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

June 2021

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Summer,

The twins turn 3 and I'm beginning to understand the concept of an overwhelming summer. We have a finite amount of time to take advantage of the good weather. We need to camp, swim, play sports, do fair, travel, see family, celebrate birthdays, graduations, weddings, eat popsicles, watch fireworks, and get bug bites. All in 3 months. Okay - BREAK.

Kidding. There is no way. How do we slow down and spread out some of these experiences? Do we have to commit to a sport all summer long, or can we just take advantage of a short 3-day workshop? Can we choose 3 celebrations to attend and just send a card to the others? I think if anything this pandemic has taught us all to be carefully selective with our time and gatherings. Now that we are gathering again, it's time to put that new lesson to practice. And yes, I understand this is why 4-H membership is probably down a little. But I'm okay with that.

I want families to be involved in 4-H not because they have to, not because it's always been this way, not because it's the thing to do. Do it because it's enriching, and exciting, challenging and comforting. Do it because you love it. And I'm going to absolutely pour my love into this program, too. Watch for some things that, well, maybe I think are exciting over the next year, and let me know what you love about 4-H and I'll try to beef that up, too!

Let's have a great memorable summer!

Emily A Crook

Emily Crook
Positive Youth Development Educator
La Crosse County Extension

2021 Foods Revue Registration:

Due Monday, June 7th by 4:30 p.m.

Placing for LATE entries will be lowered

Name _____
Phone _____ Grade _____
E-mail _____

Please enroll me in the following Favorite Foods Revue category(ies) (check the appropriate response):
 Cloverbud (grades K-2)
 Exploring (grades 3-4 not in a Foods project)
 Foods & Nutrition
 Cake Decorating

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Fax: 608-789-4808

***These events will follow all COVID-19 protocol and participants will be asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing. If anyone feels sick, they are asked to stay home. ***

clothing & foods revue fair entries>>>

Remember to submit your Foods & Clothing Revue item(s) as a Fair entry to receive your premium by June 25th.

Foods Revue: All Foods Revue entries must submit a photo of their actual Foods Revue entry on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper. Exhibitors may write captions, add recipe or decorate the paper to enhance their exhibit. Place settings are NOT required for display at the Fair. These photos should be taken to the Foods & Nutrition area in the Old Youth Building during the drop-off time for all Fair entries.

Clothing Revue: State Fair Clothing Revue participants do NOT need to qualify through their County Clothing Revue in order to participate! Youth meeting the qualifications can register themselves by Friday, June 1st. Visit <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/files/2018/04/Wisconsin-State-Fair.pdf> to learn more!

family, home & health >>>

2021 Foods Revue

When: Tuesday, June 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
(set-up at 5:00)

Where: La Crosse County Administrative Center
Atrium (212 6th St. N, La Crosse, WI 54601)

Cost: Free

Foods & Nutrition, Cake Decorating, Cloverbud and Exploring members: It's time to begin planning for the 2021 Favorite Foods Revue! This is your opportunity to showcase what you have learned in your project(s).

Youth will be judged on their answers to questions regarding appropriate knowledge of the My Plate dietary guidelines, food preparation and nutritional value of the food, as well as their selection and appearance of the table setting and food display.

General Rules for All Foods Revue Participants:

- All entries must be ready for judging at the assigned time.
- Exhibitors must bring their own card table for displaying the place setting and food.
- Youth must set their own table and display.
- All displays must include all dishes and silverware needed for the exhibit, including serving utensils for cakes.
- A tablecloth or placemat should be included.
- A centerpiece is recommended for everyone except cake decorators.
- Dress appropriately for the meal and occasion you are presenting.
- Include your recipe on an index card.
- Foods will not be eaten by a judge, so temperature does not matter.

Project Class Descriptions:

- **Cloverbuds** will prepare a simple snack.
- **Explorers** who are not enrolled in the Foods & Nutrition project will prepare an after-school snack.
- **Foods & Nutrition** members will select 1 food they have enjoyed preparing. The food you select must be related to your project, but the recipe does not have to be from the project literature. Members will also plan a menu that includes the food you selected.
- **Cake Decorating** members will bring a decorated cake (no cupcakes) using frosting techniques and may include edible or non-edible decorations.

2021 Clothing Revue

When: Thursday, July 8th at 6:00 p.m. (set-up at 5:30)

Where: La Crosse County Administrative Center Lobby
(212 6th St. N., La Crosse, WI)

Cost: Free

Contact: Janean Ranis, 608-779-1449

Attention all members enrolled in Crocheting, Clothing (any level), Consumer Savvy (any level), Knitting, Cloverbud, and Exploring projects: you are invited to showcase what you have learned in your projects this year! Use the Fair Premium Guide to complete the registration. Be sure your garments are entered correctly; descriptions and limitations are listed in the Guide. The 2018 Fair Premium Guide can be found online at http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor_handbook.

General Rules for all Clothing Revue Participants:

Participants will be required to model one of their entries at the La Crosse Interstate Fair on Wednesday, July 18th at 5:00 p.m. (practice at 4:30 p.m.).

Participants should bring a description and fabric sample with them to the Clothing Revue for each of their entries. State Fair representatives use these when writing the Style Show script.

Late entries will be marked down one placing.

For more information on the Clothing and Foods Revues, qualifying for State Fair and extra registration forms, visit <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothing-revue/>.



2021 Clothing Revue Registration:

Due Monday, June 14th by 4:30 p.m.

Placing for LATE entries will be lowered

Name _____ Grade _____
Club _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____

Please enroll me in the following Favorite Clothing Revue category(ies) (check the appropriate response):

- Cloverbud
- Exploring
- Clothing 1 - Under Construction
- Clothing 2 - Fashion Forward
- Clothing 3 - Refine Design
- Consumer Savvy
- Knitting
- Crocheting

List your Clothing Revue entry(ies) below. Check the Fair Premium Guide for the class and item number:

1. Class _____ Item # _____
Description _____
2. Class _____ Item # _____
Description _____
3. Class _____ Item # _____
Description _____
4. Class _____ Item # _____
Description _____
5. Class _____ Item # _____
Description _____

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leadership >>>

Ambassador and Youth Leader Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 27th
Time: 6:30pm
Online: La Crosse County Administrative Center, Extension Office.

So much to discuss! Don't forget these dates of activities we're doing:

- June 19 - Dairy Breakfast
- June 23 - Day Camp Erickson Park (Wandering Wednesday)

So we'll re-cap those, and then in addition to that, let's plan something fun!

Calling Club/Project Leaders

La Crosse County 4-H is piloting a resource for club and project leaders. These are titled "New Club Kits" but we would like to have leaders of all experience levels try them out. I need a new leader (someone who has less than 5 years of experience in their current position); a mid-range leader (someone with 5-10 years of experience in their current position); and an experienced leader (someone with 10+ years of experience in their position) to try out these kits for the 2021-2022 4-H year. These kits include a tote with family newsletters, county information, flags, posters, all sorts of things to get your club off to a good start. Great for a new club, or a club that just needs some reorganization.

If you are interested in giving this a go, please reach out to Emily at emily.crook@wisc.edu. First come, first served, and I'm just taking one leader from each category!

Annual Leader Training

Every chartered club is required to have one volunteer representative of the club take an annual training. This year, these trainings were all online and they are now ready for view if you missed the live version. If your club or project wasn't represented at a training in December (attendance was recorded), then you need to follow up with these videos. Just pick one from here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/> There are three to pick from. Once you finish the video there is a form I need you to submit: <https://forms.gle/QWJ5DMB3usWkwFSA6>

You don't have to be a leader to take this course - if you just want to learn more about 4H please check it out!



Leaders Board Meeting

Location: Thursday, June 10th, 2021
Time: 6:45pm - Forum, 7:00pm meeting
Where: Hamilton Town Hall, West Salem, WI 54669

*Make sure to bring/wear masks. Hygiene protocol is still in effect for now. But we will resume meeting in person. We will be gearing up for fair!



odds and ends >>>

Expressive Arts Festival

Thank you to groups who participated in our Expressive Arts Festival! We had two groups move on to the Area 13 4-H Youth Regional Expressive Arts Competition! This competition is on Tuesday, June 29th at the Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center located at N455 O Ophus Rd, Coon Valley, WI 54623.



Dairy Breakfast!

The annual La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast is set for Saturday, June 19th from 6:00am-11:00 a.m. at Morning Star Dairy (N5931 County ZZ, Onalaska/Brice Prairie, WI).

Breakfast on the farm will feature Mindoro Lions Club pancakes, sausage, Westby cheese curds and yogurt, Culver's frozen custard, eggs with cheese and milk! Many extra roles are needed to make this event safe for everyone, if you would like to volunteer for this event, please email lacrossecountydairybreakfast@gmail.com.

Mississippi Conservancy - Trek Challenge!

You have one year - ONE YEAR - to hike the 5 trails on Mississippi Conservancy's Trail Trek Challenge map in order to get cool prizes. Can you do it? Look into it here: <https://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/ttc>.

I think this is an amazing opportunity for the family to explore the outdoors. If you happen to partake - take some pictures please and send them to the Cloverline, would you? lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

Tractor Safety Certification

When: Monday, June 14th-Wednesday, June 16th from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Where: Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey, 17304 Havenwood Road, Sparta, WI
Who: Youth 12 years & older wishing to operate tractors and farm machinery for hire or on public roads
Cost: \$40.00
Contact: Bill Halfman, 608-269-8722

Participants must attend all 3 days of training and come prepared with a bag lunch, closed-toe shoes, and appropriate attire for weather and operating machinery. The course is taught at a 14-15 year old level. To become certified, youth must pass a written and driving exam. Registrations are due by Monday, June 11th and must consist of a registration form, activity waiver, and payment of \$30 per youth. Visit <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/2018/03/20/2018-tractor-machinery-safety-certification/> for more information and forms.

camps >>>



Outpost Camp

For youth in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grades - you have the opportunity to "rough it" in wilderness this summer with Josh Goede and Monroe County 4-H! Save the dates for more Wildcat Out Post Camp dates - this summer it will be August 17th and 18th, 2021. Sign up information to come soon!

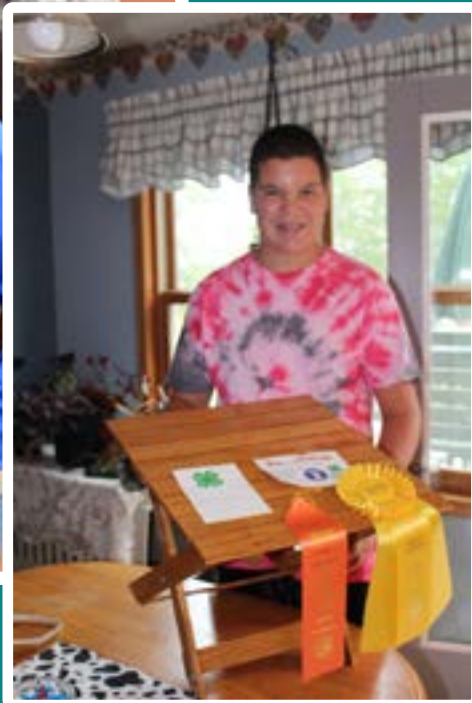
senior showcase >>>



Dustin Heitkamp

School: Bangor High School

Favorite 4-H project: Woodworking & Vegetables



Biggest 4-H Challenge: Finding time for everything! I didn't play sports, so 4-H was my area to shine. I tried to do as many things and have as many opportunities for learning, leading and having fun through 4-H as I could. My biggest goal was to have a woodworking project go to State Fair. Not only did I have a few projects selected over the years, but I even earned a Merit on one of them. That was my proudest moment!

What I got out of 4-H: Leadership, new friends, experiences & adventure, travel, new skills and knowledge. It was a great ride!!

After High School plans: Attending WTC, then transferring to UW-River Falls for Agronomy/Agri-Science

Sam Ganther

School: Holmen High School

Favorite 4-H project: Shooting Sports. I enjoyed staying active with community service work, leadership through my club and participating in the fair.

After High School plans: Attending St. Marys University, Winona



Mercedes Marshl

School: Bangor High School

Favorite 4-H project: Dog Agility

Biggest 4-H Challenge: Training our family dog, Doby, out of his bad habits.

What I got out of 4H: Lots of knowledge on dogs, horses, rabbits and other animals; friendships; sense of responsibility; archery training, and so much more.

After High School plans: Working with animals.



Rebekah Munns

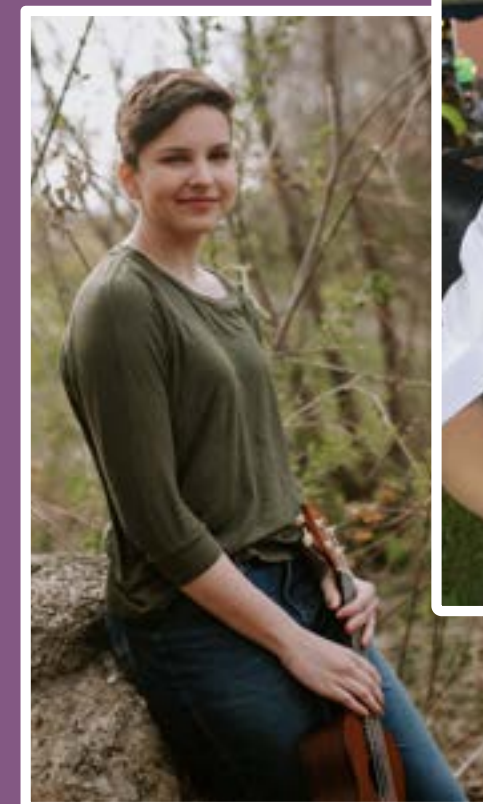
School: Coulee Christian High School

Favorite 4-H Project: Poultry/ Photography

Biggest 4-H Challenge: Advanced Space Camp

What they got out of 4-H: Try new things! You never know what you will really enjoy, and 4H gives you a great chance to experience a variety of things.

After High School plans: Attend WWTC to study Business Management and Basic EMT – leaning toward Firefighting as a career.





fair >>>

2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair

By now most of you are aware that the La Crosse Interstate Fair exhibit registration starts soon AND that the fairbook is out!

Let us explain a little bit about how 4-H relates to fair. 4-H is one of a handful of youth organizations that participates in the fair. The fair is organized by the La Crosse County Agricultural Society. This is why there are two parts to registering to show at fair. April 1st is our 4-H project selection deadline. It ensures for the fair, because they operate under fair regulations, that our youth have at least 6 weeks of educational experience with their exhibits. And Now is the time to actually register your fair exhibits! Fair is a great way for 4-H youth to show their mastery in the projects, it isn't required - but it's so much fun!

So - review your projects in 4HOnline. Visit here for electronic fairbook: <http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitorhandbook>. Start registering your fair exhibits on June 1st here: http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor_online_entries your deadline is to get them in by June 25, 2021.

Paper entries have a shorter window of time, so prepare for that.

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.

Exhibit Clarification

For the 2021 fair the La Crosse County Ag Society will accept entries made in 2020 that will be entered in 2021. This includes Arts and Crafts with dates on the exhibits or artwork, photography pieces that were taken in 2020, communication exhibits with dates etc. The regulations for these departments will not be updated to avoid confusion for 2022. If an exhibitor was in a lower grade group in 2020, they should enter all exhibits in their current grade year for the fair and the article will be judged with the current grade group.

If you have questions on exhibit eligibility, please send an email to lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com.

Fair Clean Up Night

This is a great time to stop by the fairgrounds and help the Ag Society clean up spaces to get it ready. Check out with your clubs and project groups to see if anything is scheduled for that day. It's a wonderful time for group bonding. Be sure to wear your clean up clothes, and bring some supplies.

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Time: May vary by Club/Project, but usually starts about 5pm!

Important Fair Dates:

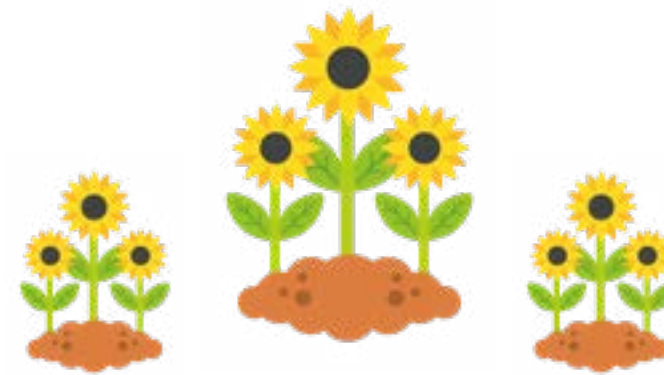
- June 1st - Online entries window open
- June 11th - Paper entries due
- June 12th- 25th - Paper entries accepted with \$10 late fee
- June 25th - Entry close (paper & online)
- July 5th - Tags available at Fair Office
- July 6th- Fair Clean-Up Night
- July 13th - Evening exhibit drop-off
- July 14th-18th - La Crosse Interstate Fair
- August 20th - Fair Premium checks will tentatively be ready

Clerks and Helpers for Fair

The sign up is now open for Clerks and Helpers for the 2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair. We welcome anyone who wants to help out with the fair and especially parents and exhibitors. We ask that anyone who is under the age of 12 to work with or be supervised by a parent. Please visit Sign Up Genius via this link to view available times: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A5AA2EA5F85-clerks2>

You can also find the sign up by visiting www.signupgenius.com, clicking on "Find a Sign Up" and typing in the email, carlie.scriver@yahoo.com.

Feel free to email Carlie Scriver with any questions at carlie.scriver@yahoo.com. As always, we thank our volunteers for supporting Wisconsin fairs and our youth!



La Crosse Youth Livestock Committee Updates

- **The next meeting is Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin in Bangor (or via zoom, send an email to lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com for the information)**
- **YQCA is due on July 1st**
- **All educationals need to be submitted by July 1st**
- **\$20 dues per exhibitor need to be paid**
- This site for forms, etc: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/livestock-project/>
- This site for their facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/730275387515701>
- This email for contact information: lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com

Open vs Junior 4-H Fair Challenge

The La Crosse Interstate Fair holds so many wonderful opportunities for 4-H youth to gain: mastery skills, belonging skills, independence. There is so much educational goodness and I want to share that with adults, too. One of the things we wanted to do for years was hold a friendly competition.

Members - I invite you to challenge a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle or other loved adult to submit a fair exhibit similar to yours. Maybe it's cake decorating, or an animal. Maybe it's knitting or photography. If you and a parent both exhibit in the same department (you in junior and the adult in open class) you and your loved adult are guaranteed a special 4-H ribbon this year. The winner (whoever places best) gets a merit ribbon, and the second placer gets a participation ribbon. And we want to see pictures of these challenges for the Cloverline.

Please register your intent to challenge each other here by June 30, 2021: <https://forms.gle/EWXt9G636eTmEgKYA>

A note from the Animal and Veterinary Science Superintendent

Hello all. After several years of research, this project has changed in its format. There is no longer a veterinary science project, but an animal/veterinary science project. There are some items listed for you to do, but the main purpose of this change is to get you to come up with an idea of what you want to show off. Posters and displays may be used. Higher the grade level, the more I will look for in how you show your work. Remember to cite sources especially in grades 7 and up.

My goal as a leader is to get you to use your brain and come up with something in the animal you want to learn more about. Think outside the box. Think about other animals, other veterinary positions, diseases of animals, what sparks your interest. Any questions feel free to contact me, kkymmm@gmail.com. Let's see what you may come up with, I can't wait. If the fair does not happen, I can set something up virtual (I think). Have fun and learn new things as you go.

-Kim Young, Animal Vet Science Superintendent

animal sciences >>>

2021 YQCA Training

The next YQCA training will be on June 8th hosted by Emily and Kaitlyn Davis.

Anyone planning on swine, sheep or beef exhibiting this summer at the La Crosse Interstate Fair (our county fair!) should complete the 2021 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. **Swine exhibitors MUST complete YQCA.** It's a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Every year the course is a little different, but it is solid quality education from some serious organizations. And this year, the La Crosse Youth Livestock Committee is requiring all youth in livestock projects who plan to auction this summer to complete this training.

- Online training: Costs \$12 and is available right at this very moment.
- **In person training: Tuesday, June 8th from 5:00-6:30pm. Costs \$3. Location: La Crosse County Health and Human Services Building, Room 102 in the basement.**

Both training versions require pre-payment online (visit yqca.org) and the La Crosse 4-H Leader's Association will reimburse \$3/youth when they receive a copy of the completion certificate.

When you complete your training online, YOU need to save a copy of your certification and email it to lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com (and if you request reimbursement, please email it to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org as well). Any questions? Feel free to reach out to us: 608-785-9593 or either the emails above.

Cattle Fitting Clinic

Learn from Show Cattle Experts: nutrition, clipping, bedding packs, show ring etiquette, and much more!

Saturday, July 10th! Clinic will be held at the Wagemester Farm, instructions will be emailed to registered participants. Hosted by the Vernon County Cattleman's Association & Vernon County 4-H.

To Register, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfV-t4I8BUUXmTsfyPYKyhETTbswMYM9VE85nfgM1aUiV6PJA/viewform>

Poultry Project

The La Crosse Poultry Project starts the year with our Coulee Region Poultry Show in Galesville, WI. CRPC is the core of the education side of the La Crosse County 4H poultry Project. Check out CRPC Facebook page for a copy of the show catalog and other details. Show is June 5th. Entries must be postmarked by 17 May. Showmanship will be hosted by the Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association. <https://www.facebook.com/couleepoultry>

Blood testing is once again required for exhibiting poultry. This might sound overwhelming but is easier than you might think. First, ensure that you have a Wisconsin Premise ID. https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx



Jim Laatsch, the Fair Poultry Superintendent, is a certified tester and will offer testing on July 3rd 10-Noon and July 6th two hours prior to fair set up. Both will be at the La Crosse Fairgrounds. Legbands will be included in the \$1 per bird fee. Jim does not test turkeys. Contact him directly at 253-241-9981 if you need a full flock tested for NPIP or a State tested program and he is also a Minnesota tester if you are from outside Wisconsin.

WI 4-H State Agility Dog Show

When: Saturday, August 14th
Where: Canine Sports Zone, 3036 Laura Lane, Middleton, WI

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Dog Agility Show! The show will be hosted by La Crosse County at Canine Sports Zone in Middleton, WI on August 14. The registration forms are attached to this email, and you can also find the forms and more information here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-agility-show/>. Registration is due July 10.

Registration for the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show will be coming soon!

Additionally, we have updated the Dog Project page on the new website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/small-animals/dogs-project/>. The old page should be automatically redirecting to this page. Please let Laura Pine, lpine@wisc.edu, know if you have any questions!

Pork Producers Annual Twilight Meeting

When: Monday, June 7th at 6:30pm
Where: La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds, N4985 County Rd M, West Salem, WI 54669
RSVP: Jimmy Gilster at 608-786-2150 or jgilster@outlook.com

This meeting counts as an educational session for Fair requirements! Memberships will be available at the cost of \$10/family or person. More details to follow! If you have any questions contact Jimmy Gilster at the information found above.

youth leadership >>>

Scholarships

Congratulations to Dustin Heitkamp and Elizabeth Glandt from Bangor Township 4-H Club for being the 2021 recipients of the La Crosse County 4-H Leader's Association Scholarship.

Also congratulations to Elizabeth Glandt for receiving one of five T.L. Bewick Memorial Scholarship awards from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

We are so proud of your accomplishments and cannot wait to watch you thrive in your communities!

june calendar >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 CRPC Show
6	7 Twilight Meeting	8	9	10 Leaders Meeting	11	12
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