

January 2025



## President's Corner

Welcome to a new project year with WC4-HHA!



The Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project enjoyed a wonderful 2024. The project hosted one of Wisconsin's largest 4-H tack sales in February, collaborated with MFSC and FRSC for several horse show events and hosted a variety of educational clinics throughout the project year. WC4-HHA project members participated with their horse and educational projects at the Waukesha County Fair and the WI State 4-H Expo. In November, we awarded year end awards to all members that met the member in good standing participation and volunteer requirements. Another successful project year!

While we were sad to say goodbye to several senior 4-H members that aged out of the project, we welcome new members and their families this year. In 2025, we will continue our partnerships with MFSC and FRSC for our horse show events. I encourage all of you to take advantage of the wonderful educational (and fun) clinic and project day opportunities that the project will host throughout the year. We have an amazing group of volunteers that help to organize WC4-HHA project activities. Let's make sure to engage in as many of these opportunities as possible!

Whether you have been in the project for years, or if 2024-25 is your first year in the project ... WELCOME! Whether you own a horse or plan to participate as a horseless horse member ... WELCOME! We welcome your input and your participation in this county-led horse project.

I look forward to seeing you all at the mandatory meeting this month and the tack sale in February.

All the best- Brenda Wolfe, WC4-HHA, President



### Upcoming Events:

- **Mandatory Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 28
- Project Days Clinic  
Sunday, February 2
- Horse Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4
- Showmanship Clinic  
Sunday, February 16
- Project Days Clinic  
Sunday, February 2



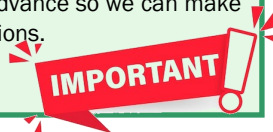
Add the Horse Project calendar to your Google calendar [HERE!](#)

## 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.**

[Click here to volunteer](#)



# Get to know the WC4HHA Board Members

## President—Brenda Wolfe

2025 marks 46 consecutive years involved with the Waukesha County 4-H Horse project as either a member, volunteer, project leader or county project board officer. I have been fortunate to have owned, trained and shown horses my entire life and currently reside at the family hobby farm that I grew up on in the Town of Ottawa. I have trained and shown western, hunt seat and ranch pleasure all-around events, B circuit hunters and lower level dressage. My favorite equine interest is fitting and training horses for halter/conformation and coaching showmanship maneuvers. I believe in the mission of the 4-H youth organization which is why I continue to carry a leadership role with WC4-HHA.



## 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 ElConn 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.



## Treasurer—Angie Conto-Smith

This is my third year as a parent in the Waukesha Horse Project and second 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.



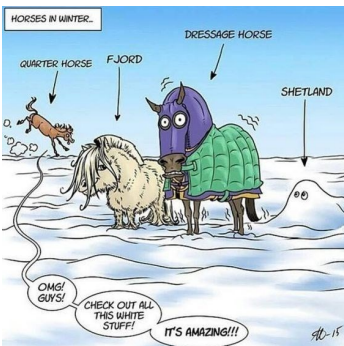
## Secretary—Megan Peterson

This is my fifth year as a parent in the Waukesha Horse Project and my third year as secretary. 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!

Thank you to our donors!



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## Meet the Board



**Brenda Wolfe**  
President



**Amie Lalor**  
Vice-President



**Megan Peterson**  
Secretary



**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  
MINUTES**

## Featured 4-Hers of the Month

### *NEW Horse Project Member – Silas Doom*

Living on a ranch with 6 dogs, 3 horses, 2 donkeys, 2 goats and 2 cats, Silas is a TRUE animal lover. Silas has participated in the 4H Dog Project in past years, but has decided to try out the 4H Horse Project for the first time this year! He is excited to begin riding lessons and learn what horsemanship is all about. When he's not with his animals, Silas is a Boy Scout who loves to hang out with friends & family, practice Tae Kwon Do, collect sharks teeth on the beach, game and bring a joyful mood to everyone he meets!



### *Horseless Horse Project Member—Abby Hanosh*

I am 11 years old and in 6th grade. This is my second year in the Horseless Horse Project.

I like horses because they are super awesome and adorable. I want to learn more about horses and taking care of them. When I am not working on my 4H project or Girl Scouts, I love to draw and play violin.



### *NEW Horse Project Member—Olive Boucher*

This is Olive's first year in 4-H and horse project. She started taking lessons this summer with her sister at EConn. She wants to become a more confident rider and eventually show. Some of her other activities include dance, volleyball, golf, tennis and violin.



### *Horseless Horse Project Member—Annie Deralius*

10-year-old Annie is in her second year of the Horseless Horse project. She enjoys the Project Days clinics and participated in hippology and horse exhibits at the fair for the first time last summer. Outside of 4-H, Annie enjoys volleyball, cheerleading, and violin.





Fox River Saddle Club at  
West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.  
[W4812 WI-20](#)  
[East Troy, WI 53120](#)

Menomonee Falls  
Saddle Club  
[N75W25500 WI-164](#)  
[Menomonee Falls, WI 53051](#)

Waukesha Expo Center  
[1000 Northview Rd](#)  
[Waukesha, WI 53188](#)

**4-H Project Days  
Clinics Signup**

Project Days:  
Christ Lutheran School  
[22970 Maple Ave](#)  
[Big Bend, WI 53103](#)

ElConn Farm  
[N49W20683 Lisbon Rd,](#)  
[Menomonee Falls, WI 53051](#)

Rosebury Farm  
[s63 w30124 Rd X](#)  
[Mukwonago, WI 53149](#)

Sunset Stables  
[S29W31247 Sunset Dr,](#)  
[Waukesha, WI 53189](#)

Waukesha Public Library  
[321 Wisconsin Ave](#)  
[Waukesha, WI 53186](#)

Wisconsin Equine  
[39151 Delafield Rd,](#)  
[Oconomowoc, WI 53066](#)

Wisconsin State Fair Park  
[640 S 84th St,](#)  
[West Allis, WI 53214](#)

## Waukesha 4-H Approved Shows

Sunday, June 29  
**Pleasure Show**  
West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.

Sunday, August 10  
**Pleasure Show**  
West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.

July 16-20, 2025  
**Waukesha County Fair**  
Waukesha County Expo Center

Saturday, June 21, 2025  
**Pleasure Show**  
Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Sunday, September 28, 2025  
**Pleasure Show**  
Menomonee Falls Saddle Club



## Waukesha 4-H Clinics

### Project Days Clinics

Sundays at 1:30p  
at Christ Lutheran School  
Wednesdays at 5:30p  
at Waukesha Expo Center

February 2 or 12—**Model Horse  
Showing and Parts of a Horse**  
March 2 — **Hippology**  
March 26 — **Parts of a Saddle  
and tack safety**

### Showmanship Series

Sundays at 4:00p  
at Rosebury Farm  
**Bring a horse or use one  
provided. Great for any expe-  
rience level!**

February 16  
March 16  
April 27  
June 1

### Additional Clinics

TBD  
**Tour and Horse Care**  
Wisconsin Equine Hospital

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30p  
**Hippology Clinic**  
Waukesha Public Library

Friday-Sunday, April 11-13  
**Midwest Horse Fair**  
Alliant Center, Madison  
*Mail summary of clinic attended to  
4hclinics@gmail.com (counts as 1 clinic)*

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30p  
**Horse Body Parts and Breeds**  
ElConn Farm

Saturday, May 17 8:30a  
**Mock Show Clinic**  
Waukesha County Expo Center

*All of our clinics are planned for both  
experienced horse people and those  
brand new to horses to learn and  
have fun!*

Tuesday, May 20 5:30p  
**Horse Photography**  
ElConn Farm

Wednesday, June 4, 6:00p  
**Grooming for Every Day and  
for Events**  
Sunset Stables

Monday, June 16 5:30p  
**Learn about Drill Team**  
Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Saturday, July 19, 10a  
**Ground Poles**  
Waukesha County Expo Center  
During Fair



## State 4-H Events

May 3-4, 2025  
**State Horse Speaking & Demonstration,  
Horse Bowl and Hippology**  
Entry Deadline: Postmarked by April 1  
[More Information Here](#)

June 27-29, 2025  
**State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinics**  
Entry Deadline: Postmarked by May 15  
[More Information Here](#)

September 6, 2025  
**State 4-H Gymkhana Show**  
Entry Deadline: August 1  
[More Information Here](#)

September 12-14, 2025  
**State 4-H Horse Expo**  
Entry Deadline: August 1  
[More Information Here](#)





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## Learn more about... Hippology Practice

- [Teaching your horse to sidepass](#)
- [Gaits with Emphasis on Diagonals](#)
- [Drawing horses](#)
- [Showmanship Tips](#)

Keep Learning

### Did you know?

#### Horses can't breathe through their mouth

Horses are obligate nasal breathers. This means that they are unable to breathe through their mouth as humans can. Horses can only breathe through their nose.



### What is expected for pleasure classes?

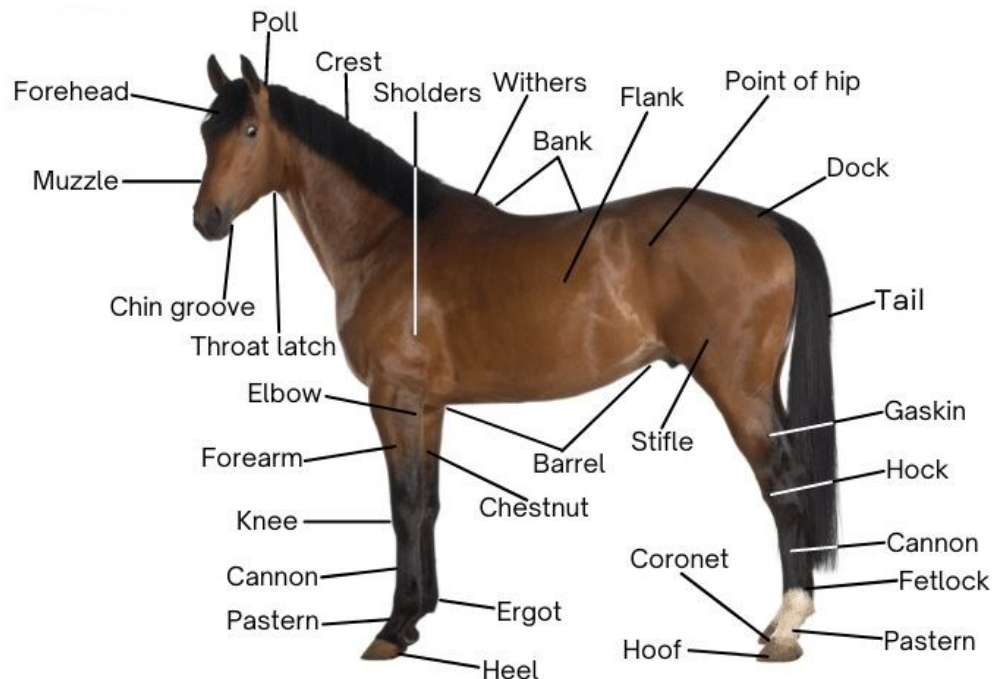
Read the state Equestrian Guidelines [HERE](#) to learn about rules and judging criteria for most classes at our shows and all classes at the State 4-H Expo.

1. What are the basic parts of the bridle?
  - A. headstall, bit, reins
  - B. noseband, headstall, reins
  - C. noseband, browband, headstall
  - D. headstall, browband, reins
2. Which of the following is NOT a nutrient?
  - A. vitamins
  - B. protein
  - C. minerals
  - D. dry matter
3. Which of the following is NOT a strategy used to prevent colic?
  - A. avoid sudden changes in the feeding program
  - B. feed frequently rather than once a day
  - C. feed your horse grain on bare ground
  - D. have ample drinking water available at all times
4. Which of the following terms describes a mane that is cut off so part is left standing upright?
  - A. pulled mane
  - B. roached mane
  - C. thinned mane
  - D. trimmed mane
5. Which of the following gaits is four (4) beats?
  - A. trot
  - B. walk
  - C. lope
  - D. jog
6. Which of the following is NOT a natural cue?
  - A. hands
  - B. voice
  - C. crop
  - D. seat or weight

### Horse Body Parts



1-A, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B, 5-B, 6-C







# Hippology Practice

## Horse Coat Patterns



Fill in the letter that matches the picture number

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Blanket
- B. Dapple
- C. Leopard
- D. Overo
- E. Roan
- F. Snowcap
- G. Splash
- H. Tobiano



To Make the Best  
**BETTER**

PROPER TACK

HEALTH  
BREEDS

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ANATOMY

EVENTS

EMERGENCY CARE

PASTURE MANAGEMENT

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