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JACKSON AND TREMPEALEAU COUNTIES 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Programs For Both Counties

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Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Do you have something you want in the following newsletter? Club Leaders, did you do something remarkable? Add it to the newsletter! Have your information typed and sent to andrea.ripple@wisc.edu by the **15th of the month!** Getting information in by the 15th will ensure your addition is added. I will not type something up for you, so please have everything ready.

YQCA:



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals or YQCA is now opening up for the year. This program is required for these Jackson County exhibits:

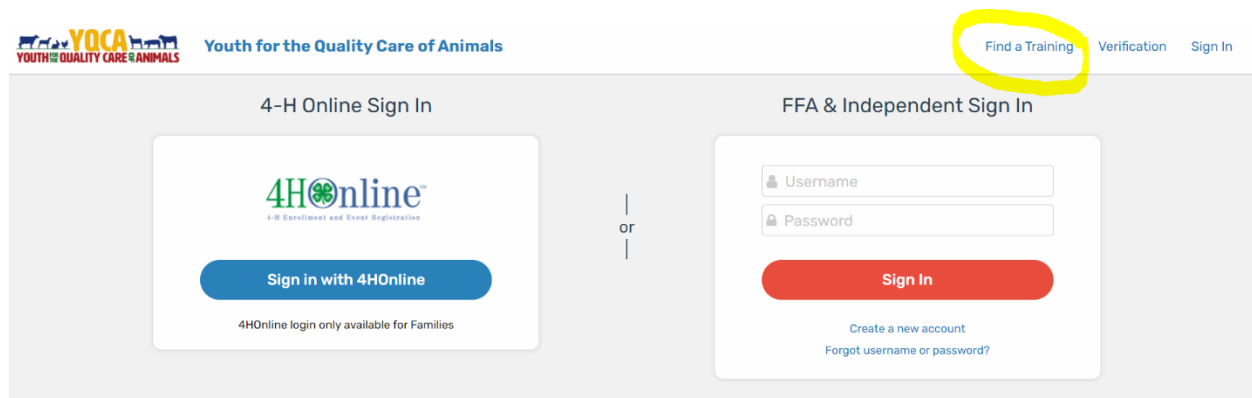
- Dairy
- Beef
- Swine
- Sheep
- Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Llama
- Alpaca
- Exotics

If you plan to exhibit these at the Trempealeau County fair, you will need to complete YQCA:

- Dairy Basket
- Market Beef
- Market Swine
- Market Sheep
- Market Goats
- Market Poultry
- Markey Rabbits

This year I will have two in-person YQCA dates available to members to attend. Registration for these sessions can be found here:

<https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>



When you select "Find a Training," it will give you a list of all the in-person sessions around the state of Wisconsin. I will have one on Mar. 26 at Riverland Energy in Arcadia and the second on Apr. 2 at the Jackson County UW Extension Office. If you can attend, please register through the YQCA Website.

If these dates don't work, the online version is also available.

Club Meeting Calendar:

During the Winter months when programming is a little slower I like to do club meeting visits. The past couple of years has limited my ability to meet with clubs but since I can I want to start scheduling meetings. My goal is to visit half the clubs this winter by coming to a meeting. I can bring team-building activities and ice breakers to the meeting as well! This is a great opportunity for clubs to have a guest speaker but also get to know me! If your club is interested please contact me so we can work on the details! I look forward to meeting with all of you!

In-Person Meeting Approval Process

As of Jul. 1, 2020, in-person meetings are possible! I have a post available on our website that gives you all of the details.

Here is a quick recap of some of the recent updates:

- As of Jun. 2, masks are not required for fully vaccinated participants. Please visit the website to review the details.
- Pod-style meetings can happen outside (with up to 500 people) with no time limit.
- Indoor meetings have no size limit if participants are spaced 6 feet apart.



<https://trempealeau.extension.wisc.edu/2020/07/10/in-person-approval-form/>

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

<https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2020/07/10/in-person-approval-form/>

VIP Training:

VIP or Volunteers in Preparation training is for anyone who wants to work with youth one-on-one and teach sessions like a project or club leader. If you have signed up to be a volunteer in 4-H Online and I have not approved you yet, it might be because of this. Look for this symbol. This symbol means that you will need to complete either VIP or mandated reporter training. The mandated reporter is an online course in 4-H Online that you can complete on your own time. VIP, however, has to be taught by either myself or another educator virtually or in person. This training covers many topics on creating a safe environment for youth and takes about 90 minutes.



I prefer to do VIP training on weeknights in September-April because the rest of the year gets pretty busy for everyone, especially in the summer.

Want more information about VIP? E-mail me! I would be happy to answer your questions!

Andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

Watch for the training in this section of the newsletter.

Upcoming VIP Dates:

January 4th, 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office:

<https://forms.gle/JNdTAM1nmZWNhHzG8>

March 23rd, 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office:

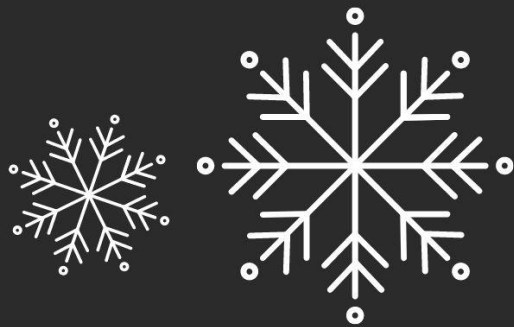
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April 6th, 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office

<https://forms.gle/aijGq5RG3Rox6EWp7>

Winter Leadership Experience:

Registration is open now on 4-H Online! Youth in grades 6-9th are encouraged to attend the winter leadership experience! This is a great opportunity for youth who want to expand their leadership experience and gain hands-on skills!



WINTER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

*Registration
Open*

JANUARY 22-23

BEAVER CREEK RESERVE
\$50/YOUTH
GRADES 6-9

REGISTER THROUGH 4-H ONLINE

4-H Movement Yard Signs:

Do you want to show off your 4-H Pride? Come to the Extension office and get your free sign! Supplies are limited, but more can be ordered.



Month	Activities/Programs Jackson County Programs Trempealeau County Programs
December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st-Festival of the Arts Survey Closes. If you would like to contribute to this survey, use this link: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6liXqsbW8JVWD1s20th- Jackson County Parents and Leader meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office.22nd- Winter Camp Registration Closes on 4-H Online.27th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m., location to be announced.
January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4th- VIP Training 6 p.m. @ the Jackson County Extension Office. Pre-Registration is required.9th- Trempealeau County Horse Project Business Meeting (Becky's Residence and Virtual)11th- Jackson Small Animal Project Meeting 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.12th-Jackson County Livestock Educational Meeting @ 7 p.m.17th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office.18th- Livestock Sale Committee Meeting @ 7 p.m. Location to be announced.22-23rd- Winter Camp at Beaver Creek Reserve.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09 • Meeting ID: 984 3711 0302 • Passcode: 892384
February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th- Jackson County Small Animal Project Meeting 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. • 13th- Trempealeau County Horse Project @ 2 p.m. at Riverland Electric and Virtual. • 21st- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office. • 28th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leader meeting @ 6 p.m. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09 • Meeting ID: 984 3711 0302 • Passcode: 892384.
March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th-Jackson County Small Animal Project Meeting @ 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. • 20th- Trempealeau County Horse Project Clinic, Vet and Farrier Clinic, and Meeting Noon-1 pm. • 21st- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension office. • 23rd- VIP Training 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office. Re-registration is required. • 26th- In-person YQCA from 9-10 a.m. @ Riverland Energy in Arcadia. Register at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Training/Search • 28th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09 • Meeting ID: 984 3711 0302 • Passcode: 892384.
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st- Deadline to have projects selected in 4-H Online. • 1st- Trempealeau County Horse Project Horse ID Forms Due to Becky. • 2nd- In-person YQCA from 9-10 a.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office in Black River Falls. Register at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Training/Search • 6th- VIP Training 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office. Pre-Registration is required. • 9-10th- Horse Clinic TBD & Business Meeting. Location and time to be announced. • 12th- Jackson County Small Animal Project Workshop @ 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th- Small Animal Auction. Time and location to be announced. • 18th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office. • 22-24th- Midwest Horse Fair, Madison WI • 25th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. Location to be announced. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09 • 29-1st- Minnesota Horse Expo Minneapolis, Minnesota.
May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th- Jackson County Small Animal Project Meeting @ 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office. • 11th- Livestock Education Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. • 14th- Trempealeau County Horse Project Work Day at the Fair Grounds. • 16th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office. • 17th- Jackson County Livestock Sale Committee Meeting @ 7 p.m. Location to be announced. • 23rd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. Location to be announced. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09 • 31st- Trempealeau County Horse Project Speed Series @ 6 p.m. at the Trempealeau County Fair Grounds
June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-11th Horse Camp • 14th- Jackson County Small Animal Workshop @ 6 p.m. At the Jackson County Extension Office. • 14th-Trempealeau County Horse Project Speed Series Show @6 pm at the Trempealeau County Fair Grounds. • 18th- Fly Fishing Workshop @ Superior Fresh. • 20th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office. • 27th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. Meeting location to be announced. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09 • 28th- Trempealeau County Horse Project Speed Series Show @6 pm at the Trempealeau County Fair Grounds.
July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st- Educational Events and YQCA Due to the Extension Office. • 5th- Jackson County Livestock Sale Committee Meeting @ 7 p.m. Location to be announced.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th-Fair Tag Pick up/Drawing and Painting Judging. At the Trempealeau County Fair Grounds. • 12-14th- Farm Technology Days @ Clark County • 13th- Livestock Education Meeting at 7 p.m. • 14-17th- Trempealeau County Fair • 15th- YQCA Due to the Extension Office • 18th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office. • 25th- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. Location to be announced. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-7th- Jackson County Fair • 15th- Jackson County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Extension Office. • 16th-Charter Workshop, location to be announced • 17th- Charter Workshop, location to be announced • 22nd- Trempealeau County Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 p.m. Location to be announced. https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09
September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st- Record Books Due to the Extension Office • 10th-State Gymkhana Show • 12th-Horse Project Business Meeting 6 p.m. (Becky's home or virtual) • 14th- Livestock education Meeting 7 p.m. • 17-18th- State Horse Expo (State Fair Grounds, Pleasure Show) • 19th- Parents and Leaders meeting 6 p.m. @ the Jackson County Extension Office. • 20th- Livestock Sale Committee Meeting @ 7 p.m. • 26th- Parents and Leaders Meeting 6 p.m. @ https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3lyQT09
October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Jackson County Programs

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2021 Awards Banquet:

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2021 Jackson County Banquet! We had a fantastic turnout! Enjoy the pictures of our award winners and congratulate them next you see them! If you would like a copy of the photos from the banquet, please let me know! Note; I included all the award winners in the picture descriptions.

A huge thank you to Maribeth Graham, Lori Jankie, Molly Kneisley, and Jennifer Horn for planning the banquet. It would not have happened without all of your hard work!

Kelly Brasda- Distinguished Service





Achievement Award:

Wyatt Berg, Carter Mann, and Faith Emerson.

**Livestock Quiz
Bowl Team-** Grace
Kling, Kaden
Moseley, Wyatt Berg,
Austin Laufenberg,
Trent Laufenberg.





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Livestock Judging Team

Senior Division: Morgan Lindow and Tyler Johnson

Junior Division: JJ Helstad, Justin Kling, Amara Streff, Bryce Laufenberg, Morgan Berg, and Jake Kling



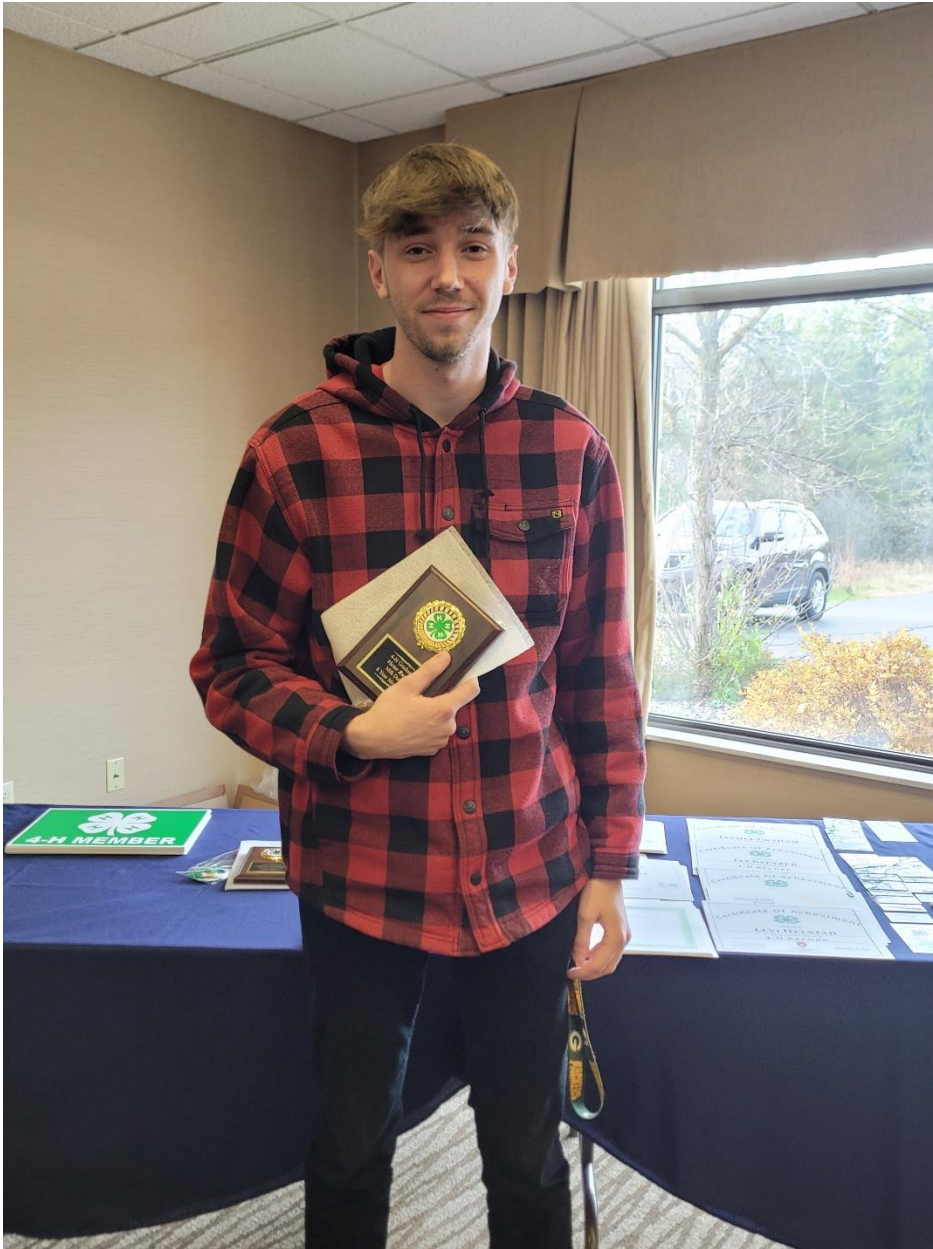
County Record Book Project Awards:

Wyatt Berg-Goats & Sheep, Morgan Berg-Goats & Sheep, Julia Berg- Goats, Jaymee Graham-Foods, Shane Graham-FoodsBeef, Ethan Graham-Legos, Russell Graham-Gardening, Sofia Gonzalez-Foods, Maria Gonzalez- Sewing, Luisa Gonzalez-Sewing, Hannah Tubbs-Photography, Claire Carriere-Beef, Sami Carriere-Dairy, Ciena Sanders-Poultry & Foods, Joanna Smith-Cats & Foods (Mind Map)



First-Year Members:

Neala Cassidy, Analies Pleinis, Kenley Bue, Hallie Kniseley, Cordell Sampson, Annette Sedelbauer, Levi Stuessel, Miryah Stubrud, Owen Scholze, Annette Streff, Ciena Sanders, Russell Graham, and Julia Berg.



Graduating Member-
Victor Ruzic, Milk Duds

Not pictured: Kadnce
Zimbauer, Anthonie
Huntington, and Carter
Mann.



Club Honor Award
Grades 3-5: Hallie Kniseley,
Hixton Lucky Clovers

Ciena Sanders, Northfield Go-Getters

Not Pictured: Rylie Dobson Whispering
Hills.





Club Honor Award Grades 6-8:

Morgan Lindow, Hixton Lucky Clovers

Iris Zenz, BRF Trailblazers

Not Pictured:

Alexa Blaken, Melrose Sattelites

Macie Goldsmith, Whispering Hills





Club Honor Awards Grades 9-13:

Hannah Tubbs, BRF Trailblazers

Sierra McFarlane, Northfield Go-Getters





Wyatt Berg, Whispering
Pines

Not Pictured:

Carter Mann, Northfield
Go-Getters

Doyle Hagen, Hixton
Lucky Clovers



Record Book Achievement Awards:

JJ Helstad, Sidney Horn, Russell Graham, Shane Graham, RaeAnn Ruzic, Julia Berg, Levi Helstad, Bret Massman, Annette Streff, Leo Forsting, Luisa Gonzales, Owen Scholze, Aubrey Forsting, Zoie Scholze

Sean Stetzer, Drew Stetzer, Sam Everson, Adam Massman, Kyra Bue, Morgan Berg, Maria Gonzales, Hannah Tubbs, Sammi Carriere, Amara Streff, Jay Stetzer, Claire Carriere, Jaymee Graham, Sofia Gonzales, Fannie Everson, Lydia Jacobson, Wyatt Berg, Victor Ruzic,





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Jackson County Parents and Leaders Monthly Meeting:

Jackson County Parents and Leaders are looking for more participation from the county program. The Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/93816484689?pwd=VmxMdWYwYmxHRUYwZjlFeFlU UUx3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 938 1648 4689

Passcode: 536020

Milk Duds Porch Pots:

Check out the Milk Duds 4-H Club service learning project! They made Porch pots for the senior apartments in Alma Center! Great job everyone!







Jack Pine Room Usage:

I have recently been updated about the usage of the Jack Pine Room (Conference room in the Extension). I was under the impression that it would be available to groups, such as 4-H, to use after hours. I have recently learned that the county will not allow the use of our facilities after hours. I know I have said it would be available as I thought it would be until recently.

If groups want to use the room, an educator has to be there. I am more than willing to attend meetings so that groups can use the space. If you want me to participate in a session, please contact me before the meeting to put it on my calendar.

Farmers Market:

There is still a fundraising opportunity for youth at the Farmers Market. Markets will happen on Saturdays October 23 & 30; November 20 & 27 and December 11 & 18. Selling times are 9 a.m. to Noon.

There is an option for youth to sell Cook Books or other things they can make. There is a table available for 4-H Youth to use at the farmer's market. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Kelly Emerson. She is a regular at the farmer's market and will help you.

2021 Jackson County Winter Farmers Market Application

American Legion Hall – Hwy 54 West - BRF

Market Dates: All Saturdays – Oct. 23 & 30; Nov. 20 & 27 and Dec. 11 & 18

Selling from 9 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (I'll try to have the building open by 8 a.m.)

Vendor Fee: \$60.00 (this will be adjusted based on final rental cost and number of vendors, but I am assuming that the fee will be at least \$45.00 for the season)

Booth locations will be determined by random drawing before the Oct. 23 sale. (I'll try to have this organized by Oct. 2)

The names of all registered vendors will be placed in a hat and randomly drawn. Vendors will get to choose their preferred location in the order removed. Vendors not included in the drawing will be assigned spaces according to availability. Each vendor will be allowed at least eight feet of selling "frontage," depending on the number of vendors.

Vendor Information: (if you were registered for the summer market, you would not need to provide the signed copy of the JCFM 2021 Rules or your insurance papers). If you did not participate in the summer market, you would have to give a signed copy of the JCFM 2021 Market Rules (see website) and verification of liability insurance before you will be allowed to sell.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Dates that you plan on attending the winter market:

I agree to abide by the 2021 Jackson County Farmers Market Rules and understand that all decisions made concerning the Market and Operations are solely at the discretion of the Jackson County Farmers Market Board of Directors.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Office Use: Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Rec. By: _____

Jackson County 4-H Clubs and Groups

Check out the Club List on the website for more information!

<https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/how-to-get-involved/4-h-clubs/>

Club	Leader/s	Contact Information	Location
BRF Trailblazers	Amy Carrier	715-896-6527	Black River Falls
Countryside Crystals	Karen Kling Kathlene Zipfel	715-662-2600 715-299-7912	Taylor
Hixton Lucky Clovers	Molly Kniseley	715-299-2470	Hixton
Irving Sticktight II	Craig Kubaski	715-896-2559	Irving
Melrose Satellites	Becky Radcliffe	715-896-1157	Melrose
Milk Duds	Mary Giese Alisa Johnson	715-896-1039	Garden Valley
Mound View Happy Workers	Linda Mosely	715-597-3949	Garden Valley
Northfields Go-Getters	Carolyn Mann Stephen Smith	715-797-1517 715-984-2267	York
Osseo Wild Mustangs	Cathy Franck	715-586-0762	Osseo
Whispering Hills	Ellie Hurlburt Maribeth Graham	715-284-4917 715-896-3040	Black River Falls

Livestock Committee	Jerome Laufenberg	715-284-7598	Jackson County
Dog Project	Mindy Wagner	mindywagner82@yahoo.com	Jackson County
Shooting Sports	Mary Blazek	rblazek@centurytel.net	Jackson County
Small Animal Committee	Jasmine Lucas	jacksonsmallanimal@gmail.com	Jackson County
Horse Project	Craig Kubaski	craigkubaskie@yahoo.com	Jackson County
Dairy Project	Holly Meimann	hjmeimann18@gmail.com	Jackson County
Parents and Leaders	Maribeth Graham	715-284-7598	Jackson County

Trempealeau County Programs

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Festival of the Arts Survey:

In recent years participation in the Festival of the Arts Program has decreased. Covid has put it on the back burner, but I wanted to take the time to evaluate it. The Festival of the Arts program allows youth who participate in skits, poetry, music, and arts to showcase their work in front of an audience and gain feedback.

Please use this [link](#) to complete the anonymous survey. Previously I wanted to close the survey on Dec. 1, but I will extend it to **Dec. 15**. Information collected from this survey will influence the future of the Festival of the Arts program, so please take 5 minutes to fill it out.

2021 Plat Books Available:

Just in time for hunting season! Check out the 2021 Plat Books! Books are \$30 and will be available at the office and around the county at the usual bank locations:

- State Bank of Arcadia
- State Bank of Arcadia- Whitehall
- Centerville Coop
- Co-op Credit Union-Galesville
- Independence State Bank
- NCRS Office- Whitehall
- Pietrek Service Station

- Waumandee State Bank- Arcadia
- Waumandee State bank – Whitehall
- Waumandee State Bank- Blair
- Register of Deeds Office- Trempealeau County Government Center in Whitehall
- Extension Office- Trempealeau County Government Center in Whitehall

There will be a couple of new locations added to the list this year! I have been working on getting the books out to more people. Here is a list of the recent places where you can find our plat books:

- Howards Hardware Hank- Arcadia
- Johnsons Hardware Hank- Whitehall
- Holtan's TnC Sporting Goods- Whitehall

More locations will be added. Remember, plat books are one of the parents' and leaders' fundraisers. They support scholarships for Educational Experiences such as American Spirit, Space Camp, and other county programs like Clover College and Summer Camp.

Record Book Awards:

This year we had some outstanding record books! Below is a list of the Outstanding record books and the Outstanding Project Record Books.

Outstanding Record Books:

- Jazlynn Olsen
- Aryanna Johnson
- Kinley Giemza
- Aleah Hunter
- Katerina Barczak
- Kobe Johnson
- Emma Nuland

Outstanding Projects:

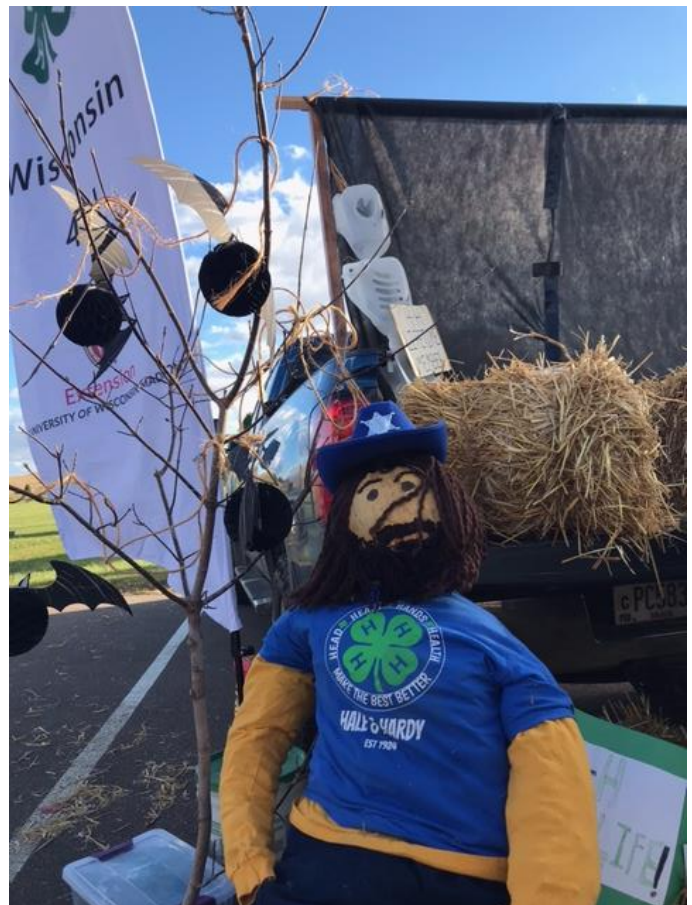
- Kinley Giemza
- Katerina Barczak

Congratulations to everyone who turned in a Record Book this year!

- Kathryn Johnson
- Caleb Johnson
- Ayranna Johnson
- Jazlynn Olsen
- Kinley Giemza
- Katerina Barczak
- Tristan Johnson
- Kobe Johnson
- Hayley Anderson
- Kinley Anderson
- Brody Fuchs
- Carter Giemza
- Emma Nuland

Hale and Hardy Trunk or Treat:

Hale and Hardy had a great display at the Pigeon Falls Trunk or Treat event!





Parents and Leaders Meetings:

Parents and Leaders are looking for more members to join our meetings. Our current board is up for re-election and

Join the Parents and Leaders meetings Virtually for the Winter! Below is the URL for the meeting.

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98437110302?pwd=a2diY2E3KzdmYndRb3RsZCtXM3IyQT09>

Meeting ID: 984 3711 0302

Passcode: 892384

Trempealeau County Club Leader List

Check out the list of 4-H Clubs on the website!

<https://trempealeau.extension.wisc.edu/4hyd/how-to-get-involved/4-h-clubs/>

Club	Leader/s	Contact Information	Location
Arcadia Hummingbirds	Rosa Mooney	608-863-3483	Arcadia
Coulee Clovers	Cindy Peterson	608-989-2249	Blair
Ettrick Eagles	Dawn Corcoran	608-525-4200	Ettrick
Frenchville Clovers	Heather Olson	608-484-0447	Frenchville
Glasgow/Hardies Creek Busy Bees	Heidi Johnson	608-484-0492	Galesville
Hale and Hardy	Lindsey Nelson	nelson.lindseya82@gmail.com	Pleasantville
Lincoln Pioneers	Kim Pryzbylla	715-985-3902	Independence
Sliver Valley Creek	JoAnn Reinholdt	608-582-2237	Galesville
Sunnyside	Charlotte (Charlie) Everson Geraldyn Subra	608-989-2310 715-662-3003	Blair
Trempealeau Trusty Workers	Patti Sonsalla	608-738-8295	Centerville
Whitehall Happy Hus-tlers	Sharon Pederson	715-538-4856	Whitehall
Dog Project	Judy Betker	608-989-2386	Trempealeau County
Horse Project	Becky Hynes	608-865-1038	Trempealeau County
Parent's and Leaders	Valerie Erickson	608-385-5654	Trempealeau County
Llama Project	Becky Poulos	715-538-1444	Trempealeau County

4-H Ambassadors	Rosa Mooney	608-863-3483	Trempealeau County
Shooting Sports	Open Position!		Trempealeau County



Making Memories at the Fair



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

Going to and exhibiting at the fair is often a major highlight for 4-H youth. For some youth, that may be participating in their community, county, or regional fair. For others, that may mean exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair. No two fairs are the same, but they do share the opportunity for 4-H members to show their accomplishments.

Who organizes the fair?

The Wisconsin Association of Fairs and DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection), gives leadership to county fair boards and associations. Those local entities are responsible for organizing the fair. Most fairs have volunteers who serve in roles called superintendents. They serve as a valuable link between the fair and the exhibitors to make sure judging goes smoothly and answer questions related to exhibit scoring. Please be kind to the superintendent—they freely give their time to help the fair and your child.

How to help your 4-H member find success

- Be **prepared**. Read the premium book and get to know fair entry rules for your 4-H member's exhibits. Check with your local fair for their premium book and exhibitor rules.
- Make it **educational**. Ask your 4-H member questions about their project(s). Helping youth reflect on their work can also help them prepare to exhibit.
- Keep everything in **perspective** and be **supportive**. Even if the color of the ribbon wasn't what your exhibitor was looking for, you can help them focus on what they learned in the process.
- Have **fun** and **make memories!** The fair is full of opportunities that will stick with your family for a long time. Adults can help make sure that it is a positive experience for youth.



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

Fairs and exhibits may use different kinds of judging to assess exhibits. Becoming familiar with these types of judging can help your youth have a more positive experience. Learn more: [How Fair Entries are Judged](#)





Show What You Know

The fair is your time to show off your hard work! In your first year, try to only enter one to three exhibits at the fair. Answer these questions to create a plan for one exhibit you want to enter at your fair this year!

Pick one project: _____

What exhibit are you entering under this project? _____
If you are exhibiting a rabbit project, you could be showing your rabbit, or you may be entering an animal science poster about your rabbit.

What will make you feel successful?

This might mean a specific goal, or this might also be how you feel after the fair is done. What will make you feel good about what you did?

What do you need to get done to be ready for the fair?

Create a list of steps you need to get done to be ready to show your exhibit. Think about requirements the fair might have or finishing touches your exhibit needs to be “show ready.” If you’re not sure what the fair requirements are, have an adult help you look through your fair’s premium book!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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Judges might ask you questions about your project. Start thinking about your answers!

Why did you select this project?
Who helped you along the way?
What did you do to prepare from start to finish?
What challenges did you face? What was the hardest part?
What did you learn while doing this project?
How can you use what you learned to help you in everyday life?

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Remember to have fun!

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