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4-H Youth Pledge to COMMUNICATE Effectively!

Dear 4-H Families,

The game's name for the next few months is Communication and the Arts. As leaders, members, parents, and staff . . . we all have responsibilities to communicate in one way or another. And when we are communicating, three very important elements of communication make it truly effective.



The first involves our HEAD; you have to know about something to talk about it. Don't get me wrong, I am familiar with plenty of people who know very little about any topic and still choose to discuss it at length. But in a world where credibility can take a long way, genuine knowledge or experience is vital.

Secondly, you have to have a HEART. Emotional investment, or what some call passion, only makes a speaker more credible and helps the listener engage in the words coming out of one's mouth. People who care about what they are talking about are better communicators than those who feel lukewarm about everything. This element gets to the heart of why leaders in the 4-H Program are the best.



In addition, we should always ask ourselves if our communication is HEALTHY. Are we communicating in a way that is emotionally safe for others? Are we choosing the right words, time, place, and audience to deliver our message to? It only does more harm than good when misusing these safety elements.

Finally, effective communicators will use their HANDS (and their bodies and faces) to communicate a message beyond words. Some call this walking the talk. They will teach and lead others not only by their words but also by their actions.



As you prepare for upcoming 4-H communication arts opportunities, whether it's a speech or demonstration or leading a club or project meeting, remember these three elements and ask yourself; am I using the four H's of effective communication? If not, where can I make the best better?

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GENERAL INFORMATION

4-H CLOVERLEAF CRIER ARTICLES

ALL CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS, MEMBERS, and PARENTS can contribute to the articles in the MONTHLY Cloverleaf Crier by [completing this short form and uploading your article](#) and any photos by the 20th of each month. Please plan ahead!!!! Please check out our [Sheboygan County 4-H Google Calendar](#).

****NEW**** ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UWGB - SHEBOYGAN

We are implementing a new room reservation process on January 1, 2024. You are receiving this communication as a previous user of the rooms reserved through the UW Extension-Sheboygan County office.

Starting on January 1, 2024, users will be required to sign a Room Use and Expectations Request Form to reserve rooms. Room reservations will be confirmed once the signed form is received. The form is attached to this email for your reference.

How the new room reservation process will work:

- Contact the UW Extension-Sheboygan Office with your room reservation request.
- Receive an email with the [attached Room Use and Expectations Request form](#).
- Read, sign, and date the form agreeing to the terms.
- Email, mail, or drop off your signed form.
- Once your signed form is received, your room will be officially reserved.
- You will receive a reservation confirmation email.

Users who don't follow the agreed-upon use expectations will not be given future room reservations. The new room reservation process is to guarantee rooms are available upon arrival for our guests and staff that use the UW Extension-Sheboygan office conference rooms.

SNOW/ICE & 4-H MEETINGS



Another winter has arrived and maybe with it the snow and ice! We don't want anyone to be stuck out in the cold, so there may be times when it is advisable to cancel county level 4-H meetings. The Extension Office has a meeting information line to keep you updated on any meeting cancellations due to weather! By calling 920-459-5908 you will hear a recorded message in regards to the latest meeting cancellations or you can check out our website at <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/>. Please note: if classes are cancelled at UW Green Bay – Sheboygan Campus, 4-H night meetings will also be cancelled.

ATTENTION Project Leaders and Committee Chairs!!!!...if you are planning on canceling a meeting, please call the Extension Office by 3:00 p.m. Our staff will best be able to support you by sending out an e-mail to project members, updating the meeting information line and the website. Thank you! Our policy is safety first!

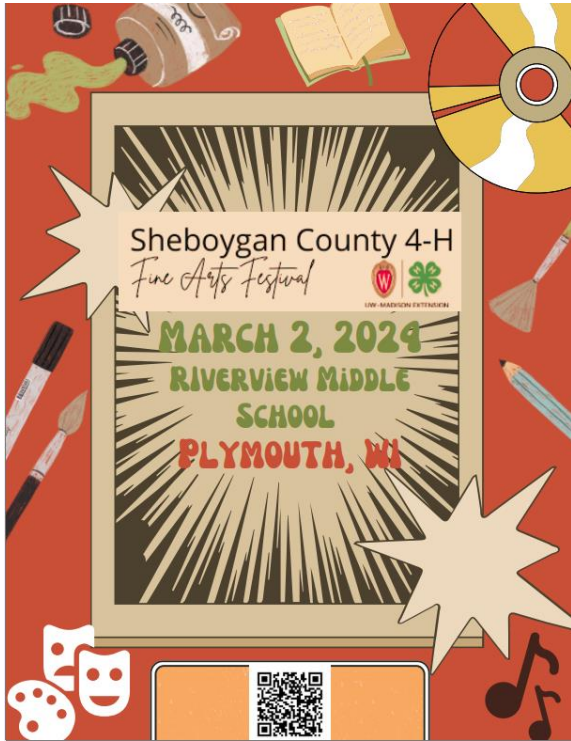
FORMS ON THE 4-H WEBSITE?!

Many of our 4-H forms are on our website! Check out our website to find applications for trips, scholarships, record book forms, and more: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development>. If you do not find something, please contact our office and we will help you find it or add it to the website to better serve you and other members.

COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS

4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – MARCH 2, 2024 AT PLYMOUTH RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Communication, Music and Drama, Photography, Drawing and Painting, and more!



This incredible opportunity offers our members and other youth the opportunity to showcase their oral, vocal, and performance art skills. This is a very special opportunity and has the potential to be an amazing community showcase of our talented members.

The entry deadline is February 4, 2024 at midnight.

Registration is available [online](#), or you can return this [form](#) to:

Sheboygan County UW-Extension
5 University Dr.
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Or submit via email to: emily.jensen@wisc.edu

This event cannot happen without a committee of committed **volunteers**. Can you help? This committee would need to meet at least once before the end of this year and then likely monthly until the event date. Please call Sarah at 920-459-5915 to volunteer for the Fine Arts Festival Committee.

4-H PROJECT DAY – FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Please consider signing up your 4-H members AND THEIR FRIENDS for this awesome morning of creating, learning, and completing projects! This is open to the public, so share it broadly! All sessions held at UWGB-Sheboygan Campus, 1 University Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081



Agenda

9:00 am: General Welcome Session: Everyone to join!

9:15-10:05 am: Session 1 (50 minutes)

10:15-11:05 am: Session 2 (50 minutes)

11:15 am-12:05 pm: Session 3 (50 minutes)

12:05 pm-12:15 pm: General Session: Wrap-up & Door prizes!

Things to Note

- Registration fee is \$10.00 for all 3 sessions. Join us for 1, 2 or 3 sessions. The cost is the same, regardless.
- All materials will be supplied or communicated prior to the program (unless noted).
- Cloverbud members (grades K-2) **must** be accompanied by an adult or older relative or friend.
- Sessions are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis.

Registrations are due February 4, 2024 Register at: [4-H Project Day Registration](#)



CAMP STAFF WANTED!

It's never too early to start planning for summer, and we have some pretty important dates to get you started! This year's Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp, held in partnership with the Manitowoc County 4-H Program, will be held **July 10-14, 2024** at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Yep, that's five days and four nights of pure 4-H camping fun! Get out your calendars and mark those days now because Sheboygan County 4-H Camp is an experience you don't want to miss!

Camp Staff Applications will be due on **February 12, 2024** and are now available! All older youth 7th grade and older are encouraged and invited to apply. Interviews for this year's Camp Staff will be held on **Tuesday, February 20 from 6-8 p.m.**

What about Outpost Camp? 2024 Outpost Camp will be held **July 25-28, 2024** at **Devil's Lake State Park!** All members grades 7 and up are welcome to join us for 4-H Outpost Camp. This special park adventure will include hiking, swimming, and all kinds of outdoor fun. **SAVE THIS DATE!**



CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH ARE HERE: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/4-h-summer-camps/> Due February 12, 2024!!!!

WI STATEWIDE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

'KETCHING' UP WITH TOMATOES

Did you know tomatoes originated in the Andes Mountains deep in South America? This fascinating fruit (or vegetable, we'll let you decide) has a unique story to share. It's traveled around the world and has become an important food in many cultures.

Open to 3-6th graders, our tomato project box will dive into tomatoes, specifically focusing on planting, cooking, and storytelling. Youth will be able to experiment with planting in different light conditions, try international recipes, and connect with other participants. Three special Zoom sessions will take place on Thursdays, 6-7PM, in April and May.



To conclude our box experience, Dr. Brian Hudelson will give youth a virtual tour of his clinic where they diagnose plant diseases at UW-Madison. Dr. Hudelson is so passionate about plant diseases that he designed and built LEGO® models of several types of common diseases. Youth will have an opportunity to either interact in person with other participants or via Zoom to build an example of end blossom rot.

Don't miss out, [register here](#). The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and the UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic are sponsoring this distance learning series.

2024 WISCONSIN 4-H HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open for induction into the 2024 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame! The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame is established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. Give some thought to who you would like to honor and talk to others to get the ball rolling in your county! You will find the nomination form at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>. Review the criteria on the website for more details on requirements. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2024.

Laureates will be notified by late March if they have been selected for induction in the 2024 class. Thank you for being so helpful in finding those special 4-H people to receive this honor!

4-H YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERSHIP

4-H PAID SUMMER INTERN APPLICATION

We are now accepting applications for our 2023 Sheboygan County 4-H Summer Intern. Our 4-H Summer Intern is responsible for helping plan, promote and facilitate summer 4-H youth development experiences and opportunities. If you know a college student looking for experience in positive youth development...this internship is for them. Applications are due March 17. You can get a copy from your general leader, or on our 4-H website: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/things-to-do-in-4-h/> If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Summer Intern position, please contact Sarah at 459-5903.



CLUB DECISION-MAKING CORNER

This is a corner of the Crier to offer suggestions and tips in leading your club and project meetings. Sometimes I'll share Parliamentary Procedure Practices and other times I might give a little tip about how to engage your members at your next meeting. I hope you enjoy these and please let me know how these suggestions work for you!

[This guide offers 18 hands-on reflection activity ideas](#) designed for community service and service-learning projects. All the activities are centered on active participation by the youth and/or adult participants. Additionally, many of the activity descriptions include examples of reflection questions that you can use to guide a reflective group discussion. (20 pages)

WISCONSIN 4-H POLICY . . . LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!

The Wisconsin 4-H Program is always evolving and we want to provide clear guidance to our leaders and members to ensure safety, and security and support your efforts with our young people. In an effort to do this, I'd like to feature an article where we take a closer look at the Wisconsin 4-H Policies each month. Check out the updates, reminders, and information here monthly!

Membership Dues and Participation Fees

4-H State Level Member Dues

Money collected from individuals for membership in the Wisconsin 4-H program. The amount of the dues and how the funds will be used are set by the Wisconsin 4-H Associate Director.

4-H County Level Member Dues*

Money collected from individuals for membership in the county 4-H program. The amount of the dues and how the funds will be used are set by the 4-H Program Educator.

*Please note that this policy would not prohibit a 4-H Leader Organization from requesting donations from 4-H members to support programming, marketing, and fundraising efforts.

4-H Club or Group Level Member Dues

Money collected from individuals for membership in the club or group. Dues are for the benefit of that specific club or group's membership. At the club or group level, members vote on the amount of dues and how all 4-H club or group funds are used.

Economic Hardship for Membership Dues

At the club, group, county, and state levels, the ability to pay dues will not be a barrier to 4-H membership. Staff and volunteers must have a system to provide access to 4-H membership.

Participation Fees

Money collected from individuals participating in a specific program or activity. Participation fees are charged directly to participants who choose to participate in the program or activity. These fees are separate from membership dues.

All Wisconsin 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>
All Sheboygan County 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leader-information/leaders-association/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

EASTERN WISCONSIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Eastern Wisconsin will be offering two scholarships to eligible youth for the upcoming school year. A \$500 scholarship will be offered to a high school senior enrolling in a one-year Ag-related program (i.e. short course, technical school, etc.) A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a post-high school student currently enrolled in their first, second or third year of higher education in an Ag-related program. Applicant's family does not have to be a member of EWDHIC; however, applicants will need at least one recommendation from an EWDHIC member. Scholarship applications are available at the Eastern Wisconsin DHI Lab and on the web at: <http://www.ewdhic.org/Scholarship.aspx> They are due **February 16, 2024**



WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2023. To be considered for financial support, applications will be accepted starting December 15, 2022, and must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:00 pm.**

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development, and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals. To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2023-2024 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship. The application is a one-page cover letter and a one-page résumé, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job.



Cover letters and resumé must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@Wis4HFoundation.org. For complete instructions and detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships. A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility for 4-H Alumni Scholarship: Due April 1

- Applicant must be a 4-H Alumni Member or currently a Sheboygan County 4-H Program member.
- Applicant must be graduated from high school at the time of applying** for a scholarship and planning on attending a college or technical school, including a certificate and diploma program for the upcoming school year.
- Recipient will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H Alumni Association.
- Must be a 4-H member for a minimum of 5 years.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Description: One \$1000 scholarship will be awarded by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. Four additional scholarships are available at \$500 each. Additional scholarships may be awarded based on the funds available.

Eligibility For 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship: Due April 1

- Applicants majoring in any professional - technical, vocational, college or another training equivalent of at least one school year in length.
- All high school seniors or post-high school students currently in their first, second, or third year of higher education are eligible to apply.
- 4-H members are eligible to receive only one scholarship from the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

JUSTIN LILLESAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee has partnered with the Lillesand Family to offer one (1) - \$1000 scholarship to youth who have been active members of a livestock project and a member of a 4-H Club or an FFA organization in Sheboygan County in memory of Justin Lillesand. Applicants can be seniors in high school or currently attending an accredited college, university, or technical college. Applications can be found on the Sheboygan County General Livestock Facebook page or the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Facebook page. In addition, you can request an application from Christie Fisher email bonackfish@gmail.com. Completed applications are due to the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee by **March 15, 2024**, and should be emailed to Christie Fisher at bonackfish@gmail.com. Electronic submissions will be the only applications accepted. Interviews will be held on **April 20, 2024**. Any questions, please contact Christie Fisher email bonackfish@yahoo.com or 920-226-0693.



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY DAIRY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sheboygan County Dairy Committee is offering up to 4 Scholarships, ranging from \$500 - \$1000 to a Sheboygan County High School Senior or post-secondary student in their first or second year of education.

Dairy Committee Scholarship Application and Eligibility:

- Applicant needs to be involved in the Sheboygan County Dairy project for at least 4 years
- Applicant must have been involved in 4-H or FFA for a minimum of 4 years. (It may be a combination of both).

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is offering a scholarship program for high school seniors and currently enrolled post-secondary students currently in their first, second or third year of higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of four years enrolled in the beef, sheep or swine project in Sheboygan County 4-H or FFA programs. Applicants do not need to major in agriculture in order to apply. The application is available on the Meat Animal Sale website (<https://www.shebcomas.com>). **Applications are due on March 15, 2024 and Interviews will be held April 20, 2024.**

WISCONSIN HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The [Wisconsin Holstein Foundation, Inc.](#) awards over \$16,000 in scholarships every year to deserving students enrolled in a four-year, one or two year or short course or tech school ag-related program.

All Wisconsin Holstein members are encouraged to apply for scholarships. Students majoring in agricultural programs are given highest consideration. Non-agricultural majors that plan to have a career that contributes to rural communities also will be given consideration.

The scholarship application is available on January 1 each year, and **due to the Wisconsin Holstein office March 1**. Recipients will be recognized at respective scholarship banquets, with actual scholarship checks to be awarded to recipients at the following Junior Convention.

2024 Scholarship Application

[4-Year University students Word Doc](#)

[1 or 2-Year Technical College Word Doc](#)

WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY/FARM PROGRESS DAYS SCHOLARSHIP

Two or more scholarships may be awarded by the Wisconsin Farm Technology/Farm Progress Days - Sheboygan County Scholarship Trust Fund, depending on the funds available. Eligibility and other details can be found at <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/>

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to our Leaders Association and our Alumni Association, several project offer scholarships to its members, Including:

- [4-H Cat Project](#)
- [4-H Dog Project](#)
- [4-H Goat Project](#)
- [4-H Horse and Pony Project](#)
- [Blue Ribbon Small Animal Auction](#)
- [4-H Dairy Project](#)

4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE

In order to receive fair premiums, Junior Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or another youth organization and the projects in which they are exhibiting by the following Deadlines:

ANIMAL, BLACKSMITHING & SHOOTING PROJECTS

March 1st of the Exhibit Year

ALL NON-ANIMAL PROJECTS (New as of 2017)

May 1st of the Exhibit Year

To do this go online to: <https://wi.4honline.com>. Go to your family account and change your projects under "participation". Please let your General Leader know that you have changed projects.

LOOKING FOR PROJECT RESOURCES?

Remember the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection!

The Media Collection is a library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. Most of the materials are for learning in the Animal Science project areas, but there are others.

Visit the PYD Media Collection website to see what is available. You will find displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, interactive CDs, DVDs, and more. Project materials include horse, dairy, livestock, small animal, and some arts.

It's easy for youth leaders and volunteers to request materials directly. Use the online form on the website. Check out process:

- Request materials online 10 business days before the date needed.
- The State 4-H Office will mail resources to the person who made the request at the address submitted.
- Materials must be returned by mail or in-person delivery by the date on request form.
- Return postage is the responsibility of the person who makes the request. Plan for how to pay for postage before requesting materials.

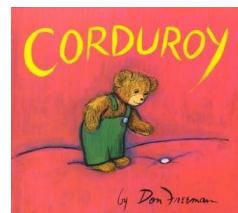
There is no cost to order materials for Extension-sponsored programs, including 4-H project groups. To find out more about the [PYD Media Collection, visit the website](#). Contact Monica Lobenstein, Learning Resources Specialist, monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377, with questions.

CLOVERBUD PROJECT NEWS



The Cloverbuds had a blast last month reading "If you Give a Mouse a Cookie," making a story related Christmas craft, and enjoying yummy cookies of their own!

This month, Cloverbuds will read the story of "Corduroy", and learn how to sew a button!



Join us for the Countywide Cloverbud Meeting on **Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension office: 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Older Youth Leaders are Welcome!



SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Before we know it Shooting Sports will begin again! Please make sure you are enrolled by the March 1 deadline. Please expect the first email to be sent shortly after that with more information.

New families: please plan on a new member meeting on March 14 at 6:30 in the Phoenix Room at UW-Sheboygan. This meeting is for any new youth to either discipline (if you have done archery in the past but are adding rifle you must attend).

We will be setting up the ranges in mid-April and shooting will begin the last week of April. Please reach out the Rebecca Hoyt (rchoyt98@gmail.com) or Michele Adams (jandmadams23@gmail.com) with questions. See you soon!

DOG PROJECT NEWS

Save the Date for Orientation!

First Mandatory Orientation Meeting - Thursday, February 29th at 6:30pm in room 5002. It is a classroom near the Extension office.

2nd Mandatory Orientation Meeting - Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm at the UW-Extension.



HORSE AND PONY PROJECT NEWS



First Mandatory Handbook Meeting -
Thursday
January 25th at
6:30pm in the

Phoenix Room (Formerly: Wombat Room) at UWGB - Sheboygan.

2nd Mandatory Handbook Meeting -
Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the
Phoenix Room

You must attend one of the two meetings to show at fair this year! Exceptions are made for post-high school year members.

Breakin Loose Spaghetti Dinner/Auction

Friday, February 23rd at 6:30pm at the Amore Banquet Hall in Plymouth. Please consider donating raffle or auction items to this fundraiser. Tickets must be purchased by February 16th.

Tickets can be purchased from Tina Kasprzak, Sam Ogreenc, Dani Thimmig, or picked up at the Extension office during business hours. We look forward to seeing all of you there!!



GENERAL LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS

GENERAL LIVESTOCK MEETINGS

- May 20, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Sheboygan Extension office - Kelly Cowhig, subject budgeting & financials
- There are North Dakota State webinars for livestock species that could be very informational: <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/articles/animalsciences-education-series/>

BEEF MEETINGS

- Date and time TBD: Nutrition meeting for show cattle with Tracy and Sarah from Adell Co-op
- Date and time TBD: Possible ultrasound for steers in summer

SHEEP MEETINGS

- May 14, 2024 at 7:00pm: Virtual meeting with Leona Meyer – subject diet affects meat quality

SWINE MEETINGS


- February 20, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Sheboygan Extension office – Jeff Morris with swine selection


GENERAL LIVESTOCK T-SHIRT COMPETITION

We are looking for General Livestock Committee shirt designs! This year we are hosting a competition for a prize of \$25 to make a shirt for the general livestock projects. These shirts have to include show cattle, pigs, AND sheep. Please send your designs to jessicaokeefe@gmail.com by April 30, 2024. We will vote on a design at our May meeting.

WISCONSIN AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS – SAVE THE DATES!

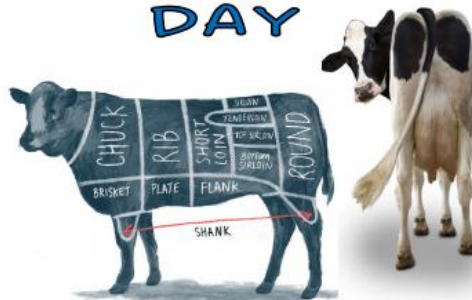
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SCIENCE DAYS**
Save the Dates
**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**
**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



**WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

AG DISCOVER DAY WITH LTC

AG DISCOVERY DAY



Lakeshore Technical College School of Agriculture

YOU'RE INVITED to join us for our 1st Annual Ag Discovery Day -
"Exploring Cowtastic Food Products!"

We will be hosting two workshops: "Beef it's What for Dinner" - beef quality and processing with **Dan Roehrborn**, butcher and owner of D&D Meat Processing. Followed by the "Marvelous Cow Udder" with **Dr. Lindly Reilly** of Cedar Grove Vet Clinic. Plus, get your YQCA training done by joining **Angie Ulness**, UWEX Wisconsin Dairy Youth Specialist, before the workshops start.

Please register using the QR code or Link by February 29th

Hosted by LTC Ag Instructors: Megan Kulow and Lyndsey Burmesch



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SATURDAY
MARCH 9, 2024

YQCA TRAINING
8:30-9:30 AM

"BEEF IT'S WHAT
FOR DINNER"
WORKSHOP
9:40-11:00 AM

"MARVELOUS COW
UDDER" WORKSHOP
11:10 - 12:30PM

COMMUNITY AND
LUNCH
12:30-1:30PM

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Ag and Energy Building
1290 North Ave
Cleveland, WI

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Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>
Email: wildlife4h@wisc.edu



"TRACKS" – January 2024

*Participation in wildlife & forestry activities is open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members.
You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 22 & 23,
2024
4-H Wildlife &
Forestry Art
Contest
West Bend, WI

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Wildlife WHEP
WI 4-H Contest
(NQE - WHEP)
West Bend, WI

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2024
Wisconsin 4-H
Forestry Contest
(NQE - Forestry)
West Bend, WI

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2024
4-H Wildlife
Contest &
Tri-County
Archery & Air
Rifle
Tournament
West Bend, WI

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

About this time of year I am envious of all those animals that hibernate! Some days when the wind is blustering and the snow is falling I think it might be nice to fall asleep and wake up again when the daffodils are blooming. Do you know which Wisconsin mammals hibernate? Below is an excerpt from <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/ee/nature/snugsnow.htm> (Check out the link for the full story.)

"There are different kinds of hibernation. The "true" hibernators sleep so deeply that they are almost impossible to wake up. Woodchucks, ground squirrels and bats are "true" hibernators. A woodchuck's heart rate goes from 80 beats a minute when active to 4 or 5 beats a minute when in hibernation. Its body temperature drops from 98 degrees Fahrenheit to 38 degrees Fahrenheit. And, the woodchuck's incisors, which grow continuously and are kept short by all the gnawing it does, quit growing during hibernation. True hibernators do get up every few weeks to nibble on food, and in the case of the woodchuck, use an underground toilet room. When bats are ready to hibernate, they must find a place that stays above freezing. They gather together in caves called hibernacula."

As humans, we can't hibernate so we might as well enjoy the winter. I hope you have been snow shoeing, skiing, skating, or finding other ways to take advantage of the cold weather. Oh, by the way, where is the camera when you need it?

Keep looking for critter clues. I love seeing tracks in fresh snow. Usually, my kids are faster than me at identifying them!

Wildlife & Woods Explorations - Virtual Sessions: Designed for K-5 and elementary grade youth. The next interactive sessions for your family are on January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24, & May 22. Free registration is available in your family 4-H Online account under the Events section. The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wildlife4h@wisc.edu

Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competition - Virtual Sessions: Designed for middle and high school youth. The next interactive sessions for your family are on January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, & May 20. Free registration is available in your family 4-H Online account under the Events section. The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wildlife4h@wisc.edu

Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest – It's time for your entries in the art contest. There are 18 categories & four groups: K-5-2nd grade, 3-6th grade, 7-9th grade, & 10th -13th grade. The registration form is attached. Have fun & share your entries.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests Dates: March 22 & 23, 2024. **Study guides and registration forms for the contest are available so email us.** The National WHEP (Wildlife

Habitat Education Program) Manual www.whep.org/ & the National Forestry Manual www.4hforestryinvolvement.org/ are nationally accredited resources.

It's also available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/> or email us anytime.

Backyard & Back 40 "Kit-To-Go" Activity Boxes: There are 15 different Backyard & Back 40 wildlife & forestry related programs. Each program offers many different hands-on educational opportunities for kids and adults of all ages. Programs can be presented by your own 4-H youth & adult leaders. We'll provide the instructions for you to build your own 4-H Club "Kit-To-Go" hands-on activity boxes.

Email: wildlife4h@wisc.edu and request the "Kit-To-Go" boxes. NEW – Bird Feeders & Bird Watching Journal

Kerri, "TRACKS" Editor

Special Thanks are extended to the following for making the "Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H" & "Wisconsin 4-H Forestry" programs possible: Northern Kettle Moraine Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry – Washington County; Wisconsin Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation - Mad City Gobblers; Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Friends & State Committee Members.
Advisor: Carlea Liermann, Calumet Co. 4-H Program Educator



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FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5

JAN. 24, 2024
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MAY 22, 2024

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PROJECT GRANTS

SHARE-A-KID APPLICATION INFORMATION



Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-a-Kid Program. We award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids to young people across the state each year.

This is a competitive statewide contest. The youth applicant guidelines are:

- Write an essay of 100 words or more about why you would like to have a dairy goat.
- Some things to consider sharing:
- Have you ever raised a goat? (if not) Why do you want to raise a goat?
- How you are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care).
- What do you love about goats?
- If you are new to raising goats, please include who your mentor would be.
- Can you tell us about the breed you would like to have?

This is a very competitive contest, and we want you to put effort into your essay. Spelling and content count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or anything special that you would like to include. Please keep a copy of your essay because no essays will be returned. If you are selected as a winner, your essay will be given to the donor. While we make every attempt to award winners one of their breeds of choice, if those breeds are not available, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association reserves the right to offer another breed to the winner. Share-a-Kid winners are not required to give a doe kid back to the program, but we encourage them to do so.

Rules:

- Youth must be between the ages of 10 and 17 by January of this year to enter.
- Entries are accepted January 1st until April 1st of this year.
- Entry form and all required signatures must accompany the essay.

- Youth must be a member of 4-H, FFA, WDGA, or other agricultural groups.
- Only 1 goat may be awarded per family per year, however, siblings are encouraged to enter.
- Youth may only win one time.
- Winners are required to show their goat at County Fair or in an open class goat show this Year or the following depending on when fair entries close.
- If under any circumstance the kid received through the program is to be sold or re-homed the individual or party who donated the kid will retain the first right of refusal.
- Youth who receive a kid must give updates to those who donated their kid at both 6 months and 12 months after the kid is received.
- A thank you of some sort (letter, card, etc.) should be given to the individual or party who donated your kid at the time of pick up
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THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION/ESSAY IS BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024. All applicants will be notified of results by no later than May 1st, 2024. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Share-a-Kid Chair Andrew Puetz @ ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM.

SHARE-A-KID APPLICATION

Please attach this application form to your essay. **Entries will be accepted until April 1st, 2024.**

Please submit application via email to ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM or by mailing to Andrew Puetz at 6835 Curve Road, Lancaster, WI 53813. If mailing hard copy, please postmark by no later than April 1st, 2024 to allow for enough time to be received.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Breed 1st Choice: _____ Parent Agreement: _____

Breed 2nd Choice: _____ Parent Agreement: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Club/Project Leader Signature: _____

Club/Project Leader Name Printed: _____

Club/Project Leader Phone number: _____

If animal is housed at another farm:

Farm Owner's Signature: _____

Farm Owner's Name Prineted: _____

Exploring 4-H for New Families

Adult Edition



Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means. The number next to each **bolded** word corresponds to the answer in the crossword puzzle on the opposite page.

4-H words you might hear in your **Club**

A 4-H **club**¹¹ is made up of youth **members**³ and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud**¹¹ is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader**¹⁰ who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service**² projects to make a difference in their community. Some clubs also have their members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book**¹. Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**⁶, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.



Credit: Ben Hoppe



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

4-H words you might hear across your **County**

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**¹⁷. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**⁸. Many counties also have a **Leaders Organization**¹⁶ made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county. The organization is usually known as a Leaders Federation, Leaders Association, or Leaders Council.

4-H words you might hear across **Wisconsin**

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**⁷. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H educator**⁴ who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**⁹, to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website, members can also enroll in an **educational experience**¹⁹, which is an educational travel opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

4-H words you might hear across the **country**

The 4 H's are **Head**⁵, **Heart**¹⁴, **Hands**¹⁵, and **Health**¹⁸. These are all part of the 4-H **Pledge**¹², which is usually recited at the beginning of meetings. The 4-H **Motto**¹³, adopted nationally, is "To Make the Best Better."



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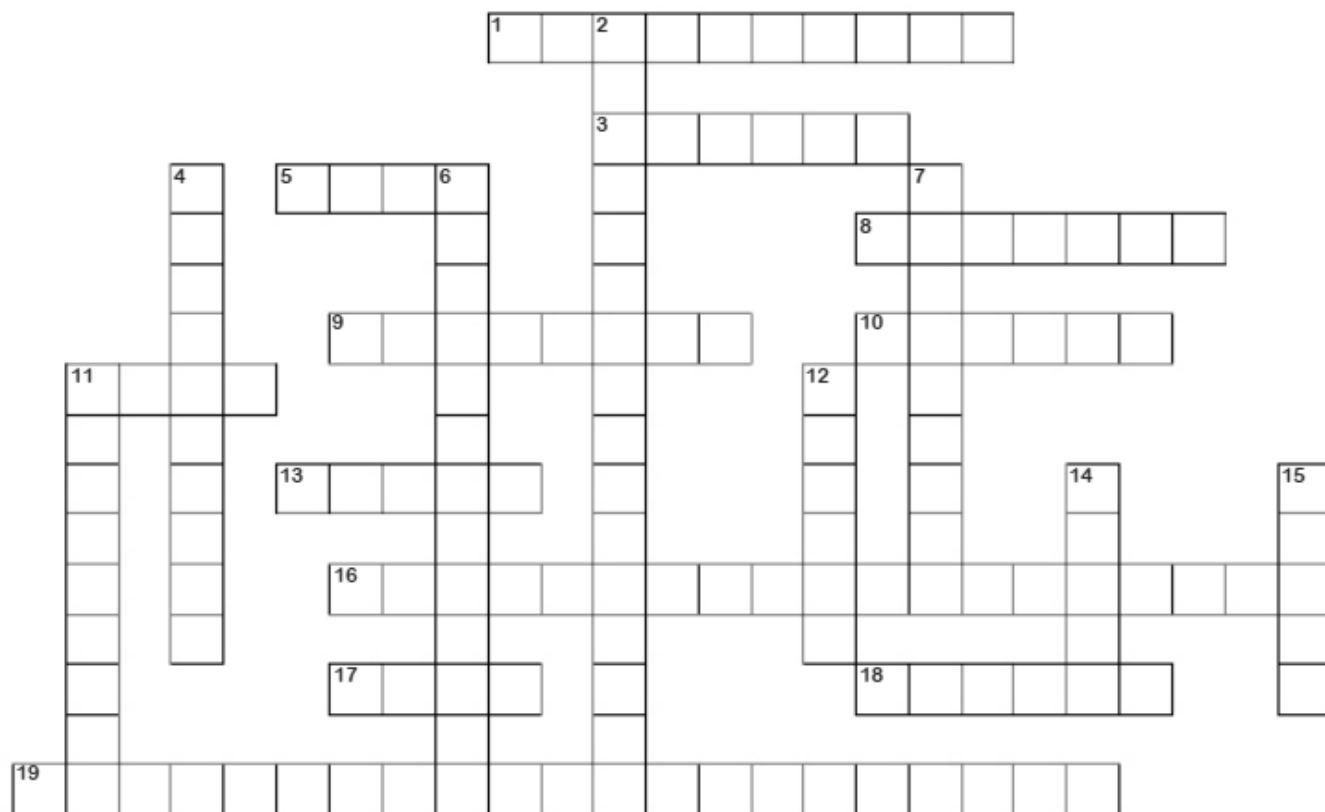
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this [5-question survey](#)





Common Word Crossword

4-H has a lot of words that might not get used in other places. See if you can fill in the word that matches each definition!



ACROSS

1. Where you keep track of all your 4-H project work in a year (2 words)
3. Any young person signed up for 4-H
5. I pledge my _____ to clearer thinking
8. Item you enter into the fair for judging
9. Website where adults sign youth up for 4-H (2 words)
10. Adult volunteer who helps youth in 4-H
11. Group of 4-H members who meet regularly to conduct business, learn about projects, do community service, and have fun
13. The 4-H _____: To Make the Best Better
16. Leadership group made of volunteers and youth leaders from around the county (2 words)
17. Event where 4-H youth may exhibit their projects
18. I pledge my _____ to better living
19. Travel opportunity that explores other places with Wisconsin 4-H members (2 words)

DOWN

2. Project or event done by 4-H members to help make the community a better place (2 words)
4. Person who leads and coordinates the county-level program
6. Presentation by a 4-H member where they teach a project-based skill to other club members
7. System that is home to the 4-H program, established by the Smith-Lever Act (2 words)
11. 4-H member in grades K-2
12. Commitment or promise; most clubs recite this to start each meeting
14. I pledge my _____ to greater loyalty
15. I pledge my _____ to larger service

Stuck on a clue? That's ok! You can find the answers on the opposite page!

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