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Upcoming Events:

- Project Days Clinic
Sunday, January 5
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 7
- **Mandatory Meeting**
Tuesday, January 28
- Project Days Clinic
Sunday, February 2
- Horse Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 4

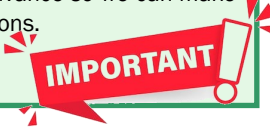
 Add the Horse Project calendar to your Google calendar [HERE!](#)

Mandatory Meeting
Tuesday, January 28

The Waukesha County 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse Project mandatory meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30pm** at the Waukesha County Library.

All Horse and Horseless Horse project members are required to attend to be in good standing. We will cover rules, expectations, and events for the year.

Please RSVP [HERE](#) to let us know you are coming! If you cannot make it to the meeting, please let us know in advance so we can make alternate accommodations.



Tack Sale Fundraiser
Sunday, February 9

Looking to declutter your barn or make some extra cash? Rent a table at our Waukesha Co. **4-H Horse Tack Sale** and turn your gently used tack, gear, and supplies into profit!

Looking for tack, clothes, toys, books, gifts, and more? The tack sale has something for everyone!

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.

Please mark your calendars. We need all hands on deck to make this a successful event. This year's tack sale will be held on **Sunday, February 9 from 9am to 1pm**

Thank you to our donors!

Please stop by the following businesses and thank them for their continued support of the Waukesha 4-H Horse Project!



Waukesha 4-H Clinics

The Waukesha 4-H Horse/Horseless projects are working on coming up with a full calendar of exciting clinics that will be educational for both new and experienced members. The full list of clinics will be available in January.

We have monthly educational clinics scheduled at the Project Days on Sundays at 1:30 at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Bend.

4-H Project Days Clinics Signup

- January 5
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4



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.

Horse Project Member—Gwendolyn Peterson

Gwendolyn is 13 years old and this will be her fifth year showing her paint mare Annie in 4-H. She shows both English and Western classes at pleasure shows and is starting to show at jumping shows. Gwen and Annie ride on both Menomonee Falls Saddle Club drill teams—the Shadow Drifters and the Blazing Shadows. Gwen also loves playing Dungeons & Dragons, reading, and pottery.



Horse Project Member—Kendall Smith

I am 12 years old and this is my third year 4-H. My horse is named Davie and he is a 6 year Thoroughbred. I started 4-H as a horseless horse member until we added Davie to our family almost 2 years ago. For the past year we have been teaching him how to jump and going to local shows. We show mostly ridden English classes, but have also shown in some halter and showmanship classes. He has come so far! In the next year I want to go to more hunter jumper shows and start to jump 2 foot 6 inches-3 feet with him. He is an amazing horse and partner in crime.

Meet the Board



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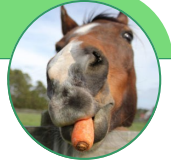
Angie Conto-Smith
Treasurer

If you are an adult and are interested in helping to guide the future of our youth, we encourage you to attend our monthly virtual meetings and/or join the board. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Youth members are also encouraged to attend the board meetings and join our Youth Board. Time commitment is minimal, but the benefits could be substantial. Drop into the meeting to find out more!



**MEETING
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Healthy Treats

Us horse people love letting our horses try new foods. The funny faces they make are amazing, and finding a new favorite is always the best. Some horses are picky eaters, and some will eat anything within reach, so make sure to only feed them safe snacks! Some foods that we would assume are safe are actually dangerous for horses, so make sure to do your research before your next horsey taste test. Here are a few foods that your horse might love, and a few more that are best to stay away from:

1. DO feed your horse watermelon!

Many horses love watermelon, and even the rinds are usually a fan favorite. The high water content is great for hydration, but watermelon has vitamins and minerals that can help your horse. It contains vitamins A and C, as well as healthy fiber AND an amino acid that is known to increase blood flow.

2. DON'T feed your horse bread!

Bread seems harmless at first, but can actually cause lethal blockages, especially if fed in large amounts. When consumed, the bread can turn into a sticky, thick texture that has been known to cause colic.

3. DO feed your horse bananas!

Like people, horses benefit from the high potassium levels in bananas. Some people have been known to feed horses bananas (with the peel on!) for an extra boost at shows. The sweet taste means horses often like them, and they can even be mashed and mixed with medicine for easy feeding!

4. DON'T feed your horse avocados!

While many fruits and veggies are safe for horses, avocados are extremely dangerous. A substance called Persin comes from avocados, and it is highly toxic to horses. It can cause colic, as well as multiple other illnesses including neurologic dysfunction.

5. DO feed your horse grapes!

Grapes are small and easy to feed (they work great for stretching), and they are good for our four-legged friends. The fiber content in grapes, although not a lot in comparison to a horse's big body, can actually aid in digestion. Similar to other fruits, grapes are high in vitamin C and potassium, which are both very beneficial.

6. DON'T feed your horse chocolate!

If you have dogs, you know that chocolate is a no-go. It's the same for horses! The cocoa in chocolate contains theobromine which, when digested, can cause major issues. Even small amounts can be dangerous and large amounts can be fatal.

7. DO feed your horse pumpkin!

Pumpkins can make great treats, both raw and canned. It should be fed in moderation, but natural pumpkin can make a great treat, even for horses with Cushing's, PSSM, and insulin resistance. This is because pumpkin does not cause a glucose spike in a horse's blood when fed in small amounts.

8. DON'T feed your horse potatoes!

While potatoes may not be harmful in small amounts, it's best not to risk it. Larger amounts of potato can cause many health issues including cramping, shortness of breath, and colic. The severity of the symptoms usually increases with the amount eaten. (Bonus tip: sweet potatoes and yams are great for horses!)

9. DO feed your horse strawberries!

As you can see, many fruits are safe for horses, and can be a fun alternative to the traditional apples and carrots. Strawberries are a good size to feed safely, and contain magnesium, phosphorus, calcium, and potassium which are all good for horses (and humans!)

10. DON'T feed your horse dairy!

Once in adulthood, horses lose their ability to process lactose. This means that if a horse eats dairy, you'll most likely have a nasty case of diarrhea on your hands. To be safe, avoid feeding your horse yogurt, cheese, and other milk-based products.



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Horse Breeds



Arabian

Origin: Saudi Arabia
Characteristics: Dished face, arched neck, level croup, high tail carriage.
Temperament: Spirited and intelligent
Excels at: Endurance races
Fun Fact: Oldest domestic horse breed



Quarter Horse

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Small head, compact well-muscled body, powerful hindquarters
Temperament: Calm, docile, highly trainable
Excels at: Ranch work
Fun Fact: Name derived from speed in a quarter mile race



Mustang

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Vary between different herds, however they are athletic and surefooted
Temperament: Vary between different herds
Excels at: Ranch work
Fun Fact: Mustangs are not technically wild, but are feral



Morgan

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Compact, muscular but refined, expressive head, arched neck
Temperament: Loyal and affectionate
Excels at: Driving and riding
Fun Fact: All are descendants of the stallion Justin Morgan



Thoroughbred

Origin: England
Characteristics: Lean, long body, short back, long legs. Known for speed and agility
Temperament: Intelligent, energetic, and spirited
Excels at: Racing and jumping
Fun Fact: Race horses run at around 40 miles per hour



Belgian Draft

Origin: Belgium
Characteristics: Tall, heavy, and strong.
Temperament: Docile, friendly, and willing
Excels at: Pulling
Fun Fact: There are more Belgians in the US than all other draft breeds combined



Haflinger

Origin: Austria and Italy
Characteristics: Short but well muscled. Always chestnut with flaxen mane and tail
Temperament: Quiet and kind natured
Excels at: Driving
Fun Fact: Developed as pack horses in mountainous terrain



Andalusian

Origin: Spain
Characteristics: Strong yet elegant, with arched neck. Known for long mane and tail
Temperament: Intelligent, sensitive, and docile
Excels at: Dressage
Fun Fact: Andalusians were not exported to US until 1962



Shetland Pony

Origin: Scotland
Characteristics: Short legs, strong for size, thick coat
Temperament: Friendly and gentle, but stubborn and headstrong
Excels at: Children's mount
Fun Fact: Shetlands grow no more than 42" in height

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Horse Breeds



American Paint Horse

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Stock type horse with white coat markings
Temperament: Calm, docile, highly trainable
Excels at: Pleasure shows
Fun Fact: Coat patterns include overo and tobiano



Appaloosa

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Stock type horse with spotted markings, short mane and tail
Temperament: Gentile, spirited, highly trainable
Excels at: Family horse
Fun Fact: Developed by Nez Perce native Americans



Friesian

Origin: Netherlands
Characteristics: Strong, high-stepping black horse with high head carriage.
Temperament: Generally docile but can be fiery
Excels at: Dressage
Fun Fact: Friesians cannot have white except a small star



Tennessee Walking Horse

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Tall, refined, solid gaited horse with long neck.
Temperament: Calm
Excels at: Trail riding
Fun Fact: Known for its distinctive "running walk" gait



Hanoverian

Origin: Germany
Characteristics: Tall, powerful body, athletic movement, strong limbs
Temperament: Willing and trainable
Excels at: Eventing
Fun Fact: Hanoverians have won over 25 Olympic medals



Saddlebred

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Tall, high-stepping gaited horse with slim, arched neck
Temperament: Spirited yet gentle
Excels at: Saddle Seat
Fun Fact: Saddlebreds can have five different gaits



Pony of America

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Athletic, appaloosa colored pony with build similar to Quarter Horse
Temperament: Easygoing
Excels at: Western riding
Fun Fact: The first stallion was Arabian/Appaloosa/Shetland



Standardbred

Origin: United States
Characteristics: Muscular gaited horse with long body
Temperament: Willing and submissive
Excels at: Harness racing
Fun Fact: Standardbreds race at either a trot or a pace



Miniature Horse

Origin: Europe
Characteristics: Has confirmation and proportions similar to full-sized horses but are under 34"
Temperament: Intelligent, gentle, curious, sensible, and willing
Excels at: Driving
Fun Fact: Weighs around 250 lbs