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

February 2020

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Leaping Forward

Certain wonderful things happen every four years – Olympic competitions, Presidential elections, and my favorite: leap years!

Did you know Julius Caesar started this whole thing of adding a day to one of the months, to help make their festivals more consistent? Since the Earth finishes one revolution around the sun a smidge more than 365 (it's 365.242 days), we need to balance out our human-created timing system to make it all work out. Since the remainder is ever so close to 1/4th of a day, the Gregorian calendar back in the day decided to limit leap day additions to every four years.

BUT! Even that doesn't make it perfect. So every 200 years, the odd centuries, those years will skip a leap year, even though they technically should have one. The next big year that we'll skip leap day is 2100. (Information taken from <https://www.thoughtco.com/history-of-leap-year-1989846>)

This makes me think of all the perfectionists striving to make everything just so. Sometimes we try for centuries and still don't even get the math perfect. It's okay to be "good enough." Leap years remind me that it's great to be human and make whatever sense we can of things, even if it's not quite right.

Sometimes we just have to make it work!

Emily A Crook

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leadership >>>

Annual Volunteer Training

In order to be compliant with 4-H Charter standards, the State 4-H Office and La Crosse County UW-Extension hosts annual leader trainings. It is required that each chartered club or group send at least 1 adult volunteer representative to attend one of the following sessions:

- Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.
- Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

February's trainings are held at Clover College which is at Bangor Elementary (701 14th Ave S, Bangor). The first training is based on Fine Art Instruction - helping youth with their Fine Art exhibits. The second training is regarding Trauma Informed Care - helping youth reach their resilience. No RSVP required for these courses.

bits n' pieces >>>

Volunteer Resources

Did you know you have a wealth of resources at your fingertips?

First of all, check out our list of available kits and resources for check out and use: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/> (It's the resource check-out list)

Have your youth been clamoring for someone to come in and talk about something you have no earthly idea how to wrap your head around? Reach out to me (emily.crook@wisc.edu) and I will connect you to local resources. I just can't put a list out there of names/numbers for privacy reasons.

Do you want to get ideas from other leaders? We established a new facebook group! Find Emily Crook on facebook (I have two accounts, but will make sure I have you on the right one) and I'll get you connected. Don't have facebook but still want to reach out to other leaders? Emily can give you the list of leaders and their contact information. Again, for privacy reasons, we don't publish this on the website.

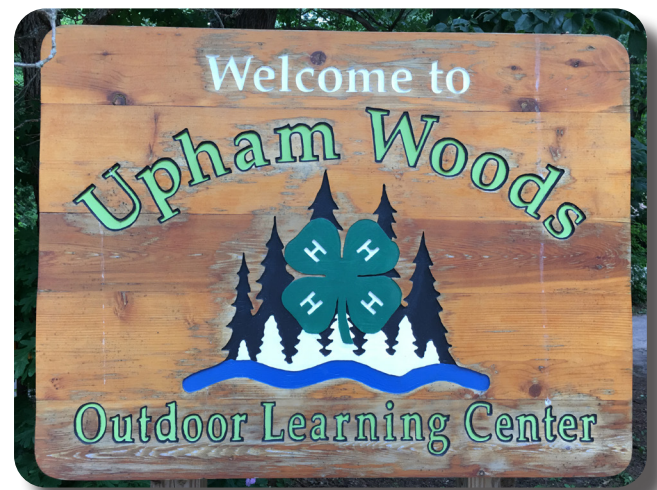
If you have an idea to brainstorm or just want to chat about something, please do not hesitate to reach out, we are here to help you and your youth explore.

youth leadership >>>

Youth Leader Meeting

When: Sunday, February 16th at 4:00 p.m.
Where: First Congregational Church, 2503 Main St., Social Room, La Crosse, WI 54601

Anyone interested in leadership opportunities should consider attending an Ambassador and Youth Leader meeting! Future plans include developing activities for cloverbuds. We need your brilliance! Come to our meetings, hang out with some ambassadors and have some fun!



Camp Counselor Application and Training

This year we are combining camps with Richland, Crawford, Vernon and Monroe Counties, so there will be many youth (grades 9 and up!) applying for camp counselor positions. To be a camp counselor, be sure to apply by filling out an application here: <https://forms.gle/kJh1sRHDgek9myhaA> by April 15, 2020 - since we are working with other counties, there is no exception for late applications. Go ahead and fill it out now!

Additionally, Camp Counselor training for our local counties will be Monday, July 6, 2020. But youth are welcome to sign up and attend Upham Woods Counselor training events on March 28-29, April 25-26, or May 2-3, 2020, cost is \$30, some funding may be available from the La Crosse County 4-H Leaders Association. To see more about trainings at Upham Woods, visit: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/community-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>

animal sciences >>>

Beef Ear Tagging

For those needing to tag their animal, reach out to Aaron Langrehr (608-790-4980) or Jenny Wright (608-786-2780) to get the ear tags and paperwork. Tag your animal, and fill out paperwork. THEN come to the fairgrounds.

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Where: La Crosse Fairgrounds, West Salem

This will be handled in an assembly-line process, be sure to have your animals tagged and paperwork ready in order to keep the process moving. Any questions? Please reach out to Aaron at 608-790-4980, or Jenny at 608-786-2780.

Horse Project Meeting

The next Horse Project meeting will be held following Horse Bowl practice on Sunday, February 16th at 5:00 p.m. at Hamilton Town Hall.

Horse Bowl

Would you like to learn more about horses and have fun with friends? Then horse bowl/hippology might be the place for you.

Horse bowl is a team event similar to a Jeopardy game, where participants buzz in to answer questions. In Hippology, participants match pictures of horse-related items to descriptions. Both offer the opportunity to learn about breeds, anatomy, colors and markings, events, tack, and much more.

February Schedule:

Monday 2/3 5 - 8 pm

Monday 2/10 5 - 8 pm

Tuesday 2/18 5 - 8 pm

Monday 3/02 5 - 8 pm

All practices will be at 1053 Kristy Lane, Onalaska unless otherwise noted. All are welcome to join as you are able. Contact Nancy Wakefield (608) 780-6248 or Lise Graham (608) 792-9687 for more information.

Cat Project Meeting

Interested in getting together with other cat project members? Kim Young, Cat Superintendent, would like to get a group started! Our first meeting is **Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 6-7pm at the Goodwill in Onalaska (200 Theater Rd, Onalaska)**. If you have any questions, please let Emily know at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or 608-785-9593.

Rabbit Project

What: First Annual Rabbit Show - Double Open & Youth Sanctioned Rabbit Show

When: Saturday, February 29th, 2020

Where: Monroe County Fair Grounds (1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI 54660)

Cost: \$3.00 per rabbit, \$1.50 fur

Entries close at 8:45am for First Show, Judging begins at 9am. Show room will be open 7pm - 10pm on Friday, February 28th, 2020. Show Secretary is Cassie Olson, colson2589@yahoo.com.

Dog Project

The next Dog Project meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Barre Town Hall**.

2019 Dog Training Classes

Save the date! If you are thinking of participating in the Dog Project's annual showmanship, Obedience or Critter Hunt classes this spring, you must attend the mandatory orientation on **Thursday, April 16th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., location TBD**.

This meeting will prepare families with necessary information for the dog training classes as well as what is needed for showing at the Fair. All project members are expected to attend. Please leave your dogs at home.



YQCA>>>

2020 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 also required for the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair, but for swine exhibitors only.

There are 3 different ways to complete your YQCA training this year (see below).

ONLINE:

YQCA training can be taken online in the form of self-guided modules. The cost for this format is \$12 per youth. To get this off your to-do list - visit <http://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> and enter your 4HOnline profile information. Module content varies based on youth's current school grade. Modules do not have to be completed in a single sitting. Upon completion of training, an online certificate will be generated which will have a certificate number on it which is needed for fair entries. It is recommended that these e-certificates be printed for records.

FACE TO FACE:

Kaitlyn Lance, Agriculture Educator, and Emily Crook, Positive Youth Development Educator, will be offering face-to-face trainings on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Bangor High School** (700 10th Ave S, Bangor, WI 54614). Pre-registration for these events is required via the YQCA website and is available now! The cost for this format is \$3 per youth, but will be reimbursed by the 4-H Leaders Association if a digital or paper copy of the online invoice/receipt is presented to the Extension office. Payment for training is due online upon registration. Register here: <http://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

TEST OUT:

The new "test out" option will be available for the first time this year only for youth ages 12, 15, 19 years old who feel they have sufficient knowledge of the YQCA training content. Youth will only have 1 chance to pass a 50 question exam at 80% or better. Upon passing, certification will be good for 3 years until they age into the next age bracket of material. Since this option is good for 3 year's worth of modules, it costs \$36 per youth. However, you will not be charged if youth do not pass with an 80% or better. Currently there are no study materials for this option.

SWINE AND AUCTION EXHIBITORS:

All swine exhibitors and those other livestock participating in the auction must submit a paper of their YQCA completion certificate to the Jr. Livestock Committee at the address below:

LA CROSSE COUNTY JR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE
COLENE MILLER, SECRETARY
N5909 MMCKINLEY VALLEY RD
WEST SALEM, WI 54669

As always, please contact the Extension Office with any questions - 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org



fair news >>>

2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair Clerk Request!

It is time to start thinking about the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair which will run from July 15th-19th! We strongly encourage our 4-H kids to sign up for helping out with clerk duties such as stapling and setting up exhibits.

The sign up is now open! To sign up and view available time slots, go to SignUpGenius.com and click "Find a Signup" at the bottom of the page. Enter in carlie.scriver@yahoo.com for the creator's email. Please contact Carlie Scriver with any questions at 608-317-9168 or carlie.scriver@yahoo.com.

arts & communication>>>

Expressive Arts Festival

When: Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 a.m. to approximately noon (dependent on number of participants).

Where: West Salem Elementary School, 475 N Mark St, West Salem, WI 54669

Cost: Participation in this event is free and participants can be of any age. We are still in the process of adding a number of options to the drama performances for future festivals, but this year's options will remain the same as last years.

You can find all the guidelines to what the performances are as well as an updated handbook, here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/county-festivals/>

Changes to note for 2020: there is no minimum number of participants required for any music performances. Literary readings do not require a sheet for the judge to follow along.

We would love for youth to get comfortable being expressive, not perfect!

General Rules & Guidelines

All Categories:

- No hay, straw, cornstalks, shavings, sawdust, confetti, or like substance may be used in any performance.
- Presentations must be family friendly and appropriate.

Drama:

- All groups must consist of 3 or more participants regardless of category.
- Youth may participate in only 1 performance per category.
- Performances can not have been prepared or presented in any other competitive event.
- Groups are allowed 5 minutes apiece for set up and take down of their stage in addition to the maximum time limit of their category.

Speaking:

- Youth may only participate in 2 speaking performances regardless of category.

Demonstration:

- Youth may participate in only 1 performance per category.
- The maximum time limit in all categories is 15 minutes.

Music:

- Groups must consist of 3 or more participants regardless of category.
- The maximum time limit in all categories is 12 minutes. Participants may utilize no more than 3 minutes each for set up and take down.
- No directing is permitted from the audience or in front of the stage.

Arts & Crafts

- All entries must have a 3" X 5" index card listing title of piece, artist name, club, grade, date completed, and brief description of materials used attached securely somewhere to the piece.
- Participants may only enter 5 exhibits.
- No woodworking entries are permitted.
- Note: to submit an item for the La Crosse Interstate Fair, you may be restricted to 24" x 24" size. This is not a requirement for Expressive Arts.

Marketing

- All entries must have a 3" X 5" index card listing title of piece, artist name, club, grade, date completed, and brief description of materials used attached securely somewhere to the piece.
- Any item is acceptable that can be used for promotion of 4-H. All entries must have at least one 4-H logo.

Photography

- All entries must have a 3" X 5" index card listing title of piece, artist name, club, grade, date completed, and brief description of materials used attached securely somewhere to the piece.
- Participants may only enter 5 exhibits.
- The maximum size of entries to be eligible for entry to the La Crosse Interstate Fair is 5" X 7" and mounted on poster board of any color no larger than 6" X 8".
- Photos must be participant's own original work.

Expressive Arts Festival Registration Sheet

Due to UW-Extension office by **4:30 p.m.** on **Monday, February 24th, 2020**



Participants: _____

Title of Performance/Exhibit: _____

Director/Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Club: _____

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|---|---------------------|---|---------------|---|--------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRAMA: (circle one) | Play | Mini-Drama | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAKING: (circle one) | Memorized Selection | Literary Reading | Play Reading | Original Speech | Storytelling | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEMONSTRATION: (circle one) | Demonstration | Illustrated Talk | Action Center | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC: (circle one) | Instrumental | Vocal | Dance | Novelty | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARTS & CRAFTS | | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKETING | | <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHY | | |

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shooting sports >>>

La Crosse County Archery Invitational

Save the date! The La Crosse County Archery Invitational will be held on Friday, April 3rd and Saturday, April 4th at La Crosse Archery (1231 Oak Forest Dr.) in Onalaska. Participants do not have to be 4-H members, nor do they have to live in La Crosse County. For youth that participated in the annual Archery Pellet Gun Program in January through March, participation in this separate invitational is free. For all other participants, there is a \$7 fee for the first event and an additional \$5 fee for each event thereafter. Registration forms and more information will be available in March online at <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>. Please contact Extension La Crosse County with questions LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org or 608-785-9593



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2	3 Horse Bowl Practice	4	5	6	7	8 Archery & Pellet Gun Program
9	10 Horse Bowl Practice	11	12	13 Leader's Association Board Meeting	14	15 Clover College Annual Volunteer Training
16 Youth Leader Meeting Horse Project Meeting Ambassador Meeting	17	18 Horse Bowl	19	20	21	22 Archery & Pellet Gun Program
23	24	25	26 Dog Project Meeting	27	28	29 First Annual Rabbit Show

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