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

March 2016

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Dear 4-H Families & Friends:

We are already halfway through the 4-H year, and we are certain there is great learning and growth occurring in your project work. We are grateful that we can support you in your projects and are excited to see what you have learned. We want to remind you that you must be enrolled in your projects by **April 1st** in [4HOnline](#) to be able to show them at the 2016 La Crosse Interstate Fair. Please contact us if you need any assistance enrolling or re-enrolling.

As you may have heard, there are changes ahead for UW-Extension. The decision to cut \$250 million from the UW System budget had a direct impact on Cooperative Extension and local Extension programs. As a result of the reorganization, Cooperative Extension will look and respond differently than it has in the past, as the changes mean we will be doing "less with less." At this time, we are uncertain how our county office and staff will be specifically impacted. The plan, referred to as "the *nEXT* Generation Priorities", includes:

- ◆ Implementation of a multi-county area structure that provides shared administrative leadership for each two-to-five county area. La Crosse County has been grouped with Crawford, Monroe, Richland, and Vernon counties.
- ◆ Retaining a local presence with a Cooperative Extension office in each of the existing county and tribal offices

Learn more about the plan at <http://about.ces.uwex.edu/our-future/recommendations>. We encourage you to share your stories about the merit of UW-Extension from your 4-H perspective with key decision makers, and to show your support for the County Extension programs that add so much value to our community.

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4-H Youth Development Agent

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are you interested? >>>

- ♦ **County Fair Judges Training Webinar: March 14th** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/2016/02/05/fair-judges-training-webinar-set-for-march-14/> for information and registration form.
- ♦ **Senior Scholarships:** Wisconsin 4-H Foundation deadline is **March 15th**. For further info on application requirements, please visit <http://wis4hfoundation.org/>.
- ♦ **Rabbit Club Spring Youth Show: March 20th** at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster. Visit <http://grant.uwex.edu/files/2010/10/flyer-for-2016-show.pdf> for info.
- ♦ **Western Wisconsin Beef Producers Scholarship:** Applications are due **April 1st** to Monroe County UW-Extension. For scholarship application forms, please visit <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/agriculture/>.
- ♦ **La Crosse/Monroe County Pork Producers Scholarship:** Applications are due **April 15th** to La Crosse County UW-Extension. For scholarship application forms, visit <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/agriculture/>.
- ♦ **Black River Spring Thaw Beef Show: April 15th-17th** at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in BRF. Visit <http://www.blackriverspringthaw.blogspot.com/> for info.
- ♦ **Sauk County Poultry Project Animal Swap: April 23rd** at the Sauk County Fairgrounds in Baraboo. Visit <https://fyi.uwex.edu/dane4hyouth/2016/02/05/sauk-county-poultry-project-2nd-annual-animal-swap/> for more information.
- ♦ **Shooting Sports Certification Workshop: April 29th-April 30th** at the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/certification-workshops/> for more info.
- ♦ **Spring Fling Beef Show: May 6th-7th** at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma. Registration deadline is **April 30th**. Visit centralspringshow.com for info.



leadership >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

The 4-H Adult Leaders Board will meet on **Tuesday, March 1st** at the Goodwill Onalaska Community Room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will begin with an "open forum" at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee.

Summer Camp Volunteers Needed!

Join us this summer for an awesome summer adventure! **In order to carry out a quality summer camp experience this year, we need adult help!** Some potential positions for adult leadership include:

- ♦ Arts & Crafts
- ♦ Boating/Waterfront
- ♦ Outpost Coordinator
- ♦ Food Service Area Coordinator
- ♦ Session Teachers

If any of these interest you, please contact the UW-Extension office (608.785.9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) for more info.

bits 'n' pieces >>>

Fair Superintendents Needed!

The La Crosse County Ag Society is looking for superintendents & superintendents' assistants for the 2016 county fair! If interested, please contact the UW-Extension office at 608.785.9593 as soon as possible.

4-H Softball Meeting

When: Monday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Burns Town Hall

Business will include: election of committee officers, review committee bylaws, 2016 tournaments, Softball Memorial Funds & expenditures, Softball fees and softball rules. Any club interested in learning more about 4-H softball should send a leader and/or a youth leader to this meeting.



Fundamentals of Photography Workshop

Whether you're a first-year member in the photography project, you've been participating for several years, or you're a project leader ... "Fundamentals of Photography" is right for you! Youth members & adult leaders welcome! At this workshop, members of the La Crosse Area Camera Club will help you take full advantage of your camera's features, improve your composition, and better prepare your fair entries should you choose to exhibit this year. Three state-certified photography judges will tell you exactly what they look for in a quality photo!

The workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 19th** from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Myrick Park Nature Center. Pre-registration (forms can be found at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>) will be required with a fee of \$3 per participant.



Food Stand Meeting - ALL CLUBS!

When: Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Hamilton Town Hall

We would appreciate one representative from each club to attend. Meeting will include questions, comments, scheduling, and planning for 2016 fair.

animal science >>>

Horse Project Meeting

When: Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Holmen American Legion

An educational session will be presented by Mike Bronson (Farrier). Bonus Bucks will be held at the April 10th meeting.

Rabbit Project Meeting

When: Friday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Onalaska Goodwill

Topics: Showmanship & cage building

As always we will be ordering pizza (about \$5/person) or you may bring your own snack

NOTE: Be sure to sign up for the Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin & Feather Show (**April 9th with a registration deadline of March 21st**)!

Junior Livestock Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Farm Progress Building, Fairgrounds
All exhibitors and parents encouraged to attend!

Livestock Educational Sessions

Upcoming MAQA Sessions

(Required for Swine Exhibitors)

Monday, March 21st

6:00 p.m. test out/7:00-9:00 p.m. class

Bangor High School

Contact La Crosse County UW-Extension at 608.785.9593 with questions

Tuesday, April 12th

6:00 p.m. test out/7:00-9:00 p.m. class

Holmen High School Ag Room, Room 331

Contact La Crosse County UW-Extension at 608.785.9593 with questions

Thursday, May 19th

6:00 p.m. test out/7:00-9:00 p.m. class

Jackson County Bank Community Room

Contact Jackson County UW-Extension at 715.284.4257 with questions

Tuesday, June 21st

6:00 p.m. test out/7:00-9:00 p.m. class

Melrose-Mindoro High School Ag Room

Contact Jackson County UW-Extension at 715.284.4257 with questions

NOTE: There is no need to pre-register. Youth may attend educational sessions in other counties or at the state level. Visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/> to learn more.

Attention 4-H & FFA Livestock Exhibitors!

Judging events that you participate in should be submitted to the UW-Extension office using the Educational Session Application Form found at: <http://www.lacrossecountyjrlivestock.com/requirements>. Educational sessions must be approved to count for the 2016 La Crosse Interstate Fair.

Dog Obedience & Agility

There will be an orientation class on **Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m.** to be held at the West Salem Library Community Room. **All dog project members who will be showing at the fair** for Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, or critter hunt **are required to attend** this meeting with a parent. Please DO NOT bring your dog to this meeting!

Dog obedience, showmanship, agility, critter hunt, and dog bowl classes are open to all 4-H members in grades 3 and up. To register, please fill out the form located at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>.

Send the form, a copy of your dog's shot records (or a purchase receipt if you administer your own) to the La Crosse County UW-Extension office by **Friday, April 1st**. Please make checks payable to the La Crosse County 4-H Dog Project. After April 1st, there will be a \$20/youth late fee. No one may register after 4:30 p.m. April 8th.

NO REGISTRATION = NO PARTICIPATION!

*NOTE: This does not enroll you in the dog project; you still need to enroll in the dog project by **April 1st** to show at the La Crosse Interstate Fair.*

Registration fees for 4-H youth are as follows:

- ♦ Obedience/Showmanship: \$15 per student
- ♦ Agility: \$10 per student
- ♦ Critter Hunt: \$5 per student

There will be a **maximum registration fee of \$25 per 4-H student and \$50 per 4-H family**. Non 4-H community youth registration fees are \$50 per student/per class.

All classes will meet in the **Farm Progress Building** at the fairgrounds. **The dog training classes are as follows:**

- ♦ **Dog Obedience/Showmanship classes** will meet **every Thursday** until fair beginning **April 21st**. **Beginners** classes will start at **6:00 p.m.** (1st and 2nd year students); **Advanced** classes (3rd year and up) will start at **7:15 p.m.**
- ♦ **Dog Agility classes** will meet **every Tuesday** until fair beginning on **April 26th**. **Beginner's** class (1st year students) will start at **6:00 p.m.**; **Advanced** class (2nd year and up) will start at **7:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **Critter Hunt classes** will meet **every Tuesday** until fair beginning on **May 3rd**. This class will meet following Advanced Agility class. (Time may vary slightly week to week).



Dog Project Meeting

When: Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Marcie's Pet Spa, West Salem

Topics: Dog grooming, care, and training

Goat Project News

Goat Project Meeting

When: Sunday, March 20th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Holmen Legion

We will be learning about goats participating in the Round Robin Event and Sunday Funday Activities. One of our members will be sharing more about her journey from showing rabbits and goats to career choices in Animal Science! We will also be voting on changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Budget.

Goat Project communicates news and updates by email, so if you are enrolled in Goat Project but not receiving our emails, please message us at lacrossecounty4hgoats@gmail.com.

Share-a-Kid Competition

The Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association is holding its annual Share-a-Kid Competition. It is open to WI youth from ages 10-17. Deadline for essays is **April 1st**. Winners will receive a goat! More info can found at www.wdga.org.

Sheep Weigh-In

When: Saturday, May 7th (8:00-10:30 a.m.)

Where: La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds

2016 State Fair Market Animal Identification

Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep, or swine at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair will need to have their animal projects DNA/Rfid identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) by the respective eligibility deadlines:

- ♦ **Sheep** **May 10th, 2016**
- ♦ **Swine** **May 10th, 2016**

The Beef deadline has passed. Please visit <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/> for more information.



Swine Weigh-In

2016 County Fair Swine weigh-in update (protocol will be similar to last year):

- All pigs must be self-identified with either a La Crosse Interstate Fair ear tag or a Wisconsin State Fair ear tag by **April 18th**. The tag should be placed in the right ear of each pig.
- A triplicate form for animal identification must be completed and returned to the UW-Extension office by **April 18th**. Forms must include the exhibitor(s) name, current grade, parent name, and phone number, as well as each pig's tag number, ear notches, gender, and a detailed description. Forms must also be signed and dated.
- La Crosse County tags and triplicate identification forms will be available in March at the UW-Extension office. State fair tags will be handled through the Wisconsin State Fair as in the past (<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>).

***The swine show at the county fair will NOT be terminal unless otherwise mandated.**

arts & communications >>>

Music/Arts & Crafts Festival

This year's Music/Arts & Crafts Festival will be held at Holmen Middle School on **Saturday, April 9th**. Registration forms can be found online at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/> or are available at the Extension office. When registering, please list your theme and musical selections; no registrations will be accepted without this information.

Arts & Crafts, Marketing, and Photography projects do not need to be pre-registered. *Participants are responsible for bringing/picking up their items to the event location.*

NEW THIS YEAR: Due to declining participation over the past few years, La Crosse County, along with our partnering counties, have decided not to hold a 2016 Area Festival of Arts.

For a full list of rules and guidelines, please visit <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/county-festivals/>. We look forward to your participation in this fun event!

family, home & health >>>

Calling All Home & Family Enthusiasts!

If you're interested in getting more involved in Home & Family activities, the Home & Family Committee invites you to attend a meeting to discuss the future of the Clothing & Foods Revue, and other project interests. We are looking for leaders and parents willing to actively participate! Please email lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org to let us know if you plan to attend.

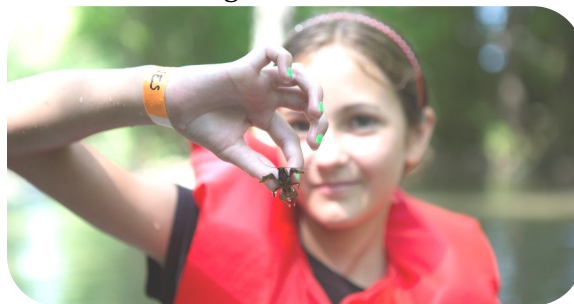
When: Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Where: La Crosse County Admin Center, Rm 3200

environmental science >>>

Environmental Science Workshops

We are excited to offer a three-part series on a variety of environmental science topics! These workshops will take place at various locations (weather dependent). Please call or email the Extension office to register.



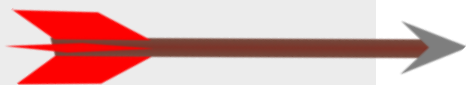
Thursday, March 10th: All about water! Come learn how important water is to our community and how it is used/misused on a daily basis, and what you can do to help. Location: UW-Extension.

Thursday, March 24th: Come see what the benefits are to growing your own food and how you can support local farmers. There will also be a chance to begin growing a flower or vegetable that can be used for a county fair project!

Thursday, April 7th: Those nasty bugs can actually be a great benefit! In the third and final workshop, you will learn the benefits of how different insects can help your gardens, dispose of food waste, and much more.

Final call for all Pump House exhibits & record books ...
please pick up your items as soon as possible!

shooting sports >>>



2016 Archery Invitational

When: April 1st & 2nd, 2016

Where: La Crosse Archery (1231 Oak Forest Drive, Onalaska)

Registrations must be **postmarked by Thursday, March 24th** - no late entries will be accepted! Forms can be found online at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/shooting-sports/>.

La Crosse County members must have participated in the 2016 Archery program (separate registration for the invitational is required).

Spring Trap Shooting Program

Want to learn how to trap shoot in a safe and fun environment? La Crosse County 4-H is offering a trap shooting program for youth ages 12 and up. The program runs Monday, April 25th - Monday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Gunslick Gun Club located on Briggs Road in Holmen. **Participants must be at least 12 years of age and have a Hunter's Safety Certificate.** Youth do not need to be in 4-H to participate in this program.

The fee include five sessions for the cost of \$25 (\$40 for community members), as well as:

- Safety Instruction
- Insurance
- Ear protection
- Use of shotguns (if needed)
- Clay pigeons
- All ammunition
- Use of facility

This program is sponsored by Wings Over Wisconsin and La Crosse County 4-H. Registration forms can be found on our website: <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-activities/>.

Registrations are due **April 15th** at 4:30 p.m. and will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. After April 15th, there will be a **\$5 late fee.**

youth leaders >>>

Youth Ambassador Meeting

The 4-H Youth Ambassadors will meet on **Monday, March 1st** at the Goodwill Onalaska Community Room at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! *This meeting is for current ambassadors only.*

2016-2017 Ambassador Selection

Any 4-H member who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2016-2017 school year is eligible to become a 2016-2017 4-H Ambassador. Ambassador duties may include: emceeing, speaking at various 4-H events, assisting at county festivals and county fair, promoting 4-H through TV and radio, representing 4-H in various parades, and other events! Applications are due **April 1st (deadline extended)** and are available at the Extension office or on our website at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-leadership/>.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

What is it? Approximately 600 youth gather each summer in Madison to take part in educational seminars and assemblies, meet people from across Wisconsin, and apply what they learn in their home communities

Who can attend? 4-H youth in 7th-10th grades

When is it? June 20th-23rd, 2016

Where is it? UW-Madison

How much? Approximately \$235 per participant (4-H leaders will reimburse half of the fee for each delegate)

How do I register? Complete the "Evaluation of My 4-H Program" form found at the Extension office or at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/>. Applications are due **March 11th.**

Questions? Contact the Extension office!



2016 La Crosse Interstate Fair Fairest of the Fair

Become fair royalty this year! How? Applications (which include information on eligibility, expectations, and the selection process) and Expectation Forms are available at http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/fairest_of_the_fair.

Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by **4:30 p.m. on April 1st.** Contact Fairest of the Fair Coordinator, Marla Stello, at lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com with questions.

leaders' corner >>>

Growing up in rural Crawford County, I had the privilege of being part of a 4-H club. It was an active club that allowed us to explore our interests in a safe and fun environment. I learned a lot through my years in 4-H; it was the first place I ever gave a speech in front of an audience! From that moment on, I was hooked. That moment guided me toward my career in communication and radio. I am an example of how 4-H shapes kids' lives in positive ways.

My son, Lucas, is also a perfect example. A chance encounter with Sue Pittman at a trade show led him into the Horseless Horse project with her daughter, Angie, and Jess Ahnen. He was a bit nervous when we went to Dave and JoAnn Nyhus' farm for the first time, but that all changed when he met a horse named Buster ... who became a lifelong friend. Lucas was a kid who was facing bullies at school and really didn't have an outlet to call his own. He found that outlet through horses and 4-H.

My wife and I watched as Lucas discovered his passion for riding horses and how he used what he learned in 4-H to build that into a rewarding career. After high school, Lucas attended an equine academy in West Virginia for two years and is now the head horse trainer at a ranch in Texas. He is also a 4-H leader for the Montgomery County Horse Project.

If you're a parent with a child in 4-H or a leader/volunteer who gives of your time ... THANK YOU! Even though you may not recognize it immediately, remember: 4-H shapes kids' lives in a positive, lasting way.



Kelly Wilde
At-Large Representative, Leader's Association



2016 adult leaders board >>>

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Just a reminder that it is your responsibility to make sure you are enrolled in the correct projects. This is done by going into your profile in 4HOnline. You can add/edit/delete within your profile.

The deadline for these changes is April 1st!



La Crosse County Cloverline Newsletter

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