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

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Moving Forward

It feels like we're standing still, waiting for things to suddenly release.

Meanwhile the world turns, the weather gets warmer, and we all get a little older and a little (hopefully) healthier.

But with every huge shift in societal history, there comes forth some bright little ideas that push us forward, that improve our quality of life, or at the very least bring us together.

There's a new section in this newsletter that I'd like to continue indefinitely and it's called "adaptations." It's going to showcase little ways our clubs and others are continuing 4H programming while this pandemic surges on.

And then once this pandemic subsides, I'll continue to showcase other examples of how people across the globe are moving 4H forward.

Maybe it will inspire you to be part of something big!



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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/94768426189?pwd=RnBYZER4cW80MmJITjVlVjZlZDZDNHhBQUT09>

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/MyNx8KYaeem7yheN9> Fill it out!

animal sciences >>>

Area Animal Sciences Day

Due to the pandemic Area Animal Sciences Days, information, judging opportunities - all are online. Please see the link below to attend!

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 is located at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days/>.



Horse Project Forms

Horse registration paperwork is traditionally due May 1, 2020. Due to the office being closed and not being a viable drop off point, please mail your registrations to the office. We will be flexible with this deadline. Mail to: La Crosse Extensions, 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601. You can also email them to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

adaptations >>>

Virtual Clover Hunt

Barre Badgers Club has come up with a fun project to work on from home - a club-wide virtual clover game. Each family or club member will create a clover that represents what they love about 4H. It can be a digital version, or a craft project. If it's a physical project, youth will send a picture. Then fellow club members will try to guess which clover belonged to who. Youth are encouraged to find pictorial representations of their 4-H projects and involvement, letting their creativity bloom! Thank you Justin and Heidi Groth for sharing how your club is challenging each other to move forward!

Face Mask Challenge

Rockland Fish Creek 4-H members were recently given a challenge to make a face mask for use by their family taking into consideration social distancing, safer at home and stay at home orders from the Wisconsin Governor. As part of a health, safety, and community service project, members were given guidelines or rules for this challenge.

1. All materials must come from your home...do not go to the store to purchase items.
2. Mask must only cover nose and mouth/chin area.
3. Consider ease of putting on and removing, is it comfortable to wear?
4. Sturdiness, can it be washed and reused?
5. It can be either individual or family project.
6. Suggested items you may consider using are bandana, handkerchief, pillowcase fabric, paper towels, vacuum cleaner bags, pipe cleaners, craft wire, string, thread, rubber bands, elastic, hair bands or any other supplies you have available.
7. Send or print picture to leader.
8. Prizes include drive up/carryout from local eating establishments will be awarded.
9. Judge's decision final

This 4-H pledge states, I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world. The 4-H motto is “To Make the Best Better”. 4-H members learned about the covid

19 pandemic and how it can affect their health, why it is important to stay safe as well as helping their community with the gift certificates being awarded.

Winner of the “Best Cloth Mask” is the Caspersen family. They used a pattern, fabric, and hair ties for which they could put a coffee filter or paper towel inside for extra protection. Caleb and Dylan cut out fabric pieces and pinned together with mom finishing the sewing. Mom will also use it for work, because it is not super thick, so she is able to breath easier while using it. “Best Use of Paper Product Mask” award was given to the Nagy family. They reused two hair bands, clean Kleenex folded and stapled around the hairband. “Most Creative Mask” award was given to Mya Hoth. She used a flannel blanket, pipe cleaner, 2 buttons, a hair band, and 2 hair ties. She cut the blanket and sewed hair ties at each end, then she placed a pipe cleaner in the center. Next, she sewed the two buttons on the hair band to use in case her ears get sore from the masks.

Thank you to everyone who continued the 4-H program and participated in this individual 4-H project during this stay at home time of the covid 19 pandemic.



Window Clover Hunt

We are borrowing Barre Badger's idea, and gleaming off the great American teddy bear hunt, and heart hunt of late. So we give you: THE 2020 CLOVER HUNT. Each family will receive a window cling from Monroe County soon. This is a way for you to participate. Proudly display your clover on an outside window (or wherever really), and when you go walking, see how many other 4H families you can find!

agriculture update>>>

This is a reminder for those exhibiting beef, sheep, or swine at the fair that **all educational credits are due to Colene Miller by June 30th.**

If you haven't had a chance to get both of your educational credits there are some online opportunities found here : <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/covid-19/> If you choose to participate or watch one of the previous webinars/zooms then you must complete two forms.

The **first form** is the La Crosse County Jr. Livestock Education Session Form: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/files/2018/04/EducationSessionApplicationForm-Updated.pdf> When filling it out make sure to give a detailed description of what you learned.

The **second form** will look similar and comes from the state program: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/files/2020/03/EducationalVerification_Form-fillable.pdf

Once both forms are complete please mail a hard copy to Colene Miller N5909 McKinley Valley Rd West Salem, WI 54669. If you have any questions about the form or accessing the educational activities please reach out to the La Crosse County Extension office at 608-785-9593 or by email at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.



opportunities >>>

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.



Virtual 4H Meetings

Emily misses her 4H members, so every week, on Thursday's at 3pm, until this whole thing blows over, she's going to host a Virtual 4H meeting on zoom. To register for the zoom, [please visit here.](#)

This series includes a variety of educational interests. Past meetings include: Traditions, Chocolate, Rain Gardens/Stormwater, Cheese, BEES!, Victory Gardens, and Communication.



To access the resources to previous meetings, please visit here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-programming-opportunities/>

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-youth-development/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-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/>



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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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