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## Leaders' Corner

### New Volunteer Leader Orientation

January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

If you or anyone you know needs Volunteer Leader Orientation to become a 4-H leader, call or Email **Laura!**

Going forward, these will be held on an as-needed basis. That said, if you are a parent and you attend club meetings, it is in your best interest to become a leader for liability reasons and for the protection of ALL of the children we work with in our programs. Making the process painless is my job!

715-748-1981 (Direct Line)  
Laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu

### Literature for Projects

We'll be placing the literature orders soon. Please call and make an appointment to pull the literature for your club members!

**Plat Book Making:  
Earn money for your club!**

Assembling plat books is an easy way to earn money for your 4-H club's activities! Please call us at 715-748-3327 if a group from your club would like to make plat books. UWEX staff needs at least two business days notice so book pages can be printed if needed and the room is available.

Clubs can request reimbursement of \$3 per book made from the Federation—checks will only be written to clubs, not individuals. Voucher (available at the office) MUST be submitted immediately after you make the books. It should be returned to the Federation treasurer, Wendy Rudolph, W4693 Rudolph Ln., Medford, WI 54451.

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

**Taylor County Website**  
<http://taylor.uwex.edu>

**4H Online**  
<http://wi.4honline.com>

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### Happy New Year!

Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to 2015! I hope this finds all of you in the best of health and spirits as we continue our journey together. Within these pages you will find a lot of information and updates.

While I'm not big on New Year's Resolutions, at this time of year I do find myself evaluating my life and my choices as I reflect on the last year and decide what lessons to take from it and see me through the year to come. So, in that spirit, one of the things you can expect is for me to meet with the leader(s) of each club. In part, this is so we can clean up some of the paperwork issues in club files, but it will also allow us to get to know each other better. My plan is to meet with each club leader during the first two weeks of the new year so that we kick this year off with a fresh start.

One of the things I want to work on is better communication with clubs. I am aware that not everyone has internet access or chooses to be on Facebook. However, budgetarily, electronic communication is going to be playing a larger role in our communication strategies. The State UW-Extension office has finished migrating our websites to a new format that will load correctly on mobile phones, which should help those of you who use your phone as your primary internet source. I encourage each club to select someone who does have internet access as the point person to check the website/Facebook page and help share information at club meetings. Another option would be to make checking the website/Facebook page a part of your club meeting time or to incorporate that into the role of one of your club officers (Secretary would work well).

I look forward to seeing everyone in January and hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

Laura L. Fuller, M.S.



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## Upcoming Events

### 4-H Cancellation Policy

4-H programs are automatically canceled if:

- 1) The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- 2) We are under a Winter Storm Warning.

Always remember, we're in the business of teaching youth to be safe! That includes knowing when to stay home!

If in doubt, check Facebook.

### County Events

#### January:

- 12: 7:30 p.m. Federation Meeting
- 23: 1 p.m. MAQA Training
- 24: 1-4 p.m. Project Discovery Day
- 25: 5 p.m. YLO (Resume /CL Training)
- 25: 6:30 p.m. New Leader Training/Orientation

#### February:

- 9: 7:30 p.m. Federation Meeting
- 22: 5 p.m. YLO (Designing a Community Service Project)

#### March:

(Note: Shooting Sports will begin sometime in March. Check the website for more information as dates become available.)

- 9: 7:30 p.m. Federation Meeting
- 22: 5 p.m. YLO Meeting

#### April:

- 11: American Spirit Orientation
- 13: Federation Meeting
- 13: CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS DUE!!!
- 25: Lamb and Swine MASS weigh-ins.

### Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook!

<http://www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty>

Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with the latest news, announcements and reminders.



### Friendly Reminders



Access your 4HOnline Profile at

<http://wi.4honline.com>

#### Help with 4HOnline

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



#### Address Changes

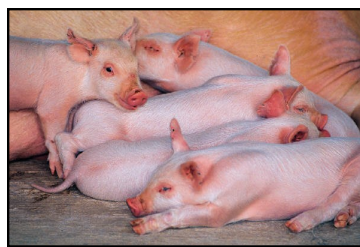
If you move, please update your address in your 4HOnline family profile or notify the UW-Extension office. We often get mail returned due to changed or incorrect addresses and the post office charges us a fee for the service with our newsletters. If you or someone in your club has not received their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

### Taylor County MAQA Training

January 23, 1-3 p.m.  
Medford High School.

Required for Market Animal Projects.

Only being offered once.  
Taught by local FFA teachers and Taylor County Ag Agent.



### Project Discovery Day

Shooting Sports and Environmental Education



Saturday, January 24, 1-4 p.m., UW-Extension Office  
"Make it, Take it" fun for the outdoor enthusiast including archery hip quivers!

## Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarship

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award three \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the second semester of the 2015-16 school year, to third or fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of

Wisconsin's four-year universities. Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors

planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science.

Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in ag-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at:

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>

Application deadline is Friday, March 27, 2015

## YLO Updates

YLO just returned from their trip to Chicago. The pictures will be posted soon (I had to write this early so the pictures didn't make it in this time).

We will be continuing our monthly meetings. YLO will be a chance for youth ages 6th grade and older to come for special trainings and get a chance to work on leadership projects.

The January meeting will be a training on writing a Cover Letter and Resume. I will also be sharing the forms for Camp Counselor applications (which will be a resume and cover letter). It will also give you a head start on preparing your applications for jobs, colleges, and future awards trips! Don't miss this training!

The February meeting will be version of the training I presented last year at Michigan's Youth Leader Camp on creating a community service project. I noticed a lot of clubs listed more community service as a goal, so come learn how to put together a plan of action around this!

See you soon!

## Final Thoughts

I just recently had an opportunity to spend some time with my colleagues from around the state at our 4-H Department meeting in Wausau. While I was there, I talked with the 4-H Agent from Iron County, Neil Klemme.

Last year, Neil spent three weeks in Ghana, where he traveled the countryside on a bicycle and taught leaders there the fundamentals of the 4-H Learning Model.

As with any travelling, Neil returned changed. Not just because all that exercise was good for him, but because it gave him a chance to see the difference 4-H was making in the lives of the people it touched. Sure, he had some funny stories and some heart warming ones, too—but what really struck me in listening to him was the way that 4-H was opening up spaces for real change in the communities he visited.

One of the cultural differences (one of *many*) between the U.S. and Ghana is the way people view farmers. In the U.S., the media portrays a very romantic view of life on the farm. I know that I, for one, was moved to tears by the Dodge Ram Super Bowl commercial from 2013 that used Paul Harvey's famous speech "So God Made a Farmer." Those of us that live and work in agriculture know that while those moments exist, running a farm today is very much a business venture.

In Ghana, the view of farming is quite different. For most Ghanaians, farming is still equated with slavery. They know that their brothers and sisters were stolen from their homes and sold to work in fields doing farm work, and so, to them, being a farmer is the worst, most undervalued work of all. It is the work of a slave.

That view is changing, in no small part because of 4-H. The youth who are part of 4-H are learning entrepreneurship along with the valuable skills that let them improve the financial standing of their family and literally help put food on their tables. They love 4-H and get excited at the chance to share their experiences. It is a passion that I sometimes fear we have lost here, not just for 4-H or even for farming, but for learning. Then I get a chance to talk to some of our youth who are just as passionate and realize that they're the reason we adults are here—to nurture that passion the same way a farmer nurtures everything they want to grow. We don't always get to be there for the eventual flower, but we still know we played a role in the process.

So to all of our volunteers, thank you.



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

## For Your Information

### 2015 Space Camp (SC) On-line Registration

Registration for 2015 Space Camp will be through 4-H Online.

It will open at **6 p.m. on January 2, 2015** and close at **midnight on January 12, 2015**.

A copy of the application form and registration instructions are online:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp/index.cfm>

### 4-H Horse Association Handbook

The 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2015!

The Horse Handbook is located at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm>

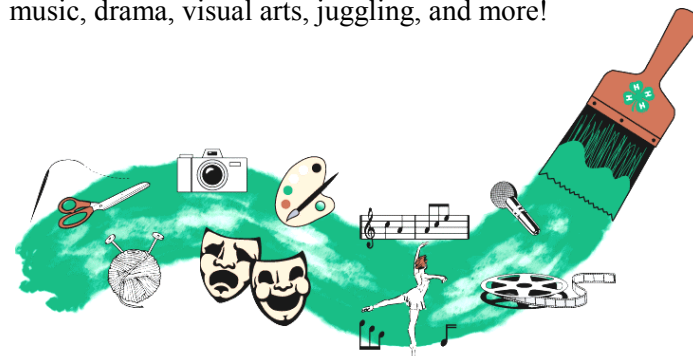
For more information contact:

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[pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu)



### 4-H Art Beat!

*4-H Art Beat!* was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication. ArtBeat! will be held **March 20 - 21** at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts including music, drama, visual arts, juggling, and more!



4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be older 4-H youth, adult leaders, and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions that are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins! Camp begins Friday evening at 7 p.m. and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The \$50.00 dollar fee includes all materials and supplies (including a very cool *ArtBeat!* backpack!), special snacks, overnight lodging, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

**Register early! This camp fills up fast!**

Registration Deadline: February 20, 2015

Go here for more information:  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>

## 2015 Wisconsin 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest

**Location:** University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Muscle Biology Lab  
1805 Linden Drive  
Madison, WI 51706

**Date:** **February 14, 2015 (Saturday)**  
Check in – 12:30 p.m. (follow signs), Animal Sciences Building Room 212  
Begin Judging – 1 p.m. (follow signs)

**Eligibility:** Juniors = Grades 3-8  
Seniors = Grades 9-13

Counties may enter up to a total of 9 contestants

**Registration:** Send Registration Form to:  
Bernie O'Rourke,  
Animal Science Building,  
1675 Observatory Drive,  
Madison, WI 53706  
(608-263-4304; Fax 608-262-5157) [borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu)

**Cost:** **\$10.00 per Contestant** (payable at check-in on February 14)  
(checks payable to UW-Extension)

**Classes:** **Beef Carcass Grading** -- Quality and Yield (5 carcasses - 100 points)  
Junior contestants may use the Beef Carcass Evaluation Worksheet in the contest  
**Beef Carcass Ranking** (50 points) "  
**Pork Carcass Ranking** "  
**Ham Ranking** "  
**Lamb Carcass Ranking** "  
**Beef Retail Cut Ranking** "  
**Pork Retail Cut Ranking** "  
**Meat Labeling** "  
**Retail Cut Identification** - 30 cuts worth 6 points each  
**Processed Meat Product Identification** - 10 products worth 5 points each

Seniors will be required to answer 5 questions for each ranking class. The 5 questions will be worth a total of 25 points (5 points each). Seniors will be required to also identify the wholesale cuts from which the retail ID cuts were produced, as well as cookery.

**Recognition:** Individual and Team (highest 3 members) scores will be tabulated and announced. Ribbons will be provided for the top 10 individuals, and plaques for the top two individuals, in both the junior and senior divisions.

The highest scoring senior team will participate in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Kansas City in the Fall of 2015.

The second place senior team may participate in the National Western 4-H/FFA Meat Judging contest in Fort Collins, Colorado, in January 2016.

**Deadline:** Registration forms must be submitted to Bernie O'Rourke by February 6, 2015.

Registration form is available on the Taylor County 4-H Website or call the office!

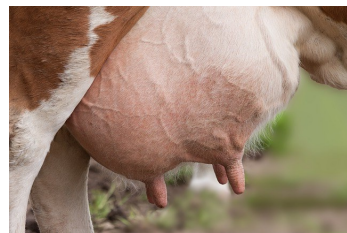
## Wisconsin 4-H Updates

### 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl & Dairy Management Date Set!

The Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Management contest will take place Saturday, February 7 in Portage.

Registrations for this event are due by January 15, 2015.

This year the contest will be moving back to the John Muir



Elementary School due to a scheduling conflict with ACT testing that will be taking place that same day at the high school.

Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl and Dairy Management Contests encourages a 4-H

member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. These contests provide an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own or show a dairy project animal, and provide a way to develop awareness and self-confidence.

The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner.

In the Dairy Management Contest, teams work as individuals and together to answer questions related to the management of a dairy farm and dairy cattle. Team members work through various stations and at the end of the event, the total score for the team is added together to determine the final team score.

Both of these contests offer the opportunity for youth to test and showcase their knowledge of dairy cattle science and the dairy industry. For more information, including entry forms and contest rules, please visit the Taylor County UW-Extension website or contact the office.

### 2015 State and National Program Adult Advisor Applications

Applications for volunteers and Adult Advisors for 2015 state and national 4-H outreach programs are available at

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm>.

If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia.

Note the new deadline of February 13, 2015, a change from previous years.

### 2015 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2015. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 15, 2015.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year; 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 2015-2016 academic school year.

Instructions available at <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hyouthline/2014/10/31/2015-wisconsin-4-h-foundation-scholarship-program/>

Questions?  
Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation  
608.262.1597 or [info@wis4hfoundation.org](mailto:info@wis4hfoundation.org)

## Help Wanted

### Bulletin Board

**Openings to showcase your club's activities are still available!**

One of the first things I was told when I started was that the 4-H Bulletin Board by the Extension Office was outdated. Like really, really outdated. Like it had pictures of youth who had graduated high school on there as Cloverbuds! EEK!

So I was struck with the idea that it would be a great place to showcase the awesomeness that is our Clubs here in Taylor County. I'd like to see it changed every other month to keep it fresh, and show the great things we have going on and am hoping to pass the opportunity around to different clubs so they can strut their stuff. I'll take a picture of each one, and then once a year there will be an award for the Best Showcasing of 4-H.

Since the idea struck me while I was at a Little Whispers meeting, I asked them to do the first board, which they have.

Now, I'm opening the floor up to all of you. Call me to sign up for your chance to show off your club!

### Cloverbud Camp

My plan this year is to have three Cloverbud Day Camps. One in Medford, one in Gillman/Lublin, and one in Rib Lake.

I STILL need someone (or several someones) to help make this happen.



You will be responsible for finding us a place to have the camp (probably from 11-3 on a Saturday), coordinating the food, and for helping me get the word out in your area.

If you are interested, please email me at [Laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Laura.fuller@ces.uwex.edu) or Stephanie at [Stephanie.Arnold@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:Stephanie.Arnold@ces.uwex.edu).

## Camp Counselor

Applications are available on the Taylor County website. They will also be distributed at the YLO meeting on January 25.

Applications are due in the UW-Extension office on Monday, April 13 by the close of the Federation meeting. You can bring your application to the office, email it, or send it by U.S. mail.

Camp Counselor training and camp planning will take place on May 16. We will be driving to the Lincoln County UW-Extension office as a group. Mark your calendars now!

If you have questions, please call or email Laura.

## 4-H Camp

### Volunteers needed

Camp takes a lot of coordination and assistance to make it a success.

Specific Volunteer Roles:

- Nurse
- Chaperone
- Lifeguard/Waterfront Director
- Cooking Crew
- Certified Shooting Sports Leaders

If you can help with camp or have questions about it, please let Laura know!

*Counselor and Adult Training Day will be May 16.*

Camp dates will be June 28-July 2.

We are coordinating camp with Lincoln County.

