

Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS

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JUNE 2025

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big congratulations to the recipients of this years' Wood County 4-H Scholarships: Mallory Cepress and Michelle Potts.

Mallory is a 2025 graduate of Marshfield High School. During her 11 years in 4-H, she has participated in numerous projects, regularly attended Fall Forum and was a member of the 2024 WI Shooting Sports National Team for Recurve Archery. Additionally, Mallory has been an integral part of the Wood County Teen Leaders and was also a delegate on the American Spirit East experience in 2023.

In the fall, Mallory will be attending Iowa State University, majoring in Animal Science.



Michelle is a 2025 graduate of Marshfield High School. She has been in 4-H for 12 years, holding numerous leadership positions in her club. She has exhibited livestock and crafts at the fair, which she says has helped to build confidence in herself that she would not otherwise have.

Michelle will be pursuing a degree in Business Administration at UW-LaCrosse in the fall.

PLEDGE:

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.

4-H PURPOSE:

Engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H STAFF

Laura Huber, 4-H Educator

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CONNECT WITH US!

 Wood County 4-H, WI

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TAKE & LEARN KIT

Register now for the Butterfly Life Cycle Take & Learn Kit.

Each kit will include supplies for 2 crafts that represent the life cycle of a butterfly as well as an informational presentation.

Registration is open until July 1st: <http://bit.ly/4HButterflyLifeCycle>

Register for the **BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE** **TAKE AND LEARN KIT** With crafts!

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Slinky Caterpillar



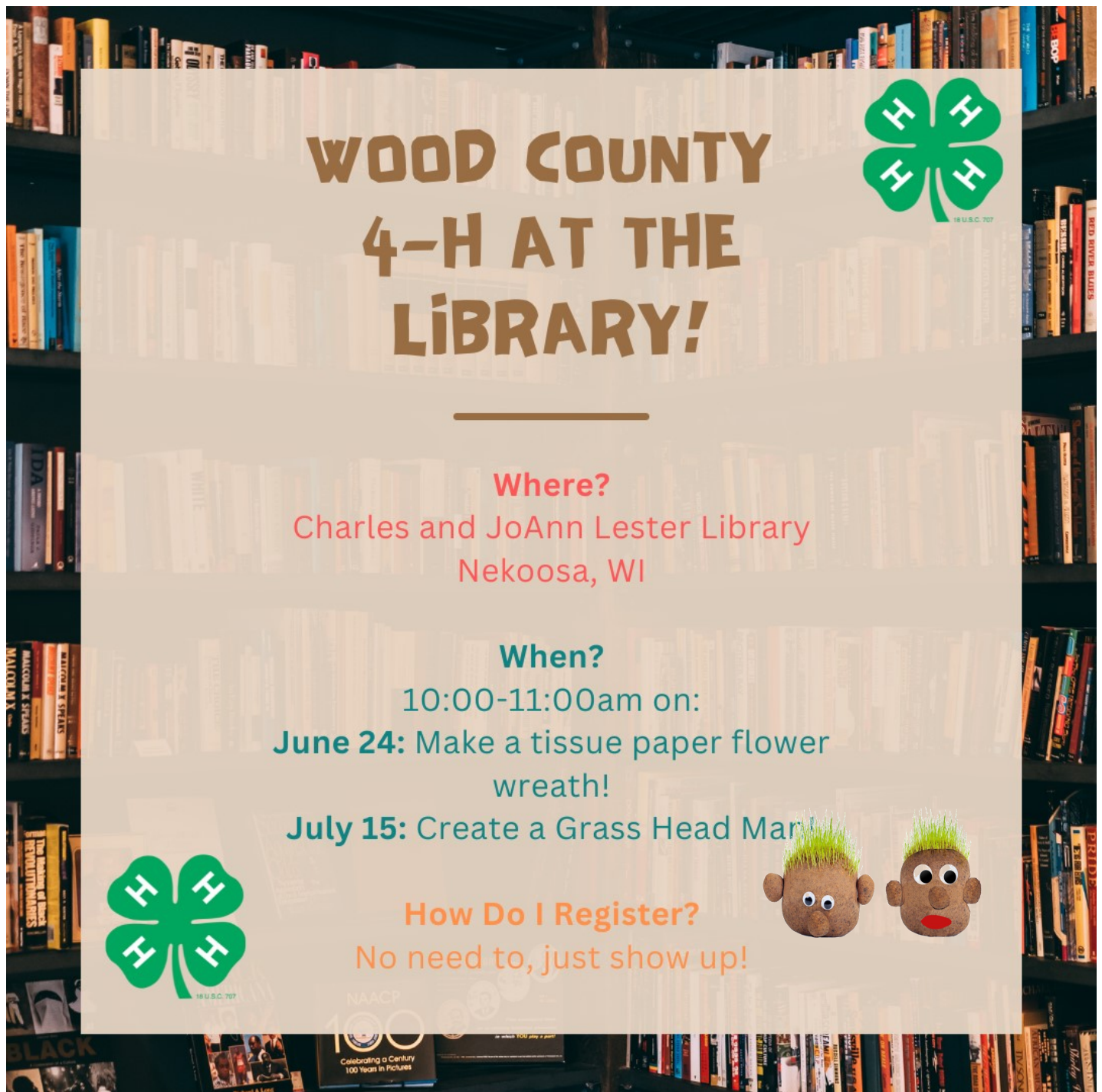
**Bubble Blowing
Butterfly**

**Kits will include an educational
presentation of the Life Cycle
of a Butterfly and two related
crafts.**




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LIBRARY PROGRAMS




WOOD COUNTY 4-H AT THE LIBRARY!

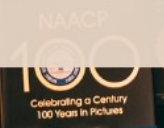



Where?
Charles and JoAnn Lester Library
Nekoosa, WI

When?
10:00-11:00am on:
June 24: Make a tissue paper flower
wreath!
July 15: Create a Grass Head Man!



How Do I Register?
No need to, just show up!



VIRTUAL SHAVING CREAM ART LAB

Trina is excited to lead a virtual Shaving Cream Art Lab for our members in grades K-3rd grade. Families will need to supply the items listed in the registration form.

Register by June 13th at <https://bit.ly/4-HVirtualArtLab>.

Join Us Virtually For A SHAVING CREAM ART LAB!

Join us via Zoom to use shaving cream, food coloring, and card stock paper to create art!
Zoom links will be emailed out at the close of registration prior to the Virtual Art Lab.



When: June 30th from
5:00-5:45pm

Where: Zoom

Who: Wood County 4-Hers
in K-3rd Grade

Register by June 13th:



<https://bit.ly/4-HVirtualArtLab>



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CWSF JUNIOR FAIR REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the Central Wisconsin State Fair - Junior Fair!

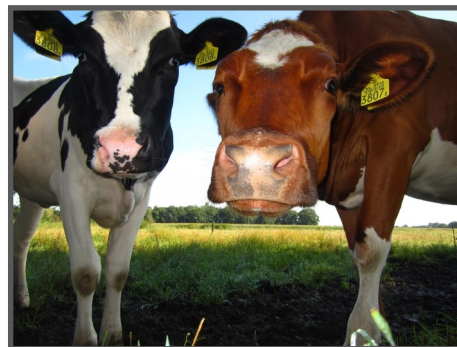
All entries are due by July 15th.

Register online at: <http://cwsfair-junior.fairentry.com>

DAIRY JUDGING SCHEDULE

Practice dates have been set for Dairy Judging. All practices start at 1:00pm.

Coaches are Matt Dorshorst and Katie Yahnke. If you have any questions, reach out to Matt at 715-340-7271 or matt.dorshorst@gmail.com



Sunday, June 8 **Forward Genetics (Holsteins)**
8371 Mill Creek Dr
Marshfield, WI 54449

Friday, June 13 **Area Animal Science Days Competition**
Pierce County Fair Grounds

DOG PROJECT PRACTICES

If you are in the dog project, be sure to add the following practice dates to your calendar:

- Tuesday, June 3
- Sunday, June 8
- Tuesday, June 10
- Tuesday, June 17
- Sunday, June 22
- Tuesday, June 24
- Sunday, June 29
- Sunday, July 6
- Tuesday, July 8



All sessions are at 5:30 at the John C. Lang Building at the CWSF Fairgrounds.

Dogs should be 6 months old and DHLPP and rabies vaccinated.

If you have any questions, reach out to Betty Peterson at petersonb1208@gmail.com

FOODS REVUE

2025 WOOD COUNTY FOODS REVUE & DESSERT REVUE

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hewitt

What is Foods Revue?

Foods Revue is an event that allows you to gain experience in planning, preparing, evaluating, and serving food as part of a meal or snack. Pick out a recipe, make it at home, and bring it to the event! The judge will ask you some questions about the recipe you chose and offer some feedback. Find out more information below.

Who can participate?

Foods Revue and Dessert Revue are open to any Junior Fair youth.

- Members in grades 4-13 will receive a placed ribbon. Premiums will be paid for those that have entered through Fair Entry, as well as register for this event.
- Members in grade 3 will receive a place ribbon. This does not count as one of their 6 projects for the fair.
- Younger Members in grades K-2 will receive a participation ribbon. This does not count as one of their 4 projects for the fair.



Full Rules and details can be found online at: <https://wood.extension.wisc.edu/files/2025/06/2025-Foods-Revue-Registration.pdf>

Register at <https://forms.gle/CW3a5B8Gd5eXyHuy5>

4-H DAY CAMP

MONDAY, JULY 14 | 10:00AM-2:30PM | WILDWOOD ZOO, MARSHFIELD

Wildwood Zoo has over 20 different species and 60 individual animals who call the zoo home. Join us to learn more about these animals, their environments and the importance of enrichments.

Open to youth in grades K-5; registration open at <https://bit.ly/WildwoodDayCamp>.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H DAY CAMP AT WILDWOOD ZOO

July 14th
10:00am-2:30pm

Grades
K-5

Register by July 1st!



<https://bit.ly/WildwoodDayCamp>



Zoo Enrichment Tour

- Create enrichment toys for the bears and cougar!
- Place the toys into the animal environments and watch them play!
- Learn about the importance of animal enrichment!





Animal Related Activities

- Scavenger Hunts
- Animal Adaptation Games



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

THURSDAY, JULY 17 | 9:00AM-5:00PM | DEXTER COUNTY PARK, PITTSVILLE

Outdoor Adventure Camp has become a summer favorite for our 4-Hers. Spend a day by the lake fishing, canoeing, building campfires, shooting archery, making new friends and more!

Register at <https://bit.ly/4-HOAC> before July 1.



A vibrant poster for Outdoor Adventure Camp. The background is a mix of yellow, blue, and orange. At the top left, a yellow starburst says "SAVE THE DATE!". The main title "OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP" is in large, bold, blue and white letters. Below the title, the date "JULY 17 2025" and time "9:00AM-5:00PM" are in white text on blue banners. The text "Wood & Marathon County 4-H" is in a smaller font above the title. Two circular photos show children participating in activities: one group is canoeing, and another is building a campfire. Below the photos, the text "CANOEING ARCHERY" and "FISHING CAMPFIRES" are in yellow. A central orange box contains a QR code and the text "Register by July 1st" and "https://bit.ly/4-HOAC". At the bottom, the location "Dexter County Park | Pittsville" is written. The bottom left corner features the UW-Madison Extension logo, and the bottom right corner has a disclaimer about equal opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wood & Marathon County 4-H

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Register by July 1st



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CANOEING ARCHERY

FISHING CAMPFIRES

Dexter County Park | Pittsville

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

TUESDAY, JULY 22 | 10:00AM-2:00PM | WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Celebrate Christmas in July with an assortment of Christmas-themed crafts and a day of fun.

Open to youth in grades 3+. Bring a lunch and a friend! \$5/participant.

Registration will open soon!



CLOVERBUD & EXPLORER CAMP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 10:00AM-2:30PM | NORTH WOOD COUNTY PARK, ARPIN

Cloverbud Camp is back! Help us search for the gold treasure in this great pirate adventure, just for our K-3rd grade members.

Mark your calendar - registration will open in June!



The poster features a central dark brown cloud-like shape containing the title. To the left is a rolled-up treasure map tied with a red string. To the right is a telescope. Below the title is a dotted line with a cross at the end, suggesting a treasure map. At the bottom left is a pile of gold coins. At the bottom right is a treasure chest overflowing with gold coins. The background is a light yellow with a subtle pattern.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD & EXPLORER PIRATE CAMP GRADES K-3

Are you ready for a great pirate adventure?

✈️ All Wood County 4-H members in kindergarten - 3rd grade are invited! Join us for a day of scavenger hunts, pirate crafts, and to build and test your own pirate ship!

Registration and More Details to Follow!

 August 5, 2025
 10:00AM - 2:30PM
 North County Park

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FARMERS MARKETS

The Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers Market will be opening for the season soon.

Join Wood County 4-H on the following Thursdays: July 3, 24 and August 7 from 8am-1pm for hands-on activities for kids.

We are also looking for youth to help with activities at our booth. If you are interested, reach out to Laura or Trina.



SAVE THE DATES!



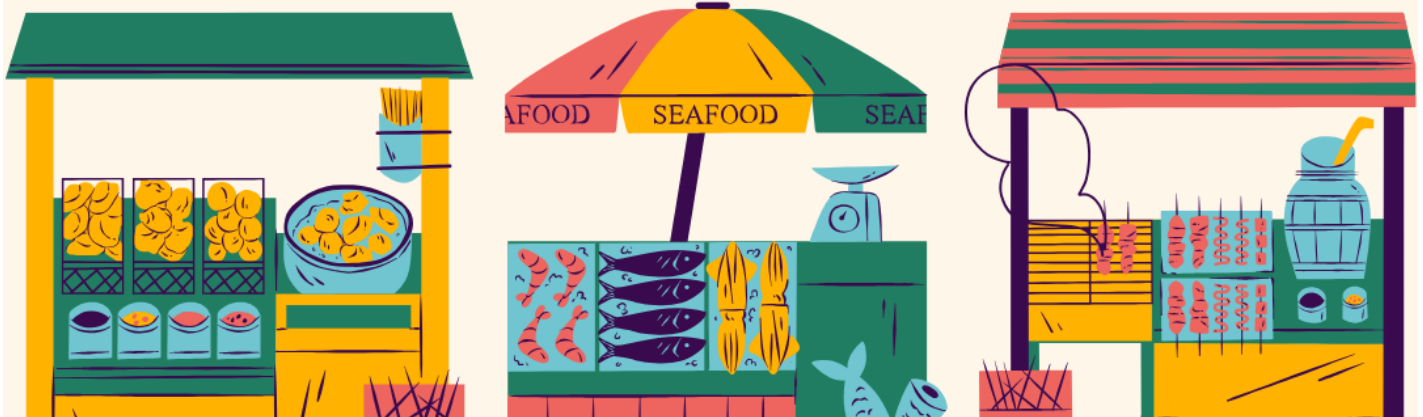
Find Wood County 4-H at the

WISCONSIN RAPIDS DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Find our booth to participate in fun and hands-on activities & crafts!

Visit us on the following Thursdays
from 8:00am-1:00pm:

- July 3
- July 24
- August 7



NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Are you looking for your next leadership and travel opportunity? Look no further than National 4-H Congress! This educational experience is set to take place from November 28-December 2, 2025! National 4-H Congress is an excellent opportunity for older youth to come together with other youth from across the Country to learn about a wide variety of topics and celebrate their 4-H careers!

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Highlights include educational workshops, exploring the city, international events, community service, educational tours, and the National Congress Gala. You can learn more on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-congress/>.

The registration fee is approximately \$1,500 per participant, dependent on flight costs. Scholarships are available at the state level, contact your local 4-H educator for County scholarship information.

Questions regarding National 4-H Congress? Reach out to Justin at justin.lieck@wisc.edu

SHARE YOUR EVENT IN YOUTH CONNECTIONS!

Youth Connections is a great way to let 4-H'ers around Wood County know what your club or project group is up to. The newsletter is published and emailed to all 4-H families every month.

Submit your article, photos, and fliers to woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov by the 25th of the month and we'll include it in the newsletter and on social media.



STAY CONNECTED WITH WOOD COUNTY 4-H

Be sure that you are staying connected and getting all the latest information and event details!

While we try to include everything in the newsletter, sometimes we like to send reminders or something exciting comes up between issues that we want to share right away.

Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to make sure you don't miss an update. Our web calendar is also updated in real time to look ahead at future events or to confirm event times and locations.



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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Now is the perfect time to plan ahead and start fundraising if you are planning to attend summer camp or a state or national travel opportunity this 4-H year. The Teen Leadership Group has an opportunity to help you raise money to offset the cost! Funds raised are good for experiences and registration costs through 2025.

For every Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card you sell, you'll receive \$15 credit toward your 2025 experience! Each card includes 5 Ultimate Car Washes and is good at any Kwik Trip car wash. What's even better? Car wash cards don't expire—they just need to be used at least once every two years. **WOW!**

For more information about the car wash card sale, please contact the office at 715-421-8439.




CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by Wood County 4-H Teen Leadership Group

Wood County 4-H youth are selling Kwik Trip car wash cards to off-set the cost of educational experiences.

5-count ULTIMATE car wash cards **ONLY** \$36


SAVE \$14 off regular price!



The Ultimate Car Wash includes:


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undercarriage Flush Presoak High-Pressure Wash or Soft Foam Wash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triple Shine Vehicle Enhancer/Cleaner Spot-Free Rinse 95-Second Super Dry
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Cards are good at ALL Kwik Trip car wash stations.




Make checks payable to Wood County 4-H Leaders Association

Cards on sale now!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JUNE 8** : Dairy Judging Meeting; 1:00pm; Forward Genetics, Marshfield
- **JUNE 8**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 9-11**: 4-H Summer Camp; Rhinelander
- **JUNE 10**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 13**: Area Animals Science Days; Pierce County Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 17**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 22**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 24**: Nekoosa Library Program; 10:00am; Charles & Jo Ann Lester Library, Nekoosa
- **JUNE 24**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 29**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JUNE 30**: Shaving Cream Art Lab; 5:00-5:45pm; Virtual
- **JULY 6**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JULY 8**: Dog Project Meeting; 5:30pm; CWSF Fairgrounds
- **JULY 8-10**: Discover WI; Northeastern Wisconsin
- **JULY 14**: Day Camp; 10:00-2:30pm; Wildwood Zoo, Marshfield
- **JULY 15**: Nekoosa Library Program; 10:00am; Charles & Jo Ann Lester Library, Nekoosa
- **JULY 15**: Foods & Dessert Revue; 1:00pm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hewitt
- **JULY 17**: Outdoor Adventure Camp; 9:00-5:00pm; Dexter County Park, Pittsville

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date list of events for Wood County 4-H, view our online calendar at:

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



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