



UW-MADISON EXTENSION  
**Waupaca County**

# 4-H FORECAST

December 2024 / January 2025

## Giving Thanks

*During this time of the year we are reminded to give thanks. I would like to take this opportunity to share a few of the things I am thankful for in Waupaca County 4-H!*

*THANK YOU to all of the families that re-enrolled and new families joining 4-H!*



*THANK YOU to the Awards and Recognition Committee for judging record books and planning Achievement Night to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members!*

*THANK YOU to the individuals who planned and helped with the 4-H Leader Banquet to show appreciation and recognition for program volunteers!*

*THANK YOU to everybody that helped with events to promote 4-H around National 4-H Week!*

*THANK YOU to Haley, Macey, and Allie at the Extension Office for their help in many ways!*

*THANK YOU to General Leaders for going the extra mile and leading the 18 4-H clubs in Waupaca County!*

*I encourage you to write thank you's to your club leaders, your parents, award sponsors, coaches, and any other individuals you can think of. Appreciation can bring a smile to someone's face and help them know they are making a difference!*



# Gingerbread House Contest

Contest sponsored by Waupaca County 4-H Ambassadors

- ★ All items must be edible.
- ★ Enter individually or as a team.
- ★ Entries are due to [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) by January 6.



Contest Guidelines can be found at:

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/4-h-activities/>

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## COUNTY NEWS

### Changing and adding project areas

Members are able to change projects they enroll in until April 1, 2025 if a project area is forgotten or you want to add or delete after the November 15 re-enrollment deadline. The project areas you are enrolled in are the areas where members will be able to enter exhibits in the junior fair next summer. Contact Penny at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) to make any changes for you. After April 1, no project areas can be added or changed.

## **New Enrollments**

New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; HOWEVER, in order to participate in the 2025 Waupaca County Junior Fair as a 4-H member, enrollments need to be completed by February 1, 2025.

## **County Programming Support**

The Leaders' Association supports numerous educational efforts for Waupaca County 4-H members and leaders.

These include summer camp, project workshops, Day Camp, educational experiences, literature for club libraries, accident insurance, and much more.


Due to the costs to support these efforts, the 4-H Leaders' Board/Association asks for a donation of \$6.00 per member and \$2 per leader when you enroll in the program annually. This is collected at the club level and one check is sent to the 4-H Leaders' Board.



**Needs Based Scholarships:** If families have difficulty paying for 4-H events, program fees, etc. at any time of the year they should reach out to the Waupaca County 4-H Program Educator, Penny Tank, at penny.tank@wisc.edu or 715-258-6230 to discuss the availability of needs based scholarships. Requests will be kept confidential.

## **Welcome to new 4-H Club**

Welcome to Norsemen 4-H! Norseman is a newly formed Waupaca County 4-H club that meets in the Iola area.

A photograph of a display board for a Paper Clover Fundraiser. The board is covered with many small paper clovers, each with a green four-leaf clover design and a handwritten name. Some names visible include 'Watson Family', 'Rick A.', 'Karen', and 'Felipe'. The board is set against a light-colored background.

**Help 4-H empower tomorrow's leaders with our Paper Clover Fundraiser**

In-store or online

## **Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser**

From November 29 -December 15, customers can purchase a paper clover at checkout in stores nationwide or online at

TractorSupply.com. Funds raised through the Paper Clover campaign support 4-H educational programs and provide 4-H members with the opportunity to engage in leadership-building experiences such as camps and conferences. Ninety percent of all donations will directly support 4-H youth in the state in which the donation was made, while the remaining 10% will support national 4-H programming. Waupaca County 4-H has a display at the New London location that you can check out and share with others.

## LEADERS' BOARD AND ASSOCIATION

The next *Leaders' Board and Association Meeting* will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. The Leaders Board starts at 6:30 p.m. and the Leaders' Association starts at 7:30 p.m. (Clubs in District IV (Casey Lake, Country Pride, Lind Center Beavers, Dayton Community) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing. All *registered certified leaders* are part of the Leaders' Association. Youth members in grades 7 and above with one year of 4-H membership are also members of the Leaders' Association. Please attend. *Your input is greatly valued!!*

At each Leaders' Association meeting, one district is asked to report what their 4-H club is doing. These **club reports** are great for others to hear and a nice way to share ideas. The clubs that are to report are listed on each meeting notice. The report can be given by a youth or adult. In the past, most clubs have shared information like the size of their club, projects their members are involved in, and activities their club plans throughout the year. We encourage youth and adults from each club to attend and participate in the Association meetings. Clubs reporting have also usually brought a light snack for the meeting if possible.

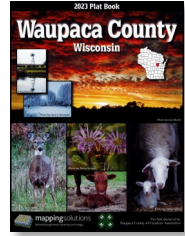
### Club Pizza Party

Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals that promoted 4-H this fall. **Congratulations to Casey Lake, Sandy Knoll, Town & Country, and Wolf River Rascals 4-H Clubs** who will each receive a club pizza party sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association.



## 2023 Plat Books

2023 Plat Books are available for purchase at the Waupaca County Extension Office for \$35. Proceeds support county 4-H programming. Plat books make great Christmas presents!



## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

### Summer Camp 2025

The dates for 4-H Summer Camp will be June 23-25, 2025 at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells. This will be one camp for campers grades 3 –7. Events will be planned so similar grade levels are grouped together. Camp will include Waupaca, Portage, and Iowa Counties. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for 2025 4-H Summer Camp!! Registration information for campers will come out in the spring.

**If you are in 9th grade or above and interested in being a counselor, we want you to apply!!! We need at least 1 counselor for every 5-7 campers in order to offer the experience. Apply by January 31st using the QR code in the attached graphic.**

IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA  
**SUMMER  
4-H CAMP  
COUNSELOR SEARCH**

CAMP DATES  
**JUNE 23-25  
2025**

Applications are now open for 4-H Summer Camp Counselors. Must be in 9th-12th grade to apply. Simply scan the QR Code below to be directed to the application. Applications are due January 31st, 2025.

## **Announcing a New YQCA Scholarship Program!**

YQCA will provide \$30,000 in scholarships in 2025 to selected youth certified in YQCA. This scholarship program will be for youth who are current high school seniors or older, up to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade.

Scholarship applications will open in January 2025 and close on February 17th.

Recipients will be announced in May. To stay informed about this scholarship opportunity, make sure you are subscribed to the YQCA newsletter, where we will announce when scholarship applications are open. You can also visit the YQCA website in January for more information. Direct questions to [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org).



## **Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrate the Art Contests– Deadline January 31, 2025**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

The contest is broken into three categories:

1. General Photography
  - a. Black and White or Color digital photography with any subject and perspective.
2. 4-H Experience
  - a. Black and White or Color digital photography taken at a 4-H event or activity.
3. Clovers on Film
  - a. Black and White or Color digital photography that has a 4-H clover and/or logo prominently in the photograph



For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit photos, please visit [Wis4HFoundation.org/events/celebrate-the-arts/!](https://Wis4HFoundation.org/events/celebrate-the-arts/)

## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

### Educational Experience Scholarship Opportunity

The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association has money budgeted to help offset the cost of educational experiences for 4-H members. To apply for financial support (up to 50% of the experience cost) there is an application and interview process that will take place after registration for each experience closes.

If you have registered in 4-H online for Space Camp and American Spirit, Penny will be sending you more details soon.

If you plan to sign up online for CWF (more details below), Penny will also send you details in about a month. All of these educational experiences are shared through blast emails from the state 4-H office. Please remember to check the email address you have entered in 4-H online to stay up to date on offerings for members and leaders.



May 1-5  
2025

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**SPACE CAMP**

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Get involved in:

- Simulated Space Missions
- Learning and using Space Simulators
- Building and launching your own model rockets
- Real space training simulation
- etc.

Registration open from Nov 15 - Dec 15  
via 4HOnline

### Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short, is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. This years week of travel is TBD and this experience is for youth in grades 10-12. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States' government and how these parts work



together to form an effective Congress.

**Registration for CWF is open in 4HOnline from December 20, 2024 –January 15, 2025.** You can find full program information along with registration information on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/>. The cost for this experience is approximately \$2500.00. There is an opportunity to apply for some financial support from the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association. If interested, please register in 4-H online and more details about financial support will be shared.



### **Wisconsin 4-H Arts Ambassadors—NEW**

The Wisconsin 4-H State Arts Teams are excited to announce a rebranding initiative that will see the creation of the **4-H Arts Ambassadors**. This new structure aims to provide enhanced opportunities for young leaders in the arts, fostering growth and collaboration across the state.

The rebranding will encompass the **Drama Company**, the **Visual Arts Team**, and the newly rebooted **COMM Team** (Communication, Media and Marketing), all of which will now operate under the unified banner of Arts Ambassadors. This change is designed to facilitate common Positive Youth Development (PYD) programming, strengthen connections among state team participants, and provide a structured framework for arts leadership throughout the 4-H year, both at the county and statewide levels.

When applying for the Arts Ambassador Team, youth will select their area of focus: Art Team, Drama Company (Performance), COMM Team, or Drama Company (Technical). While the teams will continue to function as they always have, with dedicated time for creating and promoting the arts in their specific disciplines, they will also collaborate on broader arts events and initiatives.

**Any active 4-H member in grades 9-13, with a passion for the Arts, is eligible to apply to be a 4-H Arts Ambassador. Applications are open until December 20 in 4HOnline.**



## BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER

### *Becoming a 4-H Volunteer*

There are numerous projects offered to members and it would be great to have more leaders to help throughout the year with project meetings and events.

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer includes the following steps to ensure youth protection for 4-H members.

These steps include:

- signing up as a volunteer in 4HOnline and agreeing to volunteer expectations
- passing a background check
- Training



### *Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination*

Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination for consideration. **Nominations due January 15, 2025. Application can be found at:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/> Honoree Qualifications: 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired UW-Extension staff who have benefited from, and attribute their success to 4-H, or those who have made significant contributions of time, energy, and/or resources to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program on any level exemplifying the following criteria:

- Citizenship
- Leadership
- Career Accomplishments
- Character

## PROJECT UPDATES

### *4-H Shooting Sports*

All youth registered in shooting sports **MUST** work with a **STATE CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER.**



*2025 Adult Certification Workshops*—Check out the Wisconsin 4-H website for more information on the 2025 workshops: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>

[shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/](#)

- ◆ **2025 Southeastern Workshop, West Bend** February 1, 2025 (Registration closes January 26)
- **2025 Competitive Shoots**—For more information go to:
  - ◆ <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/> Competitive Shoots start in March. Watch for registration information online if interested.



**Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarships**

The Wisconsin Pork Association is offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. 4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$100 scholarship to be used to offset costs associated with their 2025 pig project. Interested youth may download the application form at [www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project/](http://www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project/) Applications are due February 1st, 2025



**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**

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program

Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**The Small Market Animal** (rabbits, poultry, goats) sale is voluntary, but members or a family member/ guardian representative **MUST** sign up to sell and attend one mandatory meeting. A **MANDATORY MEETING** is to be held in two places.

- Thursday, March 6, 2025 OR
- Monday, March 10, 2025

More details will be sent to project members as the dates get closer

### **Small Market Animal Committee Officers**

- Chair—Crystal Retzlaff
- Vice Chair—Robert Hoewisch
- Secretary—Cindy Schuelke
- Treasurer—Kari Riley
- Youth Rep—Evan Retzlaff
- Education Committee Chair—Sara Knoespel



## **CLUB HAPPENINGS**

**Casey Lake** – the club held a petting zoo at Fall O’Rama and held a club recognition night awards and baked potato meal.

**Sandy Knoll**– recent club activities included Caledonia Fest Games and the Dale Halloween Party. They are preparing for their upcoming club holiday party and gift exchange.

**Dayton Community**– members made ornaments for Holidays with Heroes and played pumpkin bingo at a recent meeting.

**Norseman**— club activities include making wreaths for local nursing homes and participating in a holiday parade.

### **Winter Sports Policies and Insurance**

As we enter the season of winter and start to think about club outings like sledding and skiing, be sure to check the WI 4-H policies. Wisconsin 4-H has updated or added several policies to provide 4-H volunteers, members, and staff guidance when planning for higher risk projects and/or activities. Some winter activities are not covered by the regular 4-H insurance. If you are planning an event contact Penny to talk about insurance. Visit the Wisconsin 4-H Policies webpage for policy changes and details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

## **OFFICER INFORMATION**

### **Annual Financial Reporting Meeting**

There will be a meeting for adults working with club treasurers, general leaders, and treasurers on Thursday, January 9th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Manawa City Hall with more in-depth

information concerning Annual Financial Reporting, best practices, etc.

### **Secretaries Report**

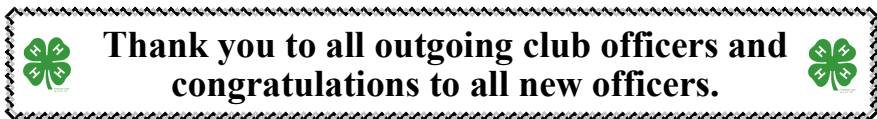
Please remember part of the secretary officer duties, besides keeping accurate records of club business, is to turn a copy of the minutes into the Extension Office. This can be done by mail, fax (715-258-6232) or email: penny.tank@wisc.edu. The club minutes are important for 4-H records and highlights from the minutes are also shared in each 4-H Forecast.

### **Reporter Report**

Reporters are reminded to forward a copy of your meeting report to your local newspaper. You are also encouraged to highlight special events your club is planning or participating in. For more information about newspaper contacts and/or the handouts from officer training contact the Extension office.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurers are reminded that accurate records need to be kept and reported at each monthly club meeting.



### **Club / Group Charters—Thank You**

Thank you very much to all of the group and club youth and adult leaders who completed the Annual Financial Reports and Charter Applications. They provide information that allows us to extend the right of using the 4-H name and emblem to clubs and groups in the county. Thank you all for helping in that process.

As we continue another 4-H year, I want to remind everyone of the financial guidelines.

- Regardless of the source, all 4-H funds are public funds
- Keep receipts and copies of any bills! You should only be paying for things when there are receipts and/or utilize payment vouchers as needed.
- Do not keep “petty cash” or “cash boxes” with money on hand. Run all money through an approved account.
- Budgets help clubs and groups plan. If your club would like help creating a budget please contact the Extension office.

- Club fundraisers should be conducted to reach a certain goal; there should be a plan and reason for raising a certain amount of money.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.



### 4-H Emblem Use

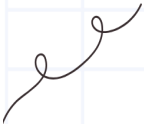
Many clubs make posters to promote 4-H, banners, order t-shirts for their club, and do other promotion efforts in each community. These are great opportunities for the program. There are guidelines for proper use of the name and emblem. If you are a 4-H member or volunteer, you are permitted to use the emblem. Here is a link for more information <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/4-h-name-and-emblem/>

## THANK YOU

- ◇ Families who baked items for the bake sale at Tractor Supply and the volunteers and youth who worked the bake sale. Proceeds are going to the Ambassador group.
- ◇ To the older youth that completed the 4-H Thriving Survey.
- ◇ Awards and Recognition Committee, award presenters, explorers who led the pledges and Ambassadors for your help with Achievement Night.
- ◇ Attendees who bid on items at the silent auction during the banquet. The auction raised over \$2500 for Waupaca Co. 4-H.
- ◇ All of the businesses around the county that generously donated for the silent auction and door prizes at the banquet. And the Much family for organizing the donations.
- ◇ Sponsors for 4-H member and leader awards: Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association, Fox Valley Rabbit Club, Linda Crushinski, Waupaca County Farm Bureau, State Legislature, the Horse Project, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, Waupaca County Dairy Youth Fair Committee.
- ◇ Deb Schneider, Sarah Burmeister, Elizabeth & Janet Wiechert, Rylee Nelson, Brooklyn Butzin, and Sophie Stueck for helping with the October Cloverbud workshop.
- ◇ Deb Schneider for helping with the 4-H booth at Halloween on Main in downtown Waupaca.
- ◇ Deb Schneider for coordinating the annual Pumpkin Contest

*Don't forget to say THANKS...please remember to acknowledge all awards received whether at the County Fair, Achievement Night, Leaders' Banquet or during the year. Call the Extension Office or your general leader if you have a question about who sponsored your award.*

# WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H OPEN HOUSE



JANUARY 11, 2025  
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.



WAUPACA LIBRARY LOWER  
LEVEL MEETING ROOMS  
107 S. MAIN ST, WAUPACA



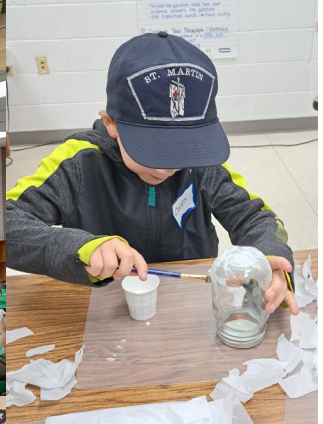
Come learn more about 4-H opportunities  
and involvement, do a craft, and ask  
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## CONGRATULATIONS

- All adult volunteer leaders recognized during the Leader Banquet.
- All youth receiving recognition at the club level and during Achievement Night.
- Lexi Hanson and Nathan Fietzer from Friendly Valley 4-H, participating in National 4-H Congress in Atlanta



## 4-H AWARD WINNERS

**Congratulations to all of the youth award winners and adult volunteers recognized during the 4-H Awards programs in November.**

**For a copy of the program, please go to:**

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/4-h-activities/>

### **4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS**

#### **45 Year Leaders**

Mary Kautz

#### **30 Year Leaders**

Gloria Zemple

#### **25 Year Leaders**

Sarah Knoespel

Sue Johnson

Mark Moser

#### **20 Year Leaders**

Amber Curtis

Clinton Beyer

Candith Hoewisch

Jim Magolski

Garett Knoespel

Sarah Burmeister

#### **15 Year Leaders**

Amy Eckelberg

Karen Zarlring

#### **10 Year Leaders**

Alicia Stiebs, Angelica Johnson, Danita Nelms, David Walsh, James Drozd, Lisa Handrich, Mikayla Wehrle, Amanda Pockat

#### **5 Year Leaders**

Keyara Berrig, Anya Bonikowske, Jordana Umnus



## 4-H YOUTH AWARD WINNERS

### Key Awards

Kylie Heise	Sandy Knoll
Grant Knoespel	Sandy Knoll
Evan Retzlaff	Woodland Badgers

### 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship

Elwood Riley	Casey Lake
Brooklyn Butzin	Dayton Community
Shelby Hoewisch	Dayton Community
Evy Drozd	Lebanon Cedars
Isabelle Dietzler	Lind Center Beavers

Reed Curtis	Baldwin's Mill
Elwood Riley	Casey Lake
Reed Meyer	Country Pride
Brooklyn Butzin	Dayton Community
Shelby Hoewisch	Dayton Community
Logan Rogney	Dayton Community
Rosemary Walsh	Diamond Dreamers
Evy Drozd	Lebanon Cedars
Isabelle Dietzler	Lind Center Beavers
Brigid Elliot	Sandy Knoll
Justin Kong	Sandy Knoll
Sydney Tews	Sandy Knoll
Emilia Waite	Sandy Knoll
Charlie Wentworth	Town & Country
Amira Pockat	Wisconsin Workers



CONGRATULATIONS

*class of*

**2024**





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<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/>

[4-h-newsletters/](#)

State 4-H Website

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>



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