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Waupaca County



4-H FORECAST

February/March 2021

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 18-24, 2021!

National Volunteer week was established in 1974 and has become a nationwide effort to encourage people to volunteer in their communities. We are so thankful for all of the 4-H volunteers in our county. In Waupaca County 4-H we have over 170 adult volunteer leaders who serve in various roles. The 4-H Volunteers are valued partners in working with youth! As a Volunteer you can share your skills and experience with us and transform the next generation of 4-H members. Behind every one of our success stories there are mentors. People who support 4-H and help bring ideas to life. Parents and adults are encouraged to volunteer and be leaders.

Here are some of the things 4-H volunteers and leaders have done this past year:

- Learned and/or tried new technology for many 4-H clubs to meet virtually
- Completed over 40 program guidance approval forms for clubs to meet safely in person for service projects and meetings
- Continued an extra year on the 4-H Leaders' Board
- Served on committees and helped to plan alternatives for county and club project meetings and opportunities
- Promoted and supported county and state events
- Brainstormed different ways of continuing 4-H programming

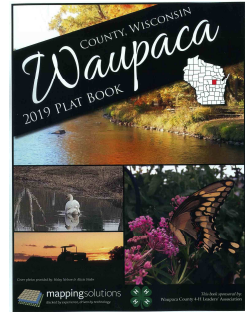
Thank you 4-H volunteers for your support and perseverance this past year!



COUNTY NEWS

2019 Plat Books Available

The 2019 plat books are available at the Extension Waupaca County Office. The plat books are sponsored by the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association and are a big fundraiser for the 4-H program in supporting efforts for both youth and adults. If your club sells any plat books (\$35.00 each), \$2.00 from each book will stay in your club treasury. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and relatives to get a plat book!



Current Guidance for April/May

Thank you to everybody that has been working with Penny through the COVID guidance for meetings during the past year. Below is a snapshot of the updated guidance so you can plan April and May meetings or events. The guidance for June, July, and August will be released soon.

- **Program Approval checklists are still needed for all in person events (club, county, projects, workshops, service activities, etc), along with contact logs after. Be sure you send program checklists to Penny at least 10 days-2 weeks before your event. Here is the web link to the FAQ document and a link to the program planning checklist. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/> Contact Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu to discuss your event and she can send you some sample completed forms to look at.**

The general updated COVID guidelines for Extension and 4-H programming for April and May are:

- Number of people who can be at events or programs is increasing
 - ◇ Indoors - up to 30% of a room capacity with a maximum of 50 people allowed in a large room
 - ◆ Pods still needed, see below
 - ◇ 150 people allowed for outdoor programming
 - ◆ Pods still needed, see below
- Pod size increasing to 20

- ◇ Groups of 20 or fewer can meet together
- ◇ If you have 21 or more people you will need to break into groups/pods of no more than 20 per group
- ◇ Maximum length of indoor events increasing to 4 hours

Items that are not changing and will need to continue for April and May:

- Continued use of face coverings
- No eating indoors
- Physical distancing (6 ft between members outside household; 20 feet between pods)
- Hand sanitizing / disinfecting requirements
- When there is more restrictive local guidance we must follow that rather than our guidance.

**SAVE THE DATES—Countywide 4-H
Family Scavenger Hunt, Sunday, May 16th**

Mark your calendars and watch for more information about a family scavenger hunt sponsored by 4-H. This is planned for Sunday, May 16 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. This free event will include clues to various locations around Manawa where families will get a stamp on their scavenger hunt sheet and if all spots are marked, will receive a family prize. There will be older youth 4-H Ambassadors and adult leaders at each stop along the way. Come to spend some time together as a family with stops in the city as well as some time to enjoy a trail or two.



**Countywide 4-H Rocket Building and Launch,
Sunday, May 23rd**

See pages 12-14 for more information and registration.



REMINDERS

- **Lego Contest** – Do you enjoy creating with Legos? Youth of all ages will be able to use their design and building skills for this countywide Lego Contest. Entries are due April 19, 2021. An email was sent to all families in March with the information. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfQck16nV8fHKTiNjNqfQQMNxdgGEwzuEuZabhzvDFBscyxQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>



- **Virtual Music, Drama, and Speaking Contest** – Link to google form for entry: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRp6t4E5ukNUmCxrPWIWfSREMssKwdFQK9q-fz7Kakpn71lg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0> **Entries/ Recordings due April 15, 2021** (insert with all of the details was in the last newsletter and can be found here <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/4-h-newsletters/>)
- **New Family Night** – all new families should have received a letter with the following details. If you didn't and are interested, here is the information. You are **invited to attend a New Family Night virtual zoom planned for April 15 at 6:30 p.m.** We will cover a variety of 4-H topics and answer questions you may have. Please register for the meeting at the link below and then you will receive a confirmation email with the connection information for the zoom, which you can connect to via computer or phone. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlvcO-gqjsvHtA8TrTMtqEPB-mCC2a58-oQ>
- Continue to check out the statewide **Virtual Learning Community website** for offerings in a variety of project areas <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/> Registration for these events would be completed through your 4-H online account.



LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

Election results for the Waupaca County 4-H Leader Board

Thank you to all of the outgoing 4-H Leader Board members, especially for serving an extra year with no elections last year. Thank you also to all who were willing to add their name to the ballot this year for the 4-H Leaders' Board. Current Board members are: President-Michelle Backes; Vice President-Karen Acker; Past President-Gloria Zemple; Secretary-Gloria Bigalke; Treasurer-Jenny Heise; District Representatives-Virginia Zemple, Jim Zemple, Amy Korth, Deb Schneider, Michelle Orr, Gladys Fleck; Youth Representatives-Abbey Acker and Carolyn Backes. There are 4 openings for District Representatives (3-1 year terms and 1-2 year term) and if you are interested in one of these positions or learning more please contact Penny. The next Leaders' Board meeting will be Thursday, May 13th.

MEMBER/CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Agriculture's Brighter Side Video Contest

This video contest, sponsored by Alforex Seeds, is open to anybody to share the brighter side of agriculture in a video not to exceed 3 minutes. Whether you are on a farm or in the city, create a video showing how you utilize products produced by hard-working farmers or highlighting the agriculture industry. The contest runs April 1 – April 30 (and then again every other month this year). The first week in May, visitors to the website will vote for their favorite videos. Encourage your friends and family to go and vote. The website for more information is <https://agriculturebrighterside.com>. Anyone under 21 will need a parent or guardian to enter the video on your behalf.

Record Book Pages

For members, record books are a valuable part of the 4-H experience. They are intended to help you develop lifelong skills such as:

- ◆ Setting goals
- ◆ Planning and organizing
- ◆ Communicating in writing
- ◆ Evaluating effort and progress



Once completed, members experience personal satisfaction from completing a worthwhile task. You also have a valuable record of accomplishments that can be used when applying for awards, scholarships, college or a job! Remember to begin saving information for your record books throughout the year.

Similar to last year, **printed copies of record book pages will be given to those that want them.** We will not be printing and handing out record book pages to all members as in the past unless requested through your club leader or the extension office. General leaders will be receiving an email shortly asking who in their club may want printed pages, please let them know your interest. In a few

weeks, you will also be able to access record book pages on the Waupaca County 4-H website here <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/record-book-pages/> . On this website there is a powerpoint that you can look at for tips and sample record book pages/project story examples that was created last spring since in person record book workshops were not able to be held.

Get Involved in the Plarn Mats Service Learning Project

Did you know about one trillion single-use plastic bags are used every day in the U.S? That's according to EarthDay.org. And many in our community are experiencing homelessness. Wisconsin 4-H has created a service project to reuse plastic bags and to help the community. It's the 2nd Annual Wisconsin 4-H Service Learning Project for 2021.

Youth can take part in the Plarn Mats project. Plarn is plastic yarn, made by looping plastic bags. The plarn is then crocheted together to create a mat. The mat can be used to lie on or to help with warmth. Youth of all ages can participate in the project. If you work with a group of youth who are interested in doing a service-learning project, please contact Penny Tank or visit the Plarn Mats Service Learning Project resource website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/plarn-mats/>.

Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair Applications Available

The Waupaca County Fair is seeking candidates for the position of the 2021 Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair. Applications must be submitted by Sunday, May 16, 2021. Applicants must be 18 years of age as of January 1, 2021. The selection process will include both an individual interview and group interview during the Fairest of the Fair Competition, which is mandatory for all applicants.

The Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair serves as the official ambassador of the Waupaca County Fair, representing and promoting the Fair at local events throughout the year. The Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair also makes daily appearances during the week of the Fair.

The Fairest program provides an opportunity to applicants to grow in public speaking, etiquette, confidence, presentations, interviews and more.



To find the application for the Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair position visit waupacacountyfair.org/fairest-of-the-fair, by email wcfairstcoordinator@gmail.com or call the fair office at (715) 281-3822 to request a hard copy.

Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship

Each year, in partnership with Rural Mutual Insurance Company and Scott Construction, the Wisconsin Towns Association offers seven \$1,000 scholarships to students who are graduating from a Wisconsin public or private high school and will be attending a Wisconsin public or private college or university in the fall of that year. Applicants are required to write a 500-1000 word essay on a specific topic that relates to town government. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin private or public college is required. The scholarship essay topic for this year is:

"What lessons can town governments take from the COVID-19 pandemic to improve their emergency management systems and prepare for and respond to future disasters?"

Essays due May 28, 2021 and more details can be found here <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Whether you are meeting in person or virtually, we would still encourage club secretaries to send minutes to the Extension Office at penny.tank@wisc.edu. Even if you do not have a formal meeting and plan a service project for a month or a team building activity that is important to keep track of for club records.

Lind Center Beavers – Club members donated to the Weyauwega food pantry and families made Valentine's Day Cards.

Sandy Knoll – Families enjoyed a winter activity of skiing/tubing at Nordic Mountain and a virtual Family Game Night. The club was able to sponsor their annual Valentine Soup Meal Delivery in the community and made Easter Cards for Meals on Wheels.

4-H PROJECTS

Countywide Project Meetings are underway

⇒ **Large Market** – All youth in beef, sheep or swine received an email through 4-H online and a postcard with details about tag and informational packet pick up. Remember somebody from your family needs to go to the Fairgrounds for the drive thru on

Saturday, April 3 or 17 between 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. to get tags and the sale packet.

- ⇒ **Horse** – Monthly horse project meetings have been happening since January. The next monthly meeting will be **Monday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.** via zoom. Remember, project members need to participate in at least 2 monthly meetings (January – May) to show at the fair.
- ⇒ **Dog** – the first meeting for the countywide dog project is a virtual zoom meeting on **Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** Paperwork, including the project rules and registration information, will be mailed to project members prior to this meeting. An educational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds** – no dogs come to this meeting. Training will begin the first week in June. Welcome new key leaders Meredith Bowers and Colleen Rae. The best way to stay in the loop for this project is by finding it on Facebook – the group is **Waupaca County 4-H Dog Project** – and requesting to join the group.



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/>

- **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.

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/>



LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Nominations – 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame

The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals and organizations with significant contributions to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program on any level. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired Cooperative Extension staff. Any group or individual is eligible to nominate one individual or external collaborating organization or business for consideration by the state level selection committee. All nominations must be submitted electronically to: lpine@wisc.edu no later than **May 20, 2021**. Here is the web link for more information and nomination details

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>

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

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/>

COUNTY FAIR

Entry day for the youth Jr Fair exhibitors will be on Wednesday, August 25th. More details regarding judging will be announced on the fair's website within the next couple of months. The Waupaca County Fair Board is planning to open the fair to the public starting on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30 for the Farmer Tractor Pull in the grandstand. There will not be a carnival that night. Then the whole fair will open on Thursday.



Due to the cancellation of last year's fair, this is the second year of the two year fair book, which is posted on the fair website at waupacacountyfair.org. Entry information will be available in later May to sign up for fair project entries. Fair entry will be done through the online system again this year. Junior Fair entries are due no later than July 13, 2021.

Foods Revue (Foods project judging) for County Fair will take place on Saturday, July 24 (not the Saturday prior the fair as it was for many years).

4-H Projects vs. County Fair Exhibits

What's the difference between 4-H projects and fair exhibits?

A **4-H "Project"** is an area of interest you want to learn more about (like a hobby). This is what you sign-up for during enrollment in 4-HOnline (i.e. horse, electricity, dogs, photography, etc.). A project is intended to help you explore, learn, and practice skills in your areas of interest. Youth must choose their projects at the time of enrollment so they have plenty of time to learn about or practice with their project area before the fair.

A **County Fair "Exhibit"** is what you actually take to the fair – like the cabbage you grew, the animal you trained, or the rocket you built while exploring and learning about your projects. There may be some things you do while exploring your project area that you do not take to the fair as exhibits and that is ok. Youth sign up to exhibit at the County Fair during June/early July based on the exhibits and rules listed in the Waupaca County Fair Premium book

THANK YOU

- ⇒ Volunteers who helped create 4-H Project Days box and class ideas!
- ⇒ Evan Retzlaff, Alison Knoespel, and Frances Walsh for participating in virtual Winter Leadership Camp
- ⇒ Countywide project committee volunteers who have been meeting for the last few months to plan for project opportunities during COVID
- ⇒ Outgoing Leader Board Members and those elected for the Leaders' Board
- ⇒ Families that have participated in virtual learning opportunities from across the state.

CONGRATULATIONS

- ⇒ Evan Retzlaff for becoming a 4-H Youth Ambassador
- ⇒ Shelby Hoewisch for winning the painting category of the WI 4-H Foundation Statewide Art Contest

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW Building Bridges Facebook Page

If you're looking for resources and services that strengthen Hispanic/Latinx individuals and families in Waupaca County, there is a new Facebook page for you. This is a new site and more will continue to be posted. <https://www.facebook.com/buildingbridgeswaupaca/>



Book Discussion Circle

Teens and adults are invited to join the Virtual Learning Community book group where they will be discussing "I Wish You All the Best!" by Mason Deaver. Registration is open until May 1 through 4-H online and discussion meeting dates will be June 15, 22, 29, and July 6. This Young Adult novel includes topics such as the importance of friendships, the way key adults can support youth in times of crisis, gender non-conformity/fluidity, family relationships, bullying, anxiety/depression, the joy of art, and how having one true friend can make all the difference.

WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H MODEL ROCKET BUILDING AND LAUNCH SET FOR MAY 23!



Join Sandy Knoll 4-H Club Aerospace leader Garrett Knoespel for an **in-person** rocket meeting on Sunday, May 23rd at Poppy's Flying Acres in New London. Spend a couple hours building, learning, and launching a model **ROCKET** project. You will be working with super glue, sandpaper, modeling tools, physics and your fine motor skills. This fun activity has a total cost of \$13.00 per kit including: (rocket kit, glue, sandpaper, and 1X launch materials). Customization of rocket can be done at home by painting and decal placement in order to prepare your rocket for the fair!

Sign up and submit your payment by April 23, 2021 to assure needed materials can be ordered and available the day of the program.

There is a BEGINNER or INTERMEDIATE program option (see page 14). The BEGINNER rocket program will start at 1:00. The start time for the INTERMEDIATE rocket program will be determined once we know the number of members signing up for the day. Watch your email for additional details after the registration deadline. This aerospace meeting is open to all Waupaca County 4-H Members, even if you are not enrolled in the Aerospace project. Only registered members and one adult per member can attend the meeting. All attendees will be required to follow 4-H Covid guidelines.



4-H ROCKET BUILD AND LAUNCH REGISTRATION/ORDER FORM

To register, either click on the below google form link
OR use this paper form.

Registration due by April 23, 2021.

Questions: email penny.tank@wisc.edu

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/
e/1FAIpQLSejZ1rcUPWfFoKDvpChZ06BTBuv71b5
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Name: _____

Grade (youth): _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number (Preferably cell phone):

_____ Beginner Rocket Program @ \$13.00 _____

_____ Intermediate Rocket Program @ \$13.00 _____

Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
Waupaca County
4-H Leaders' Association

Orders due by April 23,
send this form and check to:
Extension Office
811 Harding Street
Waupaca, WI 54981



TWO SESSION OPTIONS:



BEGINNER PROGRAM

(1st time builders and all 5th grade and under members accompanied by an adult)

Build the exciting Tigres Model Rocket Kit. This kit provides the thrill of building and flying your own rocket with a soaring range up to eleven hundred feet and easy to understand instructions. This kit includes easy to assemble plastic fins and engine housing. The fun is only one build away!

Details:

Length: 15 15/16"

Diameter: 15/16"

Skill Level: Beginner

Projected Altitude: 1100'

Recommended Engines (C6-5, A8-3, B4-4, B6-4, C6-7)



INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM

(Experience w/ model building and ready for a challenge including cutout, sanding and painting).

Combine your creativity and cleverness for buckets of soaring fun with the Crossfire ISX Model Rocket Kit. This easy to assemble rocket has laser cut wood fin assemblies needing to be sanded and just a few materials needed to assemble the engine assy. (included in kit) before blast off. It will certainly ensnare the minds of youngsters and adults alike. With just a little work and patience, this rocket will be ready to soar in no time!

Details:

Length: 15 5/8"

Diameter: 1"

Skill Level: 3

Projected Altitude: 1150'

Engines (A8-3, B4-4, B6-4, C6-5, Or C6-7)



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