



# Cloverline

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership**, **citizenship**, and **life skills**.

November 2019

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## Silver Lining Season Greetings

I'm quite the sarcastic person who tends to shudder inwardly at overly positive people. I'm just not bubbly. But this winter, I'm going to try a new tactic for staying warm. I'm challenging myself to be positive. Kind of a warm-yourself-from-the-inside-out sort of thing.

I've always been optimistic, but I think there's a bit of difference in the day to day than general beliefs. For example, when I stub my toe on something, drop three things, and run out of clean socks all before my morning coffee, I think to myself "OF COURSE this would happen to me!" (I think any normal person would, too.) Or when I greet a stranger in the elevator, and the first thing out of my mouth is a complaint about the weather. Lovely.

It's easy to start complaining because it sort of bonds us as Midwesterners. But at the same time, it's draining. And who's to say finding delight in something isn't better at bonding anyway? I'd rather make someone smile than bitterly laugh. So, here come the random compliments! If I'm pausing before I respond, it's because I caught myself and am looking for a silver lining. And I might send you a spontaneous thank-you, too.

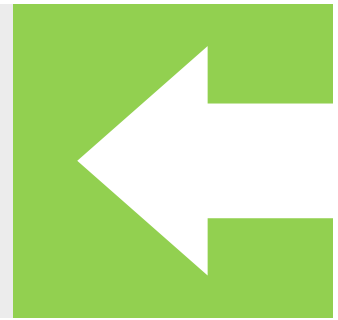
I'm on a mission people - let's melt some hearts this winter!

*Emily A. Crook*

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## cloverbud food drive >>>

A reminder to our Cloverbuddies! This November, the Extension La Crosse County office will be collecting goods from our Cloverbuds to donate at the end of the month. Bring your items in anytime during office hours, or if you would like to donate on your own to a food pantry of your own choosing, we would love to see a picture of you with your goods to be featured in the Cloverline! This is an opportunity for Cloverbuds to participate in a county-wide effort, but anyone interested in dropping off food or supplies at our office is welcome to.



## leadership >>>

### Leaders Board Meeting



The 4-H Leaders Board will meet on **Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.** at Hamilton Town Hall (N5105 Leonard St. N) in West Salem. There will be an open forum at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee.

Elections will be taking place at this meeting for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and West Salem Rep. All 4-H adult volunteers and older 4-H youth are eligible to serve! Voting will take place by ballot and terms will begin in January of 2020.

### V.I.P. Training

Volunteer in Preparation (V.I.P.) training will now be conducted by personal appointment only. To find out if you still need this training or to schedule your training time around your schedule, please call our office at 608-785-9593 or email [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org).

### Adult 4HOnline Changes

With the UW-Madison merge, there has been some work done on updating statewide policies in how we operate. When new and returning adult volunteers enroll in 4HOnline this year, they will have to choose one or more position descriptions. The volunteer positions are hyperlinked to pull up a full document outlining what those positions are in more detail. Please just choose the one(s) that fit your involvement in 4-H best. This is simply a new liability rule. Upon enrollment approval by county staff, the State will automatically email a copy of the position descriptions you selected in your profile for your records and safekeeping. No further action will be needed on your part. Please call the Extension office with questions.



## Parents & Leaders Holiday Party and Recognition Night

When: **Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.**

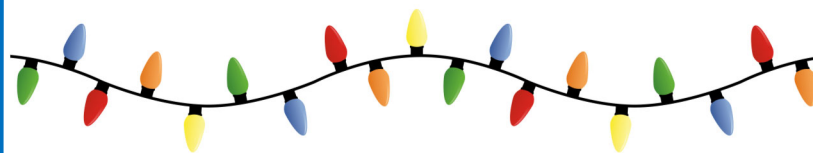
Where: The Log Cabin, N4697 State Road 162, Bangor, WI 54614

Who: 4-H volunteers, leaders, and parents  
(\*no youth please!)

Cost: Free

RSVP: [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org) or 608-785-9593 by **Thursday, November 21st**

The La Crosse County 4-H Leaders Association is pleased to invite all 4-H leaders, parents, and volunteers to the annual holiday party! A free meal and dessert will be had along with a short awards ceremony and plenty of holiday shenanigans! Guests are encouraged to bring something small for a door prize gift exchange. Come join the fun by getting your RSVP in to the Extension office today!



## Annual Leader Training

When: **Monday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

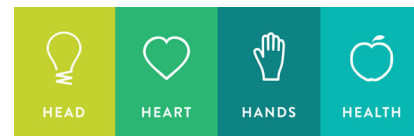
Where: Extension La Crosse County Office, 212 6th St. N Ste 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601

Who: at least 1 volunteer from each club/group

RSVP: [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org) or 608-785-9593 by **Monday, January 13th**

In order to be compliant with 4-H Charter standards, the State 4-H Office and Extension La Crosse County hosts annual leader training. ***It is required that every chartered club or group send at least 1 adult volunteer representative to attend a training!*** To register for the training, please call our office at 608-785-9593 or email [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org).

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## 2019-2020 4-H Enrollment

4HOnline is open now for enrollment (new families) and re-enrollment (returning families)! Paper forms in English and Spanish are available from the Extension office for families that wish to complete them in lieu of the 4HOnline program.

- ◆ 4-H enrollments for potential State Fair participants are due by **Sunday, March 1st, 2020!**
- ◆ 4-H enrollments for potential La Crosse Interstate Fair participants are due by **Wednesday, April 1st, 2020!**
- ◆ **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE** if you forgot your password, were a 4-H family in a previous year, or got locked out of your family account. Simply call the Extension office and we will get you all squared away.

For more information about 4-H and the enrollment process, please visit our website at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-honline-enrollment/>. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact the Extension La Crosse County office at [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org) or 608-785-9593 and a 4-H staff member will be happy to assist you.

## animal sciences &gt;&gt;&gt;

## Jr. Livestock Committee News

The next meeting is set for **Tuesday, November 12th** at **7:00 p.m.** at Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem.

As enrollment gears up for another 4-H year, we wanted to take a minute to remind livestock exhibitors of the education requirements that need to be completed in order to sell at the annual Meat Auction at the end of the La Crosse Interstate Fair in July:

- ◆ All livestock auction participants must have attended at least 2 educational sessions (e.g. animal selection, judging, grooming and fitting, etc.) sponsored by, or approved by, the Junior Livestock Sale Committee or Extension La Crosse County in order to participate in the Auction.
- ◆ At least 1 educational session must be in the species that youth plan to exhibit.
- ◆ FFA members will be allowed to use livestock functions to count as educational sessions towards meeting their educational requirement for selling. The livestock functions should be approved by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee or Extension La Crosse County.



- ◆ A Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) class is required for all *swine* project members who sell an animal in the auction and is recommended for beef and sheep exhibitors.

## YQCA TRAINING:

For youth exhibitors that wish to participate in the 2020 Wisconsin *STATE* Fair, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is required. This training is required for the La Crosse *COUNTY* Fair *MEAT AUCTION* for *swine exhibitors only*. This statewide program replaces the historical MAQA trainings.

YQCA training can be taken online in the form of self-guided modules. The cost for this format is currently \$12.00 per youth. To get started and get your modules finished, log on to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> and enter your 4HOnline account information.

YQCA can also be completed face-to-face with Extension La Crosse County's Agriculture Educator, Kaitlyn Lance. Winter class sessions are currently being planned and more information will be posted in future *Cloverlines* as well as on our [website](#). The cost for this format is typically \$3.00 per youth. Once classes are set and available, you must pre-register and pre-pay for the class on the YQCA website.

For questions on YQCA training, please contact the Extension La Crosse County office at 608-785-9593 or [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org).





## Rabbit News

The next Rabbit Project meeting will be on **Saturday, November 9th** from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** at the Onalaska Goodwill Community Room (200 Theater Rd, Onalaska, WI 54650). Any 4-Hers interested in joining the Rabbit Project are encouraged to attend!

In addition, the newly formed Project is currently selling holiday wreaths for their first fundraiser! All orders and money are due by **Saturday, November 9th** at the Project meeting. Wreaths will then be delivered around Thanksgiving. To order your wreath and support a fellow 4-H group, please contact Dawn Pettit at [jesus\\_1\\_us2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jesus_1_us2001@yahoo.com) or 608-397-1909 or youth president Zoe Sanborn at [laxcoblueribbonbunnies@gmail.com](mailto:laxcoblueribbonbunnies@gmail.com). Your options for wreaths are as follows:

- ◆ 24 in. Balsam Pine Bow, Berries, Cones - \$18
- ◆ 36 in. Balsam Pine Bow, Berries, Cones - \$30
- ◆ 48 in. Balsam Pine Bow, Berries, Cones - \$38
- ◆ 60 in. Balsam Pine Bow, Berries, Cones - \$55
- ◆ 30 in. Door Swag all trimmed - \$14
- ◆ Decorated Candy Cane - \$21
- ◆ Decorated Cross - \$26
- ◆ 25 ft. Balsam Outdoor Roping - \$29
- ◆ Balsam Centerpiece - \$27

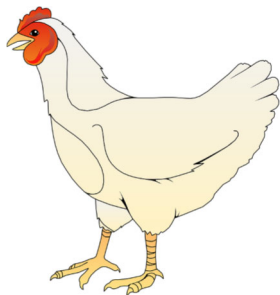
## Poultry Club Meeting

When: **Thursday, November 7th** at **6:30 p.m.**

Where: Town of Gale Town Hall, 20037 Gibson St., Galesville, WI 54630

Contact: Jim Laatsch at 253-241-9981 or [jimsparky2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsparky2000@yahoo.com)

Come join us at the next Coulee Region Poultry Club meeting! Ken Feed will be there to give a 30-45 minute educational class on feeding poultry.



## Horse Project News

The November Project meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 13th** at **6:30 p.m.** at Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem. Agenda items include election of officers and voting on bylaw updates.

Horse Project Handbook changes and calendar updates are now live! Be sure to check out the most current information on the webpage at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse/>.

## OUTBREAK!

AAAH! Your cow is sick! What do you do? How many other cows are affected? How did this happen? Are the other animals on the farm going to be okay? Is the virus contagious? Quarantined!

Kaitlyn Lance (Agriculture Educator) and Emily Crook (Positive Youth Development Educator) of Extension La Crosse County are planning an outbreak game that will test youth's knowledge on the following topics:

- ◆ Specific diseases
- ◆ How diseases are spread
- ◆ What animals are affected by specific diseases
- ◆ How a farm is processed with sick animals
- ◆ What DATCP is and how they help sick farms

This game will be played Pandemic game style, where all participants work together to quell an outbreak. Help the DATCP stop contagions from spreading within a 24 or 48 hour period and you win! Come play with us on **Saturday, November 16th** at **1:00 p.m.** at the County Administration Building (212 6th St. N, La Crosse, WI 54601). Please RSVP by **Friday, November 8th** to <http://tiny.cc/t7sddz>. Questions can be directed to Extension La Crosse County at 608-785-9593 or [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org).

## Dog Project News

The next Dog Project meeting is set for **Tuesday, November 5th** at **6:00 p.m.** at Barre Town Hall (W4191 County Road O, La Crosse, WI 54601). Agenda items include discussing the State Agility Show, forming lists of needs for the Show, and looking for committee volunteers surrounding the Show. Returning and new Project members are encouraged to come!



## youth leadership >>>

### Club Officer Workshop

When: **Monday, November 11th at 5:30 p.m.**

Where: La Crosse County Admin Building, 212  
6th St. N Room 2208, La Crosse, WI

Cost: Free

Who: Youth club officers (all positions)

Interested in knowing how to be a president, secretary, treasurer, or another position for your club? Come learn the details of parliamentary procedure and have one-on-one breakout sessions for your specific club position. ***Pizza and soda will be provided!*** Please RSVP to the Extension office by **Friday, November 8th** at 608-785-9593 or by emailing [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org). This workshop is highly encouraged for all newly elected and returning youth officers!

### Homestay Abroad

Applications are open for 2020 outbound travel abroad experiences in Costa Rica, South Korea, Norway, Japan, Romania, or Taiwan. The cost of the trip varies from country to country, but plenty of fundraising opportunities and scholarships are available to youth along the way.

If you are serious about traveling abroad as a 4-Her next summer, the first step is to get more information online at <https://wi4hinternational.org/homestay/>. Then, fill out an application with your first deposit and send it in to the 4-H State Office by **Friday, November 15th**.



### National 4-H Conference

When: **March 28th-April 2nd, 2020**

Where: Washington, D.C.

Who: 10-12th grade 4-Hers

Cost: Approximately \$1,300

State applications are due to the State 4-H office no later than **Sunday, December 15th, 2019**. For more information, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/national-4-h-conference/>.

### American Spirit East

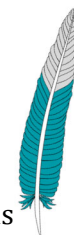
When: **June 5th-14th, June 10th-18th, or July 3rd-12th, 2020**

Where: Valley Forge, Philadelphia, New York, Plymouth Rock, Boston, and Niagara Falls

Who: 8th-10th grade 4-Hers

Cost: \$1400 (Leaders Board will reimburse 1/2 the cost upon trip completion)

Registration for this program will open in 4HOnline on **Friday, November 1st** and payment will be due to the State Office on **Wednesday, January 15th**. Registration for week preference is honored on a first-come, first-serve basis with a wait list created for each week in case of cancellations. For more information, please visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/american-spirit/>.



### Space Camp

When: **April 16th-20th, 2020**

Where: U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL

Who: 6th-8th grade 4-Hers

Cost: \$625 (Leaders Board will reimburse some of the cost post-camp)

Registration for 2020 Space Camp will be open in 4HOnline on **Friday, November 1st**! Spots are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details about what happens at Space Camp, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp/>.

### Citizenship Washington Focus

When: **June 13th-21st OR July 4th-12th, 2020**

Where: National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD

Who: 10th-12th grade 4-Hers at time of program

Cost: \$1400 (Leaders Board will reimburse 3/4 of the cost upon trip completion)

Registration will be open on 4HOnline beginning **Friday, November 15th** until **December 15th**. Choice of weeks and assignments are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/citizenship-washington-focus/>.



## clover college >>>

### Instructors Wanted!

It's time to get instructors for Clover College! This year, Clover College will be held on **Saturday, February 15th, 2020** at Bangor Elementary School.

All you need to be an instructor is have 90 minutes of knowledge you want to share on a given topic and be in 7th grade and up (with the help of a parent if you are a youth!). Classes will be offered from 9:00-10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and 1:00-2:30 p.m. It's up to you if you'd like to offer one, two, or three separate sessions, or one session for 3 hours.

Some classes that have been offered in the past are:

- ◆ Woodworking
- ◆ Soap Making
- ◆ Glass Painting
- ◆ Cookie Decorating
- ◆ House Plants
- ◆ Electricity
- ◆ Lego Robotics
- ◆ First Responder Training
- ◆ Leathermaking
- ◆ And many, many more!

Most classes are designed to be hands on, interactive, and usually geared toward youth in Kindergarten-6th grade. You have the freedom to limit your age range and class size. Some classes have special requirements, like parental supervision or needing to bring an old shoebox or a yard of fabric. All materials you need to buy for class will be fully reimbursed by the 4-H Leaders Board, so save your receipts!

This is a great opportunity to share your hobbies and passions with youth. If you are interested in helping us make Clover College great again this year, please fill out the survey about your class idea details at <https://tinyurl.com/yxamgev8>.



## shooting sports >>>

### 2020 Archery & Pellet Gun Program

When: **Saturdays, January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd, and March 7th & 21st, 2020** at **8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., OR 10:00 a.m.**

Where: La Crosse Archery, 1231 Oak Forest Dr., Onalaska, WI

Who: 4-H and community youth grades 3 & above

Cost: \$6-Archery 4-H member; \$10-Community Archery member; \$10-Pellet Gun 4-H member; \$15-Community Pellet Gun member  
(*price variances due to safety insurance costs*)

Come take part in the annual Archery & Pellet Gun Program! Youth will start out the Program by learning safety and the basics of shooting followed by practice sessions and concluding with an inter-program tournament on the last day. If you are wanting to participate in the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair youth archery tournament, this is a great way to get in your safety session requirements!

This popular program fills up fast, and spots are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. No spots will be held without received payment in full. **4-H members must be re-enrolled for the year in 4HOnline at time of registration to be eligible for the 4-H member prices!** Because extra insurances are provided, proof of a hunter's safety certification is not required for this program.

For a copy of the registration form, visit <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>. For questions about the program, please contact the Extension La Crosse County office at [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org) or 608-785-9593. Registration is due by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 26th, 2019.**



### Holmen Archery Program

If you are in a winter sport or unable to participate in the winter Archery & Pellet Gun Program (above), consider getting your archery sessions in at Arrows in the Square! More details on this similar program are forthcoming, but mark your calendars and save the dates of **Mondays, May 11th, May 18th, June 1st, June 8th, June 15th, and July 6th!**

# arts & communication>>>



## 2020 State Photo Display

It's time again to submit your photography entries to the Extension La Crosse County office for the 2020 State Photo Display! This highly competitive display means that La Crosse County can only submit 3 photos from our county, which will be chosen by the Leaders Board Arts Committee. The State 4-H Photo Advisory Committee will then select the Top 12 photos from the whole state to be highlighted in the display at the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair.

To submit your entry, please send us a **digital** copy of your image as a .jpeg or .png file. Please avoid scanning photos if at all possible due to clarity issues. Typical file sizes are between 5M-10M, but if your file is too large to send us via email to [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org), then feel free to bring it down to the office on a flash drive or share a Google Drive file with us, and we can copy it into our files. All photo submissions are due to the Extension office by **Sunday, December 8th, 2019**.



# November 2019 >>> **hAPPY tHANKSGIVING**

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