



**Extension**

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY**

# December 22-28th Clover

## Dispatch Flyer

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### **December 22-28th Clover Dispatch Flyer**

For the month of December, I will send out a weekly newsletter with current updates via EMMA, the broadcast email service I use. After sending out the newsletter, I will also post an online version on the website and send paper copies to everyone on the current list. There will be a survey at the end of each communication. Please share your thoughts!



# Club Leader Corner

## Mailing List Update

With the new enrollment year I am creating a new newsletter mailing list. Please fill out the [Google Form](#) to be included in the list. I will also send out a separate email in the next week. Please fill out the google form before **January 1st**.

[Google Form](#)

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## Accessibility Kit

We just got a great club leader resource available in the office. This kit is to help youth with disability and make tools available to help youth participate. Clubs can check this kit out for their meetings or events. Let Andrea know if you are interested in checking out this resource.

What is included in this kit?

- A 4-H Accessibility Resource Guide
  - Demystifying Disability: What to know, What to Say, and How to be an Ally by Emily Ladau
  - Paths to Inclusion
  - Supports for Transitions at 4-H Meetings and Events
  - Disability Awareness Friendship Bracelet Activity
  - All the Way to the Top:-Children's book with discussion guides.
  - Visual Timer
  - Visual Schedules
  - First-Then-Next Board
  - Chime
  - Loop Scissors
  - Pencil Grips
  - Tri Grip Markers, Tri Write Pencils, and Triangular Crayons
  - Fidgets
  - Pencil Toppers
  - Calming Strips & Stickers
  - Coloring and Doodling Pages
  - Chair Bands
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## Training Reminder for Volunteers

Are you in the process of enrolling in 4-H Online? If you haven't received your confirmation email yet, don't worry! Here are a few steps to ensure everything is on track:

**Complete Your Trainings:** These trainings are a fantastic opportunity to prepare you for your role and ensure the safety and well-being of the youth you'll be working with.

**Background Check:** This is an important step to protect both you and the participants. Completing it helps create a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

**Check Your Email:** Sometimes, confirmation emails can sneak into your spam or junk folder, so it's a good idea to check there too.

If you've done all this and still haven't received a confirmation, try logging back into your 4-H Online account to check your status, or reach out to your local 4-H office. They're there to help and support you! Some trainings take a little bit to be submitted into 4-H Online but you have to be sure the trainings are complete.

You're doing great, and your dedication to becoming a 4-H volunteer is truly appreciated. Keep going, and soon you'll be making a positive impact on the lives of many young people!

[Become a Volunteer](#)

[4-H Online](#)

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## Local Fundraising Opportunity

I received an email from The Stockyards in Fairchild. They are a local meat processing facility. They wanted me to share their fundraising opportunity with you. Check out their website below. Below is the email:

I am reaching out regarding a fundraising opportunity through The Stockyard. We are a local family owned butcher shop that specializes in unique fundraising opportunities for a variety of teams, clubs and organizations across the state of Wisconsin. We are currently running our specialty brat fundraiser where we offer a variety of 17+ flavors of fresh house-made bratwurst and sausages.

How it works:

- Your team, class, club or organization will sell the product via our order sheet (\$6/package)
- When the order sheets get turned in, you will send the final order total to your sales rep
- We will make/package the product and schedule delivery with you. We can typically turn an order in 2-3 days.
- We deliver product to you in bulk. This means 1 large box of bacon cheddar brats, 1 large box of breakfast links etc. and your team/class/club or organization will box their individual orders based on what they sold
- Your team/club/class/organization will make 41+% profit on all sales

What sets us apart?

- We are a local family-owned butcher shop who specializes in these unique fundraising opportunities
- You make 41+% profit on all sales
- Everyone needs meat, so why not purchase from a fundraiser where a local club/class/organization can benefit?
- No more purchasing candles that won't be used, mediocre pizzas or chalky chocolates, sell something that everyone will love!

Please reach out to discuss more details!

Destiny Eide

Vojtik's Stockyard

[deide2931@outlook.com](mailto:deide2931@outlook.com)

715-579-3564 (call or text)

Stock Yards Website

## Matchey Receives Speckle Park MYBEP Heifer

Olivia Matchey of Independence, a member of Lincoln Pioneers 4-H Club received a Speckled Park Heifer through the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program (MYBEP). Each year cattle producers from across the region generously donate heifers to young cattle enthusiasts get their feet wet in the beef business.

Each MYBEP winner is responsible for raising, breeding and maintaining complete records on care of the animal, while providing monthly progress reports to the original owner and the Minnesota Beef Expo. MYBEP recipients must also commit to participating at the Expo in the following year. The breeders who donated heifers will serve as mentors to the MYBEP youth and help guide them through their first year as cattle owners.

Questions about MYBEP can be directed to Expo staff at [info@mnbeefexpo.com](mailto:info@mnbeefexpo.com) or 651-643-6476.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Olivia and will jumpstart her beef project and give her a great support for her future growth. If youth are interested in learning more check out the link below or contact Olivia!





# Upcoming Programs

## YQCA Sessions Available

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** is a requirement to sell your market animal at the Trempealeau County Fair. This program is available both online and in person. The cost is \$3 for in-person sessions and \$12 for online sessions. Registration is required. Please visit the YQCA website to register and complete the pre-test. There are **25 spots per session**, be sure to save your spot by registering before the program.

### **Additional Information:**

**Eligibility:** The program is open to youth of all ages involved in animal agriculture.

**Certification:** Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate valid for one year.

**Topics Covered:** The training includes animal welfare, food safety, and proper animal handling techniques.

**Benefits:** Completing the YQCA program ensures that youth are knowledgeable about best practices in animal care, which can enhance the quality of their market animals and improve their chances of success at the fair.

**Support:** For any questions or assistance with registration, contact the Trempealeau County Fair office or visit their website.



**February 15 @ 9am**

**Arcadia Middle School Commons**

**March 1 @ 9:30am**

**GET High School Cafeteria**

**25 spots per session. Pre register to save  
your spot at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)**

**YQCA is required to sell your animal at the  
Trempealeau County Fair**



[YQCA Website](http://yqcaprogram.org)

## 4-H Meats Judging Contest

### 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Mark your calendars for the upcoming State 4-H Meats Judging Contest on Saturday, February 8, 2025. If you have participated in the past - or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

**What is the 4-H Meats Judging Contest?** Have you been to your local meat market or grocery store lately and think you could choose the best cut of meat out of the case? Have you ever watched a live animal contest and thought you could choose what animals would provide the best meat products? This is your opportunity to put those skills to work. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. Top senior teams earn the opportunity to compete at national competitions.

**Who can participate?** You must be a currently enrolled WI 4-H member to participate in this contest.

Junior – Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2025. Youth must be in or completed 3rd grade, 8-year-old Cloverbuds **cannot** participate.

Senior – Age 14-18 as of January 1, 2025. (Sr. team members cannot exceed grade 12, regardless of age)

Grade 13 Members - WI 4-H members that are in the 13th grade are eligible to compete at this state contest as individuals but not as a member of a team.

Even if your county has not participated in the past, round-up some 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

**Looking for more information, where to register, or resources to study from? Check out the links below:**

### **4-H Meats Judging – Saturday, February 8, 2025**

**Location:** Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus

**Deadlines:** (more information located in the registration materials):

-Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): January 20, 2025 - through Google form <https://forms.gle/332pC8GP34L18BEV6>

-Contest final registration: January 20, 2025 - <https://254hmeatscontest.4honline.com> (Directions for registration are in the packet)

**More information and registration available at:**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

Contest educational resources and study materials are available on the [UW-Madison Youth Livestock](#) site.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at [jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu)/phone at 920-391-4659 or Bernie at [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu).



# REGISTRATION OPEN

## STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

### 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST FEB. 8, 2025



EVENT HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS

SEE REGISTRATION GUIDE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION



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## Citizenship Washington Focus Registration

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) - June 20-28, 2025

Registration is opening this week for CWF 2025! Registration will be open from December 20, 2024-January 15, 2025 for youth currently in grades 10-12. You can register under the “events” tab in your 4HOnline profile. Learn more about CWF below!

Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short, is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. 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. Additionally, youth get to see and experience government in action by meeting with their State’s members of Congress and watching a House of Representatives meeting. Delegates also participate in various educational workshops such as:

**Citizenship Toolbox:** By exploring what it means to be a good citizen, delegates identify their own skill set to become active citizens and leaders in their communities back home.

**Congressional Issues:** Delegates will have open discussions with different perspectives on real national issues in the government today.

**Bill Writing:** Delegates learn the process of writing a bill in the House of Representatives and then write one of their own. They then will hold a mock House of Representatives meeting where they will discuss and either pass



or deny said bills.

**Action Planning:** By combining all of the skills they have learned at CWF, the entire delegation will discuss what issues are prominent in their communities. They will then develop a plan to take back and implement positive change into their hometowns.

These are just a couple of the activities delegates will participate in. Delegates will also get the opportunity to tour our Nation's Capital and experience the culture that comes with it. After completing the CWF program, they will have stronger knowledge about being an active citizen and our Government. They will also have the opportunity to discover new skills and be exposed to different perspectives and cultures from around the U.S. On top of all this, it gives delegates another opportunity to bond and network with other 4-Hers from Wisconsin and beyond. We hope to see you participating in CWF in the near future!

If you have any questions about CWF, please reach out to [justin.lieck@wisc.edu](mailto:justin.lieck@wisc.edu).



**2025**

# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

 **JUNE 20-28, 2025**

 **WASHINGTON D.C.**

Learn about:  
**Citizenship**  
**Congressional Issues**  
**Bill Writing**  
**Action Planning**

**Open to Youth Grades 10-12**

**[go.wisc.edu/CWF](https://go.wisc.edu/CWF)**



Registration Open  
Dec 20th-Jan 15th  
in 4HOnline



# Clothing Survey

We are considering placing a new clothing order for Trempealeau County and need your input to ensure there's enough interest. The last attempt to create an online store through Edge Graphics didn't receive any orders, so we want to make sure this time is different.

Please take a minute to fill out this brief 3-question survey: [Survey Link](#)

Your feedback is crucial in helping us decide whether to proceed with the order. Thank you for your time and input!

[Clothing Survey](#)

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# Programing Focus Survey

## Why Your Participation Matters

Your feedback is invaluable. By participating in this survey, you'll help us identify key areas for improvement and development. Whether it's enhancing our services, introducing new programs, or addressing specific concerns, your insights will guide our future initiatives.

## How to Participate

Participating is easy and only takes a few minutes of your time. Simply click on the link below to access the survey. Your responses will be kept confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of this assessment.

[Survey Link](#)

## Thank You for Your Support

We are grateful for your continued support and engagement. Together, we can create a better future for everyone. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

[Survey Link](#)

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# Program Calendar

Upcoming state and county level programing. If you want something included in the calendar please let Andrea know.

- December
  - Happy Holidays!
- January
  - 12th Horse Project Business Meeting at Ettrick Town Hall
  - 18th Groupo Folklorico Dance Performance at the Trempealeau Library 9 am
  - 23rd 4-H CD's Mature
  - 25th **Hold for Winter Activity**
  - 27th Parent's and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm
    - [Zoom Registration Link](#)

- February
  - 8th 4-H [Meats Judging Contest at UW Madison](#)
  - 15th 9 am YQCA at the Arcadia Middle School Commons pre-registration is required
    - [YQCA Registration](#)
  - 24th Parents and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm
    - [Zoom Link Registration](#)
- March
  - 1-2nd Winter Invitational Marshfield ([Shooting Sports](#))
  - 1st GET YQCA 9:30 am in the high school cafeteria
    - [YQCA Registration](#)
  - 9th Horse Project Business meeting, Ettrick Town Hall 12-2 pm
  - 14-16th [Art BEAT](#) at Upham Woods
  - 15th Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl at UW Madison Campus
  - 22-23rd Tri- County Tournament
  - ([Shooting Sports](#))\_
  - 28-29th Tri-County Tournament ([Shooting Sports](#))
  - 30th State BB Gun Championship ([Shooting Sports](#))\_
- April
  - 1st Horse ID Forms due to Becky
  - 1st Postmark Deadline for Education Days Competition Entries
  - 5-6th Air Rifle Sectionals ([Shooting Sports](#))
  - 5th Vet, Chiro, Equine Massage & Farrier Clinic- Fairgrounds
    - 10- noon clinic
    - Meeting noon-1pm
  - 11-16th [National 4-H Conference](#)
  - 11-13th Midwest Horse Fair, Madison
  - 19-20th Karl Petersen Competitive Shoot ([Shooting Sports](#))
  - 25-27th Minnesota Horse Expo, Minneapolis
  - 28th Parents and Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm
- May
  - 1-5th [Space Camp](#)
  - 3rd Horse Project Fair Grounds Work Day
  - 9-10th [State Horse Educational Days](#), Hippology, Horse Bowl, Speaking and Demonstration at UW Green Bay
  - 10-11th Annual Shawano County All Stare Shootout ([Shooting Sports](#))
  - 15th Postmark Deadline for [State Hunt and Dressage](#) Show Entries
  - 17-18th Western Gateway Statewide Shoot ([Shooting Sports](#))
  - 25th Broiler Days Parade, Horse Project
  - 27th Speed Show, Fair Grounds, 6 pm
- June
  - 7-8th Brown County Statewide Shooting Sports Competition
  - 10th Speed Show, Fair Grounds, 6 pm
  - 12-14th Horse Clinics
    - 14, 11 am Speed Show
  - 14-15th Triple Crown Statewide Invitational Shooting Sports
  - 16-19th [Summer Academy](#) at UW Madison
  - 16th Annual Triple Crown Summer Blast ( [Shooting Sports](#))
  - 24th Speed Show, Fair Grounds, 6 pm
  - 27-29th State Hunt and Dressage Show and Clinic, Sheboygan
- July
  - 1st Livestock Educational Requirements due.
    - [trempcac@outlook.com](mailto:trempcac@outlook.com)
  - 8th Speed Show, Fair Grounds, 6 pm
  - 9th horse Project business meeting and Fair brush up. all Fair Requirements Due. 6-8 pm
  - 13-14th Shawano County 4-H All Start Summer Archery Shootout

- 15-20th Trempealeau County Fair
- 22nd Speed Show, Fair Grounds, 6 pm
- 26-27th Air Gun. Annual Dodge County 4-H Archery and Air Gun Invitational.
- August
  - 16th Country Classic Speed Show
- September
  - 1st [Annual Financial Report](#) Due to the Extension Office
  - 1st Record Books Due to the Extension Office



## Parents and Leaders Meeting

The November meeting did not have enough participants to have quorum. The Bylaws were to be voted on along with officers voted in. Both of these things still need to be done. The Group will meet again on **January 27th at 6:30 pm at the Trempealeau County Court House.**

[Bylaws Update](#)

## Your Club Report Here

Want to see your club meeting minutes in the newsletter? Send them to Andrea! This is a great place for your club reporter or secretary to share what is happening in your club! Please send your reports and any pictures you want included to [andrea.ripple@wisc.edu](mailto:andrea.ripple@wisc.edu)



## December Birthday List

Happy Birthday to all of our members with December Birthdays!

- Amaya S. 12/02
- Sydney B. 12/03
- Claire S. 12/03
- Brianna W. 12/05
- Paisley M. 12/09
- Samuel M. 12/10
- Emma N. 12/10
- Dariel G. 12/16
- Hailey T. 12/19
- Augustus H. 12/21
- Mason F. 12/28
- Sawyer Y. 12/29

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## Newsletter Survey

Thank you for reading the newsletter! This data will be used to see how the newsletter is doing being sent out weekly verses being sent out monthly.

[Newsletter Survey](#)



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