

Wood County 4-H

YOUTH CONNECTIONS



MAY 2026

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SUMMER SHOTGUN SEASON

MAY-JULY | MARSHFIELD TRAP & SKEET CLUB

There is still time to sign up for the Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports (CW4HSS) Shotgun Program! In addition to learning shotgun basics and safety, youth will learn Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand.

Youth must be at least 12 years old by May 10, 2026, and be a WI DNR Hunter Education Course graduate.

Youth are encouraged to bring their own shotgun; guns will be available for use, if needed.


All practices will be held at the Marshfield Trap & Skeet Club from 5:30-7:00 pm on these Sundays:

- May 10: Mandatory Orientation for beginners
- May 17 - May 31: Trap
- June 7 - June 21: Skeet
- June 28 - July 12: 5-Stand

For more information about the CW4HSS Shotgun program, contact Scott at 715-460-4198 or scott_huber@tcenergy.com.



CONNECT WITH US!

 Wood County 4-H, WI

 4hwoodcountywi

woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov

<http://wood.extension.wisc.edu>

4-H 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.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H STAFF

Laura Huber, 4-H Educator
Trina Bores, AmeriCorps Member
Wendy Young, Support Staff



GO THE DISTANCE WITH 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Practice season for archery, air rifle, and air pistol with Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports may be over, but the fun doesn't have to be! Use what you've learned in practice and meet new friends from around the state at one of the many invitationals. These invitationals are open to all 4-H shooting sports members - whether it's your first year or your last! Competitors are grouped by age and by the equipment they use.

Each invitational offers different disciplines and has their own rules.

Visit

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/> for more information on each event.

- **May 8-9:** Shawano County All Star Shootout
- **May 16:** Western Gateway Invitational Shoot
- **May 29-30:** Brown County Statewide Shoot
- **July 11:** Shawano County All Star Summer Archery Shootout
- **July 12:** Shawano County All Star Summer Powder Burning Shootout
- **July 17-18:** Triple Crown Invitational; Marshfield
- **July 19:** Triple Crown Summer Blast; Marshfield (shotgun)
- **July 24-25:** Dodge County 4-H Archery & Air Gun Invitational

Youth who are at least 14 years old can qualify to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. Scores from the Invitationals will be used to determine who will represent Wisconsin in each discipline.

Find more information about qualifying for Nationals at

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/06/2020-NQE-WI-Requirements-Web.pdf>.



DC LEARNING JOURNEYS

OCTOBER 11-14 | WASHINGTON D.C.

Youth currently in grades 6-11 (7th - 12th grade in the fall) are invited to join us for Learning Journeys to Washington D.C. this fall!

This experience is funded by a donation from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation - Learning Journeys. Their goal is to provide youth with a trip to Washington DC to experience our American History, US Government, and culture.

Travel Dates: Oct 11-14, 2026 (Early morning arrival in Wausau on Oct 15th)

School Days: This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with Learning Journeys! Participants will miss school. We will provide letters to schools requesting that the absences be excused youth for this educational opportunity. Make up homework will be the responsibility of youth.

Participation: Grades 7-12 in fall of 2026

Cost:

- \$250 to cover bus transportation to airports; group t-shirts; snacks; and other supplies
- Individual spending money on trip for souvenirs, treats, etc.
- All other travel, lodging, and meal costs are covered through the Herb Kohl donation.

Experience is limited to 40 youth!

Interest form is open from May 1- 22: <https://bit.ly/4HDCInterest26>



The poster features three circular images: the Washington Monument at night, the US Capitol building, and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial. The text on the poster includes the title 'Washington DC TOUR & TRAVEL', the dates 'Oct 11-14, 2026', a thank you message to the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation, participation details for 4-H youth in grades 7-12, a list of included items (educational tours, daily meals, attraction tickets, lodging & airfare), a price of \$250/youth, and a QR code with a deadline of May 22nd and the URL <https://bit.ly/4HDCInterest26>. The 4-H logo is also present.

SHAWANO COUNTY FUN SHOW & SWAP

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SATURDAY MAY 2ND 2026

ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE **SHAWANO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

990 E. GREEN BAY ST.
SHAWANO WI 54166

THE SWAP:

- SWAP BEGINS AT 8AM
- NO COST TO SELLERS
- SET UP BEGINS AT 7AM

SHOWMANSHIP:

- FREE TO ENTER
- PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNERS OF EACH AGE GROUP
 - GRADES 3-6, GRADES 7-9 AND GRADES 10-12

EXTRAS:

- RAFFLE TABLE (TICKET DROP)
- MOELLER'S EQUIPMENT WILL BE THE SUPPLY VENDOR
- CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- AWARDS FOR BEST AND RESERVE IN SHOW

RABBIT/POULTRY FUN SHOW:

- DAY OF ENTRY - \$1 PER ANIMAL
- REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30AM
- SHOW BEGINS AT 10AM
- ALL CHICKENS MUST BE BLOOD TESTED TO BE SHOWN
 - TESTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 8:30-10 THAT MORNING FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$1
- 20 AND YOUNGER TO SHOW

CONTACT BARN SUPERINTENDENTS WITH QUESTIONS:

CHAD WENDORFF 715-584-6924

TEXT IS BEST



STATEWIDE LEGO BRICK BUILD CHALLENGE: VEHICLES

This spring, we invite youth and adults to participate in the **LEGO Brick Build Challenge**. This challenge encourages participants to imagine their dream vehicle and then create it using LEGO bricks. Where will your vehicle take you? How will it move? Will it travel under or on the water, through the air, or on the earth's surface? Does it rely on tracks to stay on course or can it fly through the air to anywhere? Does it require a special launch system? Grab that LEGO tub and build a model to show the rest of us what a cool vehicle you dream about.

Submission Details

- Entries accepted May 11 - June 1, 2026
- **Submit Here:** <https://go.wisc.edu/96x8z9>
- **Topic:** VEHICLES
- Each participant or team may submit **one entry**
- *Entries may include **up to three photos** of the LEGO model taken from different perspectives*
- *When submitting, please indicate whether the entry is from an individual or a team. Youth and adults are both welcome and encouraged to participate*

A virtual **Viewing Party** will be held on **June 7th**, where all submitted creations will be showcased and celebrated. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your imagination and creativity, see how others use Lego to bring their ideas to life, and enjoy the creations of other LEGO fans.

We look forward to seeing the unique and thoughtful LEGO creations that represent your dream vehicle.



The graphic features a green background with a decorative border of colorful leaves at the top and bottom. The title "LEGO Brick Build Challenge" is in white, and "Vehicles" is in yellow. Below the title are several images of LEGO vehicles: a rocket, a car, a tractor, a space station, and a sailboat. Text on the left provides submission details, and a green box on the right says "Save the Date: Viewing party June 7th @ 6:00 pm". The bottom right corner has logos for 4-H and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension.

LEGO Brick Build Challenge
Vehicles

Due Date: June 1, 2026
Submit here: <https://go.wisc.edu/96x8z9>
Topic: Build a Vehicle
We would love to see your brick builds!

Save the Date:
Viewing party June 7th @ 6:00 pm

Instructions: Please submit one entry per individual or team. Both youth and adults are welcome to participate. When submitting, indicate whether the entry is from an individual or a team. Each submission/model may include up to three photos taken from different perspectives.

DAIRY JUDGING PRACTICE

Practices have started for the Dairy Judging Team. The remaining schedule is listed below. Reach out to coaches Matt Dorshorst 715.340.7271 matt.dorshorst@gmail.com or Katie Yahnke 715.937.7896 katieyahnke@hotmail.com with questions.

- **May 6, 2026: 6:30pm**
Adam and Jenna Borchart Family (Holsteins)
6276 Klondike Drive, Auburndale, WI 54412-9716
- **May 20, 2026: 6:30pm**
Pat and Mary, Neil and Katie Ledden Families (Holsteins)
6649 Pleasant Hill Road, Auburndale, WI 54412-9513
- **May 27, 2026: 6:30pm**
Rick and Peggy Bangart Family (Holsteins)
204586 Bangart Road, Stratford, WI 54484
- **June 3, 2026: 6:30pm**
Hornland Farm Ken (Holsteins)
N6952 County Road K, Loyal, WI 54446-8138
- **June 10, 2026: 6:30pm**
Grass Ridge Farm, Matt and Paul Lippert (Holstein & Jersey)
5882 County Road E, Pittsville, WI 54466
- **June 17, 2026: 6:30pm**
Josh and Sarah Moga, Marshland Dairy (Jerseys)
209465 Abe Lincoln Avenue, Spencer, WI 54479
- **June 28, 2026: 12:30pm**
Forward Genetics (Holsteins) *Picnic Lunch Provided*
8371 Mill Creek Drive, Marshfield, WI 54449
- **June 30, 2026: Area Animal Science Days Competition**
Clark County Fair Grounds, Neillsville WI



QUILT CAMP

2026 SUMMER YOUTH QUILT CAMP

Sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Guild



Featured Quilt: Rail Fence
Finished size : 60"x80" (Twin)

Who: Youth in 6th grade and up

Where: Hewitt Village Hall
7688 McLean Dr, Hewitt, WI

When: Monday, May 11
5:00-7:00PM @ Quilt Kits and Beyond
Guild members will be available to help select fabrics.

Monday, June 1 - Friday June 5,
9:00AM-3:00PM
Cutting and sewing top together

Tuesday, August 4
9:00AM-noon
Work on binding

Participants will need to purchase fabric and thread for the top and backing. Several different fabrics will be needed:

Coordinating fabrics (shown as teals):

5 different fabrics, various shades of the same color *

3/4 yd each

Contrasting fabric (shown as teal inside border):

1/2 yd*

Coordinating bold print fabric (shown as butterflies):

1 1/4 yd*

Binding fabric:

3/4 yd*

Backing fabric:

4 yd

* It never hurts to purchase and extra 1/8 to 1/4 yd of each fabric to allow for mishaps.

After registering, emails will be sent with more information. Piecemakers Quilt Guild will supply cutting equipment and provide assistance in cutting and sewing of the quilt. The guild will also provide each quilter who completes their top on time, batting and machine quilting of the finished top. Quilters are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. A limited number of machines will be available.

Camp is limited to 6 participants, with a minimum of 4 participants. Please check the dates as there will be no makeup dates.

Questions: Contact

Dawn Hasz at 715-937-3402 (haszd@hotmail.com) or

Joanne Bohman at 715-305-6846 (joanneb1946@gmail.com)

Registration deadline is May 10. Please mail registrations to:

Dawn Hasz
W1793 Hwy 10
Granton WI 54436

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2026

- I have made a quilt before
- This is my first quilt
- Years in quilt camp
- I have a sewing machine
- I will need a sewing machine
- I would like to meet at a fabric store for help with fabric choice.



4-H HUNT & DRESSAGE HORSE SHOW

JUNE 26-28 | SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; PLYMOUTH, WI

The 4-H Hunt and Dressage Show is a 3-day event featuring a dressage clinic and show, over fences clinic and show, and flat and pleasure classes. You can also audit and learn at the clinics without your horse. For information on all of the classes and clinics, please see the Hunt and Dressage event information listed in the [WI 4-H Horse Association Handbook](#).

This event is open to all youth enrolled in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Program in grades 6-13. You must be registered to attend the event.

The event is held at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, WI.

Online entries are open until June 1.

Before you start - things you will need to complete your entries:

- Premise ID
- Digital copy of your Coggins test
- Review the Hunt & Dressage Show for rules and the class list (linked above).

To register for the show, click this link: <https://26WIHuntDressage.4honline.com>

1. Go to the link listed above, click on the blue button in the lower right corner that says "Register."
2. Enter your family email address and 4-H Online password then click on Login. Make sure you are using your 4-H Online Family Login.
3. Click on the name of the person you would like to register for the competitions.
4. In the EVENTS section, check the boxes for all the events you wish to participate in.
5. Read the statements and check the I Agree boxes, then "sign" by typing your name in the signature boxes.
6. **IMPORTANT - PAYMENT SCREEN:** When you get to the select payment method screen, select pay by check, even if you will be are paying online with a credit card (please see payment information below). This is to ensure that the payment goes to the WI 4-H Horse Association. Important: by system default, it will state to send payment to your local county - do not send it there because it needs to go to the WI 4-H Horse Association. Payment instructions will be in your registration confirmation e-mail.
7. **Registration Submission:** Your registration is not complete until you hit the submit button on the last page

If you have questions about this show, the best people to connect with are one of the co-chairmen:

Kristin Tetschlag at 920-980-5919 or tetsch5@att.net; or

Juliann Tetschlag at 920-627-8447 or j.tetschlag@yahoo.com

CLOVERBUD CAMPS



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CLOVERBUD CAMPS

SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 1

AUGUST 13

**MORE INFORMATION
WILL BE COMING SOON!**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION
WOOD COUNTY

4-H AT THE WR FARMERS MARKET

SAVE THE DATE!

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 9
- July 30



4-H SWIM NIGHT

WOOD COUNTY 4-H SWIM DAY!



SAVE THE DATE



**July 16th
4:00-7:00pm
AT THE
WISCONSIN RAPIDS
AQUATIC CENTER**



2026 PLAT BOOKS

The 2026 plat books are here!

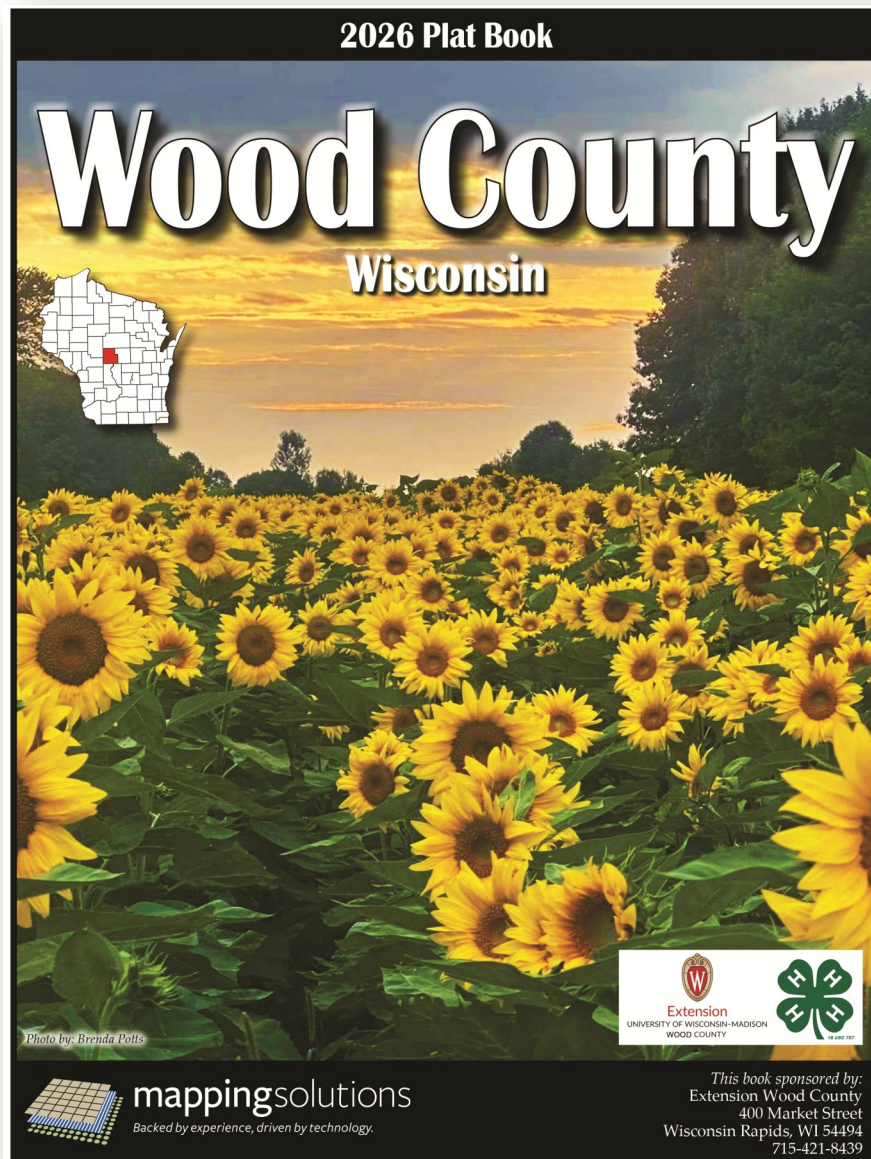
Sales of the plat books are one of the largest fundraisers for the Leaders Association and allows them to provide scholarships to members for educational experiences, support Creative Arts Day, contribute to the cost of summer camp and more.

We need EVERYONE'S help to sell books and support the Leaders Association. Books are \$35 each; for every book your club sells, your club will receive \$5.

Consider asking local businesses if they would be willing to sell books at their office. This is a great way to make the books more accessible to the community, as well as make some extra money for your club.

If you have unsold 2023 books, please make arrangements to return them to the office or your club will need to pay for them.

Contact the office at 715-421-8439 for more information.



BIKE RODEO

JUNE 17 | CENTRAL WI STATE FAIRGROUNDS

JUNE 17, 2026

10:00 - 11:30 AM

GREAT PRIZES!



WOOD COUNTY 4-H, MARSHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

BIKE RODEO

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH

FREE!



Riding your bike is a great way to get around and to get great exercise. Join us to learn how to be safe and to make sure that your bike is in great riding condition, too!



CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE FAIRGROUNDS

513 E 17TH ST, MARSHFIELD

BRING YOUR BIKE AND YOUR HELMET!



REGISTER BY JUNE 9

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/BIKERODEO2026](https://bit.ly/bikerodeo2026)



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AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

JUNE 19 | GRANT COUNTY

JUNE 30 | CLARK COUNTY

Save the dates for Area Animal Science Days! More information and registration details will be coming through social media and in your inbox!

If you are interested in participating in the livestock events as part of a Wood County team, contact Kerry Storms at kstorms11@gmail.com or 309-265-5225.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

**GRANT COUNTY
JUNE 19TH**

**CLARK COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**



**CHECK INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



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 2026.

For every Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash Card you sell, you'll receive \$15 credit toward your 2026 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:

- Undercarriage Flush
- Presoak
- High-Pressure Wash or Soft Foam Wash
- Triple Shine Vehicle Enhancer/Cleaner
- Spot-Free Rinse
- 95-Second Super Dry

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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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAY 25:** Leaders Association Meeting
- **JUNE 8-10:** Summer Camp
- **JUNE 17:** Community Bike Rodeo
- **JULY 1:** Cloverbud Camp

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.



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



Wood County 4-H, WI



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