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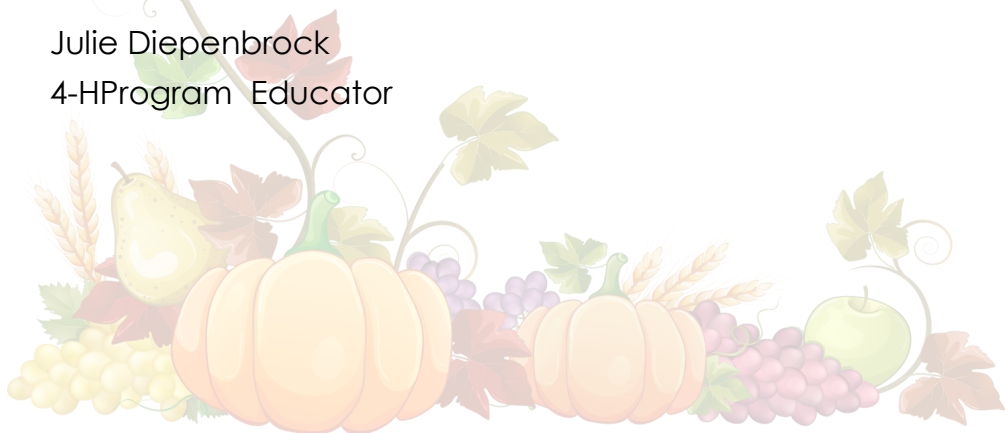
Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Wow! Another 4-H year is about to begin. Enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year begins Wednesday, September 2 - see inside for more information. I enjoyed seeing many of you and your exhibits at the Taylor County Fair - see inside for pictures from the fair. The fair is a great venue for showcasing the work 4-H members have done and what they have learned throughout the past 4-H year.

Now it is time to get those record books completed. Part of the learning process is reflecting on what goals you reached, what you learned and what you would like to do different next year. Record keeping is a valuable life skill and can earn you 4-H awards and financial scholarships for 4-H travel experiences. Talk to some of our older 4-Hers about their experiences and start writing your own 4-H Story.

Lots of opportunities are available in the coming 4-H year! Choose what works for you, get involved, and enjoy the journey!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-HProgram Educator





2026-27

4-H ENROLLMENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2ND!

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT:

taylor.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-clubs/

TO REGISTER, VISIT:

v2.4honline.com



Enrollment Deadlines:

November 1—Deadline for 4-H re-enrollments. Youth who have been absent/inactive for more than 12 months are considered a new member upon joining 4-H again.

March 1—Deadline for 4-H members to sign up for all 4-H projects if they plan on exhibiting at the county fair.

After March 1—Youth may still join 4-H, but will not be allowed to exhibit at the Taylor County fair. Youth enrolling after March 1 may still participate in 4-H programs and activities as a member.

4-H Enrollment



Current Members: As soon as the system performs year end and rolls over our data to the new year, families can go in and start re-enrolling. The system processing shouldn't take much time at all, so Wednesday, September 2nd the system will be ready to start accepting re-enrollments.

Returning members and leaders: we suggest logging in as soon as possible to re-enroll so you don't forget. Re-enrollment will go through Saturday, November 1st. When you log in to re-enroll, follow these steps:

- Update your contact information if anything has changed
- Update project areas (delete old or add new)
- Review and confirm the waivers and agreements
- Update your health information.

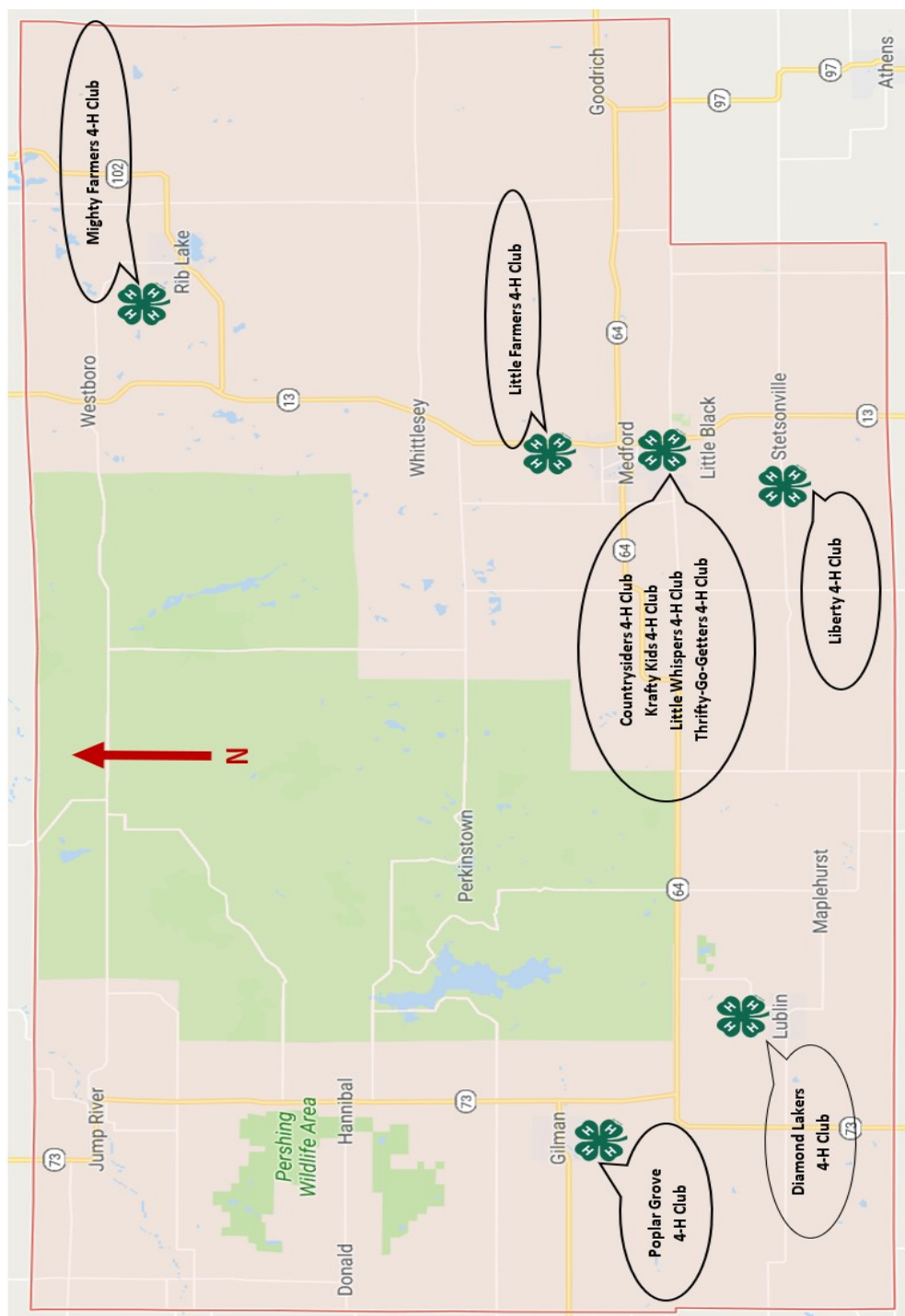
Once you have completely updated your profile, click submit. If you need assistance with enrollment or access to internet, you can stop by the Extension Office during office hours, but remember to bring your 4HOnline password.

It is imperative that members enroll or re-enroll on time **by November 1**. These deadlines are set by the State Office for grant reporting information. Please make sure to give yourself enough time to complete your enrollment so we can have a great 2025-26 4-H Year!

New members: To enroll in 4-H for the first time, please go to v2.4honline.com and create a family profile. It is suggested that you also visit or contact the Extension Office to learn more about 4-H, and/or go to taylor.extension.wisc.edu and look under the 4-H tab to view helpful information for new members, including choosing a club.



4-H Clubs



4-H Clubs

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*For more information on how to join 4-H in
Taylor County, please contact your local
Extension Office at 715-748-3327.*

4-H CLUBS in Gilman Area

Poplar Grove Cheryl Bolstad 715-447-5428 cny62298@gmail.com

Laura Bolstad 715-447-5428 cny62298@gmail.com

4-H CLUBS in Lublin Area

Diamond Lakers Dorothy Halida 715-715-669-3655 dshalida76@gmail.com

Paula Dubiak 715-512-0250 tpdubiak@yahoo.com

4-H CLUBS in Medford Area

Countrysiders Nancy Graun 715-613-1020 nlnbstorm@hotmail.com

Krafty Kids Stephanie Yaron 715-965-7990 sborchardt90@gmail.com

Debra Miller 715-654-5011 debndave@tds.net

Little Farmers Violet Jensen 715-748-4481 jviolet2019@gmail.com

Little Whispers Becky Hebda 715-905-1042 greengirlgray@gmail.com

Thrifty-Go-Getters Becky Czarnezki 715-903-0334 abc7232011@gmail.com

4-H CLUBS in Rib Lake Area

Mighty Farmers Chuck Tveter 715-965-2436 ctveter@qeissmeat.com

4-H CLUBS in Stetsonville Area

Liberty Kathy Schumacher 715-581-9142 kathleenschumacher@gmail.com

Heidi Geiger 715-680-0201 heidilmiller1985@gmail.com

4-H'ers are...

4X

more likely to
give back to their
communities

2X

more likely to
make healthier
choices

2X

more likely to
participate in
STEM activities



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Taylor County 4-H



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Website

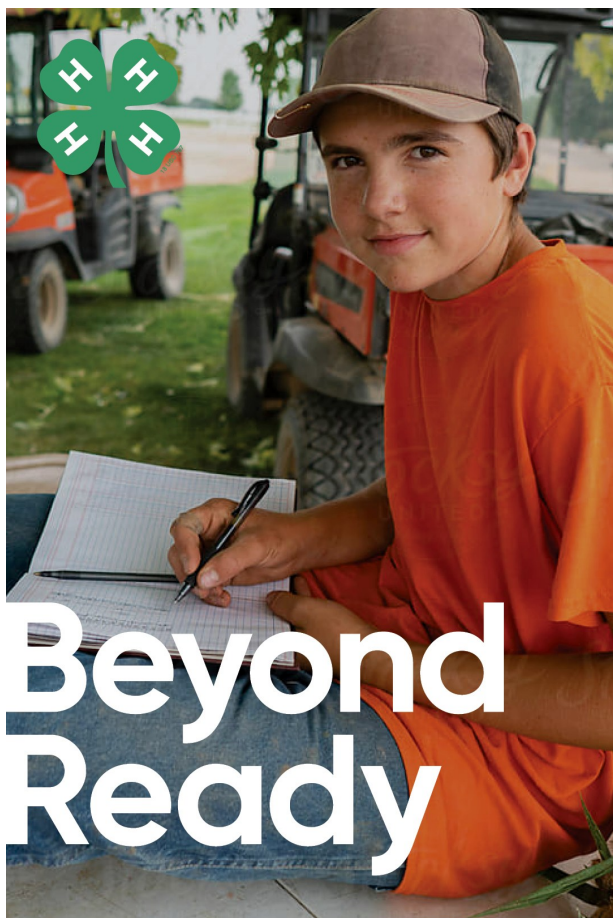


National 4-H Week

Theme:

Beyond Ready

October 4-10, 2026



Join 4-H today at 4-H.org

Keep in mind, 4-H Clubs earn \$50 for public displays
honoring National 4-H Week!

What is the Federation?

Federation of Taylor County 4-H

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
- Supplement County 4-H Programs
- Providing 4-H Clubs with Literature
- Supplying the Food Stands and materials for Plat Books
- Provide Scholarships to outstanding 4-H Members
- Supplement Camp Fees
- Provide Award Trips for Members
- Reimburses the 4-H for State Trips

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.

	DETAILS OF THE FEDERATION OF TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H 18 U.S.C. 707
	Join us for the Federation of Taylor County 4-H meeting every 3rd Monday of the month at UWEX.



Leadership Training



ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Who should attend:

**Club Leaders, Adult Volunteers,
Youth Leaders (6th grade up),
Club Officers**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
Taylor County Extension Office**

6:00-8:00pm

Register at:

tinyurl.com/4HLeaderTrng2026

**JOIN US FOR SNACKS,
FUN ACTIVITIES, AND
INFORMATION.**

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Volunteer Training



☑ **Volunteer Training Process:**

This year, when you log in to re-enroll, you'll be able to complete your **2026-27 Volunteer Training** *right in your 4-H Online profile* — no extra links or websites needed! Prefer a paper version? No problem — just reach out to your local Extension office, and they'll get one to you.

🔍 **Background Checks:**

Background checks are required every two years. If you're due, 4-H Online will prompt you to start the process when you re-enroll. After you submit your enrollment, keep an eye on your inbox for an email from **HireRight** to complete your background check. (Be sure to check your spam folder.)

📅 **Important Deadlines:**

According to our updated Wisconsin 4-H volunteer re-enrollment policy:

Enrollment is due by November 1

Complete your training and background check (if needed) by December 1

These steps are **required** for you to be an approved volunteer. If they're not completed on time, you will not be allowed to lead programming with 4-H youth until everything is up to date.

We truly appreciate your commitment to creating safe, positive spaces for our youth. Getting your re-enrollment done early helps make sure all our programs are supported by approved, ready-to-go volunteers like you!

Welcome to 4-H

NEW FAMILY FESTIVITIES

JOIN

4-H Educator, Julie Diepenbrock, to learn more about 4-H & what to expect as a member.

Monday, October 19

7-8 pm

Extension Taylor County

925 Donald Street, Mtg Rm 2

Medford



Register @
tinyurl.com/NewFamily2026



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



CLOVERBUD PROGRAM



Be sure to check out what types of things Cloverbuds can do:

taylor.extension.wisc.edu/cloverbuds/

4h.extension.wisc.edu/project/cloverbuds/

Award Opportunity



Friend of 4-H Award



2025 Friend of 4-H Award—Medford Tractor Supply Co.

The Friend of 4-H Award is a way for us to honor businesses, organizations and individuals for their support of 4-H.

Write a one page or less description of why your nominee is deserving of this award. These nominations should be turned in by **Monday, September 21st at UWEX.**

4-H Leader of the Year Award



Send in a one page or less description of why the leader you nominated should be the Leader of the Year.

These nominations should be turned in by **Monday, September 21st at UWEX.**

2025 4-H Leader of the Year Award—Amanda Jensen

Youth Opportunity/Help Wanted



**JOIN TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H TO WALK/RIDE IN THE HARVEST DAYS PARADE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH! MEET IN THE PARK @ 1:30-1:45. FEEL FREE TO WEAR
4-H GEAR OR A HALLOWEEN COSTUME. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A BIG GROUP!**

#TBD IN THE LINE UP!



**Look for our line-up number on Taylor County 4-H
Facebook page the week leading up to the parade!**

Youth Opportunity/Help Wanted



TRICK or TREAT FOR THE HUNGRY

YLO: WE WILL HAND OUT DOOR HANGERS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 3 P.M., MEET AT EXTENSION
PARKING LOT - 925 DONALD STREET, AND PICK UP
DONATIONS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AFTER THE PARADE.



4-H Discovery Days
Saturday, October 24th
10-1p.m.

Please contact Julie if you would be willing
to help with activities for **4-H Discovery**
Days at Huey's Children's Museum.

Interested? Send an email to Julie Diepenbrock at
Julie.diepenbrock@wisc.edu or text 608-381-2435

Educational Travel Experiences and Record Books

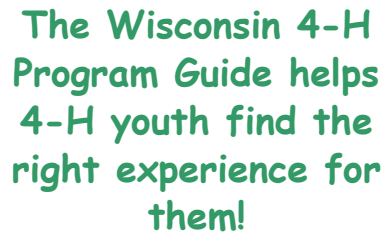
As a 4-H member, you have many opportunities to find your “spark” through experiences at the club, county, state and national level. Sometimes, there are so many choices it can be difficult to learn about them all or reach out and try something new. Are you ready to take the next step in 4-H? Attending a 4-H travel experience might be just what you are looking for.

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H is willing to help fund your 4-H **Educational Travel Experience** (up to half the cost). To earn an Educational Travel Experience Sponsorship, you need to complete a 4-H Record book, Educational Travel Experience application, and an interview. Check out some of the great opportunities listed in this newsletter and get that record book and application submitted by **Monday, September 21st**. Not planning to go on a travel experience? Do a record book anyway! Record books help you set goals for yourself and keep track of all the things you are accomplishing in 4-H.



You can learn more about record books at: taylor.extension.wisc.edu/record-books/ and you can find the Educational Travel Experience application at tinyurl.com/TravelExperiences

More info about Statewide Travel Experiences can be found at
4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities
Or on the next page!



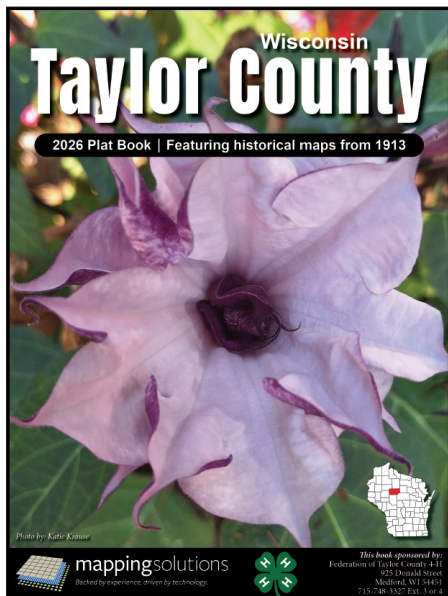
Project Information



Post-Fair Awards & Forum

Sunday, September 13th @
1:00p.m. Location TBD

Includes MASS Bucks Auction, Carcass Evaluation Awards and Total Performance Awards. Turn in Summary Sheet.



2026 Plat Books are now available!

We have 100 books printed thus far. Keep in mind, 4-H Clubs earn \$2 per book assembled and \$1 for books sold! Let Kelly know if your club is interested in assembling some books!

Cost is \$40 and \$13 to ship!

Available for purchase at UWEX, Northwoods Country Store in Jump River, The Star News in Medford, Romig's Hardware in Gilman and Thorp Courier in Thorp.

Project Information

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We could
Really use
Leaders!



Requirements for Attending an Adult Certification Workshop

Volunteers planning to be shooting sports 4-H leaders and current 4-H leaders may attend. (Those completing a certification workshop with pending 4-H leader status must not instruct 4-H youth until 4-H leader status is approved in the county.)

2026 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI

Date: September 19, 2026

Time: 8AM - 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Information: Registration deadline is **September 13, 2026.**

Register at: 26centralworkshop.4honline.com/

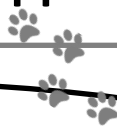
Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, [11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449](#)



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Jul/Aug Callie Cat
Winner: Kenzie Pester

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) When are record books due?
- 2) How many 4-H Clubs does Taylor County have?
- 3) What are the dates of National 4-H Week?

Grade 6-13 Questions:

- 1) When are record books due?
- 2) When are Educational Experience Applications due?
- 3) How many 4-H Clubs does Taylor County have?
- 4) What is the deadline date for 4-H re-enrollments?
- 5) Where is Fall Forum 2026 held?
- 6) What will YLO hand out on October 18th?
- 7) Which 4-H Educational Experience are you most interested in?
- 8) When is National 4-H Week?
- 9) When is the Central Workshop in Marshfield?
- 10) Where and when is Leadership Training being held?
- 11) What is Federation of Taylor County 4-H?
- 12) Where is the Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum held?
- 13) Where is Discovery Days held?
- 14) What year are the new Plat Books?
- 15) When does 4-H enrollment begin?

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

Youth Opportunity 7th-13th



Fall Forum is a statewide conference that brings 4-H youth and adult leaders together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and build excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H.

It is for youth in grades 7-13, adult volunteers, and staff.

It's a great opportunity for youth and volunteers to discover and explore their sparks and make new friends from all across the state. Everyone will leave inspired and ready for a great 4-H year!

Registration will open from September 1-15. Stay tuned for more details on registration.

SAVE THE DATE!



FALL FORUM 2026

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026

Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI

Registration information will be available soon!

Visit for more information

<https://go.wisc.edu/002a8t>



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Beginning in 2025, the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation will be running the Scholarship Program that had previously been run by the Wisconsin Horse Council.

Scholarships are available in increments of \$500 up to \$5000 to applicants planning to or **currently majoring in any equine profession, college or other training equivalent to at least four years in length or one or two school years in length**, and must be specific, as non-equine majors will be eliminated.

The Scholarship Guidelines and Application are available as PDF documents below. Simply click on them, print them out, complete them and return them to the address shown on the application by 1/1/27, for review and consideration.

For Guidelines and Applications, visit: <https://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/WSHCEF>



All Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name.

Entries are accepted September 1, 2026, through November 15, 2026.

Five finalists are selected by a panel of Cedar Crest Ice Cream flavor experts from all entries received. One flavor is awarded top honors and a \$500 gift. The winning flavor makes its debut in parlors in the summer of 2027. All five finalists receive an ice cream party for their 4-H club. Each club may submit up to 5 entries!

2026 winner: our neighbors Pesobic Pathfinders 4-H Club in Merrill!

To enter, visit: cedarcresticecream.com/4h-flavor-contest/



TAYLOR COUNTY

SWAP 2026

Trade • Share • Support Local

Something for Everyone on the Farm!

FARM FRIENDS WELCOME!

A SWAP FOR ALL THINGS HOMESTEAD & HANDMADE



FARM ANIMALS
Goats, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Rabbits & More!



CANNED GOODS
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Salsa, Honey & More!



VEGETABLES
Fresh from the Garden!
Produce, Plants & Seeds



FRESH FLOWERS
Bouquets, Bunches, & Blooming Beauty!



HOMEMADE CRAFTS
Woodwork, Quilts, Soaps, Candles, Décor & More!



AND SO MUCH MORE!
Bring what you love, take what you need!

2026 SWAP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 8TH

HOOVED STOCK ALLOWED



AUGUST 30TH

HOOVED STOCK ALLOWED



SEPTEMBER 19TH

HOOVED STOCK ALLOWED



OCTOBER 24TH

SWAP & FALL POULTRY & RABBIT FUN SHOW

NO HOOVED STOCK





8-12 VENDORS
CAN SET UP
AT 8:00 AM



BUY, SELL,
SWAP & MEET
FELLOW FARM
FRIENDS!



BRING A CHAIR,
A SMILE &
A SPIRIT OF
COMMUNITY!

SUPPORT LOCAL LIVE RURAL

TAYLOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Medford, WI

GOOD PEOPLE
GREAT FINDS
STRONG COMMUNITY

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SWAP ORGANIZER!

Bulletin Board for Club Use



Calling All Taylor County 4-H Clubs!

We invite your club to showcase its creativity on our bulletin board! This is a great opportunity to promote Taylor County 4-H, share what makes your club special, and inspire others to get involved. Use your imagination, highlight your favorite activities and accomplishments, and help us celebrate the amazing impact of 4-H in our community. We can't wait to see your creative displays!

Email Kelly to set up a time at phillips32@wisc.edu.

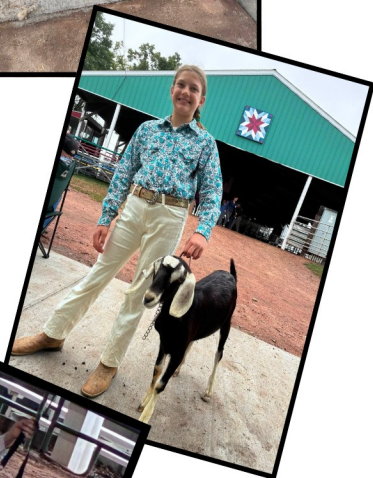
Featured 2025 Bulletin Board by Diamond Lakers



Taylor County 4-H



Little Whispers 4-H Club
Athens Fair

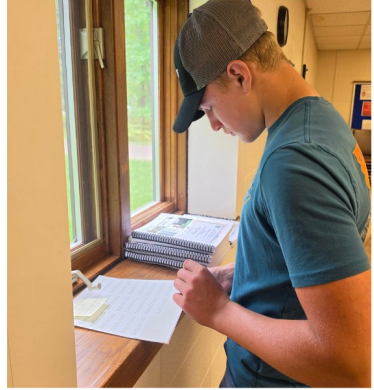


Happenings!

Taylor County 4-H



Stacy's last 4-H meeting!



Thrifty-Go-Getters



Plat Book Assembly

Happenings!

It's Paper Clover time!

November 27 thru
December 13, 2026



TSC **TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO.**



Tractor Supply invites your club to get active with your local store if it hasn't already! Talk with your local store manager about what activity and partnership opportunities exist here in Medford!

Calendar of Events



September

- 1—4-H Clubs Annual Financial Reporting Due to UWEX
- 1—Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest begins
- 1-15—Fall Forum 2026 Registration
- 2—4-H Enrollment Begins
- 7—UW Extension Office Closed for Labor Day Observation
- 13—MASS Post-Fair Awards & Forum
- 19—Taylor County Swap—Hooved Stock Allowed
- 19—Shooting Sports Central Workshop in Marshfield
- 21—Record Books due to Extension
- 21—Travel Experiences Applications due to Extension
- 21—Friend of 4-H Award nominations due to Extension
- 21—4-H Leader of the Year Award nominations due to Extension
- 24—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX



October

4—10 National 4-H Week 2026

- 18—YLO: Trick or Treat for the Hunger—door hanger drop off
- 19—New Family Festivities 7-8pm @ UWEX
- 24—Discovery Days @ Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum
- 24—Taylor County Swap—Swap & Fall Poultry & Rabbit Fun Show
- 25—Harvest Days Parade 2 p.m. downtown Medford
- 25—YLO: Trick or Treat for the Hungry—donation pick up
- 25—Annual Leadership Training 6-8pm at UWEX
- 26—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX

November

- 1—4-H Volunteer Re-enrollments due
- 15—Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest deadline
- 17—Paper Clover time
- 23—Federation Meeting 7:15 p.m. at UWEX
- 26-27—UW Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Extension

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TAYLOR COUNTY

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 for assistance at 715-748-1413.

Thank you!

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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>

Purpose Statement

*"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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