

The Cloverleaf Crier

The Official Publication of Sheboygan County 4-H







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For more information or support, please contact our Extension staff at:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SARAH FEIDER CLUB VISITS!

Sarah is planning on coming to you! Over the next few months Sarah will be traveling to as many of the Clubs as possible. She'll do a 15 minute activity with your club or just come to see everything you're up to at an average meeting. Reach out with your preference.



LEADERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES

The Leaders Association will meet at 6:30pm at the Extension office on the following dates:

- March 17 All leaders meeting (Pizza Checks will be handed out!) Leader's meeting prior at 6:00
- May 8
- July 10
- September 15 All leaders meeting
- November 13

The newly elected Executive Board Members are:

President: Dan Sippel

President Elect: Patty Taylor

Treasurer: Larry Menting

Secretary: Liz Gartman

CLOVERLEAF ARTICLE SUBMISSION

ALL CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS, MEMBERS, and PARENTS can contribute to the articles in the Cloverleaf Crier! Email both Emily and Sarah to submit your article and any photos to accompany it: emily.jensen@wisc.edu and sfeider@wisc.edu. The Cloverleaf Crier will be coming out approximately twice per month moving forward.

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UW-EXTENSION - SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Users are required to sign a Room Use and Expectations Request Form to reserve rooms. Room reservations will be confirmed once the signed form is received.

How the room reservation process works:

- Contact the UW Extension-Sheboygan Office with your room reservation request.
- Receive an email with the <u>attached Room Use and Expectations Request form.</u>
- 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.

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.

4-H HATS FOR SALE!

We have new 4-H hats for sale at the Extension office, available in four different colors and featuring a leather stamped 4-H clover! Check or cash only. Checks payable to Leader's Association.

Cost:

\$15 per hat for Extension Staff and 4-H Leaders **\$20** per hat for 4-H members and the general public





SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H SIGNS

We have two Sheboygan County 4-H Welcome Signs available for any club that may want one. They are available to pick up in the 4-H Suite at the Extension office any time Monday - Thursday from 8am-8pm, and Fridays from 8am-4:30pm.

COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS



ARE YOUR KIDS DONE WITH LEGO PIECES?

Please consider donating them to the Extension office to put to good use! There is a donation container at the Extension Office. Anytime the Campus is open, you can donate. (Only Lego brand please) Thank you! 5 University Dr. Sheboygan, 53081

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS!!

Being new to 4-H can be a lot. Let's get together to have some Cloverbud fun and answer any questions you may have.

Tuesday, March 18 5:00-6:30 at Extension Office Dinner will be served.

Please click HERE to sign up by March 14.



CULVER'S FUNDRAISER - OOSTBURG

Please click HERE if you are willing to volunteer to work a Culver's Night at the Oostburg restaurant. Once you are signed up, we'll pick a date that works best for everyone. Funds will go to youth programming. Please sign up by February 19.





LOOKING FOR A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Luige's Pizza has been sold to Pepps Pizza Co. This was one of our two biggest fundraisers for 4H. We're looking for some volunteers to join a committee to discuss our next fundraising opportunity. Please click **HERE** if you are interested **by March 1**.

4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL - APRIL 12, 2025 UW - Green Bay Campus, Sheboygan **Fine Arts Building** Click here for a Map

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



This incredible opportunity offers our members and other youth the opportunity to Sheboygan County 4-H 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.

It cannot happen without a committee of committed volunteers. Can you help?. Please fill out this form to volunteer. Looking for specifics about each class entry? Check out our REGISTRATION GUIDELINES



Communication Arts Registration Musical Registration Group Theater Registration

Registration deadline: April 1, 2025





4-H PROJECT DAY - MARCH 1, 2025 - 9:00am -12:00pm

It's time to sign up for Project Day! Participate in up to 3 sessions. Snacks will be provided. The cost \$5 per session.

Payment will be collected the day of the event. Cash or check will be accepted.

Checks can be made out to the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

Please have a parent or guardian accompany Cloverbuds to each session. Older youth may be dropped off and picked up at the end of the event.

PROJECT

PICK®YOUR

Click HERE to register to participate. The last day to sign up is February 19.

Questions, please reach out to Sarah Feider at sfeider@wisc.edu or 920-459-5918.





SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE CAMP

A huge thank you goes out to our Leader's Association for fundraising to keep camp costs down!

Campers:

Sheboygan/Manitowoc County 4-H Base Camp will be held **July 16-19, 2025** at <u>Upham Woods</u> in Wisconsin Dells. Yep, that's four days and three nights of pure 4-H camping fun for grades 3-7! Get out your calendars and mark those days now because 4-H Camp is an experience you don't want to miss! More information to follow. **Registration is open as of January 1, 2025 through** <u>4-H Online</u>. Early bird registration cost is \$200 if you sign up by May 1st. Cost is \$225 May 2nd-June 1st.

Camp Counselors/Adult Staff:

All older youth 8th grade and up are encouraged and invited to apply. 7th graders may apply and will be considered based upon number of older youth participation. Interviews for this year's Camp Staff will be held on **Tuesday**, **February 25 from 6-8 p.m.**

Click here for more information regarding being a camp counselor.

Applications: Due February 3, 2025

Youth Application
Youth Reference Form
Adult Application



Training Dates (6:00-8:00): Extension Office

Feb 25 - Adult Volunteers Encouraged March 13 **@ Manitowoc** (discuss carpooling) April 16 - TBD June 12 - @ Sheboygan July 8 - @ Sheboygan - Adult Volunteers Encouraged

WASHINGTON D.C. TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY



A Washington D.C. trip for 7th-12th graders is currently being planned for this summer, 2025. We have received a grant that will cover nearly all of the cost of this 5 day trip by the Herb Kohl Foundation.

Dates are still being finalized. Watch your email and Facebook for a signup coming soon.











ART DAY IS HERE

Art Days taught participants a lot, and everyone had fun creating their own abstract pieces! Thank you for Danielle Hansmann for sharing her talent and technique with us!

The last session, January 12, was canceled. March 9th is the new date. Sign up HERE.

SUMMER 4-H EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY









Wisconsin AmeriCorps POSITIONS OPEN

Looking for a summer "job" to earn money and build your resume?

Join the WI 4-H AmeriCorps team and help support young people through impactful learning experiences!



•○• Get Support While You Serve

Earn \$5,000 in living allowances (\$715 every two weeks).



Receive Education Assistance

Receive nearly \$2,000 in an education award upon completion, which can be used for college loans, tuition, and more.



Grow Professionally

Not only will you earn nearly \$7,000 this summer, but you'll also gain hands-on experience to enhance your professional resume. Add UW-Madison Extension and AmeriCorps to your career credentials today!



Positions are available statewide.

Find one in a county near you!



4h.extension.wisc.edu/ wisconsin4h-americorps









4-H TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - 6-8PM

Are you a new club officer, or a club leader? Are you looking to find out what it means to lead in 4-H? What steps to take towards you leadership goals? How to improve your meetings? All of these questions will be answered at our Club Officer and Club Leader - Leadership Meeting. This event will be held on Monday, February 10, at the UW-Extension Office from 6:00-8:00pm.



If you are interested in attending please register **HERE**.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

JUSTIN LILLESAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee has partnered with the Lillesand Family to offer one (1) \$1000 scholarship to a youth who has been an active member 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 a senior 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 via the following link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 https://document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 <a href="https://document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 <a href="https://document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBRvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 <a href="https://document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBBrvK/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106183748095650 <a href="https://document/d/1B4hFCdJh_u2UYT6kxdn2crytngQBbrvK

Completed applications are due to the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee by March 15 and should be emailed to Nicole Polster, scholarship chairperson, at nmpolster@gmail.com. Electronic submissions will be the only applications accepted.

Interviews will be held on April 26th, same day as the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Scholarship. Any questions, please contact Nicole Polster at nmpolster@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MARCH 1, 2025

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 funds available.

Eligibility:

- a. Applicants majoring in any professional technical, vocational, college or other training equivalent of at least one school year in length.
- b. All high school seniors or post high school students currently in their first, second, or third year of higher education are eligible to apply.
- c. 4-H members are eligible to receive only one scholarship from the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association. You may reapply if you didn't receive a scholarship.



Minimum Requirements:

- a. Five years as an achieving 4-H club member, with at least two years and current achievement in the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.
- b. Must be a current achieving 4-H member, or 4-H graduate.
- c. A letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader (leader should comment on member's quality of project work, community service and club leadership)

Parents, guardians and Extension Educators recommendations are <u>not</u> eligible and will not be forwarded to the committee for review.

Click **HERE** to access the scholarship application

4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application is due the same day that the application for your event is due. You can mail or drop off your application to the UW-Extension – Sheboygan office at 5 University Dr, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or email it to emily.jensen@wisc.edu. Click **HERE** for the two-page application, thank you!



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application is due the 30 days before the final payment deadline for you trip/experience You can mail or drop off your application to the UW-Extension – Sheboygan office at 5 University Dr, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or email it to emily.jensen@wisc.edu. Click HERE for the two-page application, thank you!

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION

The 4-H Endowment Committee invites grant proposals from 4-H clubs, committees, leaders, and members by March 1, 2025. Requests are typically designed to be county wide initiatives. Types of support approved in the past have been for community service activities, project education or outreach initiatives. (Ex: County-wide Shoe-Collection for needy, supporting project area programs, Community Bike Safety Day, Implementing Multi-County Cat Show.) A committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the Leaders Association for approval. Funds are available after the March All Leaders Meeting. You can find the grant application HERE.

YQCA SCHOLARSHIP 2025

YQCA is excited to launch a new scholarship program for certified youth, ranging from high school seniors to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade.

We will provide a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to selected youth in 2025! Individual scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts:

One recipient - \$10,000 Two recipients - \$5,000 Four recipients - \$2,500



Scholarship applications are due February 17th: https://yqcaprogram.org/local/scholarship-program.php Recipients will be announced in May.

STATEWIDE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Click HERE to view the 2024-2025 Wisconsin 4-H Programs and Educational Experiences online brochure.

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST FEB. 8, 2025

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL MARCH 15, 2025

BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS











ART BEAT 2025

Art Beat is for any 4-H member in grades 3-5 and will be held at U**pham woods March 15-16, 2025**. You can register through 4-H Online. *Applications will be open January 20 - February 17 or until the camp fills*.

WHAT IS IT? - Art Beat is a 4-H, hands on, interactive art experience in beautiful Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Participants will learn to juggle, make visual arts, create a STEAM project, explore music, and much, much more. Art Beat is led by older 4-H youth and professional artists in a variety of disciplines from painting, theater, textiles, and music. 4-Hers will also get to experience an overnight camp adventure. The goal for Art Beat is to help young people to explore their artistic sparks.

WHEN IS IT? - Art Beat begins at 9:00 Saturday morning, March 15th and will wrap up after lunch on Sunday, March 16th. This year we are also offering overnight lodging on Friday evening, for an additional cost, to help with those that may have too far to travel Saturday morning. Along with art activities, 4-Hers will also participate in traditional camp activities like campfire, spirit contest, and counselor-led fun.

COST? - Based on the success of Arts Camp pricing, we will again offer a tiered price structure. Our goal is to make Art Beat more accessible to more youth. Whether you choose the highest or lowest tier, you will get the same great 4-H programming. \$100, \$125, \$145 are the three tiers. \$125 is closest to the actual cost of the program. We are also asking volunteers who spend the night to pay \$75, which covers food and lodging to help control costs for all youth participants. Please contact your local 4-H educator about scholarship opportunities at the county or Leader's Association level. State Scholarship opportunities are also available. Some local 4-H clubs may even help with the cost.

ADULT CHAPERONES - If you are interested in volunteering to be a chaperone for Art Beat, we are currently looking for trained volunteers to join the fun. You will help to provide leadership in the cabins and rotate through each of the art tracks. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact jay.johnson2@wisc.edu or lpine@wisc.edu to confirm your interest. We are also both glad to answer any questions you may have.

MAKER SPACE - Along with learning about art, there is an opportunity for 4-H members to teach fellow 4-Her's through our Makerspace. In the Makerspace, youth leaders share a project and one of their talents and/or passions. This was one of the highlights of Arts Camp and we look forward to seeing more 4-H members in action.





2025 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE – APRIL 11-16, 2025

Bringing hundreds of 4-H'ers to the nation's capital each spring, National 4-H Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA, hosted by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). From April 11-16, 2025, the nationally recognized event is developing the next generation of leaders. Experience unparalleled discovery, learning, professional development, and networking with 4-H'ers from around the world. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.

Also check out the National 4-H page for National 4-H Conference.

Registration period opens Monday, February 3 and will close Friday, February 28

Questions about National Conference that you can't find the answers to on this website? Feel free to contact Justin Lieck, Educational Programs Assistant at **justin.lieck@wisc.edu** or 608-263-5971.

PROJECT NEWS

CAT PROJECT "MEWS"



Upcoming Project Meeting

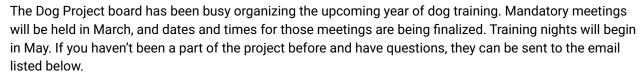
Date/Time: February 24 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: UW-Sheboygan Extension Office, Room 5020/5022

We need your help with the April 30th Annual Household Pet Open Cat Show. As promised, the Sponsorship Form and the Vendor Form are now available in the shared Event Flyers folder. Please reach out to vendors you may know and people and organizations that may be willing to provide a sponsorship for the show. The event flyers will be posted this week. You can access these forms and future material for the show by clicking **HERE**.

DOG PROJECT NEWS

Thank you to all who attended our winter educational meeting in January! We had a good turnout and we hope everyone enjoyed our speaker.





Club meeting demos: The youth dog board members would like to offer Dog Project demonstrations to interested 4-H clubs. A youth member will bring a dog and show a short presentation on training they've learned and will be able to answer questions about the project. This is a great way to see what goes on in the dog project and see if it would be a good fit for club members to join.

The next board meeting will be February 17th at 7:30pm at the UW Extension.

For any questions, or to inquire about a dog demonstration for your club, please email Emily Holentunder, project chairman at eholentunder@gmail.com

For meeting reminders and extra project information, join our facebook group "Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project" https://www.facebook.com/groups/90761257044

HORSE & PONY PROJECT NEWS



The second offering of our Mandatory Meeting is on: Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM

Location:

UW Sheboygan Campus - Phoenix Room

You are welcome to arrive at 5:30 PM to get a head start on forms, pay your dues, check out the clothing offerings, get your Spaghetti Dinner tickets and so much more! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Please call or email Dani if you have any questions or concerns: 920-946-7144 mdthimmig@gmail.com

POULTRY PROJECT NEWS

<u>Upcoming Meeting Dates:</u>
March 20 - 6:30pm at UW-Extension
June 19 - 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds



GENERAL LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS



Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee- 2025 Project Calendar

Make sure to "Like" us on Facebook for timely updates at "Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee".

Additional information for the livestock projects can be found at:

https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/beef-sheep-swine-projects/,

Please refer to the Meat Animal Sale Committee regarding qualifications for the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale at https://www.shebcomas.com/

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY & DESCRIPTION	SPECIE SPECIFIC
YQCA		Online or InPerson	For inperson dates and to register (in-person or online training) visit https://yqcaprogram.org/	All Species
February 26	5:30 PM	Extension Office	Swine Selection, Facility Set Up	Swine
March 9	6:30 PM	LIVE Webinar (No recording will be available)	Animal Wellbeing	All Species
March 15			Justin Lillesand Ag Scholarship	All Species
March 18	6:30 PM	Extension Office	Livestock Project Budgets, Finances, and Taxes	All Species
April 10	7:00 PM	Extension Office	Show Person Etiquette Outside the Show Ring-Impotance of Actions and Public Perception	All Species
April 26	11:00 AM	TBD	Beef Show Preparation and Confirmation	Beef
May 10	9:00 AM	Henview Farm (Mohs) N6114 County Road OJ, Plymouth	Showmanship and Fair Preparation	Sheep
June 18	6:30 PM	TBD	Beef Meeting	Beef
June 21	10:00 AM	Blake & Traci Kohlman Farm N6315 Branch Road, Plymouth	What a Judge is Looking For/Confirmation	Sheep
July 15	6:00 PM	Extension Office	Show Prep, What the Judge is Looking For, Showmanship	Swine
August 14	6:30 PM	M&R Pavillion Fairgrounds	Premier Exhibitor Test	N/A
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THE MEAT ANIMAL SALE (MAS) requires the following to be eligible to sell your animal in the Meat Animal Sale at the Sheboygan County Fair: 1 specie specific meeting, YQCA training meeting, and 1 other meeting. However they highly encourage attending as many possible meetings to grow your knowledge about market livestock and your project.

USE THIS LINK TO SUBMIT YOUR EDUCATIONAL FORM TO MAS ELECTRONICALLY: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o9XMchdqRZpcpBS-N6J061vsIYn2LsMJNtqPwBPoow8/edit

General Livestock Committee Members

Chariperson Vice-Chairperson Tina Kohlman (Swine) Amanda Kleinhans (Sheep) Kelly Cowhig (Beef) Kelly Mohs (Sheep) Chloe Nicolaus (Swine)

Name

Nicole Polster (Beef) Olivia Kohlman & Ceana Nicolaus (Youth Swine) Emma Kirchoff & Audrey Gartman (Youth Sheep)

Ellie Navis & Cora Cowhig (Youth Beef)

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SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Shooting sports will be up and running soon! Please make sure you have registered for the project by the March 1 deadline. This is a hard deadline, so don't wait! We offer both archery and air rifle as well as wildlife ecology projects.

Plan on a new family meeting in March, range setup in mid April, and shooting running from late April to early June. If you have any questions, or if any adults are interested in volunteering or being trained as range leaders please contact Becky Hoyt at rchovt98@gmail.com.

LEGO LEAGUE PROJECT LEADERS WANTED!

We are looking for some people willing to lead a Lego Explore team or teams this spring! First Lego League Explore is geared toward kids in Kindergarten-3rd or 4th grade. The team involves meeting about once a week for an hour for 6-8 weeks. It ends with an exhibition of the team's innovation and creativity similar to fair judging. If we have someone interested we will follow up with a post to put together teams...but we need volunteers first. It is not a difficult project to lead, and no knowledge of coding is required. Training/mentoring available to anyone who volunteers to coach. Contact Becky Hoyt at rchoyt98@gmail.com if interested.



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