapted by Christy Millhouse, 4-H Educator.

Background

Pets are an important part of many homes. This lesson allows Cloverbuds to be creative and create a pet that they might like to have. It also gives them a chance to think about the things that pets need to thrive.

Materials Needed: Items such as Newspaper, Shoes boxes, toilet or paper towel rolls, egg cartons, Milk Jug, Yarn, Construction paper, Paper Plates, Pom Poms, Felt, Google Eyes, Scissors, Glue, Masking tape.



Activity

1. Tell the Cloverbuds they are going to use their imaginations to create an imaginary pet. Have the youth decide how many legs, tails, or even heads that the animal will have.
2. Using the materials you provide, help the Cloverbuds create their pets. They can roll newspaper into shapes to make a body or use the toilet paper rolls or egg cartons. Encourage them to be creative and use the materials provided.
3. While the Cloverbuds are working, ask them to think of a name for their pet. Remind them that pets need responsible owners to provide for their needs like grooming, feeding or vet visits.
4. Have a showcase for the created pets. Allow Cloverbuds to share the details for their pets – name, where they live, what they like to eat etc.

Application

- Ask the Cloverbuds to make something for a pet. Maybe a kitten would like a special box to play in or a dog would like a toy.



LITERACY CONNECTION

- If My Dog Baxter Could Talk by Maia Haag
- Some Pets by Angela DiTerlizzi
- A Pet of My Own by Olena Rose
- What Pet to Get by Emma Dodd

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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>

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in transforming lives and communities."



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