



UW-MADISON EXTENSION  
**Waupaca County**

# 4-H FORECAST

February/March 2021

*Enclosed is the start of a **calendar for the 2021 4-H year**. As you will notice, many dates are still missing. Events are being planned and organized all the time and we will get that information out to each family as it is available.*

*A number of events locally, regionally, and across the state are being tried virtually, we understand this may not be the preferred method, however, due to continued restrictions this is the only way some things are able to be planned and they are still valuable learning opportunities. We hope you understand and choose to participate in whatever you are interested in trying. One great benefit of virtual opportunities is that you may be able to participate in something of interest being held across the state and meet other youth with similar interests!!*

**Super Saturday**—usually held at the end of February, has been attended by over 300 people annually. Due to COVID, this event needs to be reimaged this year. The planning committee is offering Waupaca County 4-H Project Days this year. Project Days will include a variety of project boxes, live zooms, recorded videos, written directions for projects, and announcements of opportunities happening for any youth across the state through the WI Virtual Learning Community. Watch for this logo over the next few months for project offerings!



## COUNTY NEWS

**REMINDER**—All in person club, county, project, and committee meetings, workshops, or events need to be approved through a program approval form. Contact Penny to discuss your ideas. Penny has many forms she can share as examples. Forms need to be submitted at least 5 days prior to the event. Check out the back of the newsletter for ideas of what other clubs around our county are doing.

### **New Enrollments After February 1**

Youth can enroll in 4-H anytime, however, new 4-H members who join after the February 1st new enrollment deadline pay a reduced enrollment fee of \$3 and cannot exhibit in the junior fair under 4-H.

## LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next Leaders' Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 11 via zoom at 6:30 p.m. The next Leaders' Association Meeting will be Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Elections in March**

#### **4-H Leaders' Board Members Needed**



*Youth and Adult Positions Available!*

*\*Meet 6x per year      \*Learn together*

*\*Great Opportunities      \*Have fun & Do good*



**All 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend!**

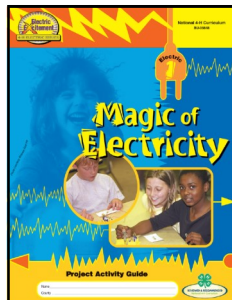
**Plan to attend, vote on issues and be informed, have fun!**

**General Leader Meeting** There will be a general leader meeting on Tuesday, March 23 beginning at 5:45 p.m., prior to the 4-H Leaders' Association meeting (7:00 p.m.). All General Leaders, or a representative from each club, is asked to attend the meeting, via zoom. This is a great opportunity to talk with other leaders about a variety of topics.

### **Project Resources and Curriculum**

4-H has lots of educational resources for 4-H'ers working on individual projects, as well as clubs working on group projects

and educational activities. Most items listed are curriculum books that are designed to give the 4-H'ers everything they need to learn about the project they have chosen. These books include a list of the materials needed, how much time it will take, how to do the activity, and then the questions to ask as part of the Experiential Learning Process.



4-H curriculum is built for sequential

activities, so project and life skills can be built upon, practiced, and eventually mastered over time. They are research based, hands on and FUN! If a project has resources, they are listed in the project guide <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/10/2021-project-guide.pdf>

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If you would like to order literature contact the extension office or complete the back page of the project guide.

## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

**Virtual Music, Drama, Talent, and Speaking Contest**—this year the contest will continue in a virtual format. Enclosed is an insert containing the details and a link to submit your entries. **Entries are due by April 15** and will be forwarded to a judge for comment and ribbon placing. We encourage any of you to take this opportunity and share your many talents!!

### **Summer Camp Counselors**

We are starting to plan for Summer Camp 2021. We are hopeful this will be able to be a typical in person camping experience, however, we will not know for a few months. If you are in grade 9 and above and interested in serving as a counselor, please email Penny at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) for an application. Applications are due in March.



### **Wisconsin State Fair**

If you are interested in exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair, August 5-15, you will want to follow the State Fair news and website for competitions <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/>. There will be NO State Fair interest form this year as the State Fair has changed their eligibility guidelines. Animal DNA identification information is also available now at this web link.

# VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

## **More Educational Opportunities Coming Soon**

Below is an invitation for youth and adults to volunteer to lead and teach over the next several months. Click here for more information <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc/>

If you are interested in learning more about **teaching or sharing a project skill** through the virtual learning community, please read the following.

If you are interested in **participating in virtual learning community events**, go here and registration is through your 4-H online account. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc/>

Across the Division of Extension we have been learning and improving our transition to virtual spaces. You haven't heard from the Virtual Learning Community since our Summer Virtual Learning Community, but Positive Youth Development in virtual spaces has continued to grow and develop. In order to continue building out a community of learning around the state, **we need Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers!**

Below are some commonly asked questions:



### **What type of content are you looking for?**

We are looking for project area content, leadership trainings and open spaces for youth to engage and connect around other topics/areas of interest. If you have an interest or passion and are willing to share it with others, we'll help make it work in a virtual space.

### **I would like a little more information about Virtual Learning Community before I submit an idea for a class. Where can I go?**

Our website can be found at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc/>

### **What happens after I submit a proposal?**

Our committee will respond to submissions with a follow up e-mail or call to the primary contact within a week. The Virtual Learning Community knows how important supportive

relationships within youth development spaces are to creating community, valuing youth voice and empowering action in our communities. We are committed to ensuring that anyone who wants to find an engaging, educational, and FUN online connection will be able to do so easily. We hope you will help us make it happen.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships, due March 15**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 15, 2021, 5:00 pm. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals. For more information go to <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



The **Waupaca County Large Market Animal Scholarship** was established to support and reward youth for their market livestock knowledge and participation, leadership skills, and involvement in the community. The Waupaca County Large Market Animal Committee has put \$2,500 toward scholarships. Scholarships will be utilized by recipients to further their education. Applicants must be Waupaca County Large Market Animal exhibitors and may apply for the scholarship the year they graduate from secondary education or the following year. Past recipients are not eligible to compete for this scholarship. The completed application and one letter of recommendation from a non-family member must be submitted to Bobbie Jo Montgomery, Waupaca Learning Center 1515 Shoemaker Dr. Waupaca WI 54981 **on or before March 15** of the current



year. An electronic version of this scholarship application can be found at: <http://waupaca.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/4-h-projects/>

## 4-H PROJECTS

**Small Market Animal**—Youth interested in the opportunity to sell a small market animal (poultry, rabbit, goat) should

- ★ **contact the Extension Office to register by March 1.**

Email [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) or call 715-258-6230 ext 9 and leave a detailed message with your name, address, club, and phone number

- ★ A packet of materials will then be mailed to you.
- ★ A **virtual zoom meeting will be held on Monday, March 15** to review the materials. The youth or a representative for them is expected to participate in the zoom call.
- ★ If you are not able to be on the zoom call, you are required to email [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) and a recording of the zoom will be emailed to you. There will be a few questions you need to answer showing you watched the recording and this is due by March 22.
- ★ **March 22 is the final day to qualify for the small market animal sale opportunity.**



### **Large Market Animal**

Youth interested in the opportunity to sell a large market animal (beef, sheep, swine) should plan to attend 1 of 2 tag registration meetings. There will be two tag registration meetings offered as drive thru events at the Fairgrounds and this is also where you will get the project rules, etc.

- **April 3rd** 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Waupaca County Fairgrounds
- **April 17th** 6:30 to 7:30pm at Waupaca County Fairgrounds



If a participant is not able to attend a meeting, a parent, guardian or other person must attend as your representative. **Tags will not be handed out at any other time.** Watch for more information as the dates get closer.

**Horse Project**—First virtual monthly project meeting was held at the end of January. Next meeting is Monday, February 22

at 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Youth enrolled in horse or horseless horse should have received a packet of information in the mail, if you did not, contact penny.tank@wisc.edu.



### **WYLP – Animal Science Educational Programs**

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), affiliated with the UW Madison Department of Animal & Dairy Sciences, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, and the Division of Extension are excited to offer these educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. Go here to register and get the link for these virtual events <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/>

- **February 11, 2021**, 7 p.m. CST – Virtual  
Feeding & caring for Swine without Ractopamine
- **March 11, 2021**, 7 p.m. CST – Virtual  
Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products
- **April 8, 2021**, 7 p.m. CST – Virtual  
Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences
- **May 13, 2021**, 7 p.m. CST – Virtual  
Meat Science Cookery – It should be spring/summer in Wisconsin, and looking forward to firing up the grill to make brats, burgers, and other products.

### **Livestock Lessons – Round 2**

We are looking for the next round of Livestock Lessons ending on March 5, 2021. The potential topics for your lessons are endless! We would love for you to submit your 4-H demonstrations, FFA public speaking entries, any videos, and written work that aligns with the work you already doing. Be creative, be funny, be serious, just be you! Think about something you have learned in your animal science project or something that you enjoy doing and prepare to share it. Categories include:



#### **For grades 3-8: (only one submission per category)**

1. An Oral Video presentation
2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA)

#### **For grades 9-13th: (only one submission per category)**

1. An Oral Video presentation



2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA)
3. SAE Project Slides

Livestock Lessons are open to all youth who are interested in animal projects. Submitted entries will be divided into the following grade judging categories from the 2020-2021 school year. Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-13).

Submissions are due March 5. The top entries in each division will receive monetary awards and may be featured on Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media, YouTube channels and other media outlets.

Go here for more details <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/livestock-lessons/>

### **Wisconsin Southdown Sheep Association 2021 Ewe Lamb Award**

**Purpose:** To promote youth involvement with Southdown sheep in Wisconsin by awarding youth with a quality registered ewe lamb to begin their flocks.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

Wisconsin youth ages 11-16 enrolled in 4-H or FFA who do not already own Southdown sheep.



#### **Requirements/Rules:**

A written application must be submitted to the Wisconsin Southdown Association postmarked by March 15, 2021 or emailed. Contact Penny at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu) for a copy of the application and additional award program details.

### **Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest**

The Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest is right around the corner Check out the 18 different classes and find your favorite three entries. You will compete in your own grade division. Mail in your registration form with fees and you will receive a contest submission form. Registration is required by mailing the form & payment by February 15, 2021. This 4-H activity is open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project to participate. See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules for all classes at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/whepwi4h/files/2020/12/TRACKS-December-Newsletter-2020.pdf>



## **Wisconsin Shooting Sports Project**

If you are enrolled in shooting sports projects be sure to go to the State 4-H Shooting Sports website for the latest news and information, including certification requirements of adult volunteers and safety guidelines that need to be followed for project meetings <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/>



## **VIP New Leader Training**

All new leaders need to complete a background check (after enrolling in 4-H online), VIP new leader training, and mandated reporter training. VIP training is currently being done virtually. One or two more trainings will be held this spring. Watch for dates. If these steps are not completed, you will not be considered a volunteer leader for this project year.

## **Clover Connection Leader Resource Videos**

Are you a club or project leader looking for ideas? Clover Connections is new video series to help you connect with your club members, run effective meetings and much more. The videos are short and conversational – like if you walked into the office and asked a question on the topic. The videos feature relevant content that is driven by the needs and interests of our adult and youth volunteers. New Clover Connections video each week – watch our social media channels for links and more information!

Current Clover Connection videos can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/CloverConnections> or [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWYkTfJ\\_LDJbQxoDTzctjb3emV956zvO7](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWYkTfJ_LDJbQxoDTzctjb3emV956zvO7)

## **NEW STATE 4-H WEBSITE**

Please take a few minutes to check out the updated state 4-H website for a number of resources and information. The web address is <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>



## CLUB UPDATES

**Baldwins Mill & Sunrise**—held in person meetings outside in the fall.

**Casey Lake**—had an in person meeting in the fall, now meeting virtually. They are doing surprise packets for each family before the meetings with things like a simple craft project, snack, and a game. Currently working on Valentine's for the nursing home.

**Dayton Community**—holding virtual meetings and had a club door decorating contest. Goody bags have been made for club members and they are working on club project boxes.

**Chain O Lakes**—reaching out to potential new members and made goody bags for people in the community

**Country Pride**—many club members participated in the Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower, and Poster Contest

**Diamond Dreamers**—rang bells for the Salvation Army, made Christmas Cards and donated items to the King Veteran's Home, and held a virtual Christmas party in which they did an escape room and scavenger hunt.

**Friendly Valley**—holding virtual meetings, youth are giving demonstrations, the club gave food and a donation to the local food pantry, and are making Valentine's for the nursing home

**Lebanon Cedars**—the club planned a drive thru Trick or Treating event for the local community, aluminum can drive, road side clean up, and are working on a snowman building contest

**Sandy Knoll**—meeting virtually and organized a community service project of making tie blankets for local organizations and bell ringing. They held a drive thru Club Awards Program and Christmas Party, club skiing trip, cards for troops, and are working on a Valentine Soup Delivery to community members.



**Town & Country**—held an outdoor meeting with a bonfire in the fall, currently meeting virtually and had a club sledding event.

**Tri-County & Lind Center Beavers**—families are enjoying connecting with each other through virtual meetings.

**Wolf River Rascals**—holding zoom virtual meetings with a different game each month. Some members wrote thank you notes to community heroes and did road side clean up.

**Woodland Badgers**—planned a drive thru Halloween Party. Club members made cards for the nursing home residents. Now working on some modified in person meetings with a hands on project.

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