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Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project





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# **Circuit Show Changes**

In order to provide the best show experience for our members, we are changing our circuit show setup. In 2024, we will not be hosting any shows at the Waukesha Expo.

Instead, we will be partnering with two local horse clubs-Menomonee Falls Saddle Club (Sussex) and Fox River Saddle

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Club (West 20, East Troy). This will allow for larger shows, thus giving our members more competition in their classes. We will also have more shows available and lots of opportunities for members to earn year end points.

Show schedule will be posted late winter.



## **Mandatory** Meeting

The Waukesha County 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse Project mandatory meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30 in the in Project Room A at the Waukesha Public 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!



IMPORTANT

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, December 17
- WC4HHA Board Meeting Tuesday, January 2
- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, January 21
- WC4HHA Board Meeting Tuesday, February 6
- Waukesha 4H Tack Sale Sunday, February 11

Add the Horse Project calendar to your Google calendar <u>HERE!</u>

### Tack Sale

Tables are on sale for this year's tack sale! If you or a friend have extra horse stuff cluttering up your barn or house, reserve a table and make some money.

> Sunday, February 11 9am to 1pm

This is the largest tack sale in Wisconsin outside of the Midwest Horse Fair. Therefore, we need many hands working to make the day a success. ALL project members are expected to help. This is our main fundraiser for the year and allows us to provide wonderful opportunities and awards each year. Sign up for a volunteer slot! Sign up HERE.

**IMPORTANT** 

#### NORMAL PERSON: It's too cold out! **HORSE PERSON:**



### Member Survey

To make sure we have correct information

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for your youth member, please fill out our member contact information survey **HERE** 



### **Meet the Board**









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!



### Featured 4-Hers of the Month

#### Horse Project Member-Gwendolyn Peterson

Gwendolyn is 12 years old has been a 4-H horse project member for four years. She shows her paint mare Annie in both English and Western classes at pleasure shows and is starting to take lessons in jumping. Gwen also loves playing Dungeons & Dragons, reading, and pottery.







#### NEW Horseless Horse Project Member-Leona Pofahl

Leona is 13 years old and in 7th grade. She has been interested in horses for the past few years, but doesn't own a horse. She has done trail riding at camps and parks. Leona is looking forward to a week long horse camp next summer. Currently, the Horseless Horse project meetings have given her more insight into proper horse equipment and the terminology. She hopes to find a local place to help care for and ride horses.

#### Horse Project Member-Ryan Wolfe

Ryan Wolfe is 17 years old and has been an Ottawa 4-H Club member for 8 years. Ryan shows both an APHA mare, Sugar and his miniature horse, Jax. Ryan's favorite classes are showmanship and in-hand trail and his favorite place to exhibit horses is the Midwest Horse Fair. He enjoys educating others on the details of miniature horse ownership. Ryan is a junior at Kettle Moraine High School, where he is a manager of the KM varsity football team and a member of the 2023 WIHA State Champion KM Equestrian Team.







#### Horse Project Member-Kendall Smith

My name is Kendall and this is my horse Davie. He is a 5 year old Thoroughbred. We bought him from our barn, Bella Creek, about a year ago. The barn had bought him of the race track about a year before that. I don't race him.... because he's lazy. I ride him English and have been training him to jump. I have enjoyed going to shows with him. And look forward to connecting a pair as we grow together.



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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 inperson clinic later this year.

### Learn more about...

- Boxing
- Telling horse's age from teeth
- Lunging your horse

Did you know?

The term for when a horse curls its upper lip back to sniff is called the Flehmen Response.





