



Welcome to the Horse/Horseless Horse Projects!

The new project year for the Waukesha County 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse Projects is underway. Welcome back to our previous members and welcome to all of our new members!

We hope to keep growing and improving the project each year. We have a lot of new, young horse and horseless horse project members and hope to give some great educational opportunities to them, as well as our older experienced members. We would love to hear what you would like to see from the project this year. Please email Waukesha.horse@gmail.com with any suggestions!

We hope that you all take advantage of the opportunities offered and would love to hear back from everyone about what they would like to get out of the project. I hope you're excited for all that is to come!



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Time to Register for the New Year

The 2025-2026 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.



Upcoming Events:

- Project Night
Wednesday, November 5
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 11
- Project Night
Wednesday, Nov. 12
- Year-End Banquet
Saturday, December 6
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 9

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.

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. 



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!



Project Nights at the Expo

The Horse Project will be active in the Waukesha 4H Project Nights at the Expo Center. We would love to see you there!

November 5

Learn what it takes to get started in an animal project and how to show your animal at fair!

Other projects represented include Jewelry, Robotics, Quilting, STEM, Weaving, and Woodworking.

Register [HERE](#)

November 12

Discover many different kinds of horse competitions and try out their patterns on stick horses! Horsemanship, Gymkhana, Driving, and more!

Register [HERE](#)

December 10

Learn how to show model horses just like the real thing! Discover how to set up your models, create realistic show scenes, and impress the judges. Class led by experienced model horse competitor. (registration coming soon!)



Tack Sale

This is the Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project's largest fundraiser of the year. 100% of the proceeds benefit our youth's equestrian education through the 4-H Horse Project in Waukesha County.

The annual WC4-HHA Tack Sale is one of the most well attended tack sales in Wisconsin. This sale has been a HUGE SUCCESS due in part to the venue at the Waukesha County Expo (Forum Building), our vendors, and our amazing volunteers.

This year's tack sale will be held on:

Sunday, February 8
9am to 1pm

Please mark your calendars. We need all hands on deck to make this a successful event. Also, you don't want to miss out on all the all the goodies for sale!

Have stuff to sell?

Vendor registration is open. Find more information on the website [HERE](#)

Availability Survey

We are in the planning stages for some exciting and educational activities for this year and would like to have as many members as possible be able to attend the events. We know that kids have busy schedules with sports, clubs, and other projects. Therefore, before we finalize dates, we want input from our members about their availability. Please complete our survey below to let us know what works for your family.

[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!

We Need Your Help





Featured 4-Hers of the Month

NEW Horse Project Member—Layne Clavette

Layne is 16 years old and this is her third year showing. Javie is her main horse and does jumping, barrels, poles, and other speed classes. Layne loves riding both english and western but prefers to ride bareback. She loves to go on trail rides with her friends, and meeting new people at shows.



I am thankful for...



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 Horse Project and Horseless Horse Project 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

Horse Project Member—Gwendolyn Peterson

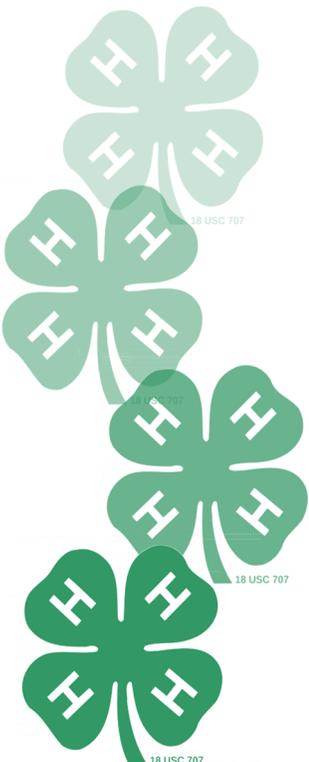
Gwendolyn is 14 years old and this will be her sixth year showing her paint mare Annie in 4-H. She shows both English and Western classes at pleasure shows, has done some jumping shows, recently fell in love with gymkhana, and dreams of doing mounted archery. Gwen and Annie ride on both Menomonee Falls Saddle Club drill teams—the Shadow Drifters and the Sky Drifters.

It may seem like Gwen doesn't talk, but once she is comfortable around someone, she'll talk their ear off. Gwen also loves playing Dungeons & Dragons, reading, and pottery.



Horse Project Member—Kendall Smith

My name is Kendall Smith I am 13 years old and this is my 4th year in the 4-H. This is me with my horse Davie who we've had for almost 3 years. He was a race horse, they called him Kantharito. But now Davie and I work together training for various events such as basic flat hunter and equitation classes, jumping classes, dressage, showmanship, trail, and eventing. I am involved in other projects in the 4-H too such as dairy, small animals, cake decorating, candy making, art work, and small animals.





Get to know the WC4HHA Officers

President—Megan Peterson

This is my sixth year as a parent in the Waukesha Horse Project. After three years as project secretary, I am happy to step up as president. I was an active member of the Door County 4-H horse project as a youth. I have owned horses since I was 10 years old and have shown in pleasure, gymkhana, ranch, equine trail sports, and drill team. I love helping the next generation of kids learn and grow as equestrians!



Vice-President—Amie Lalor

I've been involved with the Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project for over a decade. After being a member of the horse board for a few years, I was elected Vice President and continue to enjoy the position. I own and manage EIConn Farm, a horse boarding facility, where I encourage 4-H participation. I believe the education and leadership skills 4-H provides our youth are true assets to their development.



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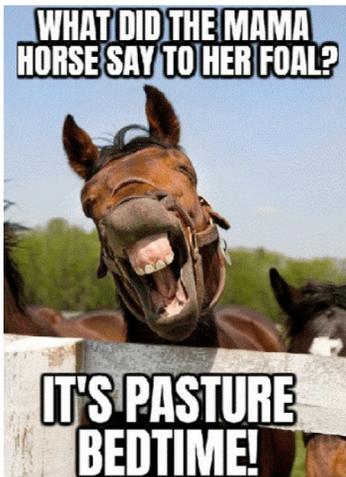


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Treasurer—Angie Conto-Smith

This is my fourth year as a parent in the Waukesha Horse Project and third year as the treasurer. I was in the Sheboygan County Horseless Horse Project as a youth and showed English classes on my cousin's Saddlebred horse named Tillie. We have jumped in with two feet and bought a horse to add to our family, Davie is my daughter's Thoroughbred and they are a great pair. I love to watch them learn and progress together. I am an active member and am learning new things all the time. This is a great project and wonderful people to work with.



Secretary—Shelly Adkins

The Adkins family is starting our third year in the Waukesha 4-H Horse project. This will be the first year that I have the privilege of the role of secretary for the horse project. I have always had a love for horses and got my first horse Sadie, for my thirtieth birthday. Sadie and I had a great partnership for sixteen years trail riding, competing in western dressage and participating in the Waukesha County Fair open show. I love being involved in the Waukesha Horse Project and sharing my love of horses with the youth of the community and supporting my son Wyatt as he grows his horsemanship skills in the project.



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What is Hippology?

Hippology is the study of the horse. It is also the term that is used to describe an event in 4-H, where kids are tested on their horse knowledge. This includes anything from nutrition to parts of the horse to parts of the equipment. It goes over all things horses!

If you are a horse owner or interested in owning a horse, it is important to know how to properly care for them. Hippology covers information that is the foundation of owning a horse.

When working with horses, proper equipment and knowledge of the equipment keeps all involved much safer and in better shape. Without proper knowledge, working your horse can quickly turn into a dangerous situation.

Numerous horse owners ignore the need of knowing the body parts of their horse. However, it is necessary for when your horse injures themselves. You can then accurately describe the placement of the wound to the veterinarian to allow them to show up more prepared to better treat your pal!

Overall, it is basically studying and understanding your owner's manual of your car, except for horses! Each of our shows will have a hippology class for any member to participate in, whether or not they are showing a horse.

To learn more, try our virtual hippology clinic on our website [HERE](#). We will also host an in-person clinic later this year.



Hippology Practice

- Which is NOT a part of a saddle?
 - Billet
 - Gullet
 - Cantle
 - Torque
- Which of the following is a pony breed?
 - Arabian
 - Welsh
 - Andalusian
 - Morgan
- Horses can sleep with their eyes open.
 - True
 - False
- Which breed of horse did NOT originate in the United States?
 - Saddlebred
 - Quarter Horse
 - Haflinger
 - Appaloosa
- What is essential for muscle health?
 - Magnesium
 - Vitamin C
 - Fluoride
 - Uranium
- What disease would be associated with these symptoms: high temperature, increased respiration, depression, nasal discharge, swelling of lymph nodes which usually abscess?
 - Tetanus
 - Heaves
 - Strangles
 - Equine Infectious Anemia

Terminology

Mare: A female horse that is at least four years old.

Stallion: A male horse that is at least four years old and has not been castrated.

Gelding: A male horse that has been castrated, regardless of age.

Foal: A horse of either sex under one year old.

Weanling: A horse that has been separated from its mother and is less than one year old

Yearling: A horse of either sex that is between one and two years old.

Colt: A male horse that is under four years old.

Filly: A female horse that is under four years old.

Pony: A horse that measures less than 14.2 hands (58 inches) at the withers

Miniature: A small breed of horse (38 inches or less) with appearance more similar to a horse rather than pony.

PONY VS FOAL



Stocky	Body	Lean
Broad	Chest	Thin
Short and strong	Legs	Long and delicate
Strong	Hooves	Tender
Heavy	Hair	Thin
Long and thick	Mane & Tail	Short and thin