



May

MAY 7: Board of Directors Meeting

MAY 10: Racine County Fair Submission Opens
(subject to change!)

MAY 15: Junior Leader Applications Close

MAY 25: Happy Memorial Day (No JLA Meeting)

MAY 28: Base Camp Registration Closes

4-H CELEBRATES

Gretchen Hansen

- Mrs. Hansen is an amazing PR person for Yorkville 4-H! She works hard at making sure new families feel welcomed and informed. You can see that she loves working with the youth as well through her interactions during club meetings and positive encouragement during photography meetings. Thank you Mrs. Hansen for all of your time and energy dedicated to Yorkville 4-H!

Heather Kraus

-Shout out to Heather for taking shooting sports registration online! Giving everyone the opportunity to pay online has made everything much more convenient!

Communication and Performing Arts Festival

-Thank you to the team that put together the Communication and Performing Arts Festival! It was so fun to be a part of.

[CLICK HERE TO CELEBRATE SOMEONE!](#)

WELCOME CORNER



Hello, 4-H!

My name is

Cassandra Tolefree,

and I am absolutely thrilled to be back with Extension! Joining the team as an Associate 4-H Program Educator in Racine County is an exciting new chapter in my UW-Madison journey. You may remember me from my time with FoodWise (2023-2025), where I served as a Nutrition Educator for Racine and Kenosha counties. While my previous focus was on health and nutrition, my professional background spans community-based education, case management, and wellness coaching. My 4-H role is part-time, as I spend the rest of my week serving as an Early Literacy Specialist with the Kenosha Public Library. I'm new to the specific traditions of 4-H, but I am a lifelong Girl Scout and eager to translate that passion for youth empowerment into the 4-H model through the Positive Youth

Development Institute.

I am a firm believer in the motto: NEVER STOP LEARNING!

I enjoy travel, gardening, swimming, live music and spending time

with my family and friends in my spare time. I look forward to supporting our youth, volunteers, and teammates, and I'm excited to learn from and alongside all of you. Please feel free to reach out—I'd love to connect!

- Cass





Racine County 4-H

BASE CAMP



AUGUST 14-16

AT UPHAM WOODS
N194 County Rd N, Wisconsin Dells

**3RD - 5TH GRADER 4-H MEMBERS
FROM RACINE AND KENOSHA CO**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

GET YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION HERE!

MEET OUR OUTSTANDING TEENS!



My name is Makenna Menken and I am honored to be serving as the 2026 Outstanding Teen. I have been involved in 4-H since 1st grade and started participating at the county level as soon as I could in 7th grade. I currently serve as the Vice President of Raymond 4-H club, the Vice President of the Junior Leaders Association and the President of the Racine County 4-H Ambassadors. I also love leading our club's home environments project and judging Cloverbuds at the fair. In addition to 4-H, I swim competitively and have since I was 7 years old. I currently compete with the Burlington High School Co-op and South Eastern Aquatics Swim Teams. My love for music and leadership also has me involved as a member of the Waterford Union High School's choir and music honor society. When I have downtime I love reading, baking, and spending time with my family and friends. I am so grateful for this incredible opportunity and can't wait to meet everyone over the next year!

Let me know if this works.

Thank you!

-Makenna Menken

My name is Daisy Gehrand and I am one of your 2026 Outstanding Teens. I am a member of Kan-Do 4-H Club, a Junior at Union Grove High School, and 16 years old. At Union Grove High School, I am a member of Forensics, National Honors Society, and the Girl's Tennis Team. Some of my favorite projects are Basketry, Crocheting, and Swine. Some of my favorite things to do include going hiking, spending time with family, and volunteering in the community. A few things I am looking forward to this year are the Racine County Fair, 4-H Open House, and Holiday Ball.



-Daisy



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



ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Regional animal science educational opportunities are available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include dairy cattle evaluation; livestock (beef, sheep, swine, & meat goats) evaluation; oral reasons contests for senior members; and dairy showmanship contests. In addition, each site may offer a variety of workshops like poster and photography contests or horse judging activities.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE HERE!

JUNIOR LEADER APPLICATIONS

Junior Leaders (7th grade -12th) are needed to lead groups of Cloverbuds in activities such as art projects, science experiments, stories, music and/or recreational activities. If you are interested in being a teen volunteer for this event, please complete the application below by Friday, May 15, 2026.

Please check your calendar before applying! Be sure you are available all day (approximately 7:30 am - 4:30 pm) on August 6th.

LEARN MORE HERE!





Announcement

RACINE COUNTY 4-H CLUB POSTER CONTEST 2026



Racine County Leaders Association would like to offer a great opportunity for Racine County 4-H Clubs. Your club has the opportunity to create a poster that will promote your club. As a club you will decide how you will arrive at your final poster entry.



ONE POSTER TO BE ENTERED PER CLUB

REQUIRED ON YOUR CLUB'S POSTER:

- *Name of your club
- *When your general meeting is held - Day, Time, and Location
- *UW Extension Logo
- *4-H State Logo
- *Explanation of how you came to the decision of your final entry

OPTIONAL:

- *Racine County Fair Theme "There's No Time Like Fair Time"

****POSTER SIZE: 22" Tall x 14" Wide****

Be creative and have fun deciding on your club's final entry

Posters will be judged
on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
All posters will be judged by the 4-H
Communications Judge.

DUE DATE:
THE POSTERS ARE TO BE
TURNED IN
AT THE LEADERS
ASSOCIATION MEETING
ON JUNE 4TH, 2026.
IVES GROVE OFFICE
BUILDING

Any questions or concerns contact
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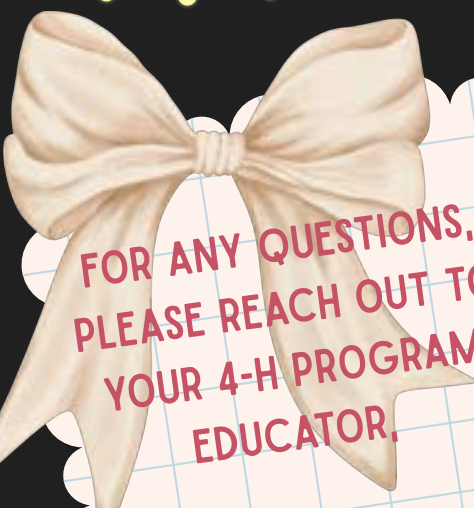




FRIDAY WRAP-UP

If you would like more up to date Racine County 4-H News, you can sign up for the Friday Wrap Up email. This email comes out every Friday. You can sign up to receive this email below.

SIGN UP HERE!



FOR ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE REACH OUT TO
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