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### Happy New Year!

Actually, I would like to wish you a Happy New 4-H Year! The 2019-2020 4-H year starts on October 1, 2019, and ends on September 30, 2020. Just like the beginning of a calendar year, a New 4-H Year is exciting and full of dreams. It's a clean slate – it's time for you to write your own story!

Think about what opportunities this New 4-H Year will bring.

What projects will you enroll in?

What activities will you sign up to do?

What will you learn?

What are your goals?

How can you help others?

What committees at the club and county will you join?

When will you step out of your comfort zone to experience something you've only thought about?

When will you take the lead and teach others?

How can you include other members and families in meetings and events?

What entries will you exhibit?

How and where will you keep records?

How will you evaluate what you accomplish?

How will you embrace the 4-H pledge and 4-H motto?

A New 4-H Year also brings a few changes. . . There are six new projects (clothes horse, model horse, music, remote-control cars, robotics, theater arts) for members and leaders to enroll in. If you'd like to submit information to the Extension Office, please use the "Submit Information" tab on the website. (By the way, it's really fast and easy!) Our website is getting easier to navigate--take a look! The Cloverpatch looks a little different, but still has important information about upcoming events! A new year also includes new officers, new 4-H families, returning 4-H families, great community partners and the opportunity to create new memories!

A New 4-H Year means something unique for each 4-H Member, 4-H Volunteer, and 4-H Family. . . I hope you have a healthy, safe, amazing New 4-H Year filled with wonderful memories with friends, family, neighbors, and perhaps a few animals, too!

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## Did You Know

### 2019 National 4-H Week October 6-12



Share what your clubs are doing for National 4-H Week by submitting information to the Extension Office at <https://forms.gle/TrbhZhVbgfHhMvFS7>

### 4-H Yard Signs Available

Help promote National 4-H Week (Oct. 6-12) with an eye-catching "4-H Grows True Leaders" yard sign! Each durable plastic green and white sign includes a sturdy steel "H" wire stake. Senior Council is selling the signs for \$4.00 each.

If you are interested in buying one/some, please contact Meagen Flood at [mkflood58@gmail.com](mailto:mkflood58@gmail.com) or text 608-774-0163. She's happy to deliver your sign(s) so that you get them in time for National 4-H Week!

### 4-H Online Calendar

Check the most up-to-date deadlines and activities on the [calendar](#) located on Rock Co. 4-H website [fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock](http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock). If you find an error or have an update or addition, please contact the Extension Office at 608-757-5066 email or fill out the information form at: <https://forms.gle/fEQBg6nYyX1zZNiS7>

## Leadership

### Junior & Senior Council Executive Board

As we start a new enrollment year here in Rock County 4-H, we think of new things. New projects, new activities, new friends, new beginnings. At Junior and Senior Councils we have new friends and new beginnings too.

We start with bidding farewell to many officers who are leaving. Five of our Junior Council officers have graduated and moved on. We thank them for their years of service and wish them well at college. Five

Senior Council officers have left too and we thank and wish them well.

With officers leaving, we welcome all the new officers on both Junior and Senior Councils. Some are first time officers and we are excited to have them join the officer team.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2019-2020 officer team!

### **Junior Council**

President: Maddie Rankin

Secretary: Alexis Swanson

Treasurers: Kaitlyn North Herden & Laura Owens

Parliamentarian: Katy Farrey

Media Specialists: Lexi Farrey & Ellie Larson

### **Sr. Council**

President: Mike Farrey

Vice President: Gail Brown

Secretary: Kathy Heider

Treasurer: Daryl Hansen

Parliamentarian: Kevin Gunn

Fair Board Reps: Jody Demrow & Thad Andrews

New officers are not the only new beginning this year. We are making plans to merge the two councils into one. While we have occasionally met jointly in the past, merging will be a big shift and will likely take most of this year, but we are confident we can do this and strengthen our county 4-H Program.

The council meeting is the fourth Monday of the month and is open to all youth in grade 6 and above (pending approval of change at November's meeting) and all adult leaders. Come join us and be part of our new beginning!

Maddie and Mike

### October Junior and Senior Council Meetings

The Club Officer and 4-H Volunteer Trainings will take the place of the October Junior and Senior Council meetings. If you are a club officer, Junior Council member, or adult leader, plan to attend the training to start your new 4-H year off right! The next Junior and Senior Council meetings will be Monday, November 25.



### **Adult Volunteer Annual Training**

If you are a Club Chair, usually attend the monthly Senior Council meeting, or are part of a group who completes the Charter each fall, this training is for you! (At least one 4-H Volunteer from each 4-H club or group that submits a charter renewal each fall needs to attend one of the two training opportunities. The second opportunity isn't scheduled yet.)

Signup for training here:

<https://forms.gle/czbqGipC3J349Y3f8>

### **Essential Elements Online Course**

Belonging, Mastery, Generosity, and Independence are the Essential Elements of the Positive Youth Development standards in Wisconsin 4-H. To learn how these elements relate to your work as an adult volunteer or youth leader, consider taking a free online course through 4HOnline!

-Learn how each element applies to youth from kindergarten to high school.

- Find ways you can develop life skills in youth.

- Build on what you already know to foster the growth of these elements in young people.

The course will require a total of 30 to 45 minutes to complete and contains four modules that you can move through at your own pace. Please follow this link for instructions:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2018/08/4HOnline-Essential-Elements-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf>

### **Become an Adult 4-H Volunteer!**

Please consider sharing your time and talents as an adult 4-H Volunteer! If you are interested in leading a project or activity, or chaperoning an event, becoming a 4-H Volunteer is the first step.

To become a 4-H Volunteer in Wisconsin, there are four steps:

1. Enroll online in the 4HOnline at <https://www.4honline.com/>

2. View the online Mandated Reporter Training through 4HOnline. (For instructions, see <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2016/09/4HOnline-Mandated-Reporter-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf>

3. Attend a 2-hour VIP Training (Volunteers in Preparation).

4. Have a background check done and pass. Please watch for and respond quickly to an e-mail link requesting permission and information for a background check that will be sent after enrolling in 4HOnline.

Upcoming VIP Training dates are:

Tuesday, October 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Signup at:

<https://forms.gle/MUVZg9f82iTVeJ7b6>

### **Club Secretaries**

Club secretaries are to e-mail the minutes of their club meetings to [tara.hanley@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:tara.hanley@co.rock.wi.us) every month.

### **4-H Club Officer Training**

Congratulations on accepting the responsibility of helping to lead your 4-H Club as an officer! Becoming an officer comes with some duties you may not even be aware of. You're invited to attend the 4-H Club Officer Training to "jump start" your knowledge of what is expected of you. During the training, you will discuss your officer position and receive information to use as a reference when you get home.

The Officer Training will be on:

Monday, October 28

6:00-8:00 p.m.

UW-Rock County

2909 Kellogg Ave, Janesville

Signup for training here (RSVP required):

<https://forms.gle/tX61DhSvg8Z8QJhd9>

### **Cloverbud Leadership Idea Exchange**

#### **Wanted! Photos of Club Activities and Projects!**

If you've been snapping photos this 4-H year, please submit them to one of the Junior Council Media Specialists so they can create a slide of your club for the 2019 Junior Council Slide Show!

E-mail by **Tues., Oct. 1** to:

Sara Kronberg at [sara.kronberg@yahoo.com](mailto:sara.kronberg@yahoo.com)



Thursday, October 17, 2019  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Craig Center Rock County Fairgrounds

If you are enrolled on 4HOnline as a 4-H Club Cloverbud Youth Leader or Cloverbud Leader, plan to attend a wonderful evening of meeting others, sharing ideas, learning about resources that are available, and discussing forming a Rock Co. 4-H Cloverbud Project Committee.

Plan to bring along some photos, projects that were a success, ideas for projects, handouts, etc.—whatever you have to share with others to display on a table. Please register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 9 by signing up here:

<https://forms.gle/LRKKFTB2gRin77qq7>

## Activities

### Dairy

#### Promotion Reports

The 4-H Dairy Promotion Program, presented by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, is available to 4-H clubs at [www.wisconsin4h.org/dairy-promotions/4-h-dairy-promotion-program](http://www.wisconsin4h.org/dairy-promotions/4-h-dairy-promotion-program). Clubs that submit a report and photo(s) online of their dairy promotion and educational activity by the **Fri., Nov. 1** deadline are eligible to receive a \$50 gift certificate for merchandise from the online Wisconsin Cheese and Dairy Gear store.

#### Space Camp 2020

If you are in grades 6 - 8 and would like to learn about life as an astronaut, working for NASA, or exploring places beyond Earth, Space Camp may be for you! Space Camp will be April 16-20, 2020, at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. See [fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp](http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp) for information. Registration will open Fri., Nov. 1.

#### International Exchange in 4-H

Did you know that 4-H offers opportunities for international travel? If you have ever wanted to experience another culture by traveling abroad, check this out! This year Wisconsin 4-H has programs in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Norway,

and Romania. Outbound applications are open right now and close on **Fri., Nov. 15** for summer 2020 travel. Don't miss your chance to experience the beauty of exchange!

To get started, see [wi4hinternational.org](http://wi4hinternational.org) and click on the Homestay Abroad link. While there, check out the other international opportunities too!

#### HeatWave Sign-up

#### Deadline: December 2nd

As the *HeatWave* season draws to a close, it is time to start thinking about joining *HeatWave* 2020! Whether you sing or dance or would like to learn, *HeatWave* is for you.

*Do you like to entertain?*

*Do you enjoy applause?*

*Are you looking for leadership opportunities?*

*Do you want to learn about staging a show or how to choreograph?*

*Are you interested in making new friends?*

*HeatWave* does not hold auditions. The group's basic requirements are two-fold:

1. You must be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or up as of Oct. 1, 2019.
2. You must be a 4-H member in Rock or Walworth County.

In addition to the basic requirements, *HeatWave* members also must:

- ⇒ take part in a short interview process;
- ⇒ have a willingness to learn;
- ⇒ be enthusiastic and cooperative; and
- ⇒ be responsible and committed to hard work.

For more information on Rock & Walworth County's 4-H Show Choir check out:

<http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock/4hactivities/heatwave/>  
and

<https://www.heatwave4h.org/>

Sign-up directly at:

<https://forms.gle/Js9NgbY5ugPKQwF47>



## Animal Science

### Rock County Sheep Producers Fall Cookout

All Rock Co. Sheep Producers and Sheep project members and families are invited to the RCSP Fall Cookout on Sun., Oct. 13, 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. at the Craig Center (or Craig Avenue Pavilion, weather permitting) on the Rock Co. Fairgrounds. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat and beverage will be provided. See the Rock County 4-H [calendar](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock) at [fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock) for more details.

The business meeting will include officer elections; please watch your e-mail for nominating committee officer slate. The speaker will be Austin Hoefs who spent a year in Australia and New Zealand on sheep ranches.

### Horse & Pony Project Committee

The Horse & Pony Project Committee meets the first Thurs. of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is October 3rd at the Hedberg Library public meeting room. We'll put together the calendar of events for 2020, and discuss having one (1) fair show day. Please come to have input! If you cannot make the meeting and would like to share thoughts or ideas, e-mail Jenna Elliott [eln@inwave.com](mailto:eln@inwave.com)

Horse/Pony and Horseless Horse members--remember the Horse Bucks form is due Fri., Nov. 15.

Contact any steering committee member if you have questions. Remember to check our Facebook page for updates

## Fair Facts

### Meat Animal Sale and Fur & Feather Participants

Remember to bring in your thank you note when you pick up your check. This information is in the Fair Premium Book on pages 21 and 35. Our buyers do a great job supporting youth at the Rock Co. 4-H Fair, so let's get these checks picked up soon so the buyer gets that thank you!

### Attention: All 4-H Fair Trophy Winners!

If you won a trophy at the Rock Co. 4-H Fair, it is YOUR responsibility to send a thank you note to the trophy sponsor. If the name and address of the sponsor was not on a card attached to the trophy, call the Fair Office at 608-755-1470.

### Fair Exhibits Left!

There are still Rock County 4-H Fair exhibits left at the Fair Office! If you have not picked up your exhibits yet, please do so as soon as possible. It is best to call the Fair Office at 608-755-1470 before making a special trip.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Fair Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Junior Superintendents, Club Chairpersons, Leaders, FFA Advisors, Parents and Exhibitors. Your endless hours of work and dedication to the success of the 2019 Rock County 4-H fair is truly appreciated.

### BASKETS

Did you get a chance to purchase your 2019 Rock County 4-H Fair Basket during the fair? If not, we still have baskets left. Purchasing a basket is a great way to support the Rock County 4-H Fair Museum for future displays and materials. These baskets are a great gift (Birthday, Christmas, Wedding, Thank you gift) for any current or former fair exhibitors, leaders, club chairperson, Superintendents, family and friends.

This one of kind hand-crafted basket is approximately 7 inches wide and 16 inches long. The design features a plaque unique to the Rock County 4-H Fair. The basket sells for \$25.00 each. Call (608-755-1470) or stop in at the fair office to purchase baskets.







## It's October!

**Time to start planning and setting your goals for the 2019-20 4-H year.  
Challenge yourself and try something new!**

- ✓ Ask a leader or a 4-H friend about a new project area that sounds interesting.
- ✓ Look through the Rock County 4-H Project Guide at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4hrock/files/2019/09/Project-Guide-19-20.pdf>
- ✓ Check out the project pages on the Wisconsin 4-H website at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hprojects/>. On these pages, you'll find descriptions for statewide projects, internet resources and links of interest, county fair exhibit suggestions, state specialist contacts, and other suggested 4-H resources.

### **How to Select 4-H Projects**

- 1) Make a list of things you like to do or want to learn more about. Talk over your list with your parents, leaders, and friends. They may recognize some special things you are good at that you don't even realize you do well.
- 2) Compare your list with the projects described in the Rock County 4-H Project Guide. Ask yourself if you have the equipment, money, and time to do the projects that sound interesting.
- 3) When you're ready to sign up for projects, ask your club organizational leader (club chair) or parent to help you enroll at [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) and choose from the drop down menu of projects.
  - Please enroll as soon as you can, so you can participate in projects and activities.
  - Please pay your dues promptly to the 4-H Club you joined.
  - After you submit enrollment and are accepted by the 4-H club chair, log onto 4HOnline once again and double-check that all of the projects you enrolled in are listed. (4-H members will exhibit in each of the projects enrolled in as of March 1, 2020.)

#### **Please note:**

- ⇒ There is no maximum number of projects you can enroll in. However, a good "rule of thumb" is to enroll in no more than one project for each year you are a 4-H member so you won't become overwhelmed.
- ⇒ All members are strongly encouraged to exhibit each project publicly (for example at a club meeting, at the Rock County 4-H Fair, or at a public event).
- ⇒ Every 4-H member must enroll in at least one project.
- ⇒ Clubs may not set any additional project enrollment requirements.
- ⇒ 4-H members are invited to exhibit entries (in their projects enrolled in as of March 1, 2019) at the Rock County 4-H Fair. To enter, please follow the instructions and guidelines in the Rock County 4-H Fair Premium Book which will be available from your club in March.

**And remember**, you'll learn more than "subject matter" as you complete your projects. You'll learn many life skills that you'll use every day of your life, such as...

understanding yourself • solving problems • communicating better  
making decisions • working with others.

***Good luck in your project selections.  
Have a great 4-H year!***



## CLOVERBUD

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 4-H year!

At the beginning of 4-H meetings and events, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Then we recite the pledge to the 4-H flag.

You might already know the 4-H Pledge, but if you don't, here it is. Please learn the 4-H Pledge and think about what it means.

### The 4-H Pledge

Right  
hand  
point to  
forehead



I pledge:  
**my head**  
to clearer thinking,

**my heart**  
to greater loyalty,

**my hands**  
to larger service,  
and

**my health**  
to better living

for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



Right  
hand  
over  
heart



Arms at  
sides

Arms  
slightly  
bent  
with  
palms  
up



	<b>OCTOBER 2019</b> <i>See the online <a href="#">calendar</a> at for the most complete and up-to-date listing of events.</i>
1	DEADLINE: Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Contest Entries Due DEADLINE: Club Photos for 2019 Junior Council Slide Show Due DEADLINE: Club Secretary Books and Historian Books Due DEADLINE: Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) Applications Due Start of New 4-H Year
3	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Location TBA – 7:00 p.m.
5-6	4-H Arts Camp at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center
6-12	National 4-H Week
13	Rock Co. Sheep Producers Fall Cookout, Rock Co. Fairgrounds – 12:30 to 3:15 p.m.
19	4-H Bonfire for Members in Middle School & High School, Gibbs Lake Park 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
21	Junior & Senior Council Executive Board Meeting, Extension Office – 7:00 p.m.
28	DEADLINE: Club Charter Renewal Application (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half) Due Junior & Senior Council Meeting, Location TBA – 7:00 p.m.

	<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b> <i>See the online <a href="#">calendar</a> for the most complete and up-to-date listing of events.</i>
1-3	Fall Forum
1	DEADLINE: Dairy Promotion Reports Due
1	Space Camp Registration Open
7	Horse & Pony Project Steering Committee Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Location TBD
15-17	State 4-H Horse Leadership Conference, UW-Oshkosh
15	DEADLINE: Horse Bucks Reporting Forms Due
15	DEADLINE: WI 4-H International Outbound Applications Due
18	Junior & Senior Council Executive Board Meeting, Extension Office – 7:00 p.m.
23	Awards & Achievement Program, Milton High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
25	Junior Council Meeting & Senior Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Location TBD
28-29	Extension Office Closed

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