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Taylor County 4-H Newsletter

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MISSION OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

The Taylor County 4-H Program will provide many learning experiences through the cooperation and leadership of both the youth members and adult leaders.

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Last chance to sign up for 4-H Summer Camps!

Lincoln/Portage/Taylor/Waupaca 4-H Summer Camp!

4-H County Summer Camp Opportunities	For whom	Cost	Includes:
Junior Camp June 9-10, 2017 Central Wisconsin Environmental Station near Amherst	Youth who have completed 2nd – 4th grades	$20 Make checks payable to *Federation of Taylor County 4-H*, **due May 15 in the Taylor County UWEX Office**	• Transportation to and from • Lodging • 3 meals and 2 snacks • All program fees
Intermediate Camp June 29-July 1, 2017 Camp Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells	Youth who have completed 5th – 8th grades	$50 Make checks payable to *Federation of Taylor County 4-H*, **due May 15 in the Taylor County UWEX Office**	• Transportation to and from • Lodging • 5 meals and 2 snacks • All program fees

Register on 4HOnline. For complete camp details and registration instructions, please visit taylor.uwex.edu/4-h/4-h-clubs/4-h-trips/taylor-county-camps-and-trip-opportunities/. If you are an adult leader who would be able to help with camp, please contact Sasha at 715-748-1981. See details on page 3 for Cloverbud Camp.

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May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Thrifty-Go-Getters Diamond Lakers Little Whispers	2	3	4	5 IW2K! STEM Camp May 5-6	6
7 Countrysiders	8 **Federation Meeting** 7:30 p.m. UWEX	9	10	11	12	13 NCWCA Beef Showmanship Workshop—Brecke Arena International Migratory Bird Day—Perkinstown pg. 13
14 Poplar Grove YLO	15 Horse Project Paperwork due to Heidi Brandner **4-H Summer Camp Registrations/Payments Due** Lucky Hills Little Black Bears	16	17	18	19	20
21 Liberty	22 Gardening Galore I—Bee Inspired—Exploring Spring Ephemerals - 4:30 pm—UWEX Pg. 5	23	24	25	26	27
28	 UWEX Office closed	30	31			

For planning purposes, most events must be RSVP'd for in advance. Go to the link provided or call 715-748-1981.

June 2017

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4 Countrysiders	5 Thrifty-Go-Getters Diamond Lakers Little Whispers	6	7 American Spirit East June 7-15	8 Badger Dairy Camp June 8-10	9 **Taylor County Summer 4-H Junior Camp, 2nd—4th grades, June 9-10 Central Wisconsin Environmental Station**	10
	12 **Federation Meeting** 7:30 p.m. UWEX	13	14	15	16 Taylor County Fair Entries Due Food Stand Clovers Due to UWEX by Club Leaders Gilman June Dairy Days—June 16-18	17 Citizenship Washington Focus Week 3—June 17-25
18 Liberty	19 Little Black Bears *Newsletter Items Due*	20	21	22	23	24 Citizenship Washington Focus Week 4— June 24-July 2
25	26 Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference June 26-29 UW-Madison	27	28	29	30	
				Taylor County Summer 4-H Intermediate Camp 5th—8th grades, June 29-July 1 Upham Woods Outdoor Environmental Learning Center		

 To register for an event, go to the link provided in the online version of the newsletter on the calendar, or call 715-748-1981 to register. Want to see the whole year's events? Check in your 2017 Taylor County Resource Book & Calendar or go to http://taylor.uwex.edu/4-h/newsletters/

SAVE THE DATES!

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp
- *K-2nd grade youth*
- *Friday, July 7*
  - *9-11 a.m UWEX Building*
  - *2-4 p.m. Gilman Senior Center*
  - *RSVP to Sasha 715-748-1981 by June 16.*

4-H Potluck
- *Thursday, July 13 5-8 p.m., Diamond Lake Park*
- *Bring a dish to pass*
- *RSVP to Sasha 715-748-1981 by July 6.*

Taylor County Fair
- *Thursday—Sunday, August 3-6, 2017*

4-H Awards Banquet
- *Sunday, November 12, 2017, 12-3 p.m.*
- *Medford High School Cafeteria*

CLUB LEADER CONTACTS

Countrysiders—Wendy Rudolph, 715-748-0961

Diamond Lakers—Dorothy Halida, 715-669-3655 and Paula Dubiak, 715-512-0250

Liberty—Kathy Schumacher, glws@tds.net

Little Black Bears—Heather Albers, 715-748-4046

Little Farmers—Violet Jensen, 715-748-4481

Little Whispers—Christy Tomandl, 715-748-9816

Lucky Hills—Linda Lynch, 715-748-9289

Poplar Grove—Brian & Cheryl Bolstad, 715-447-5428 and Wendy Okerglicki, 715-644-0854

Thrifty-Go-Getters—Rita Bunkelman, 715-678-2669

COUNTYWIDE PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have questions about a project, please contact the following county project leaders:

Dog Project: Jeanine Renzoni, 715-748-4248

Horse Project: Heidi Brandner, 715-678-6184

Leather Craft: Mike Johnson, 715-678-2536

Market Animal Show and Sale (MASS): Karyn Eckert, 715-748-4816

Poultry Project: Sara Matyka, 715-427-3331 or Edward Ploszay, 715-560-2145

Rabbit Project: Katie Krause, 715-654-6499

Sheep Project: Sara Matyka, 715-427-3331

Shooting Sports: Kami Stahlbusch, 715-560-0868

Youth Leadership Organization (YLO): UWEX Office 715-748-3327.

COUNTYWIDE PROJECT UPDATES

Horse Project

Horse Arena Policy Horse Arena reservations must be made through Heidi Brandner at least one week in advance. Heidi will contact the UW-Extension office to reserve the arena.

- All horses must have a current Coggins test.
- Participants must follow all 4-H rules, regulations, and guidelines, including wearing approved helmets and boots when mounted or driving.
- Participants are expected to clean up manure and garbage.

Horse project paperwork is due to Heidi on or before May 15.

Shooting Sports

Seeking 4-H Leaders, 21 years or older, to become certified Shooting Sports instructors. There are currently not enough instructors to run a 2017 Shooting Sports program. Contact Kami Stahlbusch at 715-560-0868 and or Sasha Busjahn at 715-748-1981 if you are interested.

Upcoming 2017 Certification class:

- Marshfield, WI, September 15 – 16, Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun

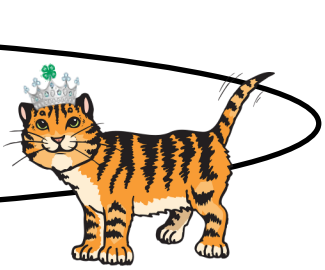
More information can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/.

Youth Leadership Organization (YLO)

Looking for new members! 4-H members in 6th grade and above are eligible to join. The YLO is geared towards older youth to build leadership skills appropriate to their age level. These skills are built though experiences such as helping plan and put on countywide events, doing community service projects, and fundraising at the YLO Soda stand at the Taylor County Fair. All YLO members who complete the requirements of participating in two meetings, working four hours in the YLO Soda Stand, and completing a community service project will be eligible to participate in a reward trip on August 12, to the Mall of America and the Aquarium.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Leadership Organization, come check it out at the next meeting on May 14 and/or July 2 at 5:30 at the UW-Extension building. If you plan to attend, please let Sasha know by calling 715-748-1981 or emailing sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu to make sure the meeting time hasn't changed. If you would like to find out more about YLO, visit http://taylor.uwex.edu/4-h/4-h-leaders/youth-leaders-organization-ylo/.

Callie Cat's 4-H Newsletter Contest



Hey 4-H Youth Members! Callie Cat wants you to read the 4-H newsletter! If you are reading the newsletter, you could have the opportunity to **win a prize of $15** 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 grade 6-13 and submit at least 13/15 correct answers, while following all submission directions, OR in grade K-5 and submit at least 11/15 correct, while following all submission directions, your name will be put into a drawing for a $15 prize. There will be 3 winners per newsletter. Participants must be youth 4-H members.

Callie Cat 4-H Newsletter Questions:

1) How many youth live on farms that are enrolled in Taylor County 4-H?
2) What is one rule that 4-H horse project members must follow when using the horse arena?
3) Who is one person you could contact if you have questions when entering into the Taylor County Fair?
4) What are the kinds of birds that are considered poultry?
5) In honor of June Dairy Month, find this cow in two other places in this newsletter, state where they are located.
6) What could you see at the Migratory Bird Day?
7) What is one thing you are looking forward to in 4-H this summer? Why?
8) Who is one of the 4-H Federation Scholarship winners for this year?
9) What should be sent into the UW-Extension office after club meetings by club secretaries or leaders?
10) What is happening at the Taylor County Fair on Friday, August 4, at 2 p.m.?
11) What is AASD and what is one location you could attend an AASD?
12) What movie did the Liberty 4-H Club show for a fundraiser for the Taylor County Humane Society?
13) What should youth members in 3rd-13th grade keep when they turn in their Taylor County Fair entry forms?
14) When is the deadline to sign up for 4-H summer camp?
15) Sign your entry with your full name.

Congratulations to Margaret and Claire Grittner-Minarcini and Sarah Rudolph for winning the March/ April Newsletter Contest!

Instructions for submitting your entry:

- Answer questions on an 8 1/2 by 11 piece of paper. Write your full name and club name in the upper right hand corner of your entry page. Include any other items such as photos with your answers.
- Submit your answers to : **4-H Agent Attn. Callie Cat Contest**
  Taylor County UW-Extension Office,
  925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford, WI 54451
- Submissions will be due the last day of the month that the newsletter comes out (eg. for the May/June newsletter, Callie Cat submissions are due May 31)
- Once submissions are received, all submissions with at least 11/15 (K-5th grade) or 13/15 (6-13th grade) correct answers will be put into a drawing, and three winners will be selected at the closest Federation of Taylor County 4-H meeting.
- Winners will be notified after the Federation of Taylor County 4-H meeting following the submission date, prizes will be mailed with the notification.
- Youth who have entered into the Callie Cat Contest for past newsletters are encouraged to enter again!

Taylor County 4-H Youth and Adult Opportunities

Youth Opportunities

Gardening Galore, Bee Inspired, Spring Ephemerals

On May 22 at 4:30 p.m., youth and families will get the chance to learn about the Community Garden near the UW-Extension office, find out about pollinators, and explore spring ephemeral flowers if they are still out in the Campus Woods. For planning, please call Sasha at 715-748-1981 if you are planning to attend this program.

Record Books

Start keeping your 4-H records now! Record Books are updated for the 2016-17 4-H year. You can learn more and/or request your record book by going to http://taylor.uwex.edu/4-h/record-books/ or call Sasha at 715-748-1981. Once record books are requested they will be available within one week, unless contacted by the UW-Extension Office. Books that are not collected by members from the UW-Extension office will be distributed to club leaders or representatives.

There will be a **Record Book Work day** on July 13 in Medford at the UW-Extension office from 12—1, and at Diamond Lake Park before the 4-H Potluck from 3:30—4:30. RSVP to Sasha at 715-748-1981 by July 6 if you plan to attend.

Clovers Returning to the Food Stand!

4-H leaders received food stand Clovers for clubs to decorate in their fair information packets.

Here's what you need to do:

1. On your clover, please draw a picture and/or write a few sentences to illustrate this phrase:

   "My favorite thing to do at the fair is…."

2. Cut out around the clover, write your first name and last initial, grade, and 4-H club on the back and return to either your leader or the UW-Extension Office. Club leaders will set due dates for their members. All clovers must be at the UW-Extension Office no later than June 16 to be judged and counted.

3. Look for your clover hanging on the giant tree at the 4-H Food Stand during the fair. We'll return the clovers to your club leaders after the fair.

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H will give cash awards for the top clovers in four individual categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Prizes this year are $25 for first place, $15 for second, and $10 for third. Awards will be presented at the annual Awards Banquet in the fall.

Additionally, there will be club awards for clubs who have the highest percentage of their members participate! $100 to the club with the highest percentage of members turning in a clover, $75 for second place, $50 for third place, and $25 for any remaining clubs that have at least 50% of their members turning in a clover!

Adult Leader Opportunities

Adult Chaperones Needed

Be an Adult Chaperone for a 4-H trip. Adult Chaperones must be approved 4-H Leaders who are 21 years or older. See an opportunity to be an Adult Chaperone for one or both of this year's 4-H Summer Camps on the front cover.

Federation of Taylor County 4-H Meetings

All 4-H Leaders are a part of the Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders Board and have voting rights. Each club should have a leader, representing their club, attending Federation meetings to help make decisions at the county level for the Taylor County 4-H Program and to report back to their club. Each club also has one standing spot on the Executive Board of the Federation.

Become a 4-H Leader

A Volunteer Orientation will be held on September 14 at 5 p.m. at the UW-Extension office for adults who would like to become 4-H Leaders. All participants must RSVP by September 7 by going to https://goo.gl/forms/Iua6uT6bMM6orxWP2 or calling Sasha at 715-748-1981.

Annual Leader Training 2017

4-H Leaders Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Leader Training Dates Every year, at least one leader from each club is required to attend the Annual Leader Training. ALL leaders are of course welcome and encouraged to attend! This year's training will be in an E-Forum format, similar to 2015's training. There will be three dates : *October 5, November 2, and December 7* for leaders to choose from to meet this requirement. All of the sessions will start at 7 p.m. Leaders will only need to attend one of the three dates. You can view the session information at http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/files/2015/02/What-do-I-need-to-know-about-the-e-Forum-2017.pdf

4-H Shooting Sports — Learn by Doing

Shooting Sports Certified Leaders Still Needed

Northern 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshop, Marshfield September 15-16.

Taylor County is seeking 4-H Leaders, 21 years or older, to become certified Shooting Sports instructors to help with the project. There are currently not enough to run a 2017 Shooting Sports program. Contact Kami Stahlbusch at 715-560-0868 and or Sasha Busjahn at 715-748-1981 if you are interested.

All 4-H leaders who plan to run the shooting line need to complete a certification workshop in the discipline they are supervising. You can only receive one certification at any one certification workshop. For details and registration information please visit: **http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/**

Taylor County Fair Information

2017 Fair Books & Entries

Fair Book

Taylor County Fair book will be available in electronic version again this year. Some changes have been made, so please dispose of any copies of the 2016 entry information. The fair book will be available on the Taylor County Fair web site: **www.witaylorcountyfair.com** and the compiled 4-H version in the 4-H Email Blasts.

Each 4-H club will receive a fair information binder that includes a printed copy of the fair book to share among members who are not able to access the fair book online. We also have a book at the UW-Extension office if you would like to reference it.

Entry Forms : Youth 3rd—13th grades

This year's 4-H entry forms will again be carbon copy paper forms that will be handed out by club leaders. If you miss the club meeting where entries are discussed, call your club leader to go over this information. If you have any questions about fair entries, you can call the following 4-H Leaders:

- Lanice Szomi, General Fair Questions, 715-965-8324
- Dawn Rudolph, Static Exhibit Questions, 715-748-2243
- Tim Hobl, Livestock Exhibit Questions, 715-965-0200
- Heidi Brandner, Fair Entry Questions, 715-678-6184

Only enter in departments in which you have enrolled in a project. If you are not sure what your projects are, login to your 4HOnline account to check (http://wi.4honline.com). March 1 was the last day to add projects. The self-determined project is designed for youth who want to work in an area we do not offer as a project; it is not a catch-all for not enrolling in a project on time.

Completed entry forms must be to your club leader no later than **Friday, June 16, or the club leader's turn-in date**. Your leader will review and sign your entry form. 4-H leaders may only sign entries for youth entering under their 4-H club; if you plan to enter under FFA, Farmers Union Juniors, Scouts, etc., those entries must be turned into and signed by those leaders. **Make sure to keep the yellow carbon copy of your entry form and keep it for your records!**

Cloverbud Fair Entries

Cloverbud members will again use hot pink Cloverbud fair exhibit cards and green exhibit tags for their fair entries and do not need to enter with the regular form. ***The cards and tags are available from your club leader or the UW-Extension Office.***

Cloverbuds should attach a 3" x 5" or smaller picture of themselves to the hot pink Cloverbud fair card. The pictures can be picked up along with the exhibits on Sunday night.

REMEMBER: The Cloverbud Fair Card must accompany the Cloverbud project when brought to the exhibit building. Contact your Cloverbud leader or the Cloverbud Superintendent for details.

Entry Forms—Club Leaders

It is suggested to write your club's entry deadline (club leaders set the date; suggested date is Friday, June 9) for fair entries on top of entry forms. Club leaders or a designated representative must drop off signed entries at the UW-Extension Office on or before **Friday, June 16**. Club Leaders: please do your best to check over entries before they are turned in. Entries will be submitted to the fair board on Monday, June 19 by the UW-Extension office. **No late entries will be accepted.**

Fair Entry deadline update:

The 4-H deadline for club leaders to turn in entry forms and clovers to the UW-Extension office has been changed from June 2 to June 16. Any entries turned in after this date cannot be accepted. **Members are responsible to turn in entries and clovers to their leaders by their club date.**

Showing Animals at the Fair?

Make sure you are aware of all of the DATCP Animal Health Regulation requirements for the animals you plan to bring to the fair with DATCP's Animal Health Regulations. You can find these on the fair website, in the 4-H fair book or at datcp.wi.gov/Documents/FairRulesAnimalHealth.pdf

Fair-prep Project Meetings

Leaders who would like to host a project meeting in June or July to teach youth how to get entries ready for the fair, please contact Sasha at 715-748-1981.

She can help you find resources, activity plans and handouts, reserve space for your meeting, and contact project members to let them know about the opportunity.

Taylor County Fair Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 2nd

Noon-8PM Open class entries accepted at Multipurpose Building

5PM-8PM Youth fair static and animal exhibit entries accepted & Cans for a Cause registered entry set-up**

Thursday, August 3rd

7A-10 AM Open class entries accepted at Multipurpose Building

7AM-5 PM Cans for a Cause registered entry set-up**

8-11:30 AM Static and animal exhibit entries accepted

NOON Mandatory barn meeting in show ring

NOON Open class judging begins

12:30 PM Livestock weigh-in begins

3:00 PM Sheep judging

3-5 PM Ag Adventure Tent

5:00 PM Beef judging

5:00 PM Fair officially opens, opening ceremonies

5-9 PM Wristband Rides

5-7 PM Fundraising Meal in Beer Tent - TBA

5:30 PM Cans for a Cause contest judging begins

6:00 PM 5K Poker Run starts**

6:00 PM Kiwanis Bingo

9:00 PM Broadway Theater Grandstand movie - TBA

Midnight Fair closes

Friday, August 4th

8:00 AM Static exhibits judging in Exhibits Hall (grader shed)

8-11 AM Fundraising Meal in Beer Tent - TBA

8:00 AM Cloverbuds judging

8:30 AM Swine judging

9:00 AM Poultry judging

10AM-10PM Co-op and Merchant Buildings open

11:00 AM Rabbit judging

1:00 PM Kiwanis Bingo

1-6 PM Ag Adventure Tent

2:00 PM Goat judging

3-5 PM Kids Pedal Tractor pull

6:00 PM MASS Market Animal Sale

6:30 PM Truck , Tractor, and Semi Pulls in Grandstand

NOTE: This is the most current schedule at this time, please visit the fair website for any updates.

Saturday, August 5th

8:00 AM Exotics judging

9:00 AM Horse pleasure show

9:00 AM Dairy judging (Over the Hill Dairy Contest to follow)

10 AM -10 PM Co-op and Merchant Buildings open

1:00 PM Ultrasound Carcass

1-6 PM Ag Adventure Tent

2-3 PM. Hypnotist in entertainment tent

4:30 - 6:30 PM Sponsorship Reception

Logo designed by: Maria Fernanda Carvajal
Medford Area Senior High School

4:30 PM Demo Derby Power Wheels in Grandstand

5:00 PM Demo Derby show in Grandstand

6:00 PM Kiwanis Bingo

9PM-12 AM Free Band Branded in the entertainment tent

2017 Theme: Kids in the Fair...Everywhere!

Sunday, August 6th

8:30 AM Horse Gymkhana show

9:00 AM Dog judging

9:00 AM Cat/small animal judging

10:00 AM Dress an Animal Contest

10:30 AM Coin Search

10 AM-1 PM Medford Knights of Columbus Waffles

10AM-5PM Co-op and Merchant Buildings open

12:00 PM Youth Talent Show**

1:00 PM Ag Olympics in Show Ring

1:00 PM Kiwanis Bingo

1-5 PM Ag Adventure Tent

2:00 PM Central WI Horsepullers Association pull

5:00 PM MASS Animals Released (subject to change per weather conditions)

5:30 PM All youth animal and static exhibits released

5 PM-7PM Cans for a Cause take-down

** Find pre-registration info online

Fair information continued on next page.

Poultry at the Fair 2017

Poultry refers to domesticated fowl -- including chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl and other game birds, pea fowl and other fanciers, and waterfowl -- that are bred mainly for exhibiting or producing eggs or meat. It does not include ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas). For regulatory purposes, domesticated fowl are considered to be sexually mature at 4 months. Turkeys are considered sexually mature at 6 months. Regardless of origin, turkeys must be separated from other poultry at the fair, unless they are going directly to slaughter after the show.

Rules and regulations are subject to change as conditions warrant. Please visit the DATCP website for more or updated information at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FairsShowsPoultry.aspx.

At any WI County Fair individuals presenting birds for exhibit, that originate in WI, must :

Present a NPIP certificate stating that they originate from a US. pullorum-typhoid clean or NPIP affiliate flock.

-OR-

Present a DATCP-issued certificate stating they are from a Wisconsin tested or associate flock.

-OR-

If the birds are sexually mature, have birds tested by a certified pullorum tester who will put an individual wing or leg band ID on the bird if the bird tests negative for pullorum-typhoid (and Mycoplasma gallisepticum for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show.

Testing for 4-H members will be available **in late July**. Certified pullorum testers will visit farms in Taylor County to test birds that are at least four months of age (turkeys 6 months) that will be going to the Taylor County Fair. Birds that are tested must be held in quarantine, if there are other birds on the farm, after they are tested so that they do not contract any diseases after testing. If you would like to schedule your own testing, you can go to https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/PullorumTesters.pdf to find certified testers near your farm.

If you would like to have your fair-bound bird(s) tested, return the form below by June 1, 2017, to the UW-Extension Office, 925 Donald St. Rm. 103, Medford WI 54451. You will be contacted once all forms are received to set up a schedule for testing.

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4-H Poultry Testing 2017

Name of fair participant and adult that will be present during testing: _____ _____

***Species* of birds to be tested and *number* (birds entered into the Taylor County fair are the only ones that will be tested):**

Poultry Species:	Number of birds of listed species to be tested:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Best phone number to contact : (_____)_____

Address of farm where birds will be tested: _____

Address City State Zip

Taylor County 4-H by the Numbers 2016-2017

County-Wide Presence

187 youth enrolled

74 certified adult leaders

9 clubs meeting in 5 townships

126 projects youth can enroll in

1,566 4-H projects enrolled in

5 active county-wide project groups

89 youth living on Farms / 98 youth living in a town under 10,000 or rural area

County-Wide Programming

Club and Project Meetings

Cultural Arts Festival

STEM & Environmental Programs

4-H Summer Camps

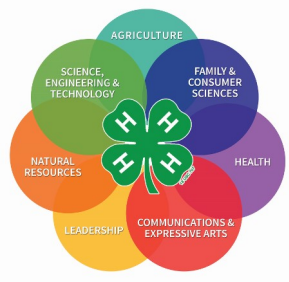
State and National 4-H Trips

Taylor County Fair

4-H Discovery Day

Trick or Treat for the Hungry

4-H Awards Banquet



County-Wide Impact

2,513 volunteer hours

1,907 community service hours

15 + Taylor County businesses and group partners

Did You Know?

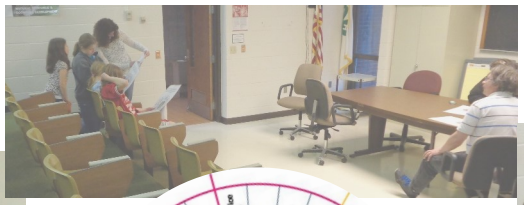
4-H clubs conduct an average of 5 community service projects per year. That's 45 community service projects in Taylor County in one year.

March/April Taylor County 4-H Youth Development In Action!

Life—Skills learned at Club Meetings

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Sasha is almost done visiting all of the clubs; this year she brought an educational activity to teach some 4-H life skills. Diamond Lakers and Lucky Hills youth and adults really got into the activity while learning about skills such as citizenship, sharing, goal setting, problem solving, disease prevention, and conflict resolution. Hopefully all members feel a little more comfortable with choosing a life skill to work on for the rest of the year as they work on their record books!



Camp Counselor Training

This year we are excited to have 6 camp counselors from Taylor County to help with our two 4-H Summer Camps in June! Our counselors will be Bailey, Sam, and Jack Krause, Sarah Rudolph, Scarlett Bishop-Bender, Cody Hobl, and Taylor Adleman. On March 19, camp counselors from our four-county camping group got together at Schmeeckle Reserve in Stevens Point to learn more about being counselors. The topics that were covered were Counselor Responsibilities and Expectations, Ages and Stages, Emotional Safety, and Problem Solving.

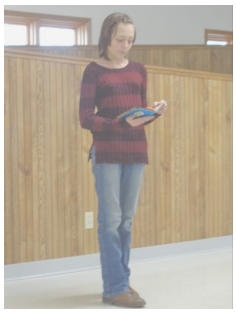
Based on the great participation at camp counselor training this year from our counselors, we are looking forward to two fun and educational summer camps in June! Please see the cover of this newsletter for more details about both camps.

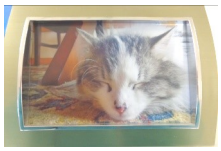
Congratulations

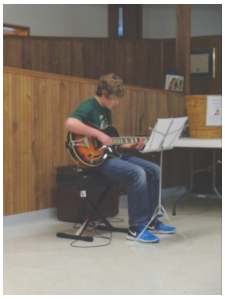
Congratulations to Kara Rudolph, Joseph Tomandl, Joshua Langteau, and John Laub for receiving the 2017 4-H Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarships. Good luck in your future endeavors!

Liberty 4-H Humane Society Fundraiser

On April 29, Liberty 4-H partnered with the Broadway Theater to do a fundraiser to raise funds and materials for the Taylor County Humane Society. Community members were invited to come watch The Secret Life of Pets for a donation of an item for the humane society.

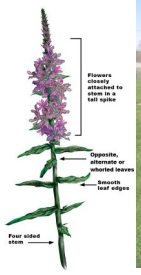






Cultural Arts Festival 2017

This year's Cultural Arts Festival was hosted by Poplar Grove 4-H, and was held at the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Hannibal on March 25. 4-H members showed their talents in over 20 entries of artwork and/or performances that were evaluated by 4-H Leaders Violet Jensen, Jeanine Renzoni, and former Art Teacher Ardis Meier.



Purple Loosestrife Program

On April 23, the weekend of Earth Day, 4-H members learned about an invasive plant called Purple Loosestrife from the Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Chris Hamerla. Youth also got the chance to get their hands dirty by taking part in the first step of a control program for the invasive plant. The program is ongoing and is housed at the Medford Library for the beginning of the summer. More youth will have the opportunity to participate as the summer goes on and the program progresses.

Bulletin Board for Club Use

The UW-Extension/4-H bulletin board is available for clubs to use to promote their club. Please contact Sasha at 715-748-1981 or sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu if your club would like to choose a month to use the bulletin board. Clubs will be responsible for hanging up their materials at the beginning of the month. If a club does not take the materials down by the end of the month, Sasha will take them down and hold them for one month, after that the materials will be discarded. Bulletin board content must follow 4-H Policies.

Featured Bulletin Board for March/April 2017 :

Bulletin Board Schedule 2017
June: *Open*
July: *Little Whispers*
August: *Open*
September: *Lucky Hills*
October : *UW-Extension*
November: *Diamond Lakers*
December: *Open*

Taylor County 4-H Member in Good Standing

4-H members must be in good standing with their club and the county in order to be eligible for county awards, to represent Taylor County 4-H in state and national level events, and to receive reimbursements. Member-in-good-standing status will also be taken into consideration when future scholarships are awarded.

To be a member of good standing, you need to:

- *Re-enroll through 4-H Online by November 1.*
- *Attend a minimum of three (3) club meetings.*

Your club's bylaws may require more meetings or community service than the county minimum. **Please check with your club leader to make sure you are meeting both your club and the county's member of good standing rules**.

Groups using UW-Extension Meeting Rooms

Groups using UW-Extension meeting rooms after business hours, please lock the building after your meeting is done. If you have questions on how to do this, please ask.

Club Leaders and Secretaries

Please be ready to turn in the status of your members of good standing by July 15, 2017, for fair, scholarship, and award trip purposes.

Club meeting minutes should be sent to the UW-Extension office in a timely manner after each club meeting. They can be mailed to the UW-Extension office Attn: Sasha at 925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford, WI 54451, or emailed to sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu.

4HOnline
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

Access your 4HOnline Profile at

wi.4honline.com

Help with 4HOnline

Did you forget your password? Need to update your contact information? Can't remember what email address you used to register? If you need any help using 4HOnline, please contact UW-Extension at 715-748-3327 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., M-F. Our office staff can also help you if you would like to stop in and work through the issue.

Address or Email Changes

If you move, please update your address in your 4HOnline family profile or notify the UW-Extension office. We often get mail returned due to changed and incorrect addresses and the post office charges us a fee for the service with our newsletters. If you or someone in your club has not received their 4-H newsletter in the mail, contact us so we can correct our mailing list. Similarly, please list an email on 4HOnline that you will check regularly if you wish to receive 4-H updates.

"Care to Share"

What do you like about 4-H? What would you like to change? The "Care to Share" form gives people the opportunity to identify what is going well, what needs to be improved and possible solutions. Copies are available in each newsletter, at the UW-Extension Office or online at taylor.uwex.edu.

UW-Extension Office Holiday Hours & Other Closures

The Taylor County UW-Extension Office will be closed on the following dates & times:

Memorial Day—Monday, May 29, 2017
Fourth of July—Tuesday, July 4, 2017

State & National 4-H & Opportunities Outside 4-H

Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

The 2nd Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium will be held June 1-3, 2017 at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More details and online registration is available on the DCWC website at https://www.dcwcouncil.org/symposium

Sheboygan County 4-H Goat Show

Sheboygan County 4-H Goat Project invites you to their 4-H Goat Show taking place on June 22, 2017, at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds with their Goat Project members! View their flyer at https://goo.gl/RDeOzW Any questions or concerns please call Lori Knutson at 414-640-6387.

Wisconsin House of Moo

The Wisconsin State Fair House of Moo invites volunteers to sign up now to work at interactive stations in their education center located in the dairy barn. There are quite a few incentives to volunteering for this event. View the information at https://goo.gl/RO2k47

State 4-H Dog Agility Show

On July 22 Sheboygan County will be hosting the State 4-H Dog Agility Show. Please visit http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/state-4-h-agility-show/ for more information.

Raise Your Hand & True Leaders in Service

Raise Your Hand is a campaign to encourage 4-H alums to help empower the next generation of true leaders. Alumni who raise their hands by registering at http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/ will be added to the new Wisconsin 4-H alum database. They'll be able to pay it forward by volunteering and/or donating with Wisconsin 4-H. The top 3 states with the most alums on June 30 will win $20,000, $10,000 and $5,000 respectively for programming. Raise your hand information can be found at goo.gl/ZHN2GD. *True Leaders in Service* is an initiative for the month of April. 4-H members, adult volunteers, and friends help improve their communities by adopting a service project. *This does not have to be a new project, it can be one that is already planned or ongoing.* 4-H groups, and even individuals, are asked to register their programs at http://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#!event-registration to get a bigger picture of how 4-H is serving the country as a whole. True Leaders in service culminates in the National 4-H Day of Service. Marketing materials for the campaign are available here and are available to anyone with the link goo.gl/W4m40M.

Area Animal Science Days (AASD)

Regional animal science educational opportunities are available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of four day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; hippology (the study of horses); and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site offers a variety of workshops for small animal projects, which may include rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats or llamas. fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days/

June 21 – Wood County,
June 22 – Trempealeau County
June 23 – Dodge County

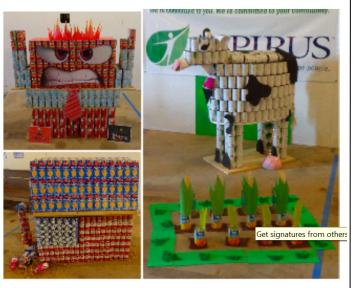
Taylor County Heroes Among Us

- Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10:00 AM
- Your Local Cemetery or Veteran Memorial

This is an opportunity to have our kids see and touch our local history while providing a needed community service. It gives youth leaders an opportunity to discuss the contributions to history that our local veterans have made and to build a connection between those who have served and those who may one day serve. Contact Taylor County Veterans Service Office for more information at (715) 748-1488.

Cans for a Cause

The Taylor County Food Resource Group wants your club to participate in Cans for a Cause at the Taylor County Fair! View 2017 contest information at witaylorcountyfair.com/ under events.



TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H

"Care to Share Form"

This form has been designed to provide valuable input to the Taylor County 4-H program. Once completed, this form will be distributed to the appropriate individual or group to address the issue or concern. Please take a few moments and complete all three sections of this form and sign it. ***Forms without all three sections completed and a signature will be disregarded.***

SECTION #1: Describe the current situation:

SECTION #2: Describe the problem or concern with the current situation:

SECTION #3: Give your suggestion(s) for a possible solution:

Please Print:

Name of person completing form:
Address of person completing form:
Phone number of person completing form:
E-mail address of person completing form:

Signed: Dated:

Please return completed forms to:

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H
925 Donald Street, Room 103
Medford, WI 54451
sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu

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FEDERATION OF TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Adopted January 6, 1994; Updated June, 2016

1. All reimbursements are dependent on availability of funds (advance request recommended).
2. All events with total cost to Federation in excess of $75.00 will require advanced written notice mailed to the Federation Treasurer and will be subject to #3 below.
   - A pre-reimbursement form is required to be filled out one month in advance and mailed to the Federation Treasurer.
   - A post-reimbursement form will be also filled out after the event and returned to the Federation Treasurer within one month of the event.
3. Events in excess of $75.00 (cost to Federation) will be paid on a scale of 0-5, dependent on Executive Board's judgment of the benefit to 4-H program or needed support of outstanding youth. To be decided at closest Executive Board or annual meeting. 0=0% 1=20% 2=40% 3=60% 4=80% 5=100%
4. The total miles driven multiplied by $0.41 will be the figure submitted as a reimbursement item. Mileage count will begin and end at local starting point.
5. All vouchers must be submitted to treasurer within 30 days of event. A brief statement of benefit to the 4-H program must be written on the official voucher.
6. If a member or leader incurs an expense that is to be billed to the Federation, pre- and post-reimbursement forms must be submitted before the bill can be paid. If the Federation is billed for costs without the proper approval, no reimbursements will be given to family for two years.
7. All 4-H Rules and Behavior Expectations must be honored by the youth and chaperones or you will forfeit the right for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER

Federation of Taylor County 4-H

DATE SUBMITTED: _____ **PLEASE CHECK:** ___ pre-event ___ post-event

CLUB: _____ **LEADER'S NAME:** _____

NAME (of person submitting voucher)**:** _____

_____ _____ _____ _____

ADDRESS **CITY** **STATE** **ZIP**

PHONE: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: _____

EVENTS

DATE OF EVENT: _____

NAME & PLACE OF EVENT: _____

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: _____

COST/PARTICIPANT (registration, materials, etc.)**:** _____

TOTAL MILES _____ x $0.41/mile = **$** _____

(Must attach a Google Map or MapQuest map showing starting point and destination)

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Signature of instructor/leader of the event

(Must have proof of attendance at event attached to post voucher. Signature above is sufficient.)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR EVENT $_____

PLAT BOOKS

NUMBER MADE _____ x $3.00 = **$**_____

NUMBER OF PLAT BOOKS SOLD _____ X $1.00 = **$**_____

SIGNATURE: _____

NOTES:

- **Pre vouchers need to be approved before the event.**
- **All vouchers must be turned in within 30 days of the event.**
  - **Mail directly to Wendy Rudolph, W4693 Rudolph Ln. Medford, WI 54451 or drop off at UW-Extension office.**
  - ***Vouchers that are turned in at other locations will not be accepted.***

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May & June 4-H Federation Meeting Times

Monday, May 8, 2017—7:30pm
UW-Extension Meeting Room

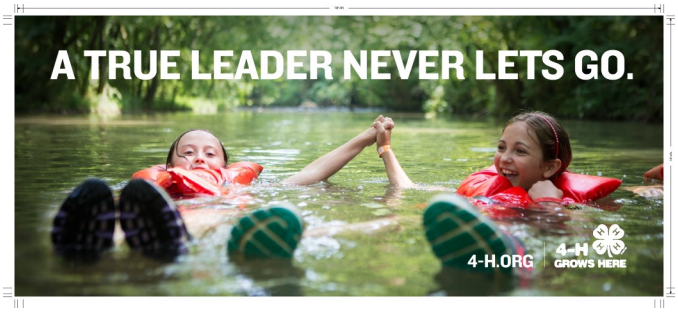
Monday, June 12, 2017—7:30pm
UW-Extension Meeting Room

Federation Meetings will be available by phone or google hangouts for those who live more than 20 miles away.

Please contact Sasha at least one week in advance of the meeting at 715-748-1981 if you would like to participate remotely.

Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook!
www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty
Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with the latest news, announcements and reminders.

Send us your 4-H club activity photos, short articles, and thank yous, and we'll put them in the newsletter! Submit them at the UW-Extension Office or e-mail sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu.



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