



Waupaca County

# 4-H Forecast

July 2020

Hello 4-H Families!

For most of us, our summer is looking very different. For some of you, vacations and/or family gatherings have been cancelled or modified. Summer sports or camps you may have participated in were cancelled. Even those of us who plan to do a “staycation” with our families or some friends, planning special get-togethers and activities is not without extra effort with social distancing, PPE and disinfecting! It leaves us all with two questions, “Will we ever get back to normal? And if not, “What is our new normal?” Rather than wait to get answers to these questions, I want to be proactive in our 4-H programming and brainstorm or implement ideas with what we have right now.

Some of us are already doing that, for example:

- ⇒ Club meetings held virtually (I would be happy to help anybody do this if you have questions)
- ⇒ Club activities/games adapted to electronic or virtual formats
- ⇒ 4-H Friday projects
- ⇒ Virtual 4-H Family Fun Night
- ⇒ Ambassadors creating animal project videos for a library story hour
- ⇒ Horse project work nights
- ⇒ 4-H Fun in a Box (see page 14 for more details)

Let’s keep going! I am very interested in having conversations or creating a committee that focuses on our “new” normal for the coming months. We may only be able to meet in small groups, but we can still accomplish a lot if we all think outside of the box! Please feel free to email me at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) if you are interested in serving on a committee OR if you have some ideas!

*Penny Tank*

Penny Tank, 4-H Program Educator



### **Preparing for Small Groups in July!**

UW-Madison, Division of Extension is currently allowing groups of 10 or less to meet with an approved plan in place. This is good news! It shows that we are hopefully moving toward more face to face meetings and activities in the future. Any face to face 4-H sponsored meeting/event/or activity needs to be pre-approved. For example, if you as a project leader would like to have a project meeting with a few members in your club, this would need to have approval. If your club or project would like to plan some small group activities, please do the following:

- Have a plan for social distancing and sanitation.
- Have a plan for using PPE (masks, etc).
- Contact Penny Tank to complete a Request for In-Person Programming Form.
- Penny can help you complete the form and help answer any questions you may have. From there the form goes to our Area Extension Director, Chris Viau and up the chain for approval.

Two questions I have been asked often are related to the **group of 10 University guideline and fair barn decorations or booths**. As has been stated earlier, 4-H members could choose to participate in the fair, and if they did, they selected the 4-H club they are a member of and chose to participate as individuals. The fair has guidelines that exhibitors must be part of a recognized youth organization, which 4-H is. We can verify member enrollment in 4-H. Exhibitors at the fair can wear their 4-H/clover shirts and use clovers as an individual 4-H member with your individual stall decorations, etc.

When it comes to creating barn decorations or booths ahead of the fair to represent your club name, if more than 1 family wanted to work together to make either of these that would fall under the university guideline, would need to be 10 or fewer people, and **would need prior approval as a face to face meeting**. Your



club could have a virtual meeting or through email decide to use a common barn theme and each person make their own decorations; that is ok. For the actual decorating at the fair or placing the booth in the Youth Building prior to the fair, you can take your individual decorations and hang them up. There should not be one scheduled time when the whole club at once comes to the barn together. Maybe one family could do the back drop or the club name and another family do another part later. If families happen to be at the fair at the same time for decorating, this is at your own risk as an exhibitor at the fair, not a part of a 4-H organized event. It would still be advised that you social distance, etc.

### **2020 Waupaca County Fair**

Check out the Waupaca County Fair website at  
**<http://waupacacountyfair.org/>**



Exhibit questions should go to the Waupaca County Fair  
Exhibitor Coordinator at [wcfexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:wcfexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com).

### **WI 4-H Virtual Learning Community**

From now until August 31st, the Virtual Learning Community team will be connecting you with a wide variety of virtual learning opportunities for youth of all ages, 4-H and non 4-H members. These opportunities will be



led by an array of different leaders, experts, and enthusiasts over a number of online platforms. While many of us are missing our normal summer activities and experiences, why not take some time to learn about and engage in a range of different topics like cooking, arts & crafts, and current events? There is even a weekly Friday Photo Challenge!

To learn more about these opportunities, visit the state 4-H website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>. You can also check out the calendar of activities here through TeamUp: <https://teamup.com/ksnu8io835yz2chr6f>. You can use TeamUp on your browser or through the app! Events are being added all of the time! Keep an eye on the Wisconsin 4-H Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsin4h/>

### 4-H Broadcast Emails from 4-H Online

One way the Extension Office has been trying to communicate information to a majority of families in the 4-H program is through sending emails from the 4-H Online system. We understand for some, these emails have been pushed to junk email folders. Please add no-reply@4honline.com to your list of email addresses that are ok to be accepted emails. **Especially during this time of COVID-19,** and new information coming out so often, this is one of the only ways for most of the state or specific project areas to get information at the same time.



## 4-H Record Books

*(Reprinted in case you missed the recent blast email)* Completing a record book is a valuable part of the 4-H year. Even though the second half of this year has been quite different, there is still importance in pulling together what you did as a record for your year. Record books are still encouraged this year and are due on September 22 (an earlier due date will be set by your club leaders to review books). More specific details about collection of books will be shared as the date gets closer. Everybody is aware this has been a unique year and that will be understood as record books are reviewed at the county level.

Some of you may be thinking "why would I even do a record book this year?" The answer is because 4-H is a combination of learning, projects, leadership, fun, growth, goal setting, friendship, service, generosity, and so much more. The County Fair, sponsored by the Waupaca County Fair Board, is an annual opportunity to showcase what you have learned and learn what to improve for next time. It also encourages sportsmanship and other important life skills. I understand the importance of the County Fair as many see it as the culmination of your year. However, that is not the only reason for being a 4-H member and it is a choice of 4-H members to enter or not each year. The 4-H Program in itself is a whole

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year of additional opportunities to learn and grow. Even if you do not exhibit at the County Fair this year, there are projects you could have worked on, activities you could have participated in, service projects you could have completed with your club, meetings where you may have been a club officer, committees you could have been a part of, and more. Remember close to 300 people attended 4-H Super Saturday - and that feels like so long ago! Even after COVID-19 started, there were still 4-H projects, meetings, educational webinars, 4-H Friday projects, Music and Speaking Contest, and more, offered in a different way.



I agree there have also been some disappointments this year and those could be included in your record book in a 4-H story or project stories to explain your 4-H year.

Printed record book pages were getting done just as COVID-19 started in early March and therefore did not get out to clubs. Online record book pages and copies of the printed pages have been available at <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/record-book-pages/>. Full record books begin for members completing grade 3 and above. Cloverbuds are also encouraged to put together a record of their year and there is a Cloverbud Record Book on the above website too.

With the continued limit on the number of people that can gather for 4-H meetings and events, the Extension Waupaca County Office is willing to **mail printed record book pages directly to any families that are interested** in having them and have not printed them from the website yet. Here is a link to a google form where you can request record book pages be mailed to your family: <https://bit.ly/2CeasRz> If for some reason the link does not work, feel free to email Penny at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) and put in the subject line, record book pages.

What should I include in my record book? Refer to the 4-H Project and Record Book Guideline Sheet. On the front is a list of what to include and what not to include as well as some specific tips on how to put your book together.



## VOLUNTEER LEADER NEWS

### Charter Renewals

Club leaders and county project committees will soon be receiving a mailing with updated charter renewal details. Please look this over carefully and contact Penny with any questions. Two charter chat Zooms will also be scheduled to review charters and answer questions.

#### **Deadlines:**

Financial Reporting (pgs 5-6) & Supporting Docs  
**(NEW DEADLINE) - SEPTEMBER 1**

Rest of Charter Renewal Packet & Supporting Docs (pgs 1-4)  
**OCTOBER 15**

### Essential Elements Online Training Now Available

Belonging, Mastery, Generosity and Independence are the 4 Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development that are focused on in a new online 4-H Youth Development training.

Each module is about 7-10 minutes in length. You move through the module at your own pace. It will take you about 30 - 45 minutes to complete all four modules.

This training is accessible through your 4-H online account by clicking on edit by your profile and near the top is a blue training button, then sign up for a training. Call the Extension Office for more details about accessing the training.

**This training will be accepted for the annual required leader training for each club/committee to have at least one volunteer complete for charter renewal coming up.**



## LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next Leaders' Board Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., by Zoom.

The annual Leaders' Association Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. An email will be sent to all

registered 4-H volunteers with the Zoom information to connect for the meeting.

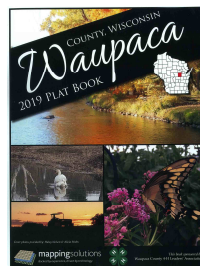
Membership and voting rights in the 4-H Leaders' Association includes youth members in grades 7 and above with at least one year of 4-H enrollment. Every youth protection certified adult 4-H leader in Waupaca County 4-H is also a member. The purposes of the Leaders' Association are:

- To improve, foster, promote and develop youth through the 4-H program in Waupaca County.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth and adult club leaders to coordinate their efforts.
- To accept funds for the advancement of the 4-H/Youth Development program.
- To assist in planning and carrying out the annual 4-H/Youth Development program.
- To provide an interchange of ideas, opportunities, and issues.
- To promote good public relations and service to the community.
- To establish policies.

You are encouraged to participate and help make the 4-H program the best it can be.

### **2019 Platbooks Available**

Are you spending more time outside or more time exploring areas closer to home? Remember that 2019 Platbooks are available from the Extension Waupaca County Office. They can be purchased at the office for \$35.00 or mailed, with a low fee for mailing. Check out <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/waupaca-county-plat-book/> for more information, and thank you for supporting the Waupaca County 4-H Program!



Mission of the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association...*to develop, guide, educate and support 4-H youth and leaders within Waupaca County.*



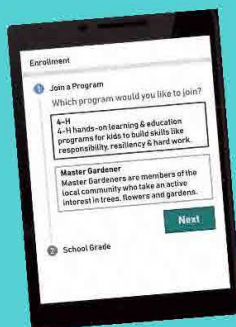
## 4-H ENROLLMENT

Starting with 4-H enrollment this fall there will be an updated version of 4-H online. Watch for more details!

### New 4-H Online 2.0



Mobile Friendly  
Improved Accessibility  
Supports Multiple Languages



### Role-Out Timeline

#### August

County volunteer training zoom.  
Refresher/updated changes training  
for staff.

Database locked and migration  
begins Aug 21.

#### September

Open enrollments in V2.0.



## PROJECT NEWS

### Dog Project

Hello Dog Project families,  
I have made the difficult decision to cancel the Waupaca County 4-H Dog Project for 2020. My goal for this project has always been for the 4-H project member and their dog to have a positive learning experience in training and working with their dog.

Much thought and planning to make this work has been happening with each date change of when we could meet to begin



training. I feel strongly that given the shortened amount of time we have to work together will put unnecessary stress on the dogs, which could lead to negative effects for the dog and as a result the project members.



This decision wasn't something that was made lightly, in fact over the weekend I filled out a form to start the project in mid-July. Once I submitted it, I began to have more concerns and decided that it would be **best to start fresh in 2021**.

I have truly enjoyed organizing this project. I appreciate the support from the leaders and Penny, as well as the project members and their families. **The leaders in this project have been simply the BEST!** The project would not have been successful the past 4 years without outstanding leaders to do the training **NOR** the wonderful **4-H PROJECT MEMBERS**, their **FAMILIES** and **of course their DOGS!**

2021 will bring new leadership to the project along with a new year full of possibilities. Remember you can **ALWAYS** be training your dog. Focus on the positive and remember – “Attitude and effort are always in your control”.

Thanks for the privilege to lead this project,  
Dana Nelson

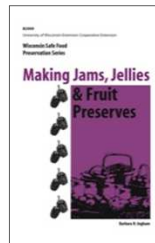
*I would like to share a big thank you to Dana for serving as the dog project key leader the last few years and to the group of older youth and adult volunteers that stepped up to help in a variety of ways! For any of these projects to be successful help is needed from many people. This year has been challenging and I also appreciate everybody's understanding for this difficult decision. Dana has shared that this is her last year in this role and if there are people willing to help in any way for 2021 please reach out to Penny at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu).*

### **Latest Food Preservation Bulletins One Click Away**

Quick! What's the hot water bath processing time for pints of dill pickles? Can I mix raspberries and blueberries in a batch of jelly? How do I know when carrots are completely dried? These and

other food preservation questions can be answered by downloading the most up-to-date bulletin from the Extension Learning Store [learningstore.uwex.edu/Food-Preservation-and-Safety-C60.aspx](http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Food-Preservation-and-Safety-C60.aspx) Printed copies may also be purchased from the Waupaca County Extension Office or other county extension offices across the state of Wisconsin. Sample titles include:

- Canning Fruits Safely
- Canning Salsa Safely
- Freezing Fruits and Vegetables
- Harvesting Vegetables from the Home Garden
- Homemade Pickles and Relishes
- Making Jams, Jellies and Fruit Preserves
- Tomatoes Tart and Tasty



## THANK YOU

- 4-H Ambassadors—Evy & Elwood Riley, Rylee Nelson, Verena Bartel, Allie Knoespel, and Jessica Flocker for creating animal project videos for the Clintonville Public Library Story Hour and leading the Virtual 4-H Family Night.
- Thank you to all 4-H volunteers and families that have been trying to stay connected in a variety of ways!

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Virtual Music, Drama and Speaking Contest participants: Abigail Elmhorst, Evan & Onan Retzlaff, Logan Rogney, Danielle Tank
- Congratulations to our Waupaca County 4-H graduates - check out some 4-H graduate spotlights each week on the Waupaca County 4-H Facebook page! If you are graduating from 4-H and have not yet completed the google form or informed Penny at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) that you are graduating, please do so.
- MaKieyela Raisler, Dayton Community 4-H, who won the Targhee Sheep Contest and will be receiving a flock of Targhee sheep! She is the third winner of this state and national contest from Waupaca County in 2 years!

## **GREG BLONDE RETIRES FROM UW-MADISON EXTENSION WAUPACA COUNTY**

It is with mixed emotions and sincere gratitude for his service that we are announcing the retirement of Greg Blonde. Since 1984, Greg has served as the Agriculture Agent for UW-Madison Extension in Waupaca County. His work and dedication have been integral to the local farming community, and to the broader community as a whole.



Bringing unbiased university research to where people live and work was something Greg truly believed and worked hard to accomplish. Greg initiated and was involved in numerous research projects working with colleagues from across the state, as well as specialists from UW-Madison. More recently, he developed several mobile apps helping support farmers and other Ag professionals throughout the country. Greg took part in countless other service and support roles such as working with families and youth at the County Fair, secretary/treasurer for the Waupaca County Forage Council, serving as county office department head and as statewide Chair for UW-Extension Department of Ag and Life Sciences.

Greg truly valued the county partnerships he developed over the years, especially those with farmers and other Ag professionals, his Extension office colleagues, County Board supervisors, and colleagues in the county Land Conservation and Parks Department. He built strong working relationships with many others involved in the larger local agriculture industry.

The heart of Greg's work has always been the local farmer. He did not want a retirement party because, as he put it, "My work has been for the farmers. They don't get a retirement party, so I'm not going to have one either." Greg's passion for agriculture will indeed be missed! We hope Greg enjoys well-deserved rest and relaxation, and wish him many good days on the golf course.



## **VISIT THESE WEBSITES FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFO**

### **WI 4-H and Covid-19**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2020/05/15/wisconsin-4-h-and-covid-19-response/>

### **4-H FAQ Related to Covid-19**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

### **Extension, WI 4-H, and Fair FAQ**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/extension-fair-faq/>

### **Safe Practices with Animal Projects**

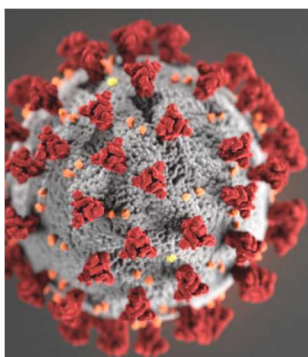
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2020/05/14/updates-on-safe-practices-with-4-h-animal-projects/>

### **County Extension and Covid-19**

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/covid-19-resources/>

### **Waupaca County 4-H Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/Waupaca-County-4-H-497545503725584>



## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are taking steps to limit the contagion risk to our staff, volunteers, program participants, and the community at large. Extension staff are working remotely and many of our programming events have been transitioned to an alternate format, postponed or cancelled. Click here for more details...

**WE ARE STILL HERE TO SERVE YOU!**

## **COVID Cancellations**

One of the hardest parts of the Coronavirus Pandemic is the realization that we can't do things the way we have always done and we all have been looking forward to the time when "things could get back to normal". Unfortunately, we are all going to have to wait a bit longer.

Grieving is natural when we lose these opportunities. However, we are working hard to come up with fun and innovative ways to provide educational opportunities. While we are all saddened by these cancellations, we are also looking forward to new possibilities this challenge offers!

### Current Cancellations

- 4-H Adventures (previously Day Camp)
- Beef, sheep, swine and small animal face to face workshops
- Waupaca County Dog Project
- Wisconsin State Fair
- Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo
- Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Shows

## 4-H WORD SEARCH

YOUTH IN 4-H DO MANY ACTIVITIES. IN THE WORD SEARCH BELOW, THERE ARE WORDS THAT RELATE TO WHAT 4-H IS ALL ABOUT. CAN YOU FIND ALL 22 WORDS IN THIS PUZZLE? GOOD LUCK AND IF YOU FIND THEM ALL, YOU HAVE CLOVER POWER!

T O M A K E T H E B E S T B E T T E R  
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Q R R G A M E S G S N S E W I N G E P  
X S O L E A R N B Y D O I N G L Z R C

Health (one of the 4 "H"s)	Games	"To Make The Best Better" (4-H motto)
Heart (one of the 4 "H"s)	Members	Leaders
Hands (one of the 4 "H"s)	Rocketry	Green (one of the 4-H colors)
Head (one of the 4 "H"s)	Projects	Horses
Clover (Emblem)	Computer	Pets
White (one of the 4-H colors)	Sewing	Speech (one of the skills you can learn in 4-H)
Food	Garden	Learn by Doing (the way we teach in 4-H)
Parents		

## 4-H Fun in a Box

*Watch for a blast email coming soon*

Penny has been working with other 4-H Educators in our area to put together fun project ideas that you will have the option to purchase and complete at home with all supplies in the box! The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Board is supporting part of the cost for the project boxes. Details are being finalized and will be emailed soon. A few examples of boxes include:

### Family Camp Box

Summer camp was cancelled, but here is an opportunity to pitch a tent in your own backyard and camp out with your family! All ages. Younger youth may need assistance. This box may contain:



- Create a camp journal
- Make a friendship bracelet
- Play some water games
- Nature activity
- Cooking on a Stick recipes
- s'mores kit
- Camp Song Book
- Make a Dreamcatcher

### Painter's Palette Box

The Painter's Palette Box is a great introduction or intermediate kit for acrylic and watercolors. Youth will learn some basic design and painting techniques as well as have the opportunity to create an acrylic painting and a watercolor painting as well as decorate a wooden birdhouse or box. All ages. Ideas include:

- Acrylic Paint Kit
- 1 – 8x10 Canvas
- Wooden birdhouse or box (based on supply)
- Watercolor pencils
- Watercolor paper
- 4-H Art Literature



### Make Your Own Barn Quilt

This box is a great way for you to learn how to make your own barn quilt. Whether you want to display it around your home or showcase it outside, you can make it your own! This box is for youth who are age 13 and older. Box includes:

- 2 by 2 piece of plywood
- A variety of acrylic paint colors
- Painters tape
- Design ideas
- Paint brushes

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