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4-H Connections Newsletter

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Educator's Corner

Hello 4-H Families,

These last few weeks have really been something else, haven't they? None of us would have ever guessed that we would be working from home, wearing face coverings in public, and missing our extended family and friends because of a pandemic. I don't know about you, but this safer-at-home order has been extremely difficult for me (a clear extrovert). I love my office, my coworkers, getting to see all of you, and my work in general. I love to see youth taking advantage of all the Educational Travel Opportunities, county events, programs, and meetings that are offered and enjoy hearing about their experiences. These are all important ways that we contribute to positive youth development.

The cancellations that have come in for trips, events, and meetings have been getting harder and harder to swallow the more they come. The most recent for me was when I heard that summer camps at Upham Woods were cancelled. But I am refusing to let this pandemic suck all of the joy and hope out of me.

What I have decided to do is look ahead. I am doing my best to try to plan for the time that I am allowed to get back to my office and visit friends, family and meet with all of you face-to-face. I hope that you are also able to look ahead, and in the meantime keep busy with those fair projects (wink, wink).

Please note that if you have questions or just miss talking about 4-H, call me, or email me.

Stay healthy and I will see you soon!

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Reminder: Submissions for the July/August Newsletter are due to alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu by June 1.

NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, June 29 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

Snack provided by: Crystal Star, Fairview, Oneida Falling Leaves
Underlined club also brings milk.

NOTE: Meeting will be limited to 50 participants. Registration for the meeting will be sent out ahead of time. Priority will be given to the board and main club contacts.

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Calendar



May

- 18 Youth in Action Awards DUE
- 20 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations DUE
- 25 Outagamie County Junior Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 28 Club Leader Quarterly Zoom | 6:00 pm
- 31 Thrive Survey DUE

June

***Groups of less than 50 can start to meet (updated as of 4/16/2020)**

- 9 Executive Committee Meeting | Extension Office | 6:00 pm
- 21 State 4-H Plant Science Day Registration DUE
- 29 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

July

- TBD Explore WI Trip
- 7-11 4-H Summer Camp | Location TBD
- 9 State 4-H Plant Science Day | Waushara County Fairgrounds
- 21-26 Outagamie County Fair | Seymour
- 24-26 Action Center Stage | Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour
- 26 Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting and Foods Revue | Action Center Stage | 1:00 pm



Youth Leaders



Thrive Survey

DUE: May 31

Recently you were sent an email with a link to a survey. Would you please take a few minutes to take the survey?

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0wShCWC3Z82w4F7

After you have taken the survey send me an email with your name, date and time that you took the survey so that you can be entered to win a \$20 gift certificate to a local business of your choosing (with approval).

The information collected will be used to help with program development, training, and quality for our county and state 4-H programs.

Outagamie County Youth Leaders Meeting

When: July 25 at 6:30 pm

Where: Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Seymour

Who: 4-H members 7th grade and up

Activity: We will be building picnic tables to donate to the Outagamie County Fair.

Food: Frozen cheesecake on a stick and a firepit to roast hotdogs



COVID-19 Programming Updates

COVID-19 Programming Updates as of 4/16/2020

*Please watch your e-mail, Facebook, Outagamie County 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H Websites for updates.

Timeframe for Upcoming Events

As of now, all Extension in-person events are postponed until June 1. Additionally, large events (those expecting more than 50 attendees) are postponed until July 1. It is likely that both of these dates will need to be extended in the coming weeks. In some instances, many decisions will need to be made on a case-by-case basis. Not only is health a major concern but we also have to factor logistics into our discussions. It would not be prudent to move forward with registrations and contracts for a large event on the horizon if we feel there's a strong chance it will have to be cancelled.

Timeframe for Future Events

At this point no one can predict when the "safer at home" order will be lifted, when schools will re-open, when restaurants and factories will resume operations, or when large gatherings will be permitted. As the rates of COVID-19 infection increase, the restrictions from state and local officials will most likely continue. Like everyone else, we are eager to get back to normal business. We are looking forward to having our 4-H youth get together and learn life skills. We are preparing for the day when local elected official workshops will happen. We can envision when group financial and business workshops get added back to our calendars. We are excited to bring our participants back together in person, and we hope it's soon. We will continue to monitor the virus situation and work with local and state leaders on safety precautions and guidelines for resuming in-person events. Extension will also follow local decisions regarding restrictions. For example, the UW-Madison Campus has pulled back on all in-person activities through August, which will impact several Extension-organized events for that location.

Our Alternatives to In-person Events

Continuing to provide a connection between Extension knowledge and our neighbors is a driving priority for Extension during the pandemic. Our researchers and educators moved trainings and some events to an online format. Contact your local educator for more information.



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Upcoming Events



2020 4-H Summer Camp

July 7-11 | Location TBD

Many of you have already heard about so many cancellations of the 4-H events that you look forward to most. That is why we have decided to not cancel Summer Camp yet. Thursday, April 9 we were given the hard news that all camps at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells have been cancelled through mid-August. We are currently weighing our options and doing some brainstorming. We are looking at different locations to hold camp during the same time, but we are also thinking outside of the box for alternative options for if we do need to cancel camp in July. These other options include day camps, or a camp in Fall or Winter instead. We are asking for your patience and ideas during this time. We hope to have a more final update by early May. In the meantime, we will continue to train our counselors and plan for an outstanding camp experience. If you choose to cancel your child's registration, we understand. You can contact Ina Montgomery to cancel at ina.montgomery@outagamie.org. If you have further questions or concerns please contact Alicia at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu.

State 4-H Plant Science Day

July 9 | Waushara County Fairgrounds

Registration DUE June 21

Information for the 2020 Youth Plant Science Day is now posted online. Plan now to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event to be held Thursday, July 9 at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma (this event is currently scheduled to go on as planned). Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster and floral arranging contests. For study guide information and to prepare for the contest see the National Junior Horticultural Association website at <http://www.njha.org/>. For additional information contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@wisc.edu. You can find the registration information and brochure on the website here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/plant-soil-science/>

Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting, and Foods Revue

July 26 | 1:00 pm | Action Center Stage, Outagamie County Fairgrounds

We are disappointed that the April 25 Revue had to be cancelled. We understand the value of this opportunity to our members. The committee met and decided to reschedule for Sunday, July 26, 1:00 pm during the fair.

NEW THIS YEAR: You will register for the Revue on your fair entry form – **deadline is May 25**. There will not be a separate registration for this event. Participants must be enrolled in the clothing, knitting, crocheting, or foods project in order to enter in that category for the revue.

The judging will take place live on the action center stage. Details about the Clothing, Foods, Knitting and Crocheting can be found on pages 67-71 in the Outagamie County Fair Junior Fair Premium Book 2019-2020.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in this event. If you didn't sign up before, now is the time!!

Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the revue. Contact Joan at joan.behle@outagamie.org or 832-5122 to sign up to help!

Even if you are not able to participate this year, please join us to watch how this event works and perhaps it will inspire you for next year! We look forward to seeing your projects. Please feel free to share your progress with your projects leaders!!



Upcoming Events



4-H Action Center Stage

Come join in the fun on this year's Action Center Stage at the Outagamie County Fair. Again this year, two stages will be offered. We are looking for members/clubs who would like to perform a skit, speech, demonstrations, musical piece, project talk, live large or small animal demonstrations, a group sing-a-long or group project demo. Sunday we have reserved the stage for the Food, Clothing, Knitting and Crocheting revue as well as presenting this year's graduating member scholarships.

The stage time is starting to fill so please reserve your time slot now by contacting Sheila Vander Zanden.

Outreach Committee

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Project Updates



Horse Project Updates

The Horse Project is looking forward to getting back on track this summer with several clinics and meetings in June and July. Topics include showmanship, ranch riding and gymkhana. Please check our website for a complete list, <http://www.outagamiecounty4horse.com/>. Hope to see you there.

We need you to enter ALL classes/lots that you will be participating in at the Outagamie County Fair online. We have a new form where you will list the classes/lots that you wish to receive a premium in for 2020. Thanks for helping us make this change as we recently found that we should be tracking all your entries.

They are changing things for horse in that you now need to fill out a form for the premium classes, but you will also have to register on-line for all of the classes you want to take.

So after you register for everything on-line for the horse project, and fill out their premium form, please copy and send it to Gail Leitermann for the show bill.

Remember the deadline for registering for the Fair is May 25. If you have any questions, you may call Danielle Schlueter, your president, at 422-5166 or Gail Leitermann at 850-4790 or Sally Anderson at 982-3169.

Knitting & Crocheting Projects

Your fair projects are probably already done by now, right??? Well, if not, no need to worry you still have time, but now would be the perfect time to start! If you have any questions about your projects, please contact Ellen LaMarche (knitting resource leader) or Diane Van Asten (crocheting resource leader). Their contact information can be found in the 4-H Family Handbook.

Project Resources

Are you in need of some ideas for your next project meeting? Or would you like to learn more about your project? The Extension Office has many project resources available to all leaders and youth for FREE! **Before** you purchase your resources from Shop4-H.org contact Vicki Handschke at vicki.handschke@outagamie.org for an idea of what is available.

Have a question? Or want more information, contact the county resource leader found in the 4-H Family Handbook.



Project Updates



Livestock Updates

Below are some very important deadlines for the Outagamie County livestock project. Please read! Remember to finish the requirements for your livestock project by the deadlines!

At this time, the Outagamie County Fair is scheduled to proceed as planned. However, please check the OC fair website and your email for updates as there may be cancellations, postponements, or changes to events moving forward regarding the fair and the livestock project. Currently, we just don't know how long, and in what manner, the pandemic will influence events. Please stay tuned!

DEADLINES:

TAGS: All tags must be picked up and put in animal's ear by May 15. Contact the following Resource Leaders for your species:

Beef: Steve Hackl 843-2305 Sheep, Goats, Swine: Steve Green 362-4025

YQCA: YQCA certification must be completed by July 6. YQCA certification is required to sell at the OC Market Sale, it is not required to show at the Outagamie County Fair. Due to the pandemic, all YQCA trainings now need to be completed online.

To become YQCA certified, you must register, pay for, and complete the training. Once these steps are completed, you will be able to access your certificate. Please print off a hard copy to keep in your records. All YQCA certifications will be verified by the Extension Office. (Youth who registered for the March 26 In-Person Training at FVTC need to cancel that registration and re-register for an online class. After this process is completed, you will be refunded for the March 26 class.)

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Due to the pandemic, the March 14 livestock educational meetings were cancelled. Youth can choose an alternative educational activity from the state or county to meet the educational requirements for the livestock project. (See below)

Please have these alternative educational activities finished by June 1. After June 1 the resource leaders will determine if they will proceed with the fitting and showing clinics that are currently scheduled in June. It would help tremendously if members could finish their educational requirements via the links below.

All exhibitors must have proof they participated in one educational activity for each species they are enrolled in.

If you choose a state supplied educational activity, please complete the verification form found at:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/covid-19/educationfillable/>

and send completed state activity verification form to: Vicki.Handschke@outagamie.org by June 1.

State Supplied Educational Activities:

UW Virtual Farm Tours and Recordings can be found at this link:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/04/15/virtualfarmtours/>

Other state supplied educational activities can be found at this link:

<http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/COVID-19>

Outagamie County Supplied Educational Activities: <https://bit.ly/BeefEducation1>

Note: Additional County Educational activities for Swine, Sheep, and Goat projects will be forthcoming. Watch your inbox for details!



Volunteer Leaders



2020 Spring Committee Planned Events and Budget Requests

This spring our 4-H programs have not gone as planned. Many things have been cancelled or postponed, and for those events we are encouraging committees to reschedule the event or plan a new event for sometime in the late summer and fall. The budgeted amount is still available for those committees. When you have an event or activity in mind, please contact Rose Rynish, Leaders Association Treasurer, at prynishfam@gmail.com for a quick approval and confirmation of funds available. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia or Rose.

Volunteers

ALL ADULTS who are acting as a club, project, and/or activity leader for the 4-H program, MUST register on 4hOnline and go through training and a background check to ensure the safety of our youth, our volunteers, and our program.

There are numerous projects, events, committees, and activities offered to our youth members that require a wonderful adult role, like yourself or someone you know, to run smoothly and continue to be offered.

If you are interested in becoming a project leader for a club or the county, call the Extension Office 832-5123, and leave a message requesting more enrollment information.

Leaders Association Executive Board Nominations

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association is starting to look for new members of their Executive Board. Positions to be filled this coming fall are:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Director

Roles of the Executive Board include working closely with the county 4-H Program Coordinator in providing leadership for the activities of the 4-H Leader Organization. This includes compliance with state and federal policies and laws. The Board often makes recommendations on agenda items for discussion and action by the organization's membership, and is accountable to the membership of the organization. Youth leaders and adult volunteer leaders are eligible to serve on 4-H Boards.

Roles of the Leaders Association includes:

Conduct County Level Programs With Youth

- Establish opportunities for youth beyond the club level, such as project activities and other educational experiences.
- Support volunteer development and education.

Raise Funds and Manage a Budget to Support 4-H Youth Development Educational Programs in the county

- Develop and manage a budget that supports 4-H Youth Development educational programs.
- Fundraise to support approved budget.
- Consider how funds raised support 4-H Youth Development Programs.
- Funds raised in the name of 4-H are publicly accountable and must be used for 4-H educational purposes.

Coordinate County Level Recognition

- Develop meaningful recognition for members and volunteers.

Represent 4-H Youth Development to the Community

- Establish and support a promotion committee or ambassador program.

Advocate for 4-H Youth Development

- Engage stakeholders, elected officials, the media and potential participants to develop an understanding and appreciation of the public value of 4-H.
- Explore and support new 4-H Youth Development opportunities based on county level needs and interests.
- Work to ensure that all youth have equal access and opportunity to 4-H Youth Development programs.



Congratulations



Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest

We are super proud of all the kids that participated in the contest this year. Juniors were very successful placing third in the quiz bowl and placing third in skillathon and Taylor placing sixth overall as individual in skillathon.



Drama Festival

Congratulations to the winners of the Drama Festival!

County winner- Fast Trackers "How to Not Be Traumatized for Life When Acting in a Bad Play"

County alternate- Crystal Star "Bedtime Interrupted"

Honorable mention- Smile Awhile "Too Many Detectives" and Bent Arrow "Rinse the Blood Off My Toga"

The audience also enjoyed additional performances by the following 4-H Clubs: Buchanan Badgers "A Night at Summer Camp" and On The Go "The Silent Dimension"



Thank You Corner



Thank you to all of you!

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility during this time of social distancing. There have been a lot of opportunities for personal growth and learning in these past few months. Some of you have expanded your knowledge of technology with a Zoom meeting or gotten creative with connecting with youth and project leaders to continue offering awesome learning opportunities, and even more you have reached out to your neighbors in need. I am so proud of you and hope to be seeing you all again real soon! Keep learning, helping, and being creative!

-Alicia



Scholarship Opportunities



Youth in Action

In the wake of COVID-19, the deadline for the 4-H Youth in Action Awards has been extended to May 18! You can share your story of developing passion, finding purpose, and inspiring others by applying here for the 4-H Youth in Action Awards for a chance to earn a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C.! Want to learn more about the 4-H Youth in Action Awards? Visit the website: <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>



Bits & Pieces



News from the Outagamie County Fair

We are busy planning for an amazing 2020 fair. It will be exciting to see all the awesome exhibits that will be entered. Entry day is Wednesday, July 22 and the fair will end on Sunday, July 26. Our theme this year is Blue Jeans and Country Dreams. Keep up with all that's happening on the Outagamie County Fair's Facebook page.

Online Fair entries opened on April 15 and will **close May 25**. To find the link, please go the fair's website at <https://www.outagamiecountyfair.com/entriescontests/>. You will log in using your 4honline email and password.

NEW for 2020: There will be an Exhibitor Code of Conduct Agreement required from each exhibiting family. This can be found immediately under the online entry tab. The agreement will be due when entries are due (one agreement form per family).

The Livestock Check-In has been updated and can also be found on the fair's website.

The fair association is in need of some help during the week of the fair. We are looking for a Photography Superintendent. Helpers for judging days are needed. Throughout the week, building superintendents are needed (must be at least 16 years old). Please contact the fair office if you are interested in helping or need more information. outagamiecofair@yahoo.com or 833-2941

Good luck with all your projects!! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Fair!!

State Fair Entry Updates

Details and applications for the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair can be found at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/>



4-H History

4-H Word Search 5-20

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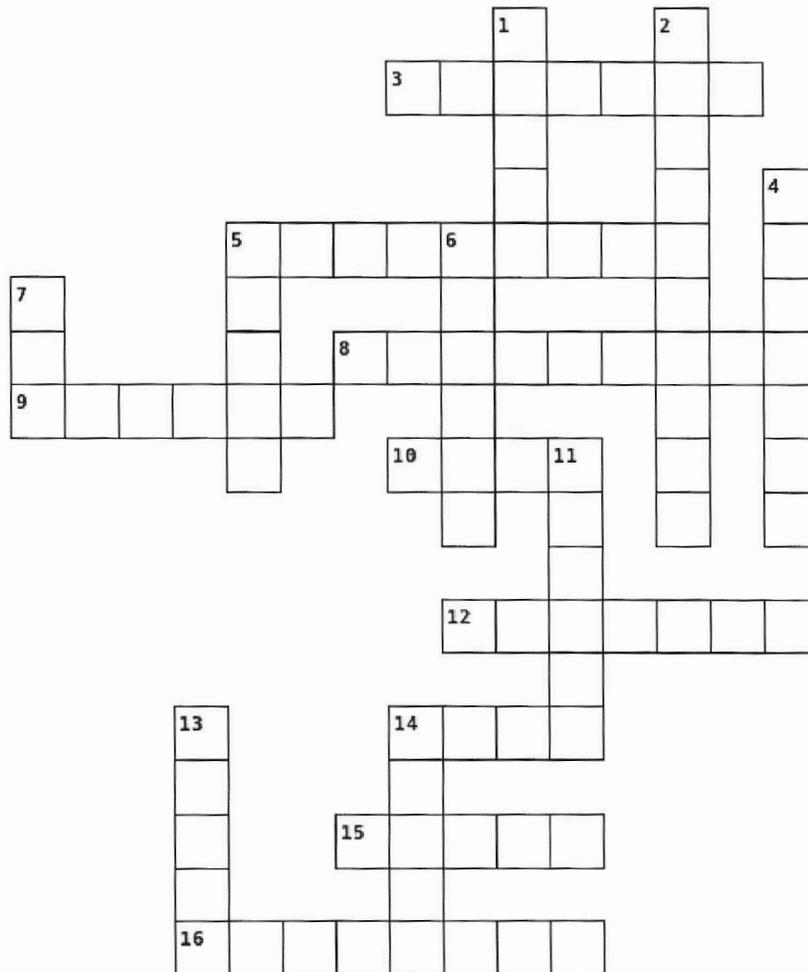
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4-H History

4-H Crossword 5/20



Across

3. Committee, Approved volunteers (adult and youth leaders) serve on county committee to provide leadership
5. Best seller at the Dairy Bar
8. A member that is in grades K-2
9. to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world
10. An opportunity for youth to show the results of a members learning and efforts
12. Leader, an approved volunteer responsible for training in a member project
14. to clearer thinking
15. to larger service
16. Number of 4-H Clubs in Outagamie County

Down

1. Leaders, group intended for members grades 7-graduation
2. A fun county member activity
4. Association, a forum for all club leaders to exchange ideas
5. To make the best better
6. Learn by doing
7. A positive youth development organization
11. Book, official document to record 4-H participation
13. 4-H color
14. to greater loyalty



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