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

January 2021

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Hello 2021

It's so weird to say "the end is near" at the beginning of the year, but for the first time in almost a year, we can almost feel herd immunity approaching, and isn't it glorious.

That being said, it will still be a few months, but we can at least sense it. Therefore - 2021 is going to be amazing! We are going to incorporate our old normal with our new normal and life as we know it will change.

Clover College will not be like it was last year, but it will be all the things we couldn't do before. All our county wide events will look a bit different. We've had time to reflect with each one we've passed. We have new ideas and more passion and excitement.

Hang tight, it's going to be a wild year!

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La Crosse County Extension



youth leadership >>> 2021 Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship opportunities for 2021 are now up on the Youth Leadership page, online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>. Due dates vary, and thousands of dollars are available to you simply for the hard work you do every day in 4-H. Take a few minutes to check out what scholarships may be applicable to you!



leadership >>>

Ambassador and Youth Leader Meeting

I kicked around the idea to meet in January to clarify the door challenge rules, but honestly, let's give you guys the month off. We'll check in end of February! Don't forget to check out the scholarships on our website. Some of these are due in February and March!



4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting

When: Thursday, Jan 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Online! Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y9k4s8jw>

Phone: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 962 0649 3830

Passcode: 014435

We will meet to discuss updates to the 4-H year, improvements to the new youth building at the fair grounds.



Annual Leader Training

The virtual trainings are done, but they were recorded and are in the process of being posted for viewing. Once they are, I will again send this out to those who have not had a member of their club attend one of the trainings already. This is a requirement for each club to have one volunteer attend a training each year (doesn't have to be the same adult, but it helps!) Coming soon!

2021 Leaders Board

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coffee corner >>>

I can't hang out with you in person, but here's what I'm listening to right now. Things that are helping me to breathe, to forgive myself, to be better. Because 4-H isn't just about youth. It starts with you, parents. YOU need to thrive as much as the youth do. This month, it's mostly about inspiration. What can I do to jump start my creativity? So I try to sort out the things I wish I could do better.

PIES! Why NOT make my own crust? Ooh this is going to take practice. But here is an excellent tutorial series: <https://youtu.be/01113GsmQ8g> (Bake It Up a Notch pie spectacular with Erin McDowell)

Embracing the interest of Silas, I'm trying to incorporate trains into some future programming. But a big thank you to the Dutch and their investment in epic railroad videos: <https://youtu.be/8hRmQAzmkwc> Making our obsessive views of train crossings almost bearable. What do your kids love that you struggle with? Is there any way you can embrace some of it?

Have a cup of coffee, deep breathe, and ask yourself what do you want to try?

animal sciences >>>

Wisconsin Livestock Programs

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.

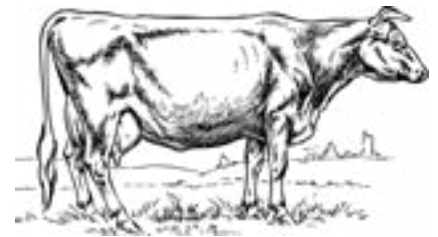
For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events, please go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>. On this webpage you can also complete an educational verification form and turn it into your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

- January 14 - Roaming the Rumen
- February 11 - Feeding & caring for Swine without Ractopamine
- March 11 - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products
- April 8 - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras
- May 13 - Meat Science Cookery

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program:

- Website - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/> Y
- ouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mPVKo63rmBr5s3kFyvX9g>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>
- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/wiyouthlvstk/>
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WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS



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May 13 - Meat Science Cookery - making and cooking of meat products

All events are *virtual* and begin at 7 p.m.
Can meet county educational requirements.



For more information & how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>



adaptations >>>

Programming Guidelines Going Forward

There are a few updates to the programming guidelines. Small group programming is still ideal at group sizes of 10, ideally outside, but inside is permissible under short time frames. Please read all the information below and if you plan on holding a gathering please shoot me an email at emily.crook@wisc.edu so I can ensure you have everything you need to keep things safe. Here are some new guidelines and FAQ's related to COVID-19.

New 4-H COVID-19 Related FAQs posted

12. How does a 4-H Club or 4-H Group conduct elections if they can't meet face to face?

4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups should follow their bylaws regarding elections. Voting could take place using an online platform, email, electronic survey or mail in balloting provided that the bylaws allow for that flexibility. If the bylaws do not provide that flexibility, it is accepted practice that officer terms can be extended until an election can be conducted.

13. What if we can't meet as a 4-H Club or a 4-H Group?

4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups should continue to explore virtual or face to face meeting options, however, we realize that meeting virtually or face to face may not be feasible for all 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups. For this reason, it is acceptable for 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups to postpone regular meetings until March 31st, 2021 when this timeline will be reassessed. Flexibility should be considered in individual meeting requirements to allow youth to maintain their membership standing.

14. Should I re-enroll in 4-H if my club is not meeting?

Yes! Wisconsin 4-H is continuing to offer programming at the club county and state level. Youth are encouraged to enroll/re enroll in 4-H as there will be programming options that will be available to Wisconsin 4-H members. The 4-H movement has thrived for over a century and we will get through this together. We are stronger together!!

15. Our club/group has dues, can we suspend or reduce 4-H dues for 2020-21?

If it is financially feasible, 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups may consider suspending or reducing membership dues for the 2020-21 4-H program year.

16. What if our 4-H Club or 4-H Group has excess funds because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

For the 2020-21 fiscal year, the Division of Extension and Wisconsin 4-H is suspending the Excess Funds policy for all 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups. We realize that developing a plan to spend down excess funds during this pandemic is not practical. Once Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups can resume more normal operations, the suspension of this policy will be lifted.

Simplified Approval Process for 4-H Programs

For In Person Programming only with Adults – A Program Approval Checklist still needs to be submitted in SharePoint prior to the event. No approvals are required, but complete documentation and submittal of the form is critical.

For In Person Programming that includes Youth – A Program Approval Checklist requires approval before the event by your supervisor/Area Extension Director. We are moving to a one-step approval process. Program and Institute staff are still resources for questions. Checklists will be uploaded to our current SharePoint flow process for approval. Educators will continue to upload the program contact log for youth programs after the event.

Both of these changes rely on Educators understanding our current policy and guidance around programming. Educators will be responsible for ensuring compliance for programming they are leading and that are volunteer led. Current program guidance continues to be posted on our SharePoint COVID-19 site under "Return to Workplace".

Conservation Challenge 10K!

Upham Woods has created a Conservation Challenge to give back to the land that is so often taken for granted. We aim to put 10,000 hours of conservation service into our lands by the year 2020. We will accomplish this goal through our many conservation program opportunities for both campers and community members. The goal of the challenge is to restore our land while simultaneously giving people the skills and knowledge of land management. These land management principles can then be easily applied to their own communities. Some of these projects include trail building, invasive species management, oak forest restoration, and biodiversity monitoring. Examples of such projects can be seen on our story map.

To get involved in the Conservation Challenge email our Conservation Program Coordinator, Caroline Zimmerman, at czimmerman6@wisc.edu or call (608) 254-6461.

For upcoming events, please see our Conservation Community Events page or our calendar.

Running Total (since the beginning of August 2019): 2,140 hours

odds and ends >>>

Open Foods Superintendent Position

Jr Nature Sciences, Jr Woodworking, Jr Electricity, Jr Mechanical Science, Open Woodworking Superintendent Position

The La Crosse Interstate Fair is looking for individuals to be superintendents/assistants for these departments. 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.

Area 13 4-H Program Kits - Wind, International, STEM, Art

Because we know people are tired of online meetings, each 4-H coordinator of our 5-county group (La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon, Crawford, Richland) has put together themed kits, that can be purchased as a set of 3-5 activities, or individually. We wanted to offer flexible cheaper options for clubs. All kits are available for order, with anticipated pick up date being January 15, 2021. To see what activities are available and to place your order, visit: <https://forms.gle/FDzADWKEQvPgepVF7>



Outdoor Adventure

After the holidays, winter can seem long and daunting. But 4-H and Beth Piggush, local outdoor adventurer, want to get you exploring outside, regardless of weather.

First - dress for it! Layers, lots of layers will keep your body warm, and once you get moving you'll find you don't need as many as you think.

Second - challenge yourself. Do something new. Listen to music. Try out a new trail, or challenge yourself to hit them all!

Check out the Trail Trek Challenge from the Mississippi Valley Conservancy: <https://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/ttc> So many trails are right in our county.



Clover College

We are currently working on a multitude of virtual and non-virtual options to offer during February and March in an effort to adapt Clover College to our current needs. Some classes will need additional supplies that can be provided, some might be required to get on your own, but all the sessions will be free! Look for a calendar in the February and March Cloverlines for activities to dabble in. Some of the sessions will be:

- A Series on Pie
- International Exploration
- History Mysteries
- Dollhouse Miniatures

4- H'ers During COVID- 19 >>>

December Club Challenge - Ornament Creation



The Mormon Coulee 4-H Club had a blast participating in the December Club Challenge. They followed the excellent youtube tutorial provided by Youth Ambassador, Summer Maricle.

CONNECTED THROUGH DIVERSITY

This event is in celebration of Cultural Diversity. We are inclusive of diversity. All people are welcome to submit an exhibit of communities who have not been heard, communities who are invisible, or how we truly connect to each other.

Exhibits will be on display at the La Crosse County Administrative Center through the month of February.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WILL BE
JANUARY 14TH, 2021.**



Connected Through Diversity

The Extension La Crosse County Office is celebrating Connecting through Diversity through a public art exhibition Monday, January 18 through Monday, March 1, 2020. In a time of polarity, everyone is welcome to submit a piece of wall art reflecting on what connects us as people while celebrating our differences.

This contest is open to people of all ages to create a piece of wall art (that can be hung) which interprets your point of view of inclusion. We're looking for creative and original exhibits to decorate the walls of the Atrium in the La Crosse County Administrative Center.

This exhibition will be displayed from Martin Luther King Junior Day, (Monday, January 18th, 2021) through Black History Month (February). The art pieces will be categorized by age groups, 5-15, 16-25, 26-50, 51+. An online opportunity to vote is on our website, which can be found below on this web page. Voting ends March 1, 2020. The winner for each age group will receive a \$25 gift card to a local La Crosse BIPOC-owned business.

For more information and to print a submission form, please visit lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our office at 608-785-9593 or uwexmail@lacrossecounty.org.

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important dates>>

January 14th - Connected Through Diversity Submissions Due
January 14th - Roaming the Rumen Livestock Program
January 18th - Connected Through Diversity Art Exhibit Starts
January 14th - Leaders Board Meeting



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We thank all who volunteer their time and talents to contribute to this newsletter.