Greetings fellow 4-Hers!

I think we are just about in the home stretch after this cold, snowy, and germ-filled winter... let's all think Spring! I want to thank you all for your patience as we in the 4-H office continue to work through changes in roles and responsibilities with UW-Madison. A lot of work is being done around policies and procedures in 4-H especially around safety and risk management. We are all about new, fun, exciting experiences in 4-H, but we also want to be sure all involved remain as safe as possible while participating in such events. Some of the information has been rolled out in the new VIP training, but there are still updates being made. Expect to hear more information on accident and injury reporting, and more guidance around high-risk activities soon. Also please keep in mind Extension staff and volunteers are no longer allowed to sign any documents, this includes zero-dollar contracts (for example agreement to rent space, transportation contracts etc.) Please let the office know as soon as you may have something requiring a signature so that we can follow the proper procedure and get that completed for you in a timely manner. Any event that you will require proof of liability for we also need to know well in advance to request copies. We greatly appreciate your assistance with all of this.

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One of the biggest events that planning is underway currently for is overnight Summer Camp. Please consider how you may be able to help out to make this event successful, either by volunteering or attending. We look forward to what is sure to be an amazing time!

I know many of our club leaders and project leaders are already well underway in planning clinics, events, and educational opportunities for our members. I am learning of some great things going on, and I am so proud of our strong 4-H program. Please continue to reach out if there is any way that we can support you in the office and we will always strive to make the best better!

Best,

Aimee Elkins
4-H Program Coordinator

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**UWRF Premier Showmanship Clinic**

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Dairy Club is excited to be hosting our bi-annual Falcon Premier Heifer Consignment Sale on March 14th, 2020 at the Mann Valley Lab Farm. In conjunction with our sale, we have been working with Katie Coyne, a UWRF alumni and owner of Mill Wheel Dairy Show Clinics, to host our first ever youth showmanship clinic on the day of our sale. The event is free and open to youth of all ages! In addition to this unique opportunity, there will be Weaver Show Product giveaways and products for sale. The event will start at 8:30 AM and go until 11:00 AM on March 14th. We encourage all participants and families to stick around for our handpicked line up of Holstein and Jersey heifers in this year’s sale. Anyone who is interested can sign up using the following link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aae29a5f58-uwrf](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aae29a5f58-uwrf).

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**Procedure for Leader Background Checks**

All 4-H leaders and other enrolled volunteers who work with youth, are required to have a criminal background check done before they start volunteering and then every four years. Background checks are conducted at the state level. When needed, you will receive an e-mail to request information from you to conduct the background check.

In order to remain a volunteer with Extension 4-H, it is important that you complete the process for having your background check complete. Our staff is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you!
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Little Seedlings went to Lena Swamp Archery

On Saturday, February 15, members of Little Seedlings 4-H went to Lena Swamp Archery. They learned about safety and shooting techniques. They were able to shoot at multiple targets. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Blue Ribbon Livestock Camp

**May 16**, Kewaunee Co. Fairgrounds, 625 Third St., in Luxemburg. 8:15-3 pm You will learn about many topics listed below and the safety of raising and showing your species (beef, sheep, hog or goat). This camp is to teach everyone all aspects of raising your animal along with showing if you choose to do so.

- *Feeding/ Nutrition*
- *Management*
- *Breaking/ Training*
- *Herdsmanship*
- *Showing/ Showmanship*
- *Tools/ Supplies*  Early deadline **March 6**; final application deadline **March 21**.

All ages welcome. Any parents or youth that will participate in the camp need to enroll by the deadlines. Cost $50/ person due w/ application, which inc. lunch, t-shirt and take-home prizes. For application and release forms, visit the website at "https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewauneeag/files/2020/02/Blue-Ribbon-Livestock-Camp-Application-Forms-fillable-PDF.pdf"

The Wisconsin Youth Institute

**April 6**, at the UW Madison. This institute is a life-changing experience at the UW where 9th-12th grade students engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities and explore exciting ways to make a difference in WI and around the world. There is no registration cost to participate in the Institute and meals will be provided during the event. To participate in the Wisconsin Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor. However, both student and teacher/ mentor participants must organize their own transportation to and from the event in Madison, WI. Registration and paper submission due online by **March 16**. More info at "https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/wisconsin"

Annual Horse Project Meeting

The annual horse project meeting will be Sunday, April 26 from 2-4pm at HSHS St. Clare Hospital on South Main St, Oconto Falls. It will be held in the meeting rooms on the left side as you enter the main entrance and go past the restrooms. All current and potential new horse project members should plan to attend this important meeting. There is mandatory paperwork that MUST be completed and turned in by May 1, 2020 to be eligible to show at the Fair with your horse. Any questions prior to the meeting please contact Danna Magnin 920 373-7058 or djmdmm@bayland.net
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 statewide 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.

4-H Art Lab Extended

ATTN: 9TH-12TH GRADE MEMBERS. Earlier this year, 20 emerging artists arrived in Madison for 4-H Art Lab, a high school arts immersion program where they learned and created in the areas of visual arts and drama/spoken word from professionals in the arts. Additionally, while on campus youth gained pre-college knowledge through their interaction with college students and info sessions on scholarships and college requirements.

Fortunately, engagement in 4-H Art Lab isn’t over! AND it isn’t limited to only those who participated in January! Would you like to be involved in conversations about art, community, future careers, and more? 'Art Lab Extended’ provides an opportunity for older youth and adults all across Wisconsin to learn about art through monthly video conferences. Here are the upcoming topics:

♦ Art Lab Recap and Featured Artist Talks
March 5th, 7:00pm-8:00pm
♦ Art with Community Impact
April 23rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm
♦ Careers in Art
May 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Join in at this Zoom Meeting link: https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/320877803 OR join by phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (Meeting ID: 320 877 803)
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.


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**Horse Clinic**

Judge/Trainer/Clinician Dawn Brandow will be coming again to lead a clinic on July 18 to help get you and your horse ready for the Fair Show. The clinic will be held at the ring in Gillett. More details will be communicated at a later date but please keep the date open and plan to attend this important clinic with your horse/horses!

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**Leaders Association Meeting 2020 Schedule**

The Leaders Association will be meeting on the following dates, please note that all meeting will be held at the Gillett Community Center EXCEPT for the November meeting.

March 22 – 4 pm
April 26 – 4 pm
July 26 – 4 pm
September 27 – 4 pm
November 22 – 6 pm at HSHS St Clare Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls
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!

Goat Clinic
There will be a goat clinic on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00am at Honey Park in Gillett (Oconto County Fairgrounds). This clinic counts as one educational point towards the Sale of Champions.
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=9KPif-D8cVg&feature=youtu.be
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March 2020

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.

Proud 4-H Leader
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.
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

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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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Ann Sievert, Treasurer (Morgan Badgers)

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OCONTO AND MARINETTE COUNTIES CLOTHING REVUE

To be held April 18, 2020, 1 pm, at the Little River Town Hall, 3627 County A, Oconto.

WHAT IS A CLOTHING REVUE?
The Clothing Revue is a fun event for all boys and girls in 4-H, grades kindergarten through one year post high school, to model what they made or purchased. This event includes knitting, crocheting, sewing, consumer savvy*, or alterations*. You do not need to be enrolled in these projects. Ribbons will be awarded.

What you can do:
♦ Make something to wear – this can be an entire outfit or just one thing. (Ex: a hat or a hat, mittens, and scarf to match, a shirt, pajamas, etc.) Or, you can purchase an entire outfit.
♦ You will wear your creation before the judge and tell her/him all about it. The judge may not touch your garment at all. She/he must only judge on how it looks on you.
♦ You will then model your outfit while the Master of Ceremony reads the card that you sent in with your registration. (see sample on registration form below)

*What is Consumer Savvy? Rather than making the garment, you go out and purchase it along with accessories to make a complete outfit. (shirt, pants, shoes, socks, belt, etc.)
*What does alterations mean? This is a changed outfit that you wear; it can be something that is too big for you and you altered it to fit you, maybe a dress of your mom’s. Or, it can be a huge t-shirt that you made into a dress.

CLOTHING REVUE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________

Club: __________________________________________________________

Male □ Female □ Age: ___________ Phone: __________________________

Garment: __________________________________________________________________________

Garment Category: ____________________________________________________________________

Each participant must include a 3x5-index card with information about himself or herself. Please include this card with your registration form. Include your name, age, fiber content, and things you like to do. Below is an example.

Watch out! Here comes 9-year-old John Doe looking cool and ready for the beach in his 100% cotton down shirt with a snazzy Hawaiian print and pocket. In this shirt, John is ready for all his favorite things, whether it be the church picnic, playing ball with his friends or riding his bike, he is sure to stay comfy!

Please return registration form by April 4th to:

Brigid McDowell
8878 Two Mile Rd
Oconto, WI 54153

Please call Brigid with any questions, 920-834-9947.
Oconto County 4-H Speaking Festival

May 2nd, 3:00 p.m.
Little River Town Hall
*Open to ALL Oconto County Youth*
Kindergarten through High School

**Registration Deadline April 24th**

**Door Prizes Available**

Speech (Individual)
Deliver a speech written by you. Be sure to acknowledge the source of your information. You may use note cards. Visual aids, props, posters are encouraged.

*Time Limits*
K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-8 min

Storytelling (Individual)
In your own words, tell a story or fairytale you know or one you have made up. You may use costumes, makeup or other special effects. Props and music also allowed.

*Time Limits*
K-2nd grade: 2-5 min. grade 3 & up: 3-10 min

Interpretive Reading (Individual, Duo, Group)
Perform a from a Reader’s Theatre script. Read a story from a book or any other literary form. Recite a poem.

*Time Limits*
K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-5 min

Puppetry (Individual, Duo or Group)
Speak or sing through puppets. Be sure to bring any supplies you may need including stage, puppets, music and/or props. Bring a copy of your script for the judge.

*Time Limits*
K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

Show What You Know (Individual or Duo)
Give a presentation on something you know or something you can do. May use props, computer-based visual aids, posters, handout, videos or music. Judge may ask questions after presentation.

*Time Limits*
K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

**Please make sure all material is age appropriate**

Register online at
https://docs.google.com/forms

Prizes will be awarded.
Face to face judging on your own merit.
Pie social to follow event.

No internet access?
Just call Brigid McDowell
920-834-9947