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

April 2020

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Social Distancing

Putting a newsletter together to sum up one month's worth of busy activities while a pandemic is going on sure is complicated. Social distancing orders from the state keep getting pushed further out. So this newsletter might look a little bare.

But trust that we WILL be fully functioning again. And that most events are just postponed, not all together cancelled. As I write this, everything in April is postponed past May 3, 2020. But of course, we will see how this develops.

All of this affects future planning. Obviously we are all worried about everyone's health. People are worried about their financial future. There is just a lot of anxiety milling around. 4-H operates based on the good efforts of many people, many organizations, and many lovely hearts. And as we figure things out, I trust that we will be flexible with previous requirements. That we will be kind with the needs of others. And most importantly we will find answers to all your questions.

In the meantime, I cannot offer many promises but a few I always make: We will figure this out and by golly, somehow, we will have fun. There is always creativity, hope, magic and glory to be had. Sometimes we just have to dig a little deeper in our seeking.

Hang in there 4-H families. I miss your faces. But until we meet again, stay safe.

Emily A Crook

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leadership >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

When: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

Where: online! <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/782106820>

All 4-H members are invited to vote on the following changes in bold to the Leader's Association By-Laws. Please access a complete record of the by-laws with proposed changes here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-leadership/>

Article IV, Section 2:

The county shall be divided into four geographic districts for the purpose of assuring representation on the Association Board. Along with the geographic districts, two at-large representatives to the Association Board will be elected. The four districts are identified as, Holmen-Mindoro, La Crosse-Onalaska, West Salem, and Bangor. The geographic boundaries and list of clubs with in each district shall be reviewed and approved by the Association Board. **The district and at-large representatives do not need to reside within the geographical boundaries that they are serving, but it is their responsibilities to engage and represent the clubs that reside within that area.**

Article IV, Section 9:

The President shall have the authority to fill an Association Board vacancy by an appointment for all positions except a vacancy in the office of President, which will be filled by the Vice President. **In the event of vacancy in the office of the President, the most senior executive board member will have the authority to fill an Association Board vacancy by an appointment for all positions including the vacancy in the office of the President.**

Committee Members Wanted

With every special event or opportunity given to La Crosse County 4-H youth, there is a quiet band of committee volunteers that work to make it happen. Ever have thoughts on how to make something better? Want to be part of the magic? We would love to have your help with Clover College, Expressive Arts, Achievement Night, Record Books, or any of the county-wide things we do. If you are interested - here's a little survey to get your interest. <https://forms.gle/MyNx8KYaem7yheN9> Fill it out!

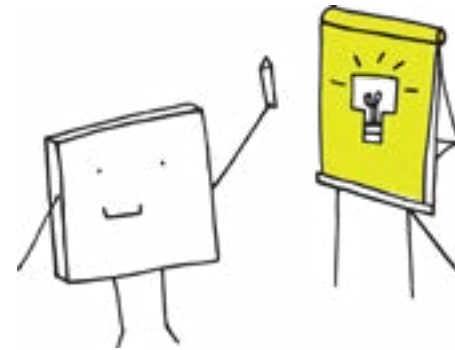
youth leadership>>>

Youth Leader Meeting

When: Sunday, April 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m..

Where: online! <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/372878357>

We originally planned on navigating an escape room at this meeting, but now it looks like we'll have to postpone this. No matter, we'll still have our meeting online to discuss summer plans.



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 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 >>>

Area Animal Sciences Day

We are happy to announce that the dates and locations for the 2020 Area Animal Science Days contests will be **Thursday, June 11 in Jefferson County** (Southern Site) and **Friday, June 12 in Marathon County** (Northern Site).

This year we are consolidating the regional contests into a northern and southern host site. We have made the decision to try 2 host sites this year due to changes in staffing capacity in both the Wisconsin 4-H Program and in the College of Ag Life Sciences (CALs). We are committed to delivering a high quality educational experience for all youth who participate and have done our best to choose sites that can handle the larger amount of youth participants and dates that fit into the packed summer schedule of 4-H educational events and animal-science related events.

Registration information will be posted online soon at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days/>.



Ear Tagging Update

The Agriculture Society has made adjustments to the procedure of ear tagging in order to align with the social distancing requirements.

Rather than coming to the fairgrounds for the official tagging, all exhibitors should return a photo of the animal with the tag secure in the animal's ear. This along with a copy of the paperwork should go to their Superintendent.

Typically the Superintendent needs to sign the document and the white copy is turned in to the Superintendent and the exhibitor keeps the pink copy. They have allowed to forgo the Superintendent signature to relax the in-person contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the mandated government restrictions.

For questions, please reach out to the Extension Office at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org

shooting sports>>>

Holmen Archery Program

When: May 11th & 18th, June 1st, 8th, & 15th, and July 6th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Arrows in the Square, N7681 Casberg Coulee Rd, Holmen, WI 54636

Cost: \$6 per 4-H youth, \$10 per community youth

All 4-H and community youth are welcome to come participate in this new archery program! If you are unable to participate in the winter Archery & Pellet Gun Program, this is a great way to get your 2 sessions done in order to participate in the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair Archery Tournament. Or maybe you had so much fun this winter, you want to continue your archery studies this spring! Participants do not have to participate in the winter Archery & Pellet Gun Program in order to participate in the Holmen Archery Program. For more information and copy of the registration form, visit <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>. Registration forms with fees are due to the

Extension La Crosse County office by **4:30 pm on Thursday, May 2nd.**

bits n' pieces >>>

Model Rocket Launch

When: Sunday, May 17th, time TBD

Where: TBD

We are organizing a model rocket launch for Civil Air Patrol cadets on Sunday, May 17th. Any 4H students interested in Dept. 24 Class H Items 6 – 12 (or 36 – 42) may be interested in attending. The event is open to the public, but if you know you would like to launch your rocket(s) please contact

Open Foods Superintendent

The La Crosse Interstate Fair is looking for one or two individuals to be a superintendent for the Open Foods department. If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact Carlie Scriver at 608-317-9168 or carlie.scriver@yahoo.com for questions and a description of the position duties.

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WI 4-H & Youth Conference

- When:** Monday, June 24th to Thursday, June 27th
Where: UW-Madison campus
Who: Youth in 7th-10th grade at time of registration
Cost: Approximately \$300 (some funding is available from the Leaders Board)

Registration will open on April 1st and end on April 15th in 4HOnline. Seminar sessions will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. This conference opens doors to many other state trip opportunities for your future and is always a popular and fun experience. All conference participants will automatically qualify for Leaders Board scholarships. For more information on the conference, visit <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>.

family, home & health >>>

Foods Revue

Save the date! The 2020 Foods Revue is scheduled for Monday, June 29th at 5:30 p.m. (set up at 5:00) at the La Crosse County Administrative Center.

This is a pre-fair event with face-to-face judging.

For more information on both these events, please visit <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youthdevelopment/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/>.

Clothing Revue

Save the date! The 2020 Clothing Revue is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th. Start Sewing!

This is a pre-fair event with face-to-face judging.

For more information on both these events, please visit <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youthdevelopment/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/>.



2020 Outpost 4-H Camp

- When:** Wednesday, July 8th and Thursday, July 9th
Where: Wildcat Mountain State Park
Who: 4-H youth currently in grades 6-8
Cost: \$100 - (\$50 will be provided from the La Crosse County 4-H Leaders Board upon motion approval)

Monroe County 4-H will again host a fun-filled outdoor camp. Activities due Friday, May 1st, 2020. Activities to include: swimming, fire building & safety, survival skills, tent camping, field games, and canoeing from Ontario to Wildcat. Registration Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/mKQnxaAFy5lm4xhAq1>

If you want to be an Outpost Camp Counselor, register here: <https://forms.gle/mK9x5rRi8dKDrFS66>

CodeMonkey Opportunity

Due to some social distancing AND change ups in after school programming - I have 25 spots in my CodeMonkey online class. This is an introductory course offered online free for youth in grades 3-5th grades. All you need to do is email that you're interested in participating. It's something you can do on your own time and it's a really cute game that teaches coding basics. Let us know if you want to join! Email lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

summer camp>>>

2020 Summer Camp at Upham Woods

Enrollment for 2020 Summer Camp is open! We are collaborating with Crawford, Monroe, Richland and Vernon Counties to offer one full camp experience at Upham Woods.

When: Thursday, July 23 - Saturday July 25, 2020

Where: Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells, WI

For: Grades 3rd-8th (9+ are camp counselors)

Cost: \$150/youth

- \$75 scholarship will be reimbursed upon attendance at camp

- A bus and t-shirt will be provided and is part of the cost.

Deadline to sign up: June 5, 2020

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/wwwZQS3i3ePj6H318>

We do not anticipate social distancing to affect camp. But knock on wood! Any concerns or questions can be directed to the Extension Office at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.



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But... where is my calendar? Well, seeing as we are still dealing with social distancing we're not going to blatantly advertise things that might be cancelled. It fosters confusion. Instead, you might want to reach out to project organizers and the office to see if things are still happening. Situations are developing at a rapid pace and we never refuse communication, so don't hesitate to reach out!



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