



# Calumet County 4-H Newsletter

**January 2024**

Dear Calumet County 4-H,

Happy New Year!

This is a great time to look to the year ahead through the lens of the 4-H pledge. I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking. Resolve to learn a new skill, take a challenging class, or develop a new hobby. Whether you're doing something for pleasure, to improve yourself, or out of curiosity, it's always great to try something new!

My HEART to greater loyalty. Plan to do something regularly as a family. This could be cooking dinner together or having a game night. Set aside time to be with friends and loved ones each month. Prioritizing our relationships with family and friends is key to a happy heart.

My HANDS to larger service. Organize a service project with your 4-H Club. Volunteer on your own or with your family. You could even volunteer to mentor younger 4-H members, such as those in our Cloverbud Club!

And my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world. What are you doing personally to make better, healthier choices?

No matter what you decide to commit to for your New Year's Resolution, do what make you happy. Try to better yourself by creating achievable goals for 2024. As always, reach out to our office if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carlea Liermann'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'C' at the beginning.

Carlea Liermann  
Calumet County 4-H Educator

# January 2024

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|  | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4  | 5   | 6   |
| 7  | 8<br>Lego Robotics at 6pm in Rm 017 at Courthouse<br><br>Skillathon Practice at 6pm in Rm 025 at Courthouse | 9<br>Extension Education Committee Mtg at 6pm in Rm 025 at Courthouse | 10<br>Leaders Council Mtg at 7pm in Rm 025 at Courthouse | 11<br>Teen Ambassadors at 6:30pm in Rm 020 at Courthouse                     | 12  | 13<br>Specialty Cookies Workshop from 9am-12pm in Foods Lab at Chilton HS |
| 14<br>4-H Graduation 4pm at Neighborhood Bar & Grill | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18<br>Cloverbud Club Meeting, Group A at 5:30 Rm 020; Group B at 6:00 Rm 025 | 19  | 20<br>Family Fun Day 1pm-5pm at Brillion Community Center                 |
| 21   | 22<br>Clay Earrings Workshop 5:30-7:30pm in Rm 020 at Courthouse  | 23  | 24   | 25   | 26<br>Annual 4-H Dance at Cobblestone, Brillion, 7-10pm | 27  |
| 28   | 29  | 30  | 31   |  |   |   |

## Save The Date

### Family Fun Day

Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the Brillion Community Center from 1:00-5:00pm

### Annual 4-H Dance

Friday, January 26, 2024 at Cobblestone in Brillion from 7:00-10:00pm

### 4-H Family Night with

### Wisconsin Herd

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Oshkosh Arena

## Kudos

Thank you to the Project Support Committee for helping to pack the Holiday Project Boxes! This included Maddy & Katie Jones, Tracy & Emma Wagner, Amy Suha, and Abby & Becky Krahn! Special thanks to maintenance for helping to get rid of the continuous cardboard collection that accumulated during the ordering of supplies and packing of boxes.

Thank you to Lori Nagel for driving our current WLC members down to the Dells while they helped with the Farm Bureau Tradeshow!



## Leaders Council Board Meeting Highlights

The Leaders Council Board met on Wednesday, November 8th at the Calumet County Courthouse at 7pm. The board decided to have the Family Fun Day also be our Opportunity Fair, and discussed who would be able to help that day. Maggie shared more about the Youth in Governance Program, and how local teens will be on county board committees to bring their voice to decision making. Some other county programs that will be taking place: UW-Meat Science Tour, Teen Travel Experience, Cooking with Meat Project Box, and Skill-a-thon.

The board also discussed insurance for the food stand that is purchased through the Fair Board. Due to the funds that were raised this year, the board does need to hire an accountant to file taxes per federal law. They also approved the purchase of food for the recognition dinner.

### Next Meeting

The next Leaders Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th at 7pm in Room #025 of the Calumet County Courthouse. During the meeting, the board will discuss the upcoming Family Fun Day and go over the schedule and the roles/support needed for the day. The final details for the 4-H Dance and raffle will also be discussed. The board will also be discussing the fair food stand for 2024. The 4-H Educator will also give updates on winter programming.

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## Key Award

This award is the top honor a 4-H member can achieve in 4-H in Wisconsin. Two awards can be given this year in Calumet County. Also, the key award winners will have the opportunity to be a recipient of the Cheri Sattler Memorial Scholarship.

**Qualifications:** at least 14 years old on January 1, 2024, and completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

Interviews for the Key Awards are TBD. Applications will be available on the "Things to Do in 4-H page" of our website: <https://calumet.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/things-to-do-in-4-h/>, and are due back to the Extension office by Monday, April 8, 2024.

## 2024 Annual Pinewood Derby

A popular event for our 4-H program last year is returning in 2024, and it is open to all 4-H members (Cloverbuds through 13th grade), adults, and even non-4-H members! Invite your friends to join you!

- ⇒ **Kick-off - Saturday, January 20, 2024 (part of the 4-H Family Fun Day - Brillion Community Center)**
- ⇒ **Practice - Friday, March 8 at 6:00pm (location TBD)**
- ⇒ **Derby Finale - Sunday, March 10 at 1:00pm (location TBD)**

A pinewood derby is a racing event where you build your own car from kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels, and metal axles. The Leaders Council will purchase the kits for our 4-H members to participate! If an adult or non-4-H participant would like to compete as well, they would need to pay \$5.00 for their kit. Blocks can be whittled with a hand knife, bandsaw, or Dremel carving tool for major shaping. Decals can be bought to decorate your car, or you are encouraged to use your imagination to paint and decorate the way you'd like!

Sign up to reserve your pinewood derby kit at this link: <https://forms.gle/iz98q8dA6G57Jo9t8> or for those without computer/internet access, please contact the 4-H Office. Car kits will be at the kick-off for pick-up on Saturday, January 20th, as part of the 4-H Family Fun Day at Brillion Community Center.



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## Have you signed up for the 2023-2024 Cloverbud Club?

The Calumet County 4-H Cloverbud Club is open to any youth in grades 5K -2nd. The goal of the program is to engage the youngest members of 4-H, so they can learn what 4-H is about with hands-on activities and exposure to the different project areas. Youth get to meet others their own age from all around Calumet County. Activities and meetings are designed just for them and their age groups.

Monthly meetings take place at the Calumet County Courthouse on the 3rd Thursday of each month with Group A at 5:30-6:30pm and Group B at 6:00-7:00pm. You and your family will select and attend the group time that works best for you. Usually, they last around 45 minutes to an hour. Cost is \$10 for the year to cover the cost of supplies.

Youth can be part of a traditional Community Club as well as Cloverbud Club. To sign up, please join the Cloverbud Club on 4HOnline. You can select it to be your primary club or your secondary club. Please reach out to our office if you have any questions on this!

## Lego Robotics

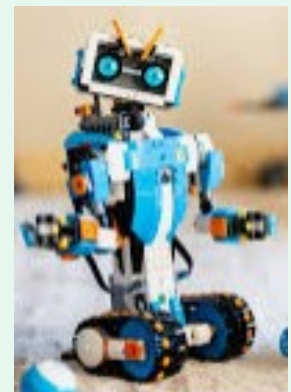
Have you signed up for 2024 Lego Robotics?

This year we will continue to work on the Lego Robotics Challenge Kit from a past competition season: Animal Allies!

Lego Robotics is ALL about teamwork! As a team, we will choose an animal. It might be an animal that lives in your home or neighborhood. Learn about the ways people interact with this type of animal. As a team, we will then identify a specific problem with the way people interact with your animal. As a team, we will design a solution to the problem, with the Lego Robotics Kit!

The team will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6pm.

If you'd like to join us, please sign up using the Google form: <https://forms.gle/HteFfKx8gTdnDsya8>







# Family Fun Day

Saturday, Jan 20 1-5pm

Brillion Community Center

1-1:30pm - Pinewood Derby Kick-off

1:30-2pm - Community Service Project

2-4pm - Spark Stations

2-4pm - Swimming

4-5pm - Bingo



Come join us for the 2024 Family Fun Day taking place at the Brillion Community Center on Saturday, January 20th at 1:00-5:00pm. This free event is open to both current members and those interested in learning more about 4-H!

Those who would like to swim from 2:00-4:00pm, do need to sign up for a time slot as we are limiting all to an hour as we would like to open this up to as many youth as possible who would like to swim. Youth 7 and under must have a parent or guardian swimming with them. Sign up for a swimming time slot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844A9A62DA4FECE9-46120843-family#/>

## Calumet County Livestock & Skill-a-thon Teams

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon Contest! 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 are the contests?

These are two different contests all about livestock where you can use your knowledge about the animal species (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat) and the industry.

- **Livestock Quiz Bowl:**

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions (similar to the game show Jeopardy). Teams compete in a double-elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The top team earns the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

- **Livestock Skill-a-thon:**

Everything you know about raising your animal adds up to so much knowledge of the species and the industry. The Skill-a-thon contest will help you challenge you to share that information through a written quiz and leaning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. There are both individual and team stations. The top team earn the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

### Who can participate?

Any current 4-H members, grades 3-13. Please note, there are age divisions for each of those contests and parameters for grade 13 members. 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? If you are interested in participating in the Skillathon or Quiz Bowl, please reach out to our office as we are starting to coordinate practices! First practice will be Monday, January 8th at 6pm.

*\*\*Youth who participate will receive credit towards their educational sessions required for the market animal sale.*

## Save the Dates

### STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

**4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST  
FEB. 3, 2024**

**SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL  
MARCH 16, 2024**

**BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE  
UW MADISON CAMPUS**



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## Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications will be accepted **starting December 15, 2023**, and must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email **by Friday, March 1, 2024, at 5:00pm**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2024-2025 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be emailed to the 4-H Foundation as one, two-page PDF. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position. For help with creating cover letters and résumés, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, county educator, or a teacher or parent. For more information, visit this link: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



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## Calling All Youth Members Who Love Being Creative

The 2024 State Arts Team and Drama Company applications are NOW OPEN until January 16th, 2024.

When you apply to either of these state teams, you will be on a team with other youth from around the state of Wisconsin who share the same passion, and enjoy being creative! Whether that be by creating art or being involved in putting on drama shows, you can do it with Wisconsin 4-H!

You can apply now by clicking here:

State Arts Team:

<https://23wi4hartteam.4honline.com/>

Drama Company:

<https://23wi4hdco.4honline.com/>

A graphic with a white background and a black border, set against a grey textured background. On the left is a paint palette with a brown brush. On the right are three colorful theatrical masks (blue, orange, pink). Below the images, the text reads: "Applications Now Open For" in bold black font, followed by "State Teams" in a green script font. At the bottom, smaller text says: "Drama Company and State Arts Teams Applications are now open! Apply on 4-H Online Today! Applications close January 16th, 2024".

**Applications  
Now Open For** State Teams

Drama Company and State Arts Teams Applications are now open!  
Apply on 4-H Online Today!  
Applications close January 16th, 2024

## 2024 Communications Contest

The 4-H Communications Contest will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Calumet County Courthouse in Room #025. Registration is required by February 13, 2024.

Grade divisions and time limits are listed below:

### **Demonstration Guidelines -**

Grades K-2 (2-6 minutes)

Grades 3-5 (2-7 minutes)

Grades 6-8 (4-8 minutes)

Grades 9+ (5-10 minutes)

Show how to do something and explain each step. A demonstration table with an overhead mirror and easel will be provided. A poster or tri-fold should be used as a visual.

### **Original Speech (known as speaking contest) Guidelines -**

Grades K-2 (2-4 minutes)

Grades 3-5 (2-4 minutes)

Grades 6-8 (5-7 minutes)

Grades 9+ (5-7 minutes)

Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. This could be about a 4-H project you love or a current issue you are concerned about. Your speech could inform, persuade, or motivate your audience. Your entire speech or an outline of your speech can be put on notecards for use during your presentation, or it may be memorized. You may also use visuals (posters, charts, diagrams, power point) to help you deliver your speech, but NOT props or costumes. (Keep in mind, this is a speech, not a demonstration)

### **Interpretive Speech Guideline -**

Grades K-2 (2-4 minutes)

Grades 3-5 (2-4 minutes)

Grades 6-8 (5-7 minutes)

Grades 9+ (5-7 minutes)

A memorized introduction should be included to credit the author. The options include: prose reading, poetry reading, a memorized piece, storytelling (where the story is told and not read), or an interpretive speech (a speech that had originally been written and presented by someone else). You may edit your selection to meet the time requirement. Original poetry or stories can also be used. You should write an introduction and any transitions that are needed if you have more than one piece. Cloverbuds are permitted to read, and not memorize. Props or costumes are encouraged.

### **Readers Theater & Storytelling Guidelines -**

Grades K-2 (2-4 minutes)

Grades 3-5 (2-4 minutes)

Grades 6-8 (5-7 minutes)

Grades 9+ (5-7 minutes)

Storytelling can be read or memorized and should include interaction between the audience and storyteller.

**Interview Contest Guidelines** - Youth in grades 3 & above are invited to participate in the first interview contest. Each participant will have a scheduled interview on the night of February 23rd. These interviews will be similar to Educational Experience Scholarship Interviews, where it will be based off of your 4-H experience. Youth will be asked to submit a cover letter and resume prior to the registration deadline of February 15th, so the interviewer has time to review ahead of time.

To register, please complete the information here: <https://forms.gle/mem3pwsN85BCCgWG8>





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We are looking for  
Clubs & families  
to donate baskets  
for the silent  
auction!

# 4-H RAFFLE

Ticket  
**\$2**

**1/2 GOES BACK TO CLUBS**

**FRIDAY, JAN 26 | AT 9 PM**

**Cobblestone Creek  
Brillion**

**New this year, raffle prizes total \$650**

**Winners will be drawn as follows:**

**2 - \$75**

**7 - \$50**

**6 - \$25**

**Need Not be Present to Win**



# Spark Workshop: Polymer Clay Earrings

*Monday, January 22nd*

*Tuesday, March 5th*

*Saturday, May 4th*

Calumet County Courthouse

Grades 5th-13th

Cost: \$10 (January & March); \$15 (May)

4-H Members in grades 5-13 are invited to join us and Izzy from Daffodil & Co. to learn how to make their own polymer clay earrings. Each youth will make 4-5 pairs of earrings. For the May date, you sign up as a Mother/Daughter pair to make earrings. Izzy will share how she was able to take her spark and turn it into a business! Spots are limited, registration is on a first come first serve basis.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Select what date you'd prefer:    **Jan 22**        **March 5**        **May 4**

**Make checks payable to Calumet Count 4-H Leaders Council**

**Send this form & check to: Extension Office**

**206 Court Street, Chilton, WI 53014**



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Save the Date

FEB 9<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup> 2024



# Winter LEADERSHIP CAMP

@Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca

Registration Opens

**DEC 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Registration Closes

**JAN 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



Scan to register.

A weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding and making new friends to winter recreation and campfire, there will be something for everyone! Youth will participate in hands-on, interactive sessions to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.



## For youth in grades 7th and up

in the following counties: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Portage, Washington, Waupaca, and Winnebago.



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# Wisconsin 4-H Night

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing through this link will get to participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- Jockey High Five Tunnel

GAME:  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
@7PM



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LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP  
FOR TICKETS TODAY!

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION:  
SCAN THE QR CODE!  
OR VISIT:**

[fevognm.com/Wisconsin4h](http://fevognm.com/Wisconsin4h)



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR [TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM](mailto:TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM)

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## 2023-2024 4-H Theme

“Chilin’ in 4-H”



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