



President's Corner

The calendar has flipped to January 2024! Happy New Year! Welcome to a new year with WC4-HHA!

The Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project enjoyed a wonderful 2023. The project hosted one of Wisconsin's largest 4-H tack sales in February, two circuit shows in June/July held at the Waukesha Expo and variety of educational clinics throughout the project year. WC4-HHA project members participated with their horse 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 very active senior 4-H members (and their parents) that aged out of the project, we welcome new members and their families this year. 2024 will be a year of change for our project. We will be adjusting how our horse shows will be facilitated by partnering with local saddle clubs. This change which will afford members increased showing opportunities, improved competition for skill growth, while still allowing for a sense of 4-H unity through a point system that will continue to yield beautiful year end awards. 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 2023-24 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 we welcome 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!

~Brenda Wolfe, WC4-HHA President



The future is your story to write... make 2024 the best year yet!

Mandatory Meeting



The Waukesha County 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse Project mandatory meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 30 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!

Tack Sale

Tables for the tack sale are almost sold out, which means that we will be quite busy! We need many hands working to make the day a success. Sign up for a volunteer slot [HERE](#)

Sunday, February 11
9am to 1pm

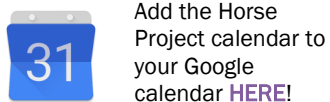


The youth board will have a table at the tack sale and are looking for donated items. If you have any items you are willing to part with, please let us know! They will also have a bake sale. If you're handy in the kitchen, please make some treats to help out!



Upcoming Events:

- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, January 21
- WC4HHA Board Meeting Tuesday, February 6
- Waukesha 4H Tack Sale Sunday, February 11
- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, February 18
- WC4HHA Board Meeting Tuesday, March 5





Featured 4-Hers of the Month

Horse Project Member—Michaela Joyce

Michaela is 17 years old and has been in 4-H for 6 years. She participated in the horse project for 3 years then took a break to pursue jumping, fox hunting and dressage. She also enjoys showing her dog, running track and cross country.



Horseless Horse Project Member—Ella Niles

My name is Ella, I am 16 years old, and this is my second year in 4-H. I have been riding horses for roughly five years, and I currently ride hunt seat, though I am interested in all disciplines. When I am not thinking about horses, I enjoy reading, playing my guitar, and playing all manner of games.

Meet the Board



Brenda Wolfe
President



Amie Lalor
Vice-President



Megan Peterson
Secretary



Angie Conto-Smith
Treasurer



NEW Horseless Horse Project Member—Annie Darelus

A member of the 4-Leaf 4-H Club, Annie is 9 years old and in 3rd grade. Every summer, Annie attends a week-long horse camp. She was excited to join the Horseless Horse project this year to learn more about horses. Annie also enjoys volleyball, cheerleading, playing the violin, and reading.



NEW Horse Project Member—Maddie Joyce

Maddie is 9 years old and in her first year of 4-H. She has ridden for several years but just recently became more serious. She's looking forward to showing her pony Cupid and also participating in the dog project. Maddie also enjoys playing soccer.

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**



4-H Project Days
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The
More
You
Know

The
More
You
Grow



To Make the Best
BETTER

Learn more about...

- [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.



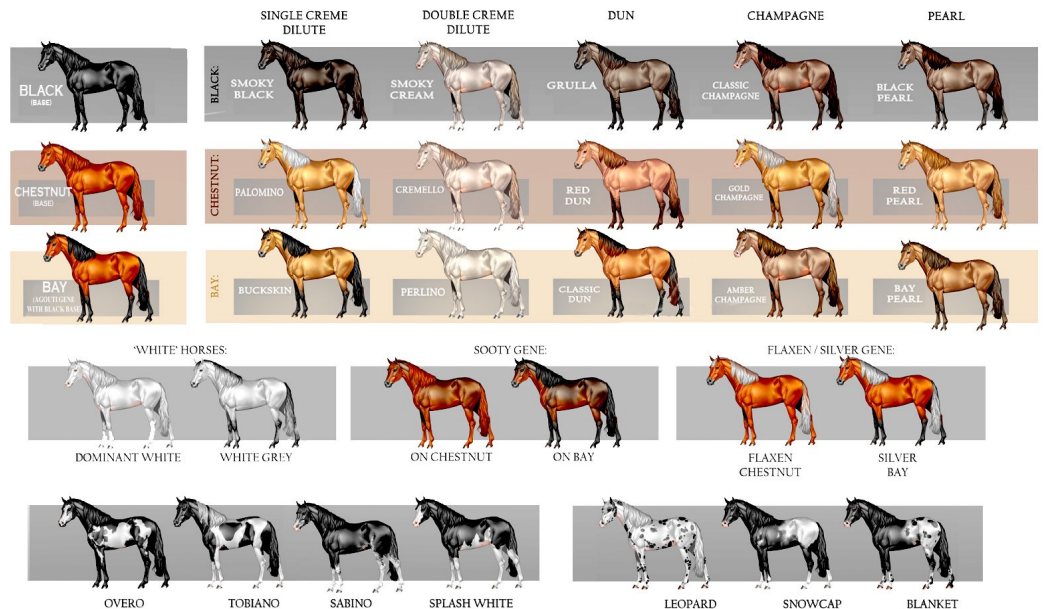
What is expected for pleasure classes?

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.

Hippology Practice

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

Coat Colors



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