



Nov/Dec 2025

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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 24-25 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 2025-26 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 181 4-H youth members in Taylor County and 31 adult volunteers. Currently, we are at 84 4-H youth members and 22 adult volunteers (5 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



# WE'RE EXCITED



## A NEW TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H CLUB IS STARTING IN RIB LAKE

Organizational meeting: Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

Location: Rib Lake Town Hall

Questions? Call or text Chuck Tveter at 509-439-2399



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## 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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[julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu](mailto:julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu)



# Beginning the New 4-H Year



4-H Youth and Volunteers enroll through 4-H Online beginning September 4th. As of October 24, we have 84 youth and 22 volunteers enrolled for the 2025-26 4-H year. October 6-11 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 2025-2026 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.





# Movie & Awards

This is a **FREE** event for all 4-H Members and their families to attend!





## 4-H MOVIE & AWARDS

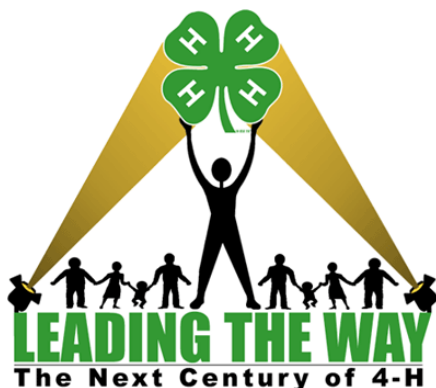
### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2025 PG (2H 5M)

|                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                       |
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|  10 a.m. Movie with awards to follow |  <b>BROADWAY THEATRE</b><br>910 W BROADWAY, MEDFORD |
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It's that time of the year, Wisconsin 4-H! Entries for the Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest are being accepted through Nov. 15! The grand prize-winning club gets an ice cream party and an award of \$500.

All Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to submit their ideas for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and fun flavor name. For contest information, rules, and the entry form, please visit:

<https://cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest/>

## 4-H 2025 Holiday Ornaments are Here!



The 2025 4-H Holiday Ornaments have arrived at your local **Tractor Supply Co.** — and they're more than just festive decor. Every ornament you purchase helps support local 4-H youth, giving them the tools to be Beyond Ready for the years ahead.

Give a gift that gives back. Shop now at **Tractor Supply Co.** and spread the cheer!



## Project Opportunity

Register for the **Cultural Baking Series** held at 6:30 PM on Dec 4, 11, & 18 via Zoom. You will learn new baking techniques, try new-to-us ingredients, and explore our cultural connection to food.

This series is recommended for those in 4th grade and up.

Families will receive a recipe book and ingredient list by email.

There is no fee for this program. Your family will need to purchase ingredients and supplies.

<https://tinyurl.com/bakingseries>

# Cultural Baking Series

## Dec 4, 11, & 18

### Grades: 4th and up

This virtual series explores new baking techniques and ingredients while in your own kitchen.

**REGISTRATION CLOSES at  
NOON, NOVEMBER 17, 2025**



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## National 4-H AI Challenge

Calling all future innovators! The 4-H AI in Agriculture Challenge invites youth to explore how artificial intelligence can solve problems in their own communities. Work in teams, think creatively, and show how AI can shape the future of farming. Learn more and submit your project here:

[events.projectboard.world/4HAIinAg](https://events.projectboard.world/4HAIinAg)

**ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE  
CHALLENGE**

BY 4-H 

 *Registration Deadline: Nov 15th, 2025*

*National 4-H  
AI Challenge:*

How can you use Artificial  
Intelligence to solve  
problems in Agriculture?

Create your  
project and  
upload it  
in ProjectBoard

Youth in  
6th - 12th  
grade



<https://events.projectboard.world/4HAIinAg>

 **Beyond  
Ready**



# Youth Opportunity

🍌💚 4-H Day with the Wisconsin Herd is BACK! 💚🍌

We're so excited to spend a Saturday afternoon cheering on the Herd together! 🎉

Here's what makes this day extra awesome:

- 🌟 The first 1,000 youth get a FREE Herd jersey 🍌
- 🌟 Be part of the Pre-Game Watch right from courtside 👁️
- 🌟 Snag autographs from the players 🍌
- 🌟 High-five the Herd players in the Tunnel during player introductions 🍌

Don't miss out on this unforgettable 4-H experience! Grab your tickets here 🍌  
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Wi4H> or use the QR code on the flyer.

Come rep 4-H, make some memories, and cheer loud for the Herd! 💚

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> | 12pm  
Oshkosh Arena | 1212 S Main Street, Oshkosh, WI



Join us for 4-H  
Day with the  
Wisconsin Herd!

Just for 4-H Families:

- Pre-Game Watch sitting courtside & autographs
- High Five Tunnel with Herd Players



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# Thriving Model Survey



During the month of November, Taylor County 4-H is participating in the **#4HThriving Model survey!** Parents with youth ages 13-19, please watch for an email with directions and the survey to complete. Your participation will help make decisions for upcoming programs, training, and resources. Don't forget, those who complete the survey will be entered to win a \$25 Amazon gift cards! #Opportunity 4All #WI4HMovement

4-H  
THRIVING  
MODEL  
SURVEY IS  
NOW  
OPEN!



Parents of youth ages 13-19,  
watch your email for  
directions and survey



Want to win a \$25 gift card?  
Complete the survey to be entered.



## 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.



# Scholarship Opp

## 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/youth/scholarships/>

### Scholarship Requirements

1. All applicants must possess a sincere interest in the Ag or swine industry.
2. All applicants must pursue a post high school education, i.e. college, vocational school, etc.
3. All applicants are required to fill out and return the form, found at the above link, no later than **DECEMBER 12, 2025**

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 one \$1,000 4-year or university scholarships and six \$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 **December 4, 2025**, to be considered.

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## Calling all Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development graduates!

Scholarship applications are NOW OPEN! 🍀

🎓 The [#WI4HFoundation](https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/) will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding [#WI4H](https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/) members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2025. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2025. You'll want to get your application in early. Find application requirements and guidelines at

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



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**4-H FOUNDATION**



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## Save the Dates

Mark your calendars to join us for these upcoming **State 4-H Livestock Events**. Watch for future posts with more information about registration and contest details.

[Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program](#)

# SAVE THE DATES

## STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**  
JANUARY 31, 2026

**SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL**  
MARCH 21, 2026

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



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TAYLOR COUNTY  
**Market  
Animal**  
SHOW & SALE

### Fall Orientation and Annual Meeting

is Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the Gilman High School

**Beef Weigh in:** December 13 from 10 am to noon at the Taylor County fairgrounds.

## Wisconsin 4-H Cloverbud Learning Activities



Wisconsin Cloverbud learning activities can be used in a variety of settings, including 4-H club meetings, Cloverbud project meetings, day camps and afterschool programs.

Each activity features a different 4-H project area and targets the development of age-appropriate life skills. The instructions have been tested to be easy to follow for both youth and adult leaders, using materials that are usually low-cost and easy to find.

While each of the activities could be used as stand-alone, they are grouped together for a year-long sequence of Cloverbud activities. [tinyurl.com/WI4HCloverbuds](https://tinyurl.com/WI4HCloverbuds)



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Sept/Oct Callie Cat  
Winner: Nialla Hebda &

## 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) When is 4-H Movie & Awards date?
- 3) What page talks about Cloverbud Learning Activities?

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

- 1) When and where is 4-H Movie & Awards?
- 2) What can you buy at Tractor Supply that gives back to 4-H?
- 3) What are you entered to win by completing the Thrive Survey?
- 4) Name the 2 State 4-H Livestock Events?
- 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) Where is the new Taylor County 4-H Club located?
- 9) When is the MASS Beef Weigh-in?
- 10) What 3 scholarships are offered?
- 11) What clubs were featured in the 4-H Happenings?
- 12) How many 4-H Youth Members were there last year?
- 13) When is Wisconsin Herd Day?
- 14) What date do you need to be enrolled in 4-H by?
- 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



**Recognize those who have made a lasting impact on Wisconsin 4-H!**

The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame honors volunteers, alumni, and supporters who have helped shape the program and leave a legacy for future generations. Nomination forms for the 2026 class open Sept. 1st, and we'd love your help identifying those special people who deserve recognition.

Learn more about the Hall of Fame and the nomination process here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>

All nominations must be submitted by **November 3, 2025**.





# Calendar of Events

## **November**

- 1—4-H Enrollment Ends
- 3—WI 4-H Hall of Fame nominations due
- 8—MASS Fall Orientation and Annual Meeting—Gilman High School
- 11—Rib Lake 4-H Club Organizational Meeting—Rib Lake Town Hall
- 15—Movie & Awards at Broadway Theatre
- 15—AI Challenge—Product Submission Deadline
- 15—Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest Order Entry due
- 24—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 27—Happy Thanksgiving Day
- 27-28—UW-Extension is closed
- 29—Paper Clover Campaign @ Tractor Supply starts
- 30—Equity Cooperative Livestock Scholarship due

## **December**

- 4—Cultural Baking Series
- 4—Equity Cooperative Livestock Scholarship due
- 11—Cultural Baking Series
- 12—WI Pork Association Scholarship due
- 13—MASS Beef Weigh In—Taylor County Fairgrounds
- 13—Wisconsin Herd Pre-Game Watch
- 18—Cultural Baking Series
- 22—No 4-H Federation Meeting
- 24-25—UW-Extension is closed
- 31—UW-Extension is closed

## **January**

- 1—UW-Extension is closed
- 26—Federation Meeting 7:15 at UWEX
- 31—State 4-H Meats Judging Contest



### **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)

### 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 27th & 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.



UW-Extension will also be closed for the Holidays on  
December 24th-25th & 31st-1st!



# Discovery Days

## 2025 Discovery Days

Discovery Day 2025 was a success thanks to all who helped. Leigha, Ben & Heidi Geiger (Liberty) did a Make & Take activity. Caleb, Jihun, Maya & Tara Leiby as well as Amber & Sara Matyka (Little Whispers) conducted a Pet & Learn. Dawn Rudolph (Liberty) did a Make & Take. Best guess - we had around 100+ youth interact with one or more of our 4-H activities.





## YLO—Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry Collection



2025 Harvest Days Parade





## 4-H Happenings

# Taylor County 4-H



*Countrysiders  
prep for Nat'l 4-H Week*



*Little Farmers 4-H Club  
October Activities!  
Happenings!*



# Taylor County 4-H



## Taylor County 4-H Afterschool Program



# Happenings!



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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