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

July 2021

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...and much more!

You're not alone,

I sat with a lovely 5th grader from Richland County at one of our day camps this summer. Due to the nature of the event, the heat, the situation, and just everything - we ended up chatting for 3 hours. Listening to him helped me understand the issues the kids are dealing with a little better. He isn't interested in what he used to like anymore. Some of that is just due to his age and development, but man did that resonate with me, too. And more to that point - he wasn't sure what to do about it.

That also sounds like a symptom of depression, which isn't hard to believe that we all have this after the year we have had. And it's easy to assume that going back to what was will fix everything; it kind of doesn't. Because any big life altering event will change you, so we are in effect different people now. Admittedly, we are in a collective mourning period of what was and acknowledging that can help.

I'm not going to pretend to know your family situation or even how to fix this issue, but I will stress that if anyone is struggling with depression or anxiety, please do seek some professional attention. We often do a physical annual exam, but rarely do we complete a mental one and I honestly believe that is just as if not more so important. Especially now as our adolescents suffer in their mental health. But also note that it's perfectly normal right now to be a little lost. You certainly aren't alone.

Emily A Crook

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La Crosse County Extension

animal sciences >>>

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!

Horse Competition Results!

La Crosse County 4-H Drill Team – 1st Place at Evansville Competition 6/18/2021

Results of the youth competing at Educational Days 6/21/2021:

Speech & Demo – Serene Mather – Top 10

Horse Bowl – Beginning Team of Gwen Harris & Lea Edmison – Reserve

Horse Bowl – Senior Team of Cortney Nicolai & Sam Helgerson – Top 10

Horse Bowl – Senior Team – Sam Helgerson – Individual Top 10

Horse Bowl – Senior Team – Cortney Nicolai – Individual Top 10

Hippology – Beginner – Gwen Harris – Individual Top 10

Hippology – Beginner – Lea Edmison – Individual Top 10

Hippology – Intermediate – Cortney Nicolai – Grand Hippology – Senior – Sam Helgerson – Top 10



4-H Community Blood Drive

Date: Friday, July 17th

Time: From 9:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Pischke Motors of West Salem
1460 W Cty, WI-16, West Salem WI

Schedule an appointment online: bit.ly/4HJuly17
or call 877-232-4376

Every day, Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin needs to see at least 800 donors to meet the demands of our hospitals. LOCAL HOSPITALS. Because of the overwhelming need, and that this is something we actually can do to help the situation out there, I'm asking our 4-H family to step up. Give blood if you can. Save some lives.

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

BLOOD DRIVE

Stronger Together

DONATE BLOOD

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All donors will receive a gift from Versiti as a thank you for their donation!

THANK YOU
Special thank you to Pischke Motors and the West Salem Fire Department for your support and help with this life saving event!

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leadership >>>

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!

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!

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem.

There will be an open forum at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee.

At this time the Leaders' Board is looking for volunteers interested in serving as a representative on the Board for a 2-year term. This is a great way for new families to get acquainted with the county 4-H program. If anyone is interested, please reach out to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

Financial Report and Charter

The state 4-H program has updated the Charter and Financial reporting process for 2020-2021 year. Since our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30th, it would be a good time NOW to pull all your account information and fill out the Financial Report. All 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must annually complete and submit the following documents to the 4-H Program Educator by September 1:

- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report
- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Audit Checklist
- A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30
- A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
- A current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment with individual values of \$1,000 or greater.
- Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.
- This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax exempt status and forfeiture of all financial assets.

You can find all of these documents and additional resources, here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>.

For any information from last year's Charter/Financial Report, please contact Emily at emily.crook@wisc.edu or 608-785-9593.

fair >>>

2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair

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.

Cloverbud and Exploring Judging

Judging for Cloverbud and Exploring members will be on **Wednesday, July 14th in the New Youth Building**. If you have signed up to exhibit at the fair under this department, you will hear from the Superintendent Jaime Fortier soon about ways to sign up for a time slot so there isn't so much waiting in line.

Youth will be judged on the exhibit but will also talk with the judge about each item and answer the judge's questions. Please attach Fair Tags to exhibits securely and in a visible location. After being judged, items will be put on display for the remainder of the Fair.

Any questions, please contact Jaime Fortier at jaimefortier77@gmail.com.

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.



Important Fair Dates:

- 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

- 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

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!



camps >>>

Outpost Camp

Monroe County is hosting a fun-filled outdoor camp at Wildcat Mountain State Park on Tuesday, August 17th starting @ 9 a.m. to Wednesday, August 18th ending @ 3 p.m.

This camp is for grades 6-8 and the cost is \$40 per 4-H member and \$50 per county youth. Activities to include: canoeing on the Kickapoo River from Ontario to Wildcat, fire building & safety, hiking, survival skills, tent camping, and field games.

To register, go to: <https://forms.gle/yamLevfGXa79EmmW8>.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 16th.



youth leadership >>>

Ambassador Program Application Time

Being a 4-H Ambassador is a great honor – selected youth get to represent La Crosse County 4-H at community and county events and activities. Ambassadors participate in a wide variety of duties throughout the year, such as:

Assisting at festivals by presenting awards, ushering, and emceeing

- Working at the county fair
- Talking with community groups about 4-H
- Visiting clubs to promote upcoming events
- Providing leadership to younger 4-H youth at county-wide events
- Participating in parades and County festivities
- Completing TV and/or Radio spots

The next Ambassador term will begin in October and go through the end of August. Very few formal meetings are held as time is put in on event days. If you have additional questions about being an Ambassador, please contact the Extension office.

Interested in becoming an Ambassador for the 2021-2022 4-H year? All youth going into grades 9 and up are invited to apply! Applications are due to the Extension La Crosse County office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 1st and can be found here on our website here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>.

Current Ambassadors who wish to continue for the next year should submit their intent to continue in writing to LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org by October 1st.

ME Form Deadline

Anyone looking to receive Leaders Association trip scholarships for the 2021-2022 year should have an ME (Membership Evaluation) form on file with the 4-H office. This form has all of the potential trips listed for selection, rendering multiple scholarship applications unnecessary. Please submit your form to the La Crosse County Extension Office at 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601, or submit it lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org by 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2021.

At this time, I'm unaware if trips will continue as in person opportunities for the 2021-2022 year, but it's still a good idea to submit the form so we have it on file.

foods & clothing revue >>>

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 2021 Fair Premium Guide can be found online at http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor_handbook.

Favorite Foods Revue Results

On Tuesday, June 22nd, the La Crosse County Administrative Center was filled with our 2021 Foods Revue entries and participants. They all did a fantastic job! In addition to Fair Judging, the Foods Revue offers the public a chance to vote in all categories for People's Choice Awards. Read below to see who this year's People's Choice entries were:

Cloverbud/Exploring

- Graham Kinsman (Union Mills) - Best Overall
- Brady Katona (Bangor Township) - Most Creative

Foods

- Rubianne Kinsman (Union Mills) - Best Overall
- Ava Katona (Bangor Township) - Most Creative
- Adela Piggush (Mormon Coulee) - Most Nutritious

Cake Decorating

- Lily Deml (Trail Blazers) - Best Overall
- Rubianne Kinsman (Union Mills) - Most Creative

odds & ends >>>

Record Books

Record Books for the 2020-2021 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Thurs. September 9, 2021. The record book is a collection of reflections on the work youth have completed in their project(s) over the year. You can choose to include one, all or just a few projects to focus on in your book. The maximum number of projects awarded will be 6 per youth, but you are welcome to submit more in your book. Your record book can take the form of a scrapbook, a binder, a notebook or other presentation. For more information about the materials and rubric needed for your record book please go to this site: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-books/>. Please let us know if you have any questions at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

Save The Date - Pumphouse Exhibit!

The Pumphouse Open House for our 4-H Exhibits will be Tuesday, September 21st from 5:00pm-7:00pm.



july calendar >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Extension Office Closed Tags Available at Fair Office	6 Fair Clean Up Night	7	8	9	10 Cattle Fitting Clinic Registration for State Dog Show Due
11	12	13 Exhibit Drop Off	14 La Crosse Interstate Fair Cloverbud and Exploring Judging	15 La Crosse Interstate Fair	16 La Crosse Interstate Fair	17 La Crosse Interstate Fair
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