



[Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project](#)



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Upcoming Events:

- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday October 14
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 11
- Year-End Banquet
Saturday, December 6
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 9
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 13



Add the Horse Project calendar to your Google calendar [HERE!](#)

Horse/Horseless Horse Project Banquet

To close out the 2024-25 project year, the Waukesha County 4-H Horse/Horseless Horse projects will be hosting a banquet at 12:00p (noon) on **Saturday, December 6** at Thunder Bay Grille. All project members are invited to attend! Food will be served and good-standing awards will be distributed.

Please let us know [HERE](#) whether you plan to attend or not so we can make proper arrangements. Hope to see you there!



Time to Register for the New Year

The 2025-202 4-H program year is now OPEN!

Each year 4-H members must enroll or re-enroll to participate in Extension Waukesha County 4-H programming. To become an approved Extension Waukesha County 4-H member (youth member), you must enroll in 4-H Online, and pay the county enrollment fee. You can join 4-H any time of year, but the best time to join a 4-H Community Club is in the Fall. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Become a Volunteer!

A successful 4-H program relies on volunteers like you

Adult volunteers are essential to the 4-H program and they contribute their time in a variety of ways. They help youth learn and practice skills such as problem solving, decision making, and communicating – skills crucial for their success in school, careers, and communities. Volunteers have fun while making a positive impact on the youth in Waukesha County. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Wisconsin State 4-H Expo

Event Recap

Three Waukesha 4-H Horse Project members competed in the 2025 State 4-H Expo held at the Wisconsin State Fair Park on September 12-14.

Sydney Nicholas

- Top 10 Hunter Under Saddle
- Top 10 Hunt Seat Equitation
- Top 10 Trail

Gwendolyn Peterson

- Grand Champion In-Hand Trail
- Top 10 Trail
- Top 10 Hunter Under Saddle
- Top 10 English Equitation
- Top 10 Western Showmanship
- Top 10 Western Pleasure

Kendall Smith

- Grand Champion In-Hand Trail
- Reserve Champion Hunt Seat Equitation
- Top 10 Photography



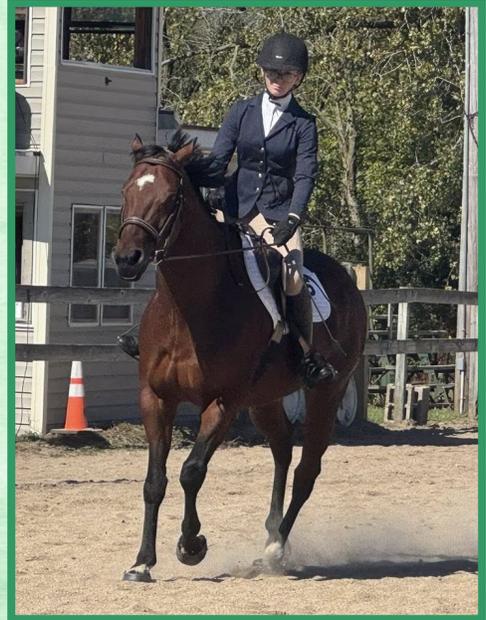


Last Show of 2025

The last approved show of the season was September 28 hosted by the Menomonee Falls Saddle Club. Congrats to Kendall and Davie for a great performance!

Thank you to all of the members who showed this year, and all the families and volunteers who made this show year possible! We tried a new system for the shows, and we hope that everyone enjoyed it.

Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Pleasure Show



Clinic Survey

As we kick off another exciting year in the Waukesha 4-H Horse Project, we're looking forward to a season full of **fun, growth, and learning together**. Horses give us so many opportunities—not only to build riding skills, but also to learn responsibility, teamwork, and confidence that last far beyond the barn.

To make sure our meetings and activities fit what *you* want most, we'd love your input! Please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey about what your child is most interested in learning this year. Your feedback will help us plan a program that's engaging, educational, and fun for everyone.

[Click Here to Complete Survey](#)

Thank you for being such an important part of our 4-H Horse Project family—we can't wait for a great year ahead!



Featured 4-Hers of the Month

Waukesha 4-H's Equine Ambassador – Ella Niles
Hi! My name is Ella and this is my third year in the Horse/Horseless Horse Project. This summer I showed a five-year-old Quarter Horse gelding named Adobe, and we got Reserve Champion in the Western riding division. I am also this year's Equine Ambassador. And I am a senior in high school, and plan on going to Black Hawk College in Illinois for Equestrian Science.



Horse Project Member—Ryan Wolfe
Ryan has been an Ottawa 4-H Club and horse project member for 9 years. He lives in Ottawa and is a senior at Kettle Moraine High School. Although he started showing his pony and then a Paint mare during his years in 4-H, he switched to showing miniature horses three years ago.

Ryan currently shows his mini horse, Jax (age 8) and his family's newest mini horse, Tada (age 2). Ryan's favorite classes are showmanship and in-hand trail. Ryan has been grateful for the learning and showing opportunities through 4-H. This past September, Ryan earned National Championships in in-hand trail classes with both Jax and Tada at a competition in Oklahoma.

Featured 4-Her Request

Our group is a wonderful mix of members—some are experienced horsemen, while others are brand new to the world of horses. That's what makes our project so special—we all learn from and support each other!

We would love to feature each of our members in our newsletters! Please send us a **short bio and a photo** of your member. The bio can be just a few sentences—share your name, what you enjoy most about horses, and anything else fun you'd like people to know.

Please email bio and picture of your 4-Her to Waukesha.horse@gmail.com



Please send any feedback about the 2025 show season to Waukesha.horse@gmail.com. We'd love to hear what you think!





The More You Know

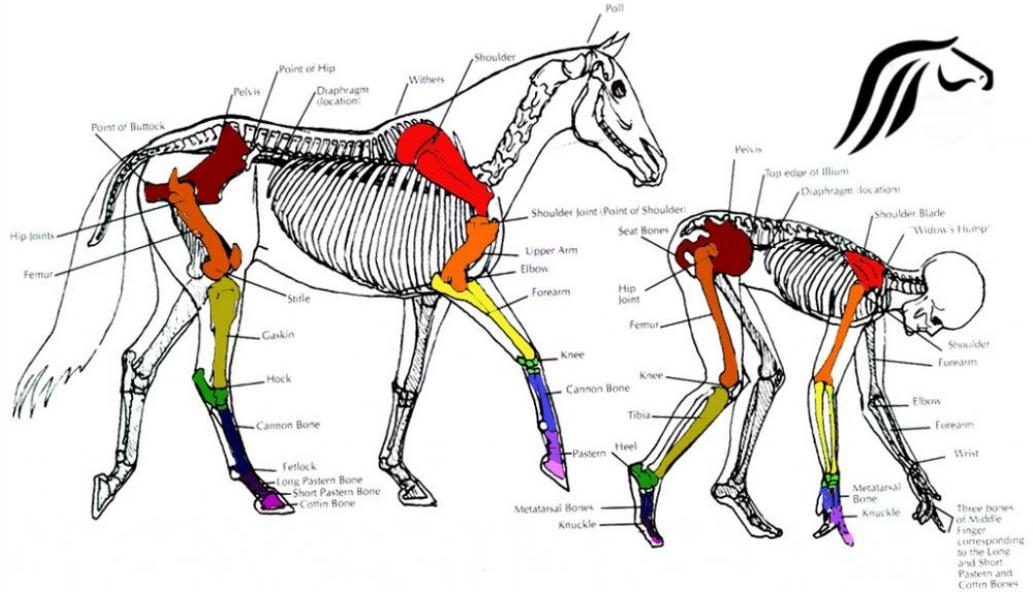
The More You Grow



To Make the Best BETTER

Horses vs Humans

Comparisons of humans to horses logically can start with the anatomy. We stand upright; horses stand prone on their four limbs. What we call our knees are the stifles of horses, and our heels or ankles are horses' hocks. Our foot is their cannon bone, and from the fetlocks to the ground are our fingers and toes. Our fingernail is their hoof, and our nail growth generates from the cuticle, their hoof from the coronary band.



Horses

- Herbivore (grass eater or grazing species).
- Small stomach compared to body size to accommodate grazing through the day.
- A muscular valve from the esophagus to the stomach prevents vomiting.
- Only breathe through their nose
- Head-down grazing helps eliminate mucus
- Walks within 90 minutes of being born
- Life-threatening complications can appear if horse goes 72-96 hours without standing
- Brain weighs 1.5 pounds (0.15% body weight)
- Heart weighs 10 pounds (1% body weight)
- Eye is two inches in diameter
- 36-44 permanent teeth
- Eyes located on side of head give 350 degree field of vision

Humans

- Omnivores (eating both meat and plants)
- Larger stomach compared to body size to accommodate larger meals.
- Can vomit (sometimes at will) to eliminate harmful ingested substances
- Breathe through nose or mouth
- Relies on coughing alone to eliminate mucus
- Walks at 10 to 18 months old
- Can survive for decades without standing
- Brain weighs 3 pounds (2% body weight)
- Heart weighs 10 ounces (0.5% body weight)
- Eye is just under one inch in diameter
- 32 permanent teeth
- Eyes located on front of head give 180 degree field of vision, but better depth perception



Field of Vision

