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## Day gives youths chance to master a skill

**W**hen you go to the fair you see many projects.

Through these projects, 4-H members learn life skills.

One very important life skill is mastery, which is defined as possession of a skill and full command of a subject of study. We are always trying to help the youths develop skills and encourage and empower them to practice those skills until they have them mastered.

Project Discovery Day is the perfect opportunity for youth to learn mastery of a skill, both through learning and teaching. Youth instructors plan their lessons, organize the necessary materials and teach other 4-H members how to complete a project.

“One of the most cliched — but true — sayings in the world is that you learn more from the students than you teach them, said Myria Kludy, one of our Project Discovery Day instructors said. “By teaching you learn the lesson even better because you get many probing ques-



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tions that you have never thought of. In some ways to truly master a subject, you have to be able to teach it. While the teacher learns much from the students, the learning doesn't stop there. The Project Discovery Days may not teach mastery but it gives the kids many chances to learn a bit of many different projects and put them on the road to mastery. So that they can become teachers and restart the cycle.”

Project Discovery Day in Tomahawk is on Feb. 27. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will be taught by 4-H youth and adult leaders, as well as community volunteers. Choose from exciting topics such as juggling, drama, building a paper airplane, exploring wind energy, coloring on towels, making beadie babies, crocheting, making jewelry, basketry and much, much more.

The overall event is free with only small charges for some of the sessions. Registration forms can be found at the UW-Extension office in Merrill, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 101, in Merrill. You may also visit the Lincoln County 4-H Web site at [www.lincolncounty4h.com](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com), click on activities and follow the link to Project Discovery Days or call the UW-Extension office at 539-1072.

Completed registration and fees are due to the UW-Extension office by Feb. 1.

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**Betsy Engel, seated, receives some helpful guidance from Laura Field, a Racine County 4-H Ambassador and an experienced weaver, on her fall basket during Project Discovery Day.**