

Clover Connection



July/August 2025

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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



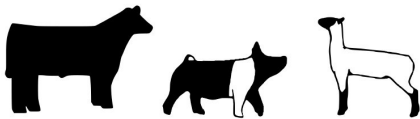
All Things Fair

SAVE THE DATE



Things are Blooming AT THE TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR

JULY 24-JULY 27 2025



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.

All Things Fair



4-H youth 13 years and older and adults

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.

Download the "Goosechase" app on your phone. Enter the code 44PBVZ and have fun with this scavenger hunt at the Taylor County Fair!

goosechase

at THE
TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR!



PRIZES AWARDED



Adults and youth 13 years and older, simply download the goosechase app, enter the code: 44PBVZ and start playing only during the Fair from July 24-27!





Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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 √)

5-8p.m. Beef weigh-in

Thursday, July 24, 2025

7-11:30a.m. Open Class Entries accepted at Multipurpose bldg.— Quilts by 9a.m.

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

5p.m. Beef Judging

5:30p.m. Cans for Cause judging

Fair Schedule

Friday, July 25, 2025

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

11a.m. Rabbit judging

1:30p.m. K99 Dairy Dessert Contest

6 p.m. MASS Auction

Saturday, July 26, 2025

8:30a.m. Horse Show judging

9a.m. Dairy judging

11:30a.m. Carcass Show

2p.m. Goat & Poultry judging

Sunday, July 28, 2024

8a.m. Cats/Small Animals judging—Exhibit Hall

10-Noon Dress an Animal Contest & Coin Search—Livestock Barn; FREE Ag Olympics in Dairy show ring

4:30p.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 5:30. 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/TCFSupervision25

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. The stand will be open during the fair Thursday from 2-9p.m., Friday 12-9p.m., Saturday 12-9p.m., and Sunday 12-4p.m.

Watch for more information about "cleaning day" for the YLO Stand as well as a sign up sheet for 2 hour work shifts.

Thank you,
Katie

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 2 shifts, 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.

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 22) 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 25) 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.**





Fair-Youth Opportunity

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 and all other entries

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 10, 2025) 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 2, 2025. If the sign is placed in the city of Medford, it needs to be down on July 28, 2025. Failure to follow directions will result in the loss of prize placing/money.

*Location must be turned in with ENTRY FORM.

Helpful Information:

2025 Taylor County Fair dates are July 24-27.

Theme for 2025 is **Things are Blooming at the Taylor County Fair.**

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

Fair-Youth Opportunity



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 _____



Calling all Youth

July 15th from 10a.m.—9 p.m.

Work in 2-hour blocks!



SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH WORK DAY AT THE FAIR

Come and help get our Fair ready with Youth
Workday July 15th from 10a.m.-9p.m. The work is to
be done in 2-hour blocks, preferably.

See you there!

Project Information



Upcoming Events

Dog Project Training continues at the Fairgrounds in the Swine/Sheep building at 5:45 p.m. July 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Dog Competition is Sunday, July 20th at 10 a.m.

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



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

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



Youth Opportunity

5K-5th Grade



4-H DAY Camp

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

Join Us for Outdoor fun, Activities and Projects!



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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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

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

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



Youth Opportunity

Grades 6-13

Get ready for our first-ever one-day summer expedition to Minocqua, WI—a day packed with culture, connection, and unforgettable fun!

Taylor - Price - Lincoln

The northwoods is calling

OLDER YOUTH EXPEDITION

JULY 29TH 2025

DESTINATION: MINOCQUA, WI

OPEN TO 4-H'ERS
COMPLETED
GRADES 6TH - 13TH

REGISTRATION
FORM OPEN NOW!
DUE JULY 7TH OR
UNTIL FULL

A day travel expedition to
Minocqua, WI for culture,
connection, and fun!

\$50
COST

May Include:

- + Ziplining
- + Wildwood Zoo
- + Lumberjack Show
- + Lunch
- + Dinner at local restaurant
- + Exploring downtown

activities are subject to change

REGISTRATION WILL BE
CONFIRMED AFTER DEADLINE

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To Register: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthExpedition2025>



Save the Dates



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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Fall Forum 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 31-Nov. 2

**Grades: 7-12 &
4-H Volunteers**

Location: Green Lake

More information to come!



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May/June Callie Cat Winners:

Gavin Gruwell & Max Klussendorf



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 is 1 of the 4-H Intern's name?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) What date and time is the MASS Show & Sale?
- 2) When and where is the Older Youth Expedition?
- 3) What is the name of the 4-H Intern?
- 4) Where is 4-H Day Camp on July 10th?
- 5) When is the Dog Show at the Fair?
- 6) What date is the last 4-H Day Camp?
- 7) What grades can supervise the Grader Shed during the Fair?
- 8) When are Record Books due to UW-Extension?
- 9) Where is 4-H on Wednesday, July 16th at 1:00 p.m.?
- 10) What 4-H Club promoted June Dairy Days?
- 11) Where can you find tips to help you with your Fair projects?
- 12) What are the dates for Fall Forum?
- 13) What day is Youth Work day at the Fair Grounds?

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

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4-H Updates

MEET OUR 4-H SUMMER INTERN!

Samantha Budtke

Samanta started the beginning of June and will be helping us until mid August, splitting her time with Price County. She was a member of the Wood County 4-H for 15 years! Samantha graduated from Stratford High



School in 2023 and is attending UW-Stevens Point. We are grateful to have her working with 4-H this summer.

MEET OUR 4-H AMERICORPS MEMBER!

Katelyn Schult

Katelyn started the end of May and will be helping us until the end of August, splitting her time with Price County. She is a member of the Lincoln County 4-H for the past 13 years! Katelyn graduated from Merrill High



School in 2024 and is attending UW-Stevens Point. We are grateful to have her serving with 4-H this summer.

4-H Updates



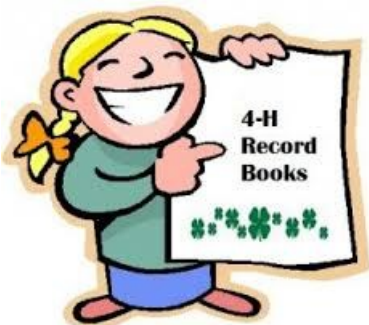
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS & CHARTER APPLICATIONS

The Annual Financial Report for all 4-H Clubs/Groups with a checking and/or savings account is posted and due on September 1, 2025.

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

Charter Application is to be completed by November 1, 2025. Here is a link to the charter website:

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



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.



Calendar of Events

July

- 1—Bidder Sheets, YQCA, and Clinic Sheets due to MASS
- 2—4-H at Medford Library 1:30 p.m.
- 2—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 2—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 4—Happy 4th of July Holiday. UWEX closed.
- 9—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 9—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 10—4-H Day Camp @ Medford School Forest
- 16—4-H at Westboro Public Library 1:00 p.m.
- 16—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 16—Dog Training at the Fairgrounds 5:45 p.m.
- 20—Dog Judging for the Taylor County Fair 10 a.m.
- 23—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 30—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 24—27 Taylor County Fair
- 25—43rd Annual Taylor County Mass Auction 6:00 p.m.
- 28—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

August

- 5—4-H Day Camp @ Diamond Lake Park
- 6—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 7—4-H Day Camp Stetsonville Elementary School Grounds
- 13—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 15—Clover Connection Newsletter articles due
- 20—4-H at Rib Lake Library 3:15 p.m.
- 24—MASS Post-Fair Awards & Forum 6 p.m.
- 25—Federation Meeting 7:1 p.m. at UWEX

September

- 1—4-H Clubs Annual Financial Reporting due to UWEX
- 5—4-H Record Books due to UWEX
- 22—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

TC Newsletter Deadlines

August 15—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

4-H Updates



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



Taylor County 4-H

361 likes • 436 followers



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Happy Fourth of July

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



4-H Happenings

Diamond Lakers
promoting June Dairy
month!



RIB LAKE SUMMER 4-H PROGRAM!



3:15p.m. @ 645 Pearl Street, Rib Lake Public Library

Join Taylor County 4-H for some fun summer activities!

- Wednesday, July 2nd - Fun and Fitness
- Wednesday, July 9th - All about 4-H
- Wednesday, July 16th - Cruise Ship
- Wednesday, July 23rd - Lessons from Experts
- Wednesday, July 30th - Barnyard Palooza
- Wednesday, August 6th - Storytellers
- Wednesday, August 13th - Music Fest
- Wednesday, August 20th - Dino Week



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4-H Happenings



4-H at Rib Lake library





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>

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