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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
ASHLAND COUNTY



ASHLAND  
COUNTY  
4-H  
NEWSLETTER

# CLOVER CONNECTIONS

## WINTER-SPRING 2025



*4-H strives to empower youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H provides meaningful opportunities for all youth and adults to work together and create sustainable community change.*

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*Thanks for being in the community! Text Kate to share photos, shout-outs, and other content to be featured in 4-H Newsletters!*

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone camera to visit the web version and access links!



### **Dear 4-H Youth, Families, & Friends of Ashland County:**

Hoping you are all well as the snow melts and spring draws near. In this newsletter, you will find a new resource outlining plans for the majority of the year within local 4-H programming. Please share your feedback on what you find helpful in these calendars, or if there are any changes you would like included, and an updated version will be featured in future newsletters. For programs that are state-wide, national, or further, please reach out to our office or explore the Wisconsin 4-H websites.

*State and some national events calendar:*  
[4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/)

*State-wide program descriptions:*  
[4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/)

You will find in our local calendar that the annual 4-H Art Contest is beginning on the first day of Spring! On pages 4 and 5 you will find more details on the theme as well as an opportunity to practice some art skills in later March before completing artwork entries. Reach out with any thoughts on the information provided and thank you for your input and involvement in 4-H!

Take care and thanks again! - KW



# OVERVIEW OF ASHLAND COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CALENDAR - 2025





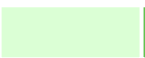

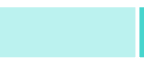


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# DATES IN ASHLAND COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CALENDAR - 2025

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
JANUARY 1	New Years Day	JULY 4	USA Independence Day
JAN. 10 - FEB. 23	Elementary CANSKI season	JULY 14	Leaders Association Meeting
JANUARY 20	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	JULY 24	Summer Project Show
FEBRUARY 1	Ashwabay Summit Race	AUGUST 11	Leaders Association Meeting & County Fairgrounds Clean-Up
FEBRUARY 17	Presidents Day	AUGUST 14 - 17	Ashland County Fair: Jr. Exhibit, Market Sale, Dairy Bar
LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY	4-H Yearbook Call for Content	AUG. 19 - OCT. 9	Open & Close dates for 4-H Harvest: Record Books, Scholarships, etc.
MARCH 10	Leaders Association Meeting	SEPTEMBER 1	Labor Day, New School Year
MAR. 20 - APR. 28	Open & Close dates for Spring 4-H Art Contest	SEPTEMBER 15	Open Q&A for Parents/Leaders
MARCH 24	Open Q&A for Parents/Leaders	SEPTEMBER 20	4-H New Year & Harvest Party
MARCH 29	Spring Art Theme Tutorial	OCTOBER 13	Leaders Association Meeting
APRIL 14	Leaders Association Meeting	OCTOBER 31	Halloween
APRIL 20	Easter Sunday	NOVEMBER 2	Fall Awards Gala!
MAY 4	Spring Awards Gala!	NOVEMBER 10	Leaders Association Meeting
MAY 12	Leaders Association Meeting	NOVEMBER 11	Veterans Day
MAY 26	Memorial Day	NOVEMBER 27	Thanksgiving
JUNE 9	Leaders Association Meeting	DEC. 12 - MID-JAN.	Start & End dates for the Winter Project Challenge
JUN. 12 - JUL. 24	Start & End dates for the Summer Project Series	DEC. 24-25 & DEC. 31-JAN.1	Christmas & New Year Winter Holidays

Timeframe for seasonal newsletters

## COLOR KEY

								
Local 4-H Awards Event	Leaders Association Members	All Parents, Guardians, & Leaders	Local 4-H Ash-Co Publication	4-H Ash-Co Youth Activity	4-H Ash-Co Youth Event	4-Hers & Friends Activity	4-Hers & Friends Event	Holidays & Office Closure

Check online for more available program details!  
[ashland.extension.wisc.edu/whats-going-on](http://ashland.extension.wisc.edu/whats-going-on)

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Please join in these upcoming activities, all of which are free (unless otherwise noted)! Discover more details online at our [What's Going On!](#) page, and keep watch for postcards, emails, and flyers!

## 4-H Yearbook 2023-2024

Submit content by April 11

Available at the Spring Gala in May

[View the 2022-23 Yearbook by clicking here!](#)

Send in your texts, photos, and more to be included within the 2023-24 Yearbook. Check out last year's edition for ideas, or send in your own ideas! You can either text content to Kate at 715-208-0664 or email them to Blake at [blake.frost@wisc.edu](mailto:blake.frost@wisc.edu).

## Open Q&A for Parents/Leaders

Monday March 24 from 5:30-7pm

Ashland County 4-H Office or Zoom

Ask any questions about the 4-H program, local and give ideas on future programs and plans! Learn about how to become a member of the Leaders Association and the benefits of joining.

## Spring Awards Gala

Sunday, May 4 from 2-4pm

Enjoy the artwork gallery of the youth! Awards will be announced and given, as well as voting on the "People's Choice Awards" for overall winners (not just within age categories)! Activities before and after the ceremony, and program updates, will also be provided.

**Full invitation will be online and in the mail!**

## Summer Project Series

Thursday June 12-Thursday July 24

Each week a different category of 4-H Projects will be featured in an afternoon day camp! More on this and the Project Showcase to come (ask questions at the Open Q&A or via phone call!)

## 4-H Spring Art Contest

Opens on March 20, Closes on April 28

Art materials available at Ash-Co 4-H Office

Based on the different suggestions shared at last year's Spring Gala, this year's theme is Mixed-Media with the added requirement of featuring an animal in the artwork entry. The age ranges are the same (5-6, 7-8, and so on). The contest opens March 20 (the office has canvases and various multi media materials like felt, glue, mod podge, paints, and other items for families to use). An optional Art Tutorial is Saturday March 29th from 1-3pm (see more info below). Artwork is due by Monday April 28 at 6:30pm (Kate will stay in the office late so folks ending work can still stop in to drop off canvases). Kate will also be in the office until 6:30pm on March 20 when the contest opens, as well as each Monday before the Spring Gala so that anyone needing the extra time to grab art supplies may do so. So excited to see all the masterpieces! Oh, and local 4-H adults can share their entries, too (not for judging but for fun)!

*see more on page 5 >>>*



## Art Contest Tutorial

Saturday, March 29 from 1-3pm

Ashland County 4-H Office (1st Floor of Courthouse)

Come practice mixed-media and experiment with different art materials you are curious about using! Pick-up art supplies to bring back home for completing your work of art to enter in the contest.

**art materials provided**

# 2025 4-H SPRING ART CONTEST INFORMATION GUIDE

**2025 Contest Theme = Mixed-Media**

**2025 Contest Topic = Animal Kingdom**


Mixed-media is a visual art style that includes multiple types of materials like paint, cloth, paper, wood, pens, crayons, etc. Contest entries must have at least 3 different kinds of material in their mixed-media artwork, and it must feature at least one animal. The artist can choose how many and what type of animals.

## ART CONTEST TIMELINE & REQUIREMENTS

The Spring Art Contest officially opens on **Thursday, March 20, 2025**.

- Canvases and art supplies can be picked up at the Ash-Co 4-H office 8am-4pm.
- Artists are welcome to use their own materials or ask the office for more materials.
- Extended office hours will be kept on Mondays until 6:30pm for art pick-up.

The Contest closes on **Monday, April 28** so local artists can review all the entries.

- Artwork entries are due by 6:30pm to the Ash-Co 4-H office on the closing date.
- Remember to give your artwork a title on the back of the canvas (see info below)! 
- Artwork is reviewed based Creativity, Craftsmanship, & Comprehension.

Entries are displayed and awards announced at the Spring Gala - **Sunday, May 4, 2025!**

- Detailed invites will be online and mailed to 4-H Online registered families.
- Optional activities are offered before and after awards are announced.
- All artwork entries are displayed, and participants receive certificates and/or prizes.

*Please keep in mind that each artwork...*

- ◆ Needs to be an original work made by the youth participant
- ◆ Can be displayed on the 1st Floor of the Ash-Co Courthouse after the Spring Gala
- ◆ Can later be submitted to the Ashland County Junior Fair Exhibit in August



**MULTI-MEDIA ART TUTORIAL - Want to practice your multi-media art skills? Join us on Saturday March 29 from 1-3PM at the Ashland County Courthouse! Supplies available for practicing ideas and for pick-up to work at home.**

Artwork is reviewed and awarded within age categories (7 Total)

ages 5-6

ages 7-8

ages 9-10

ages 11-12

ages 13-14

ages 15-16

ages 17-19

## 4-H SPRING 2025 ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** First each artist must carefully write their age and artwork title on the back of their canvas. Then submit artwork with the completed form below. A 4-H Club or family can submit multiple entries at once.

	YOUTH'S FIRST & LAST NAME	AGE	ARTWORK TITLE	PARENT/GUARDIAN NUMBER
ARTIST 1				
ARTIST 2				
ARTIST 3				
ARTIST 4				
ARTIST 5				
ARTIST 6				

# HIGHLIGHTS & SHOUT-OUTS

## FALL AWARDS GALA November 2024



See more photos and full lists of award winners in the upcoming 4-H Yearbook honoring the 4-H year of Fall 2023-Fall 2024! This is available during the Spring Gala in May.



# THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!



Thank you to all the 4-H families that participated in CANSKI for another season (almost 20 years)! Hoping for more snow to ski on next winter!

A huge special shout-out to Melissa Fischbach, Dave Ullman, Hailey from Parks & Rec, and all the other ski coaches and volunteers whose work and energy make CANSKI possible!

Thank you to all the Club Leaders who keep their meetings and activities going through the colder weather, too, whether the activities include the snow or find cozy refuge inside!

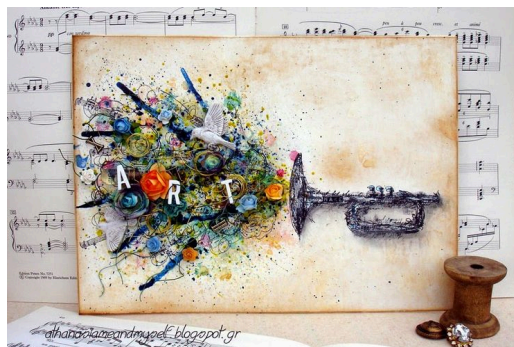
Shout-out to the workers at Northland College and the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute for making it possible to host the 4-H Fall Gala in their space. Even on dark days the huge windows help bring in some extra light.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Gala in November and who participated in the raffle! Please give ideas on what to include in the raffle next November when we have the next Fall Gala!

Again, thank you to all the 4-H members who had entries of projects, animals, and products in this year's Ashland County Fair! There were over 450 different entries within more than 15 different departments. Your creativity and commitment are both impressive and appreciated! We will see more at the upcoming Fair in August!

Want your photos, shout-outs, and other ideas featured in the next Clover Connections? Share them with the local 4-H office! Text images, updates, or other thoughts to Kate at 715-208-0664 or email them to Blake at [blake.frost@wisc.edu](mailto:blake.frost@wisc.edu).

# 4-H REMINDERS



Don't forget you can still register for this 4-H year with 4-H Online!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/start-here/4honline-for-families/>

Give us a call and we can help you step by step!

Remember you can also add 4-H Projects you accomplish like Visual Art for the Spring Contest or Environmental Education for maple sugar season!



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