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Introducing Louie!

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

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I am not one to second guess the things I take on. If it feels right for the moment, and doable, by golly let's do it. Having already dragged my feet a bit on adding this bit of adventure to the fold until I was ready, we did our due diligence, researched, prepared, trained the kids, us, the cats... well, sorry cats, maybe not you, and we brought home... a puppy.

I hear groaning and rolling of the eyes. Yes. I am once again massively sleep deprived, Wade even more so. And it's all our own fault really. These adventures, while you can account for some measure of predictability, once you add an entire other being with personality, quirks, history and a blank slate of a noggin, you really have no idea what you're in for.

It's at these moments, I really try to remind myself that THIS is life. It's not when things are running smoothly, the forms are in on time, the plans are all laid out. It's when things are messy, the kids are exhausted from the nips, we're all tired and cranky, and yet... we are learning and growing and adapting to each other, together. Even if it's at a snails pace. Life is both beautiful and terrible, all at once.

Ah enough from me, here's Louie, our Bernese Mountain Dog. He's cute, and sharp.



Emily A Crook

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volunteer section >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 8th, 2025
Time: 6:45 p.m. (Open Forum)
7:00pm (meeting)
Location: Hamilton Town Hall (N5105
Leonard St N, West Salem)

youth leadership

Ambassador Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 1st, 2025
Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Location: La Crosse County Admin Center
(212 6th St N, La Crosse)

La Crosse 4-H Kickball Tournament

Kickball Tournament!

Date: Sat. May 31, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Location: West Salem Village Park

RSVP BY MAY 15, 2025

Have a team of 8-10 youth in grades 3+ ready? Or maybe you have one or two kids interested who want to join a team?

Each team needs one adult coach/contact. Or maybe you have half a team with an adult and are willing to connect with other youth? SIGN UP TODAY!

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4HLAXKickBall>
to register. Kickball rules are also linked in the form and will be sent out to all teams prior to the event.

Have questions or want to be an umpire? Reach out to Emily at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or 608-785-9593.

animal sciences

Horse Camp

Date: Saturday, May 17th
Time: 7:30am
Where: La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds

2025 YQCA

What: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

Who: ALL Livestock Auction Participants (required)

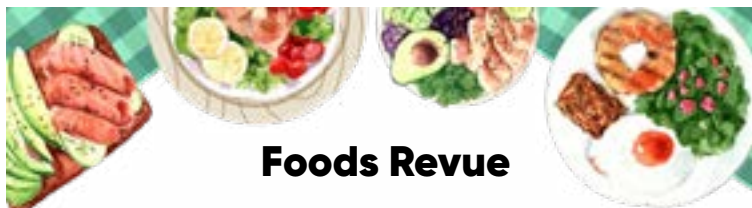
How: ONLINE: <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Cost: \$12 (you can request \$3 reimbursement from the Leader's Association with a completed certificate!)

When you complete your training, be sure to save a copy of your completion certificate and:

- Email it to lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com to meet your requirement for fair
- Email it to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org IF you want \$3 reimbursed.

2025 Foods & Clothing Revue



Foods Revue

Who: Youth grades K+ interested in showing plated food or decorating a cake

Date: Tue. June 17, 2025

Time: set up 5pm, Judging 5:30pm

Location: La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse)

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodsRevue> by Monday June 9!

Youth interested in the Foods Revue should prepare to bring a small card table, tablecloth, table decorations, plate, utensils and one serving of the recipe they made. Youth also should show the recipe on a card or menu type format, be able to explain what is in the recipe, how ingredients work together, etc depending on the age of the youth. Cloverbuds put together a simple snack, older youth might do something more challenging. This recipe does not need to be warm/cool. Judges may take a taste, but that's at their discretion.

This is a fun event for kids to show their creativity with table display based on their recipe or cake, as well as being creative with their recipes, too! For more information you can also visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/> or reach out to the office (608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) with questions!



Clothing Revue

Who: Youth grades K+ interested in sewing, styling, knitting or crocheting wearable items!

Date: Thurs. July 10, 2025

Time: set up 6:30 pm, Judging 7:00pm

Location: La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse)

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/Lax4HClothingRevue> by Tuesday, July 1!

4-H members have a large variety of items they can show at the Clothing Revue! Make sure to keep a swatch of every fabric used in your piece(s) and a note that all exhibitors of this event are also required to participate in the Clothing Revue Fashion Show on Wed. July 16 at 5pm on the stage in the New Youth Building at the Fairgrounds.

Visit here for more information: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/> or reach out to the office (608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) with questions!



CALLING FOR ALL 4-H YOUTH AWARD NOMINATIONS!

Ceremony Date: Thursday, July 17th 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: New Youth Building Stage, Fairgrounds

If you or someone you know should receive these awards, please fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/awiYp99sdBiUjGBy8> BY JUNE 1, 2025.

Speaking of awards, what are they? For the comprehensive lists with links to more information AND past recipients, visit our Award Site: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/4-h-awards-and-recognition/>

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN APPLY OR NOMINATE YOUTH FOR:

OUTSTANDING CLOVERBUD AWARD

Annually recognizing up to two 4-H Cloverbud members in grades K-2 who exhibit strong personal, club and county 4-H commitment. All nominees will be recognized in some way, with the top two youth receiving outstanding cloverbud recognition. This award has a separate form application from the others, with a checklist to complete. See the website for this downloadable form.

I DARE YOU AWARD

The "I Dare You" Leadership Award selection is based on recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as leadership potential. They each receive a copy of William H. Danforth's book "I Dare You" and a personalized certificate. This is awarded to one 4-H member annually in 9th or 10th grade. A youth can only receive this award once.

SERVAIS COMMUNICATION AWARD

Adam Servais graduated from La Crosse County 4-H and was a 12-year member of the Onalaska Merrymakers 4-H club. Adam was active in speaking and demonstrations, mechanical sciences, gardening and photography during his 4-H career. He was also an active youth leader, taught classes at Clover College, attended Citizenship Washington Focus and received the State 4-H Key Award. In August of 2006 Adam Servais, Senior Airman, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan. His family credited 4-H with helping to shape Adam as a fine young man active in his community. For that reason, his family made a contribution to the 4-H program in Adam's memory. Because of Adam's active involvement in the Speaking and Demonstration activities, La Crosse County 4-H honors Adam's memory with the Servais Memorial Communication Award given to one youth annually who exhibits strong communication and demonstration skills. A youth can receive this award only once.

KEY AWARD

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award is given in recognition of outstanding 4-H club work and is the highest award given in La Crosse County 4-H. This award is received by only the top 5% of older 4-H members in the State and is based on consistent growth shown by members in their 4-H work, their demonstration of leadership qualities and contributions made to the 4-H club and community. La Crosse recognizes 3 youth annually in 10th-13th grades. A youth can receive this award only once.

LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Awarded to up to 2 youth who have completed multiple 4-H travel experiences including Citizen Washington Focus. Chosen by Representative Steve Doyle based on ME form applications from CWF or National Congress (citizenship activities). Chosen winners must have also turned in a Record Book with the Youth Leadership and/or Citizenship projects filled out. These youth are hand selected by the County program.



la crosse interstate fair section

July 16th - 20th, 2025

Fair Clerk Signup

What do fair clerks do? They help the judge of each department keep thoughts and exhibits organized. They write down who receives what ribbons, merit awards, and general feedback if necessary. It's a great way for kids to learn more about the fair process and that department as well as a great way to get some volunteer experience. If youth or adults are considering other positions at the fair like being a superintendent or a judge – this is a great way to start learning! If interested, fill out this form here: <https://tinyurl.com/LaXClerks>

Clothing and Foods Revues

Both events will be held at the La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse), registration information in section on the previous pages.

Clothing Revue: Thursday, July 23, 6:00-7:30pm

Foods Revue: Tuesday, June 17, 5-8pm





Dates: Wed. July 30 – Fri. Aug 1, 2025
Location: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
Who: Grades 3–8
Cost: \$180 for community members, \$90 for 4-H members

The first 100 campers to sign up and make payment by **June 1st**, are guaranteed a spot at camp. Those who do not pay by June 1st are subjected to moving down the list. After June 1st, we start moving any wait-listed youth into spots!

****REGISTRATION IS ALMOST FULL!!****

• **for campers:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4-H2025Area13SummerCamp>

• **for Counselors (Grades 9+, 18–20):**

<https://tinyurl.com/2025CampCounselorApp>

• **Chaperones (Adults 21+):**

<https://tinyurl.com/2025CampCounselorApp>

• **Chaperones (Adults 21+):**

<https://tinyurl.com/2025CampChaperoneApp>

Chaperones will receive one youth's fee waived!

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