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Taylor County 4-H

Clover Connection



Mar/Apr 2026

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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 44 volunteers that provide 4-H experiences for the approximately 166 youth that take part in the 8 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

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE
QUALITY CARE
OF ANIMALS**

TRAINING

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH 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 24, 2026
UW-Extension Bldg

New member orientation at 6 p.m.
Continuing members at 7 p.m.

Lamb Initial Weigh-In

Sunday, April 26, 2026
Taylor County Fairgrounds
4-6 p.m.

Swine ID photos and paperwork due

Project Updates



Training Sessions

Sessions begin Wednesday, May 20th & 27th at Renzoni's training building.

For Dog Project details, visit:

[Taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-dog-project/](https://taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-dog-project/)

Reach out to Jeanine if you have any questions,
715-748-4248.



Updated forms to come at:

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.



Youth Opportunity
5K-5th Grade



Dates & Locations:

-  July 9—Medford School Forest
-  July 14—Wood Lake/Rib Lake
-  August 6—Diamond Lake/Lublin
-  August 11—Stetsonville School

Activities:

- Helmet Creations
- Fun with Microscopes
- Hippy Hops
- Hiking
- Other Outdoor Activities



Register Now tinyurl.com/TC4HDaycamps2026

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4-H
Summer
Camp

Fun & Creative
Outdoor Activities
For Youth Grades
3-7

Save the date!
June 10-12, 2026
Northern Lakes Impact Center
Lincoln, Price & Taylor

The University of Wisconsin—Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.

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



Youth Opportunity

2026
TAYLOR COUNTY
SWAP DATES

— Medford, WI —

April 4 – Hooved Stock Allowed
May 23 – Swap & Poultry and Rabbit Fun Show
June 27 – Hooved Stock Allowed
August 1 – Hooved Stock Allowed
September 5 – Hooved Stock Allowed
October 24 – Swap & Fall Poultry and Rabbit Fun Show

Bonus Swap Dates:
April 19 – No Hooved Stock Allowed!
August 9 – No Hooved Stock Allowed!

Saturday Swaps 8am – 12pm, set up 7am
Sunday Swaps 10am – 12pm, set up at 9am

Youth Opportunity



2026 Taylor County Lions Maple Fest Saturday, April 25, 2026

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:
taylorcountylionsmaplefest.org/contests.php#floatcontest





Save the Date

If you have any suggestions for education topics, judge nominations (must love teaching as they are judging) or anything else, feel free to send us a message or email nwpbeef@gmail.com.



Save the Date



Midwest Horse Fair
APRIL 17, 18 & 19
- 2026 -

New!
Youth Day

Friday, April 17, 2026

Youth Group Ticket Discount!
\$15
Per Person*

Midwest Horse Fair is offering all student groups, teachers and youth group leaders a special offer of \$15 per ticket vs. the \$25 at the gate for attendance on Friday, April 17, 2026!

Did you know studies have shown that horses can improve emotional regulation, reduce anxiety, and encourage teamwork and leadership skills?

Order Tickets Starting 11/1/25



Proudly Presented by:



WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL

- Expert clinicians, amazing shopping, over 800 horses and more
- Watch WI FFA State Horse Evaluation CDE Competition
- Learn about Equine Careers and participate in a scavenger hunt
- Enjoy great food and have fun learning!

*Minimum 8 tickets Per Order paid for by school or organization.

Visit www.midwesthorsefair.com
Email: tickets@midwesthorsefair.com



Scholarship Opportunity



2026 Scholarship Opportunity!

Eligible seniors and 4-H alumni must submit applications electronically to our review committee no later than 11:59 p.m. on **March 1, 2026**. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified via email by mid-May.

4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-scholarships/

2026 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:

[//tinyurl.com/FederationScholarship25](https://tinyurl.com/FederationScholarship25)

Applications are due Tuesday, April 1, 2025



WI Towns Association 2026 Scholarship Program

2026 Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship

Along with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, and Scott Construction, Inc. invite Wisconsin's graduating high school seniors to participate by innovatively writing an essay answering this year's question for a chance to win one of ten \$1,000 scholarships. **The essay should address the topic:** "What strategies can be implemented by local government officials in collaboration with citizens to encourage and maintain civility?"

Essays must be postmarked **Friday, May 22, 2026**. For more information, visit: [//wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/](https://wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/)

WI Rural Opportunities Foundation 2026 Scholarships

The **WROF, Inc.** will award \$3,000 scholarships to seven outstanding high school seniors from rural Wisconsin to pursue post-secondary education in Wisconsin with plans to return to rural Wisconsin upon graduation.

Applications are currently open and will close at 11:59 pm on **Friday, March 6, 2026**. The application can be found on our website: www.wrof.org. We will only accept applications submitted online in one session.





Scholarship Opportunity



**Jump River Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

Since 1938

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

(For Members of Jump River Electric Cooperative ONLY)

- Name of Sponsor:** Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 99
Ladysmith, WI 54848-0099
- Scholarship Value:** \$1000
- Explanation of Award:** Jump River Electric Cooperative Scholarship is open to graduating **home-schooled** high school students and will be awarded as follows:
- Two Scholarships to be awarded to graduating homeschooled students from each of the following areas:**
Hayward, Ladysmith, and the greater Jump River area.
- Application Deadline:** An application form should be completed and returned to Jump River Electric Cooperative, PO Box 99, Ladysmith WI 54848, by June 15 of each year.
- Selection Criteria:** The applicant must:
1. Receive a homeschool diploma.
 2. Display average or above average academic records.
 3. Family income should not be a deciding factor.
 4. Display potential to successfully continue achievement in a post-secondary public or private college, university, junior college, or vocational school program, which will lead to an associate degree or one-year diploma.
 5. Student's parents or legal guardian must be an active member of JREC and currently receive electric service.
 6. Priority will be given to any applicant who has participated in the Youth Leadership Congress, or any youth program offered by JREC.
- Selection Committee:** Recipients will be selected by a committee comprised from the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association-Federated Youth Foundation.
1. None of these should be a relative of an applicant.
 2. This committee shall select two homeschool scholarship recipients from the applications submitted to Jump River Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 99, Ladysmith, WI 54848 for each of the following areas: Hayward, Ladysmith, and the greater Jump River area.
- Monetary Disbursement:** To receive funds, recipient must provide JREC with proof of enrollment for the first or second semester classes **within one year of graduating from high school.**
- Alternate Selection:** If a recipient fails to comply with selection criteria, a complying alternate may be selected.

JREC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Email Kelly for fillable form or check on 4-H Facebook!

Summer Academy



Summer Academy is the Positive Youth Development Institute's signature career, leadership, & college readiness conference hosted at UW-Madison. The event focuses on preparing young people (grades 8-11) for higher education in a way that complements formal education prep programs. Summer Academy offers an immersive college experience; participants will experience life in a residence hall, explore campus, and enjoy the unique elements of higher ed that only Madison can offer.

Registration: Registration will open **March 6, 2026** via 4-H Online

Cost: The Summer Academy experience fee is \$150.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wisconsin 4-H

SUMMER ACADEMY

JUNE 14-18, 2026

UW-Madison Campus

REGISTRATION OPEN
MARCH-APRIL 2026

UW-MADISON EXTENSION



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Shooting Sports



Winter Invitational Marshfield, March 20-21, 2026

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd., Marshfield

Disciplines: Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, Sm Bore Pistol, Smal Bore Rifle, Wildlife Ecology

Deadline for registration: Begins at 4:30p.m. on Friday eveings and 8:30a.m. on Saturday Morning.

Shotting begins at 5p.m. on Friday evening and 9a.m. on Saturday morning at the assigned line times listed on the registration form. You must compete at your assigned time.

Registration Form: tinyurl.com/CWShooting2026

Many more competitive shoots available at:
tinyurl.com/20264HCompShoots

Adult Certification Workshops, Eau Claire, WI

The Western workshop scheduled for **May 2, 2026**, in Eau Claire (4909 Sportsmen Dr., S.) offering archery, rifle/air rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun.

Deadline for registration is April 20, 2026. Register at 4HOnline.

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.

Save the Dates



SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL

APRIL 25, 2026

STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

**STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE,
SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;
SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS**

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026

LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW

OCTOBER 11, 2026

OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



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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) When is the Taylor County Fair?
- 2) Which 4-H Day Camp will you be attending?
- 3) What pages are designated to Cloverbuds?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) What is The Federation of Taylor County?
- 2) What dates are 4-H Summer Camp?
- 3) When is the Taylor County Fair? What is the theme?
- 4) What can you enter at Maple Fest 2026?
- 5) When is MASS Spring Orientation?
- 6) When are Senior Salutes due?
- 7) What Clubs are featured in "4-H Happenings"?
- 8) Will you be attending any Taylor County Animal Swaps?
- 9) What date is the Northwoods Premiere?
- 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 17—May/June

June 19—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 2026 Taylor County Fair, this year's theme is:

July 23-26, 2026

*Going Back in Time at
the Taylor County Fair*





Calendar of Events

March

- 1—Enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the Fair
- 1—WI 4-H Scholarship due
- 6—WI Rural Opps Foundation Scholarship due
- 6—Summer Academy Registration opens
- 10—4-H Summer Camp Registration opens
- 17—St. Patrick's Day (wear your 4-H green)
- 20-21—Shooting Sports—Winter Invitational, Marshfield
- 23—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 24—MASS Spring Orientation & Salesmanship Training

April

- 1—Taylor County Federation Scholarship due
- 3—UWEX closed for the day at Noon
- 4—Taylor County Animal Swap
- 5—Easter
- 12—YQCA Training at UWEX 1-2p.m.
- 17—Newsletter items due to Kelly at UWEX
- 17—Midwest Horse Fair
- 19-25—Thank a Volunteer week!
- 25—Maple Fest: Float/Rolling Billboard Competition
- 25—State—Dog 4-H Quiz Bowl
- 26—MASS Lamb Initial Weigh-In
- 27—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

May

- 1—Senior Salutes due to UWEX
- 2—Shooting Sports—Adult Certification, Eau Claire
- 10—4-H Summer Camp registration closes
- 16—Northwoods Premiere
- 20—Dog Project: training at Renzoni's 6:30 p.m.
- 22—WI Towns Association Scholarship due
- 23—Taylor County animal Swap
- 25—Memorial Day
- 25—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 27—Dog Project: training at Renzoni's 6:30 p.m.



4-H Updates



2026 SENIOR SALUTES!

Attention 4-H Seniors or Parents, we need your help gathering information about your upcoming graduate!

Please fill out the questionnaire and submit a Senior picture for the 4-H Senior Salute by going to tinyurl.com/20264HGraduate by May 1, 2026.

Congratulations
Slacy Stolp



4-H Favorites
*Making holiday decorations for the assisted living facilities
*WI State Fair Champions Challenge - Horse Project

4-H Accomplishments
Highpoint for the Gymkhana Classes Hog sale every year at MASS Club Barn Awards 12 years in 4-H

My Next Chapter
Northcentral Technical College (NTC)
Major: Respiratory Therapist



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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!





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 19-25, 2026

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 Czarnezki
Benjamin Bolstad
Brenda Popple
Brian Bolstad
Charles Tvester
Cheri Klussendorf
Cheryl Bolstad
David Clabots
Dawn Rudolph
Debbie Miller
Dorothy Halida
Elizabeth Kiselicka



Emma Winnie
Heidi Erl
Heidi Geiger
Jeanine Renzoni
Jill Penk
Joshua Penk
Julie Diepenbrock
Kathleen Schumacher
Katie Krause
Laura Bolstad

Mandy Renteria
Marcus Emmerich
Marissa Tvester
Meagan Neitzel
Nancy Graun
Natasha Cruz
Paula Dubiak
Rebecca Hebds
Sara Emmerich
Sara Matyka
Stacy Juedes
Stephanie Clabots
Stephanie Yaron
Taylor Fredrick
Tyana Olson
Violet Jensen

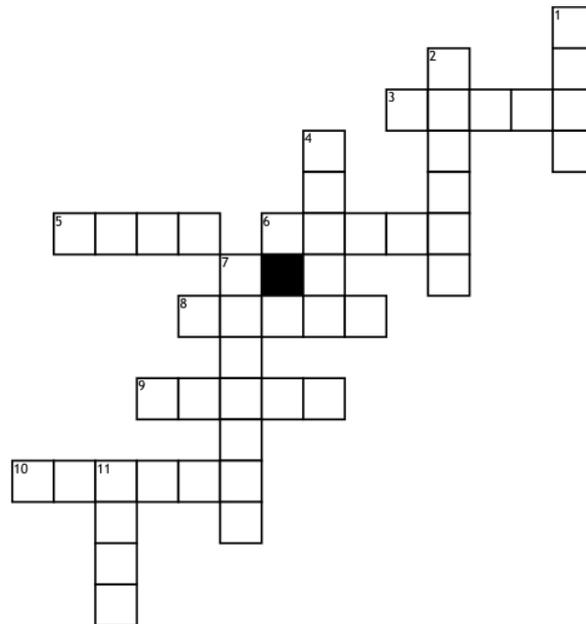
Note: Names in bold are Taylor County Club 4-H Leaders



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

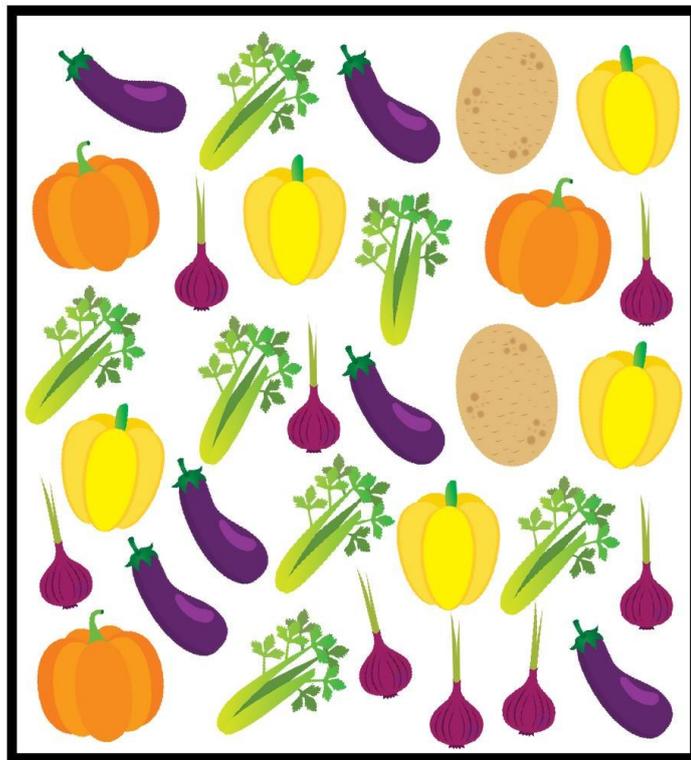
1. The 4-H motto is "To make the ____ better"
2. My ____ to better living.
4. The 4-H colors are white and ____
7. For my club, my community, my ____, and my world.
11. What state did 4-H start in?

Word Bank

Hands Head Doing Clover Country Heart
Health Green Best Years Ohio

Name _____ Date _____

I SPY: VEGETABLES



Find and count the following vegetables.



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MEDFORD WI 54451
PERMIT NO 196



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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*"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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Taylor County 4-H

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