

Clover Connection



Jan/Feb 2026

Editor: Julie Diepenbrock — Production: Kelly Phillips & Nancy Olson

Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

Here's hoping your holiday season was a great time with family and friends! Many clubs in Price County had Christmas parties and activities which are great for building that sense of belonging that we value in 4-H. 2025 was a good year in Price County 4-H! Several events are already being planned for 4-H in 2026. Annual Leadership Training for club leaders and adult volunteers, youth leaders (6th grade and up) and club officers on Sunday, January 4 will be worth your time! Bring your ideas of how we can make Price County 4-H even better.



After school programs and project meetings are in the works for Spring. 4-H Day Camps (K-5th grade) and Summer Camp (grades 3-7) are already being planned for summer. And of course, the Price County Fair (August 20-22) is a great time to showcase your 4-H projects from the year. Be sure to check out our monthly Email Blasts and Price County 4-H Facebook page for the most current opportunities in 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H.



Feel free to reach out any time I can help. Have a wonderful 4-H year in 2026!!

Julie Diepenbrock
4-H Program Educator





Leadership Training



Annual Leaders & Club Officer Training

Sunday, January 4, 2026

1:00 - 2:30pm

Extension Office Conference Room

925 Donald St. Medford

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



This will be more than just a meeting—it's a chance to:

- Pick up practical tips for club officers
- Discover what other clubs are doing
- Share ideas for future activities and events
- Explore new opportunities for 4-H members
- Celebrate all the great things happening in 4-H

And yes....we'll have snacks and plenty of FUN!

We would LOVE to see a leader and club officer from each of our clubs join us.

Club Leaders: you'll also have the chance to connect and exchange ideas with fellow leaders.

Youth Opportunities



APPLY between December 20, 2025 — January 20, 2026

Must be 18-22 years old

4-H INTERN

Looking for 4-H Summer Intern to work in both Taylor & Price Counties. Approx. 40 hours/week between June 2–August 22. Help with Summer Camp, Day Camps, Library Programs, and Fairs.

Apply here:
tinyurl.com/4-HSummerInternPriceTaylor26



Wisconsin 4-H will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships

The application for the **Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship** process is now posted on Wisconsin 4-H Extension website and will open January 1, 2026.

For the application form, specific scholarship information, and complete instructions about what to include in the application documents, 4-H youth can visit: 4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-scholarships/.

Eligible seniors and 4-H alumni must submit applications electronically to our review committee no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified via email by mid-May. More information here: tinyurl.com/WI4Hscholarship



Youth Opportunities

WI 4-H Meats Judging Contest - taking place on January 31, 2026 at Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus. Registration coming soon. More information about the contest, study materials, and how to register at: tinyurl.com/4HBtheJudge

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST
JANUARY 31, 2026

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 21, 2026

BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE
UW MADISON CAMPUS



SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL
APRIL 25, 2026
STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

**STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE,
SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;
SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS**
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026
LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW
OCTOBER 11, 2026
OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



Community



THE GOAL: Youth making 100,000 handmade Valentines and delivering them across the WORLD. Register your participation here: bit.ly/4HhasHeart



Please sign up to make a **Valentine's project** with other 4-H'ers or youth to deliver to a nursing home or Senior population in



Got a Big Idea for Community Service?

Is your 4-H Club dreaming up a project that could make a real impact—but needs a little financial boost to make it happen?

The **Price County 4-H Adult Leaders** are excited to offer a **Community Service Mini Grant** ranging from **\$200 to \$500** to help bring your club's vision to life! Just fill out a short application tinyurl.com/ServiceGrantApp



Then get ready to snap some photos and share the awesome work your club accomplishes! Let's make a difference—**together**.





Dedicated Leader



For over 40 years, **Ruthann Rehberg** has been a cornerstone of the Price County 4-H program, serving as Club Leader of the Big Elk Badgers 4-H Club and holding leadership roles on both the Price County Adult Leaders' Association and the Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leaders' Council. Her dedication spans local, state, national, and international levels, including chaperoning countless youth events such as WI 4-H & Youth Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Northern District Winter Camp.

Hall of Fame



Ruthann's civic engagement is unmatched. She has raised thousands of dollars for 4-H, supported food stand operations, and opened her home to international exchange students, fostering cultural understanding and inclusion. Her contributions have earned her numerous recognitions, including the Phillips Chamber Citizen of the Year award, Price County 4-H Adult Leader of the Year, and many other honors that reflect her lasting impact on youth, community, and the 4-H program.

Her willingness to serve as a project leader for any topic exemplifies her deep commitment to youth development and lifelong learning. Whether leading established projects or stepping into new areas, Ruthann eagerly learns alongside the young people she mentors, modeling curiosity and growth.

As a successful business owner, Ruthann continues to support 4-H through sponsorships and logistical support. Her legacy and love of 4-H lives on through her children and grandchildren.

Ruthann's character shines through her tireless work ethic, compassion, and mentorship. She empowers youth with high expectations and unwavering support, making her a trusted and beloved figure in the 4-H community.

Ruthann will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame on April 18, 2026. **Congratulations to Ruthann!**



Job Opportunities

Northwoods Premiere Beef Show



Add a trip to the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford to your 2026 calendar! We're excited to see you all on May 16th, 2026.

As we are planning our show, if you have any suggestions for education topics, judge nominations (must ❤️ teaching as they are judging) or anything else, feel free to send us a message or email nwpbeef@gmail.com.

Adults Share Skills



Project Fun Day is Coming! Project Fun Day is Coming!

What do you know about that 4-H'er's can show at the Fair?? Can you teach it in 90 minutes or less?? Sign up to be a presenter:

tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26

PROJECT FUN DAY

ADULTS & OLDER YOUTH

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED TO PRESENT

SESSIONS

This year Project Fun Day is Saturday, April 11 at the Prentice School. The event runs from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. with 3 sessions timeslots. You can choose to lead one or more of these sessions. All supplies will be paid for by the Price County 4-H Adult Leaders, so there is no cost to the volunteer!

Saturday, April 11

Prentice School, 1025 Town St, Prentice

Each year the Price County 4-H Leaders hold a Fun Day to promote 4-H and the Projects it has to offer. The event is for all youth in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If you have any questions contact the office (715)339-2555.

[Sign up to present tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26](http://tinyurl.com/4hFunDay26)



Adult Advisors

4-H Friends, Alumni, Volunteers

Wisconsin 4-H needs adult advisors!

- ✓ Applicants must be 21 (19 for Summer Academy) at the time of the program. Adult advisors are responsible for leading all youth participants as well as ensuring the program runs smoothly. Applications are due January 30th.

Learn more about the position and the experiences offered here:

tinyurl.com/4Hadultadvisor



ADULT ADVISOR POSITION

ADULT ADVISOR APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE
FOLLOWING 4-H EXPERIENCES:



- SUMMER ACADEMY
- SPACE CAMP
- CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
- NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
- ARTS EXPERIENCES

FIND INFO
HERE:



APPLY NOW!



Wisconsin 4-H and Positive Youth Development have a new resource to share for youth in grades 5K-2, the Cloverbud age group. The [Science in the Seasons Series curriculum](#) was recently published on the Wisconsin Positive Youth Development Institute website.

This beautifully designed resource offers twelve months of at-home or in-person lessons for youth in the Cloverbud age group. Lessons focus on:

- **Connections to nature and science**
- **Hands-on science experiments using common household items**
- **Life lessons youth can learn from nature**



All 4-H volunteers need to be approved by **January 15, 2026**. Check 4-H Online to be sure you have completed all trainings and the background check.





Looking Ahead

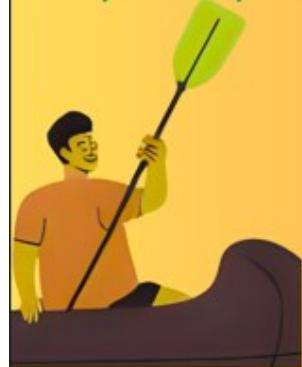
Camp Counselor (8th Grade or older) and Adult sign up. Summer Camp will be here before we know it.

Register at tinyurl.com/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26

**CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED
ARE YOU IN 8TH GRADE OR OLDER?**

If you are, you can be a counselor at

**4-H Summer Camp
June 10-12
Northern Lakes Impact
Center
Rhineland, WI**



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
APPLY BY FEBRUARY 1ST
[TINYURL.COM/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26](http://tinyurl.com/4-HCAMP-COUNSELOR26)



**We also need adults to volunteer
as camp staff.**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

An EEO/AA employer. University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Summer Time



Mark your calendars for **4-H Summer Camp**. Grades 3-7 are invited to Northern Lakes Impact Center on Crescent Lake, June 10-12. We've got some great activities planned for you.

4-H Summer Camp

Save the date!
June 10-12, 2026
Northern Lakes Impact Center
Lincoln, Price & Taylor

Fun & Creative
Outdoor Activities
For Youth Grades
3-7

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

UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Fair Dates

The 2026 Spirit Hill Ogema 4-H Fair will be August 14 & 15!



Held at the Spirit Town Hall

Let us know by April 1 if
you want
to participate



You're not going to want to miss this!!
Price County Fair August 20-22



The Price County Fair Board is in full swing with planning the 2026 Fair! Fair Board Members attended The WI Fair Convention at the beginning of January in Wisconsin Dells. We can't wait to see what they will be bringing back to us for the fair in August.. We have heard the fair will be the biggest and best version yet!

Photo Credit Taylor Ledgerwood
Photography

Picture taken from Price County Fair Facebook

4-H Happenings



Horse Councils' Christmas
Party at
U Create in Phillips





Opportunity

First Ever YOUTH DAY kicks off the
Midwest Horse Fair on Friday, April 17, 2026! 🎉

The horse-human bond builds confidence, empathy, and leadership — and this special day is all about celebrating that connection.

Enjoy exciting youth-focused programming including:

Chris Cox Horsemanship - "Leadership Through Horses"

Wisconsin Association of FFA State Horse Evaluation CDE

Equine Career Exploration Feature

Special Youth Group Ticket Discounts...and more!

Join us as we inspire the next generation of horse lovers at Youth Day 2026!
Learn more: tinyurl.com/midwesthorselovers



Midwest Horse Fair
APRIL 17, 18 & 19 - 2026

New!

Youth Day

Youth Group Ticket Discount!
\$15
Per Person*

Available 11/1/25 Midwest Horse Fair is offering all student groups, teachers and youth group leaders a special offer of \$15 per ticket vs. the \$25 at the gate for attendance on Friday, April 17, 2026!

*Minimum 8 tickets Per Order paid for by school or organization.

Did you know studies have shown that horses can improve emotional regulation, reduce anxiety, and encourage teamwork and leadership skills?

- Hear Chris Cox's Lead Changes Youth Leadership Presentation
- Watch WI FFA State Horse Evaluation CDE Competition
- Learn about Equine Careers and participate in a scavenger hunt
- See 800 horses, expert clinicians and 400 shopping vendors
- Enjoy great food and have fun learning!

Learn more at: <https://midwesthorsefair.com/features/around-the-grounds/youth-day>

Friday, April 17, 2026

45 Years of Making Memories
1979 - 2026

Virtual Programs



SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED!

4-H Volunteers and Young Adult Leaders (Ages 19-25) are encouraged to apply by **3/1/26**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

FIND
INFO
HERE:



YQCA

YOUTH
FOR
THE
ANIMALS

Save the DATE

April 15 6:30-7:30

YQCA in Person Training

More information to come

Or online option:

tinyurl.com/YQCAtrainingregistration





Celebrating

Park Falls 4-H/Flambeau 4-Leafers



Hillbillies 4-H Club Christmas Party



Holiday Parties



Restless Rascals Float in the Phillips Christmas Parade





Project Saturdays



Fabric Stars and Dreamcatchers on November 15.

Project Saturdays



Cookie Baking December 13



Cookie Baking
Sponsored by the
Adult Leaders



Calendar of Events

January

- 1—UW-Extension is closed
- 4—Annual Leadership Training 1-2:30 p.m. at UWEX, 925 Donald St. Medford,
- 5—Adult Leaders Meeting 6:15 p.m. at Normal Building in Conference Room
- 20—4-H Intern application due
- 31—State 4-H Meats Judging Contest
- 31—Project Saturday Cozy Bowl and Potholder Workshop

February

- 1—Summer Camp Counselor applications due

March

- 1—Volunteer Sign-up deadline for Summer Academy
- 21—Skillathon and Quiz Bowl

April

- 15 6:30-7:30 YQCA In Person Training

May

- 16 Northwood Premiere Taylor County Fairgrounds

June

- 10-12 — 4-H Summer Camp

August

- 14-15 — Spirit Hill Ogema Fair
- 20-22 — Price County Fair

*As a reminder, if the local schools are closed due to inclement weather, our programs will be cancelled as well.

SHOP 

Have you checked out the shop 4-H online store lately?

New items are being added all the time.

Check it out: shop4-h.org/



				
4-H Diecast Pickup Truck	Build-A-Boat Activity Kit	4-H Discover Box: Engineering Innovations	Ear Tag Keychain	4-H Radiating Clover Alumni Oversized Sweatshirt

 You can buy me this



Holiday Parties



Happy Hoboes 4-H Club Prentice



LET'S SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS

TELL ME MORE...
DO YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT OR MEETING
PICTURES FROM A PREVIOUS EVENT

YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

SUBMIT TO NOLSON6@WISC.EDU





UW-MADISON EXTENSION
Price County 4-H
104 S. Eyder Ave. Rm 240
Phillips, WI 54555

Price County 4-H is on Facebook

This will be another way to communicate information,
event details and learn more about Price County 4-H



www.facebook.com/4HPriceCounty

Purpose Statement

"We teach, learn, lead and serve,
connecting people with the University
of Wisconsin, and engaging with them
in transforming lives and communities."

Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Price County 4-H

An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so