I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2020 so far. Even though we are in the midst of a Wisconsin Winter, I know everyone is making plans for all that comes with warmer weather. Right now planning is in full swing for overnight summer camp, potential summer day camps, the county fairs, among other things. The Extension offices will be sure to provide updates on these larger planning efforts as we have information. We ask that you please continue to do the same. If you are planning any project clinics or events that could possibly benefit other members we would love to help you get the word out. It is not only nice for us in the office to see all the amazing things you are all doing, but sharing with each other can spark new ideas within our fellow clubs as well.

Leaders/Volunteers please continue to utilize 4-H online to review your enrollments- remind those who may not have re-enrolled to do so. Also login to verify you are up to date on all of your required trainings- some leaders are still missing the online mandated reporter training (this is completed by clicking the “training” tab on top of your profile and following the instructions. Some area also in need of completing their background checks (an email is sent from the state), and VIP training. I will be scheduling some more opportunities for the new VIP/annual leader training in the coming months, more information to come. If anyone would like to schedule a one on one training prior to group dates being set, please feel free to contact the office and we can get that set up. You are not considered an “active” volunteer until all requirements have been met; therefore, liability coverage is also not in effect until that time. Please continue to stay safe and warm this winter!

Aimee Elkins
4-H Program Coordinator
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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On Saturday December 7, members of Little Seedlings 4H decorated a tree for Christmas in the Park in Gillett. Members also made sand and salt pails that were handed out to local businesses and churches.

Clothing review coming in April

Start working on your sewing/knitting/crocheting. The clothing review will be coming in April. Date to be determined.
Public Speaking Clinic

Join us February 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a public speaking clinic located at the Little River Town Hall. Tammy McCarthy will be the speaker at this event. We ask that all 4-H kids come with a speech or demonstration ready to share with the group. Please RSVP to Brigid McDowell at (920) 834-9947, this is a landline so texts will not be accepted.

James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Awards

The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. We are pleased to name the award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county for their accomplishments in 2019. These medallions are provided by the Crowley Fund. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques and recognition at the Dairyland Youth Celebration at the 2020 Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. In addition, the top three youth in the state competition will each receive $500 awards for continuing their dairy education.
Camp Counselor Training at Upham Woods

Session 1: March 28-29, 2020
Session 2: April 25-26, 2020
Session 3: May 2-3, 2020

Registration will open in January 2020. Camp Counselor training is an excellent opportunity for counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff alike to come together in collaboration to prepare youth to excel in their summer camp counselor role. Applicable for both beginning counselors (as participants), experienced counselors (as leaders), adult volunteers, and 4-H staff. A variety of opportunities exist at Counselor Training Weekend:

Counselors participate in training that builds confidence and provides youth development strategies to be successful with campers.


4-H Foundation License Plates

Available now. The 4-H Foundation license plate fees include an issuance fee of $15, plus an annual $25 tax-deductible contribution, in addition to the regular registration fee. This contribution goes to the WI 4-H Foundation. Vehicles that qualify: automobiles, motor homes (annual registration only), and motor trucks (4,500; 6,000; or 8,000 lbs gross weight inc. dual purpose farm and dual purpose motor home; and, 12,000 lbs gross weight farm truck).

In addition to the fees mentioned above when you request these plates, you pay the regular registration fee for your vehicle if your current plates expire within three months or you have no plates. For more information and application click on https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv2969.pdf
OCONTO COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

The Oconto County Fair dates are August 19-23, 2020.

Sheep Education Clinic
An educational sheep clinic will be held March 23 from 6-8pm at the Oconto Falls High School Ag room. The class will cover cuts of meat. Please dress appropriately. The class will count as one for the educational points required for the Sale of Champions.

YQCA Training Dates
The following dates have been set for YQCA training: March 30 at 6:30-7:30pm and May 2 at 9-10am. Both classes will be held in the Oconto Falls High School Ag Room. These classes are for ages 8-11. Registration information will be announced soon.

For ages 12 and over, YQCA is done online. The Oconto Falls High School Ag room will be open during the times listed above for older youth to connect to the internet. You must bring your own device (laptop, tablet...).

Parents/participants are responsible for payments.

To participate in the Sale of Champions at the fair, exhibitors must be certified in the proper YQCA class. The class also counts for one educational point

Weigh-in Information
Beef Weigh-in: Thursday March 19.--Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett 5:30-7:30pm. Sheep Weigh-in: Saturday April 25--Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett 9-10am.

Swine tag distribution
**DO NOT BRING ANIMALS**
ONLY RFID TAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
Please make arrangements for tag pick-up as identification for swine. Tags will not be mailed. Tags can be picked up Saturday, April 25 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, 9-10am. Pictures must be emailed to Stacie Pienta by May 2nd. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Schedule a Preview Day to Visit UW Madison College of Ag & Life Sciences

Prospective students are encouraged to visit campus by attending one of the Preview Days, especially during the academic year (November – March). Preview Days help prospective students get acquainted with the program, campus, and staff. Students will tour the CALS agriculture campus, see the FISC Residence Halls, visit classes, and talk with current Farm and Industry Short Course students. Advance registration is required.

Select a date to register for a Preview Day:

Note: Registration closes four (4) business days before the event or when the number of registrants reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Click on https://fisc.cals.wisc.edu/prospective-students/preview-day/

It is also possible for students to set up an individual visit with a member of the Farm and Industry Short Course staff to learn more about the program. For more information, please call 608.263.3918 or email at fisc@cals.wisc.edu.

John Noltner Showcases the impact 4-H has on youth, adults, and communities. Please take time to watch this amazing video and reflect on what 4-H has meant to you, your family, and your community. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KPlf-D8cVg&feature=youtu.be
Future Leaders Training to be announced in the New Year

This training is mandatory for any volunteer who has never had it before; this is also the annual leader training for the year so each club should have a minimum of one adult and ideally one youth member at the training. Please contact the Extension office at 920-834-6845 or email amy.brehmer@co.oconto.wi.us with any questions. Please watch for another training in the New Year.
Summer Camp 2020

It's time to start getting ready for summer camp!

The camp team is looking for youth staff for summer camp at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Camp this year will be June 10th-13th, and youth staff will head up to camp on June 9th to prepare for camp and have some fun! Youth staff at camp oversee campers and participate in games and activities. You'll work hard, but it's also a lot of fun! You can also earn valuable life experience, get volunteer hours, and make lifelong memories. To be a counselor, you need to enjoy hanging out with younger youth (3rd-6th grade), being outdoors, and having fun.

To be eligible to be a cabin counselor, you must be 15 years old by June 1st. To be a resource counselor (a counselor who helps out in a specific area, such as art or nature), you must be 14 years old by June 1st. Counselors will meet monthly until camp starts, with a minimum of ten required hours of training. Our first meeting will be a training/interview session on February 29th. This session is less about interviewing and more about working as a group, so come prepared to work as a team with other youth staff! Please email Laura Huff, one of the camp directors, at ljhuff94@gmail.com to register for the training or if you have any questions.

We are also looking for adult volunteers! To be an adult volunteer at camp, you must be enrolled as a volunteer on 4-H Online, have completed Volunteers in Preparation training, and attend a camp training meeting. Adult volunteers at camp help make sure camp runs smoothly – we couldn't do it without you. You'll help make sure that sessions go well and that everyone is safe and having fun. Please contact the 4-H office if you would like to be an adult volunteer or if you have questions.
WI State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday April 4, 2020 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner.

Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of Jan.1, 2020. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2020. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division. The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges.

The cost is $20 per team due at the time of registration.

Registration starts at 9 a.m., competitions start at 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for registration is March 14, 2020, 5 p.m. Please register at this link: https://tinyurl.com/20204HDairyBowl

For more information and registration information, please contact Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Specialist at (608) 262-9605, joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu or at https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/dairy/ You can also “like” Wisconsin Dairy Youth on Facebook as well.

Agriculture Extension Educator, Oconto County – This full time position will design, deliver and evaluate research-based educational programming and services with a dairy programming focus. This includes dairy production, including but not limited to: animal health, milk production, animal housing and handling, and manure management. As well as, other livestock production, including beef cattle, swine, and small ruminants, on subject matter such as nutrition, quality assurance, selection and reproduction management, economics and marketing.

Complete details, including qualifications needed, and to apply online, go to http://bit.ly/200j4OE.


Employment will require a criminal background check. AA/EEO Employer.
Volunteer Opportunities

Leaders Association Volunteers Needed!

The leaders association is working on their calendar for the New Year. We need youth and adult volunteers to continue supporting and growing 4-H in Oconto County!

Oconto County 4-H Education Committee

The Oconto County Leaders Association Board of Directors would like to announce the reformation of the Fall Kick Off, January Thaw, and Spring Fling Educational Programs. The new focus would be organizing and scheduling education clinics for 4-H families in our county. The clinics may focus on Leadership, S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineer, Arts, and Math) and animal projects. They are looking for parents, leaders and older youth, grades 9 and up, to come together to develop this program for Oconto County. If you have a passion and want to education 4-H members in Oconto County, this committee if for you! Please contact the extension office at 920-834-6845.
Submissions Wanted!
Did you want to share about a successful 4-H event that you just hosted? Do you have an upcoming 4-H event that you want to promote? Do you have a fun experience or 4-H story to share? Send your news, notes, reports, and articles to us along with a photo, and we’ll include in the next issue. See below for our email and mailing addresses.
Deadline: All contributions are due by the 15th of the month to make it into the next publication.

Feedback
Please do not hesitate to provide feedback, both positive and negative to us. Sharing your thoughts, ideas, and observations helps your Extension Office do the best we can to serve you. Please use the attached Care to Share form sent with the newsletter or send us an email so that we can follow up with you!

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Oconto County 4-H Leader’s Association Board of Directors
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Vice President, Brigid McDowell (Little River)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR CENTURY AND SESQUICENTENNIAL
FARM & HOME APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

West Allis, Wis. – November 14, 2020 – Officials at Wisconsin State Fair are pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2020 Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award, a prestigious award given to families who have dedicated their life to Wisconsin farming for 100 or 150 years. The 2020 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, will take place Thursday, Aug. 6 through Sunday, Aug. 16 at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis.

To qualify for the award, families are required to provide proof of continuous family ownership of a property in the state of Wisconsin for either the last 100 or 150 years. All property owners will be honored at a special Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award Program held on Tuesday, Aug. 11 in conjunction with the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair.

Honorees will receive complimentary Fair admission tickets, an invitation to the awards breakfast, a commemorative photo, a certificate and an outdoor display sign.

The Century Farm and Home Program began in 1948 in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin’s Centennial Celebration. There are currently 9,613 Century Farms and Homes nestled throughout the Badger State. The Sesquicentennial Program similarly originated in 1998 as part of the State's Sesquicentennial Celebration and has since honored 919 families.

Applications for the Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award are available now and must be postmarked by the application deadline, Sunday, March 1, 2020. Applications are not available online and only one certificate may be issued per property.

To request a copy of either application, contact jill Albanese, Director of Competitive Exhibits, at 414-777-0580, or write to:

Century or Sesquicentennial Farm & Home Program
640 S. 84th Street
West Allis, WI 53214

###
Wisconsin State Fair
2020 CENTURY FARM OR HOME APPLICATION

Please fill out accurately and completely — print or type all information.

County in which Century Farm or Home is located: ____________________________________________

Name of Present Century Farm or Home Owner: ____________________________________________

(Please list name(s) to be included on certificate on this line.)

Century Farm or Home Address ____________________________________________________________

(Street) ____________________________________________________________________________

(City) ______________________________________________________________________________

(State) ______________________________________________________________________________

(Zip) ______________________________________________________________________________

Current mailing address if different from Century Farm or Home Address listed above: __________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ E-Mail: ________________________________

Location Property: (complete line (a) for Farm Award (b) for Home Award)

(a) Farm: Section _______________ Name of Township __________________________

(b) Home: Street __________________ Village/City __________________________

Please provide your farm's Legislative District Information: (Use the district in which the farm is located.) This information may be obtained by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9472.

Assembly District No. _________ Senate District No. _________ Congressional District No. _________

PROOF OF 100 YEARS – CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

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The above evidence of continuous family ownership for the past 100 years is taken from one or more of the following records. (Check those which apply or explain in blank space.)

☐ Abstract of Title ☐ Land Patent ☐ Original Deed ☐ County Land Records

Other (Please explain) ______________________________________________________________

Additional Information: (Fill in or attach any additional information which may be helpful in evaluating your eligibility for a Century Farm or Home Certificate.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

_________________________ ________________________________
(Witness Sign Here) (Signature of Present Owner)

DATE ______________ APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2020

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2020 CENTURY FARM OR HOME APPLICATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. **ONLY ONE CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED PER PROPERTY:**
   For example, a descendant may not receive another certificate if a former owner or relative has already received a certificate for the same property.

2. **CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY FOR 100 YEARS:**
The farm or home (in whole or part) must have been in continuous family ownership. Title of the Century property today must reside in a blood relative of the original owner, or a legally adopted child of a descendant. Continuous residence in the state or on the property is not required, but the title to the property must be continuous. An abstract of title is the best evidence of continuous family ownership. Please do not send valuable documents to our office.

3. **RECOGNITION:**
   Farms or homes with 100 years of continuous ownership through the year 2020, will be recognized at a special breakfast program during the WISCONSIN STATE FAIR, August 6-16, 2020. The tentative date for the breakfast program is August 11, 2020. Details of the event will be mailed to accepted applicants by mid June.

4. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
   Application must be sent to:
   Attn: Jill Albanese
   Century Farm Program
   Wisconsin State Fair
   640 S 84 St
   West Allis WI 53214
   Applications MUST be received no later than March 1, 2020.

5. **QUESTIONS:**
   If you have any questions about the Century Farm or Home program, please call Jill Albanese at 414/777-0580 or email jill.albanese@wistatefair.com.

6. **Please submit only one local newspaper name for post-event publicity.**

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   Newspaper name

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   Address

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   City

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   State    Zip

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   Phone

7. **List current type of farming on your property, (ie. dairy, crops, etc) if any**

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