



May/June 2025

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Weather has been kinda crazy so I'm still wondering if we will have a Spring or go straight to summer. 4-H and the Extension office are offering several programs this summer, and we can't wait to see you at the events! **Check out the new Foods/Clothing Revue information inside.**

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 4 locations in Taylor County. We will have a variety of activities you will enjoy! Youth 3rd-7th grade, it's not too late to decide to go to **Summer Camp** - 3 days/2 nights for only \$50 (thanks to the generosity of our 4-H Federation). **Registration is due in 4-H Online by May 10.** You will make good friends and great memories. Join us at the Taylor County public libraries as we present a 4-H program based around their theme. Older youth -Summer Academy in Madison should be super cool. 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



Volunteer Opportunity

Taylor County 4-H would **LOVE** to have an Archery Instructor for the Shooting Sports! We have lots of 4-H Alumni and other Hunters and Shooting Sports enthusiasts in Taylor County that might be interested in helping teach 4-H youth and give them some great experiences. If you are interested or know someone who is, please encourage them to attend this training. They must be/become an approved 4-H Volunteer. More information on 4-H Shooting Sports can be found at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/>

Shooting Sports Instructor Trainings rotate around the state. This year, we are lucky to have one of the trainings in Phillips.

2025 NORTHERN WORKSHOP

Shooting Sports Instructor Training



MAY 10TH
8:00AM – 5:00 PM

tinyurl.com/SSInstructorTrain25

TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT
THE ARMORY IN PHILLIPS

CITY OF PHILLIPS -MUNCIPAL HALL

174 SOUTH EYDER AVENUE

PHILLIPS, WI 54555



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Youth Opportunity
3rd-7th Grade



A registration poster for 4-H Summer Camp. The background is a light green gradient with white starburst and tree icons. At the top left, a dark grey box contains a white double arrow and the text 'REGISTER NOW!'. Below this, 'grades 3-7' is written in a script font. The main title '4-H SUMMER CAMP' is in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. To the right of the title, two brown circular buttons show '4-H MEMBERS \$50' and 'NON 4-H MEMBERS \$125'. Below these is a smaller brown circle that says 'BRING A FRIEND'. To the right of the buttons, a white cloud contains the dates '11th - 13th June'. Further right, a list of 'MAIN EVENTS:' includes Climbing Tower, Team Building/Recreation, Archery, Forensics Science, Canoeing, Arts & Crafts, and Outdoor Survival, each preceded by a star icon. At the bottom right, two polaroid-style photos show children playing mini-golf and canoeing. The mini-golf photo is captioned 'Bring a Friend!' and the canoeing photo is captioned 'Lots of free time activities!'. At the bottom left, text provides the location 'NORTHERN LAKES IMPACT CENTER RHINELANDER, WI' and contact information for more details, including a URL and a registration deadline of May 10th.

REGISTER NOW!
grades 3-7

4-H SUMMER CAMP

NORTHERN LAKES IMPACT CENTER
RHINELANDER, WI

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
TAYLOR.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/CURRENT-EVENTS/
REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE BY MAY 10TH.

4-H MEMBERS \$50

NON 4-H MEMBERS \$125

BRING A FRIEND

MAIN EVENTS:

- * CLIMBING TOWER
- * TEAM BUILDING/RECREATION
- * ARCHERY
- * FORENSICS SCIENCE
- * CANOEING
- * ARTS & CRAFTS
- * OUTDOOR SURVIVAL

11th - 13th June

Bring a Friend!

Lots of free time activities!

Wonder what 4-H Summer Camp is like? Check out this ~1 minute video tinyurl.com/20244HNCRRegionalCamp.

Registration is available at v2.4honline.com until May 10th. You will be invoiced after May 10th. Register now!



Youth Opportunity

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

Contact Us
nwpbeef@gmail.com

Stay Up to Date
www.fb.com/northwoodspremiere



FRIDAY
MAY 16
7 PM

TAYLOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

HWYS 13 & 64
MEDFORD, WIS.



Youth Opportunity

5K-5th Grade

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4-H DAY Camp

9-3:30 P.M.
COST \$10
INCLUDES LUNCH

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**

Register at least 2 days before each Day Camp at:

tinyurl.com/TC4HDaycamp2025

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Upcoming Events

Event: Meet & Greet

When: Sunday, May 18th

Time: 4-6:00 p.m.

Where: Extension Building Parking Lot (925 Donald Street)

If you would like to bring your dog(s), leashes, potty baggies, proof of vaccination; we will then hike the trail and have a tailgate potluck. This is a chance to meet everybody in the project and learn a trick to train your dog.

Dog Project Trainings start at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21st and 28th at Renzoni's (N5991 Settlement Drive, Medford—in the dog training building). Training sessions at the Fairgrounds Swine/Sheep building at 5:45 p.m. start on June 4th and end on July 16th (Wednesday evenings).

Dog Competition is Sunday, July 20th at 10a.m..
Taylor County Fair is July 24-27th.

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



SAVE THE
DATE!

STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

**State 4-H Dog Obedience,
Rally, Showmanship Show
Sept. 27-28, 2025,
Langlade**

**State Dog Agility Show
October 11, 2025,
Oshkosh**



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CLOTHING REVUE



Do you enjoy shopping for clothes? Check out the upcoming 4-H Clothing Buymanship Project! All 4-H members welcome!



Purchase an outfit that you will wear to the Clothing Revue including accessories: belt, shoes, jewelry, etc.

Categories:
School or Casual Wear
Dress Up
Getting the Most for Your Money

You can enter 1, 2 or all 3 of these categories.

You will meet with a judge who will discuss your outfit with you (why you chose this outfit, what you like about it, how to care for it, where you would wear it, etc.) You will be judged on how the outfit (and accessories) look and your ability to discuss your outfit with the judge.



*** School or Casual Wear** All ages will wear an outfit appropriate for casual events (school, sporting events, family get togethers, etc.)

*** Dress Up** All ages will wear an outfit appropriate for a dress up event (church, dance, interview, confirmation, banquet, etc.)

*** Getting the Most for Your Money:** Juniors (K-6th grade) the complete outfit must be purchased for under \$60. Seniors (7th - 12th grades) the complete outfit must cost under \$80.

(Cost is to include shoes and accessories. Gift items are not to be worn as part of the outfit. Receipts are required for this class.)

Ribbons will be awarded, but no premiums.

tinyurl.com/PTRevue25

Date -
June 20

Registrations due
May 30th

Time -
1-3 pm



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Location TBD



IN-PERSON JUDGING
FACE-TO-FACE

FOR PRACTICE

FOOD REVUE

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH IN OGEMA

practice for the fair!
Taste

OPEN TO ALL 4-H
MEMBERS INTERESTED
IN FOODS.

Knowledge



Taste



Appearance



This is to help 4-H members practice before being judged on what foods they make and bring to the fair. Youth may enter 1 item in each class for a maximum of 3 entries.

1. Attach recipe for all entries and include directions.
2. All recipes to be made from scratch unless otherwise specified.
3. Place on a paper plate inside a plastic bag or in provided flip top container.
4. Pie crusts must be exhibited in foil dish baked in.
5. No frosting or toppings on any entries except self-determined.

See the items of food for each age group on the Taylor County Fair website - tinyurl.com/FoodsRevueT25. Ribbons given but no premiums.

REGISTER AT:
[TINYURL.COM/PTREVUE25](https://tinyurl.com/PTREVUE25)

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Location TBD



Upcoming Clinics at the Taylor County Fairgrounds:

Barrels Clinic Tuesday May 13th 6-8pm

Poles Clinic Tuesday June 10th 6-8pm

Speed Events (prep for Fair) Tuesday, July 15th 6-8pm

For all three of these clinics, the clinician will be Autumn Armstrong.

Refer to the Facebook page for more up-to-date information.

Monday, May 5th 6-7pm meeting at UWEX to fill out and turn in paperwork that is due May 15th.

HORSE PAPERWORK FORMS

Youth planning to show horses at the fair need to fill out the Horse Registration, Horse Hold Harmless Agreement, and Coggins Paperwork. All forms are due to exhibitsTCF@gmail.com no later than May 15 2025.

July 24-27 2025 Taylor County Fair
www.witaylorcountyfair.com



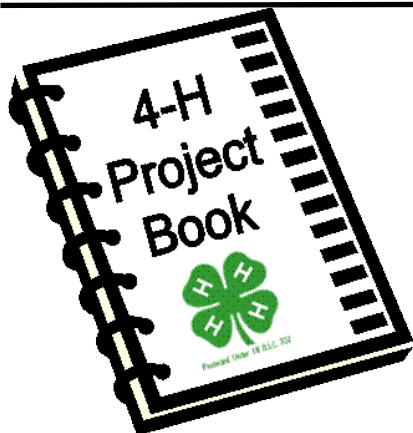
Youth Tractor Safety Course Offering

All 2025 Youth Tractor Safety courses can be viewed at tinyurl.com/2025youthtractor

Program fees, registration deadlines, and capacity limits will vary.

Thorp June 2-5, 8a.m.-2p.m.

Contact Shauna Schneider 715-669-5548



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 5, 2025. Check with your club leaders for any earlier requirements.



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Mar/Apr Callie Cat Winners: Grace
Moodie & Natasha 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 the Medford Library?
- 2) What page is Taylor County 4-H Day Camp information on?
- 3) What are the dates of the Taylor County Fair?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) How much does it cost for you to go to Summer Camp?
- 2) When is the Meet & Greet for the Dog Project?
- 3) Name any 2 of the 5 locations 4-H will be at a county library.
- 4) When is the Clothing Revue?
- 5) When are bidder sheets for MASS due?
- 6) Where is the Annual Triple Crown Summer Blast held?
- 7) What Club is featured in "4-H Happenings"?
- 8) When are Record Books due to UW-Extension?
- 9) What is one of the Price and Taylor 4-H Events coming up?
- 10) What is the theme for Taylor County's Fair this year?
- 11) When and where is Youth Tractor Safety Course?
- 12) When is Day Camp at Medford School Forest?
- 13) Are you showing anything at the Fair?

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



4-H Programs at our local libraries this summer. Activities are geared towards 5K thru 5th Grade.

See **Exploding Colors** in a Magic Milk Experiment

Make a Mini Papier-Mâché Garden Pot



Create a Hide & Seek **Rock** Painting



Save the Dates

For Taylor County 4-H at the County Libraries

Rib Lake Public Library, Tuesday, June 17th @ 10:30 a.m.

Gilman Public Library, Wednesday, June 25th @ 10:00 a.m.

Stetsonville Public Library, Wednesday, June 25th @ 1:00 p.m.

Medford Public Library, Wednesday, July 2nd @ 1:30 p.m.

Westboro Public Library, Wednesday, July 16th @ 1:00 p.m.

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No preregistration needed.



May

- 1—Senior Salutes due to UWEX
- 10—Summer Camp registration closes
- 10—Small Animal Swap, TC Fairgrounds 7-1 p.m.
- 15—Horse Project Paperwork due
- 16—Showmanship Clinic -TC Fairgrounds 7 p.m.
- 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)

June

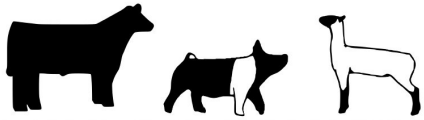
- 2-5—Youth Tractor Safety Course in Thorp 8-2 p.m.
- 4—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 11—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 14—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX
- 17—4-H at Rib Lake Library 10:30 a.m.
- 18—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 20—Clothing Revue—Ogema 1-3 p.m.
- 21—Small Animal Swap, TC Fairgrounds 7-1 p.m.
- 23—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 24—4-H Day Camp Wood Lake Cty Park (Rib Lake) 9-3:30p.m.
- 25—4-H at Gilman Library 10 a.m.
- 25—4-H at Stetsonville Library 1:00 p.m.
- 25—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.

July

- 1—Bidder Sheets, YQCA & Clinic Verification Sheets due
- 2—4-H at Medford Library 1:30 p.m.
- 2—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 9—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 10—4-H Day Camp Medford School forest 9-3:30 p.m.
- 16—4-H at Westboro Library 1:00 p.m.
- 16—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 20—Dog Judging for the Taylor County Fair 10:00 a.m.
- 24—27 Taylor County Fair
- 28—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 31-August 10—WI State Fair

Save the Date

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TAYLOR COUNTY

Market Animal

SHOW & SALE

**Bidder Sheets,
YQCA and Clinic
Verification Sheets**

Due on or before **July 1,
2025**. Email to
taylorcountymass@gmail.com.
Keep copies for your records.

SAVE THE DATE



Things are Blooming

AT THE TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR

JULY 24-JULY 27 2025





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Save the Date

TRIPLE CROWN STATEWIDE INVITATIONAL



Air Rifle 3 position
Air Rifle Silhouette
Air Pistol
Archery

JULY 18-19

CENTRAL WI
SPORTSMEN'S CLUB,
MARSHFIELD



To Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/2025Invitational>



**10TH ANNUAL
TRIPLE CROWN
SUMMER BLAST**

Shotgun - Trap
Shotgun - Skeet
Shotgun - 5-stand
Wildlife Conservation
Test

**SUNDAY
JULY 20**
MARSHFIELD TRAP &
SKEET CLUB

9-2 P.M.

To Register:
<https://tinyurl.com/2025TripleCrown>



4-H Afterschool Program



***Cake in a mug**

***3Doodlers**

***Paper airplane engineering**





Taylor County 4-H

Thrifty-Go
-Getters 4-H
Club



How much work
it is
to train and
socialize a
6-month puppy



How to make
scotcheroo bars

How prep
a stained wood
backdrop
for
mounting
antlers



Happenings!



Youth Opportunity

The Taylor County Food Resource Group presents...

CAN SCULPTURE TEAM COMPETITION

Gather friends/co-workers
to start planning your
sculpture ideas for the 11th
Annual Taylor County Fair
Can Sculpture Contest!

WHERE:

Taylor County
Fairgrounds

SET UP:

Wednesday, July 23
5 pm – 8 pm &
Thursday, July 24
8 am – 5 pm

JUDGING:

Thursday, July 24
5:30 pm

TAKE DOWN:

Sunday, July 27
Starting at 5:30 pm

*All cans & food items
donated to Taylor
County food pantries
after the competition!*

AWARDS:

Best in Show
Most Original Idea
Most Colorful
Most Cans Used
Best Represents Fair
Theme, "Things Are
Blooming at the Taylor
County Fair"
Crowd Favorite

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Space is limited, sign
up now to reserve your
spot!

Cans for a Cause 2025

Taylor County Fair
11th Annual Can Sculpture Contest



Taylor County Fair Can Sculpture Contest
For Rules and Entry Form Contact:

Cathy Retzer
715-748-4806

Email: cathyretzer@gmail.com



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 840 EAR TAGS AND SAMPLE ENVELOPES

**NOW AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE!**

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR
JULY 31-AUGUST 10, 2025 



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.wisstatefair.com





Which Birds Have You Seen?

Watch your bird feeder and go for a nature hike and check any birds you see!



American Goldfinch ☐



Northern Cardinal ☐



Blue Jay ☐



Black-Capped Chickadee ☐



White Breasted Nuthatch ☐



American Robin ☐



Natural Resources



Nature Rubbings

Living things all have texture. By making nature rubbings you can see things you may not have otherwise noticed. When you make a rubbing of a leaf, the veins, stem and shape stand out. You can also compare the texture of items by making rubbings of them.

Let's observe nature!

Materials: Newspaper
Crayons (With Paper Peeled Off)
Fresh Leaves, Wild Flowers, Weeds, Grasses, Twigs or Reeds
White Paper



Procedure:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect some leaves, wild flowers, weeds, grasses, twigs or reeds.
2. Spread newspaper onto the work area.
3. Place your findings onto the newspaper.
4. Place the paper on top of the leaves or wildflowers you would like to make rubbings of.
5. Hold the crayon sideways and rub over the objects.
6. Watch the leaves and wildflowers appear as you rub the crayon over them.
7. Try making different patterns by arranging the materials in rows or circles.
8. Now, let's go outside with our paper and crayon and make rubbings from surfaces such as brick walls, tree trunks or anything else with texture!



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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>

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