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April 2020

April	No Extension Programming may take place in person
May 1 - 15	No Extension Programming may take place in person

A few minutes with Megan

The past month has left me speechless. Not only in the course of current events, but also in how communities have chipped in to serve those who need it. Who needs support? **We ALL DO!**

Several changes that you should take note of now:

- We are not "open" for business as usual at the Courthouse location. Please don't be fooled; we are working from home (as many of you are.) "But what are you DOING?" My past two weeks have been filled with efforts on the county and state level to provide resources around Youth Mental Health to youth and supporting adults, as well as keep up with 4-H Program obligations. Terri and I have also been working on educational programs that we hope to carry out as soon as possible. The easiest way you can be in contact with us is through e-mail: msuehring@wisc.edu. Terri's e-mail is terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us.
- I'm heartily disappointed in **postponing ALL 4-H RELATED EVENTS THROUGH MAY 15, 2020.** As per guidance provided by UW-Madison, we may not meet in person for the foreseeable future.
- Fundraisers may not occur through at least May 15, 2020. Please call me if your group is impacted.
- The 4-H Food Stand may not open before May 15, 2020.

UFF DA! That's a lot of change. It also seems kind of bleak. What do we have to look forward to?

- Shawano 4-H is able to meet virtually, utilizing the Zoom platform. I can set up a meeting link so that your club or key committee can have at least one face to face time to see each other and talk. (This will not count as a "meeting" within bylaws, as we have to ensure that every member would have internet access.)
- **4-H Programs and curriculum are being shared WIDELY** on the internet, transforming our living rooms and kitchens into science laboratories, museums, art studios, and more.
- The Communication and Music Expo is going VIRTUAL, giving kids the chance to show off their hard work through a recording. We will have the piece judged and return the critique to you. You will have the opportunity to perform at a later date. Find page 3 for more information.
- Check out the new **Pen Pal program** that Shawano 4-H is launching! Look at page 4 to see more details.
- The Shawano County 4-H Leader's, Inc. will be meeting virtually on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Join us at: https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/959769093 or call in at: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 959 769 093.

It is my hope that you will take a few minutes to make someone else's day a little brighter. Use sidewalk chalk to decorate a driveway, send a card in the mail, call someone that has been on your mind, pop in a family favorite movie and eat popcorn, or throw open the door and head outside. This time is difficult for everyone. Allow your kids to express grief. Above all, please give yourself, your families, clubs and communities some love and grace!

"To Make the Best Better"

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Of Interest to All

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! National Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2020. It is a time to thank all of our 4-H volunteers for putting in countless hours to make 4-H the best it can be. Remember to say thank you to 4-H volunteers in your clubs, projects, or groups. Let them know how much you appreciate their time and efforts. Without the 200+ volunteers, Shawano County 4-H would not be what it is today.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. — Sherry Anderson

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart. — Elizabeth Andrew



Youth-In-Action Program

Community involvement is one of the pillars on which 4-H is founded. Now is the time of year when clubs plan their community service projects. Why not go one step further and get involved in Youth-In-Action?

How? Ask Terri to e-mail you a copy of the action plan that you can complete. This form is to be included in your scrapbook. Then, keep a picture record of your activities for your scrapbook (a good project for youth leaders!). The scrapbook is due Oct. 1st to the UWEX Office and will be judged. Cash awards will be given to all participating clubs. Give your club recognition for their community service projects. Be a Youth-In-Action club! Clubs may receive up to \$50 for their efforts!

4-H Camps on the calendar!

- Walk on the Wild Side Camp has been celled for 2020. Grades 7 - 10, we will look forward to offering this opportunity in 2021.
- **Several Summer Day Education opportunities** have been planned around Shawano County. Stay tuned for announcements soon (pending pandemic program response.)
- **Grades 3 7: Residential Camp Susan is being** planned for July 20th - 24th, 2020

REGISTRATION will only be through 4-H Online. 4-H Youth may enroll beginning May 1st. Any youth (including non-4-Her's) may enroll beginning May 15th. We will invoice you for payment.

Camp Susan has received guidance on capacity; we are only allowed to have 100 participants at camp. Given the 30 Camp Leadership (counselor) staff and 10 chaperones, there will be roughly 60 spots for campers. Please register early in May. More information on camp can be found on page 9.

Volunteer Opportunity

Shawano County Brunch on the Farm will hopefully still be held on Sunday, June 28th at Nischke's Back 40 Acres - N3220 Cedar Rd, Pulaski, WI. Volunteers are needed in all areas; serving milk and juice, cooking and serving food, parking cars, clearing tables and brunch clean up. Put a group together and contact Rhonda at 715-526-6136 or Rhonda.sumnicht@co.shawano.wi.us to sign (While this is not a go for sure yet this year, we want to be prepared if Farm Bureau is indeed able to hold this event in 2020.)



Camp Spotlight

4-H Summer Camp: July 20-24, 2020

Campers Grades 3—7

Youth in grades 3-7 can attend our resident (overnight) summer camp program! Youth participants gain skills in: independent living, encouraging a welcoming environment, appreciation for the outdoors, competitive and non-competitive recreation, visual and communicative arts opportunities, team-building, and interaction with positive role models (well-trained teen Shawano camp counselors). Youth enrolled in 4-H and youth not enrolled in 4-H are welcome at camp.

Fifth graders will have a day hike learning various camping & hiking skills. Sixth and Seventh graders can participate in an optional campout (weather permitting.)

The camp program is planned by a team of 4-H Camp Counselors, youth in grades 8—13 who have undergone many hours of training around safety, child development, teamwork, and educational facilitation. They are excited to share their "sparks" with youth through the many sessions that they are planning for the week. Camp features the guidance of trained camp counselors, certified lifeguards, certified medical personnel, adult volunteer leaders, and Division of Extension educators.

Camp is a great deal: \$90 (enrolled 4-H members) and \$100 (youth not enrolled in 4-H.) This fee includes bus transportation to and from Camp Susan (North of Antigo), all meals, lodging and camp activities. Sixth and Seventh graders can add a 2 hour trail ride on horseback for an additional \$20. Some 4-H clubs help members pay for part of the cost of camp from their treasury. Encourage your club to discuss this idea at your next meeting. Sponsorships are also available from Shawano County 4-H Leaders, Inc. for those in financial need.

Contact Megan at the UWEX Office at 715-526-6136 for more information. Registration will be through 4-H Online, and will open on May 1st for youth enrolled in 4-H. Registration will open for all youth on May 15th.

For help on how to sign up for camp (as a 4-H member, or a young person not enrolled in 4-H), please check out our Shawano County 4-H Current Registrations web page: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/currentregistrations/. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 715-526-6136.

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Mark your calendars and call your friends! We hope to have you join us at Shawano County 4-H Camp in 2020!



RESEARCH shows that 4-H'ers make positive

Join 4-H members and clubs across Wisconsin and the nation on Saturday, April 25 as

part of True Leaders in Service! 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long; however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others.

Camp/Educational Experience Sponsorships Available

If your 4-H family is experiencing financial difficulties, scholarships are available to help with the cost. Those who would like assistance with 4-H camp may receive a \$50 sponsorship. In regards to other trips, the fund can be used to cover up to half of the active member's portion of the total cost of the trip. There is an application available either from the Extension Office or on our website at

https://fvi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/ awardstripsscholarships/.

To be eligible to receive a sponsorship, you will be required to work in the 4-H Food Stand on July 19, 2020 to help replenish the fund. Call or e-mail Megan if you have questions.

Project Updates

County Fair Livestock

Below are some key points to remember about the Shawano County 4-H/FFA Livestock Project (Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats) for 2020. Get a complete copy of the rules and credit possibilities by stopping at the Extension-Shawano County Office or by clicking on: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/animal-sciences/.

All exhibitors must pick up a DNA Sample/RFID Ear Tag kit at the Shawano County UWEX Office by May 15th. (Updated date from original 2020 rules) Cost of the kits will be \$11.00 per animal. Please bring a check payable to "Shawano County 4-H Livestock Key" or bring exact change if paying with cash. You will be informed when office is open.

DNA samples, Livestock Project Contracts (all) and COOL Affidavits (sheep only) must be postmarked/mailed by the exhibitor, to the Extension-Shawano County Office by May 21.

Due August 1: 1) County Fair Entry. (Online fair entries are strongly encouraged.) When entering online, please list ONLY one ear tag per entry. List the animal you are MOST LIKELY to bring. (this can be updated at final weigh in) 2) **NEW in 2020:** the yellow copy of your contract with each animal clearly assigned to specific family members (no more than 3 per exhibitor)

Exhibitors need to earn THREE Livestock Meeting Credits each year. ALL members must participate in a YQCA training, either online or in person for one credit. Members who participated last year in these projects must have earned one of those three credits from helping at last year's fair. All exhibitors must have earned their Livestock Meeting Credits by August 1st. If you attended any livestock meetings or shows conducted in other counties, proof of attendance must be submitted to the UWEX Office by Aug 1. Check your e-mail for a coupon to complete online for \$9 April 1-30. If you can't find it, e-mail Terri at terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us. Keep watching your e-mail for the latest news and updates sent via 4hOnline.

Swine Members: remember that the **swine show is terminal for 2020**. Therefore there will be no breeding stock or feeder pigs allowed at the Shawano County Fair this year.

(To date, both the sheep and beef shows are still non-terminal.)

Fair Weigh-in for Beef, Sheep and Swine is scheduled from **9am-5pm**, Wed, opening day of the county fair.

WBLA Website

The Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association has put their rules, registration forms, calendar of events, livestock show camps, scholarship awards, etc. on their webpage. If you'd like to enter the WBLA Spring Preview Show, Northeast Junior Livestock Show or Livestock Show Camp. Check out www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com

"Buy Wisconsin First" Swine Directory

is posted online at the Wisconsin Pork Association website <u>www.wppa.org</u> This directory is a good resource for youth involved in 4-H or FFA swine projects. There is also an archived copy of the state webinar discussing the PRRS and PEDV regulations.

Dairy Project ownership Deadline

When must a member purchase an animal to be eligible to show at the county fair? As a reminder, Dairy Cattle requirements listed in the Fair Book states: All dairy animals must be purchased by June 1.

VIRTUAL Communication & Music Expo



Speaking and performing before an audience is an important life skill for everyone to develop. The goal of the Shawano 4-H Communication & Music Expo is to give youth an opportunity to develop and polish these skills in a supportive environment.

Every 4-H youth is able to participate, no special enrollment in a project needed. This year's VIRTUAL Communication & Music Expo is a brand new spin on a loved classic! The contest will have four divisions. Youth are eligible to submit one entry in each division:

- COMMUNICATION SPEAKING DIVISION
- COMMUNICATION DEMONSTRATION DIVISION
- MUSIC VOCAL DIVISION
- MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

This year, we will be asking youth to submit a recording which will be reviewed and critiqued by a judge. It is our intent to give youth a place to share their talents in person - perhaps at the 2020 Shawano County Fair, a local Farmer's Market, or an opportunity we have not yet organized due to the circumstances.

Typically there are many 4-H youth, families, and supporters in attendance. Please be sure the topic of your selection is 4-H appropriate, and reasonable for youth of all ages to hear. We understand that many of our talented kids put in hours of practice for anticipated upcoming Forensics meets or Solo/Ensemble contests. Some youth are looking for a less formal place to try out their skills or a place to try performing their own material. Please give this a try! Yes, you may use accompaniment if you wish.

Change to note for 2020: Given the social distancing recommendations, we are not hosting "team" events this year.

If you have questions or need clarification, please call or e-mail the office.

Steps to take...

Sign up for the events that you plan to perform by Friday, April 24th at:

https://tinyurl.com/4HMusicCom2020

Practice....Practice....Practice....

Open your e-mail on April 27th to acquire the link to upload.

Upload your performance(s) by May 1, 2020.

Receive feedback from judge. Schedule time to perform publicly.



Receive recuback from Juage. Schedule time to perform publicly

Shawano 4-H Pen Pal Project



Kids love receiving mail. Make someone else's day brighter and see a fuller mailbox!

Upon signing up, you will receive a packet of 4 blank post cards, pre-stamped, as well as a partner's name and address. It is your job to decorate the "picture" side of the post-card as you wish (watercolor, stickers, pencils, markers, the sky is the limit!) and add a few sentences on the "writing" side about yourself. Pop it in the mailbox and wait for

your partner to reply!

Sign up by Monday, April 13, 2020 to get your materials:

Click https://tinyurl.com/4-Hpenpals2020

or call the office at 715-526-6136 to be added.

Why should YOU participate?

- 1. You'll make someone happy.
- 2. It's fun.
- 3. It promotes mindfulness.
- 4. It generates self-reflection.

June Dairy Month

June Dairy Month Poster Contest

Sponsored by: Mary Borley & Associated Bank

- 1) All posters due to the UWEX office by June 1st
- 2) Posters <u>must be</u> **14"** x **22"** in size on poster board; may be either horizontal or vertical.
- 3) Divisions include:
 - Cloverbuds grades K5, 1 and 2 Junior Division – grades 3-6 Intermediate Division – grades 7-9 Senior Division – grades 10-13
- 4) <u>Posters must have name, address, phone,</u> grade, age, 4-H Club and County on the back.
- 5) Top posters in Jr., Int., and Sr. division may go on to District Area Animal Science Day.

No specific poster theme, use your own slogan and art work. Every entry receives a dairy treat coupon to be used at the 4-H food stand during the County Fair.

June Dairy Month Display Contest

sponsored by Shawano County Dairy Promotions, Inc.

4-H and FFA groups will have the option to have a lawn display and/or a video clip.

The lawn display and/or video message should reflect a positive educational message and promotion of the dairy industry.

Video Clip:

To qualify for a \$20 reimbursement for participation in the video clip contest, each 4-H/FFA or nonprofit youth group must provide all criteria **by June 1**st to Heidi Pettis, Media Coordinator at Heidi.a.zahn@gmail.com The Video clip of 2-5 minutes needs to be uploaded to YouTube.

Lawn display:

The promotional displays must be in place by June 1st and remain in place until June 30th. Display must be highly visible from a public road and located in Shawano County with permission from the titled landowner/business.

To qualify for a \$20 reimbursement for participation in the lawn display contest, each 4-H/FFA or nonprofit youth group must provide the following to Mary Lou Kugel, kugmlou5@gmail.com or W5924 Porter Rd, Shawano, WI 54166 **by June 10**th

Judging in each category will be based on a combination of "likes" and "shares" on the Shawano County Dairy Promotion Facebook page and results from a panel of judges.

1st thru 3rd place cash prizes(\$50, \$40, \$30) in each category of lawn display and video clip will be named at the Annual 4-H Experience.

State Fair News

State Fair Dairy Planning Meeting

May 7^{th,} 7:00pm

ALL prospective 4-H and FFA State Fair Dairy Cattle exhibitors and ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN should arrange to attend this mandatory planning via Zoom. Terri will send out the information closer to May 7th.

Members who are interested in showing dairy at the WI State Fair need to complete the form found at https://forms.gle/zWMLKRvvWnbxkhcZ9 by April 30, 2020. You will then be provided with an application which will need to be completed by the May 7 meeting.

Also know that any exhibitor planning on showing at State Fair needs to complete a YQCA training. You will receive more information regarding this when you submit your application as well. This also needs to be completed by May 7. You should have received an e-mail through 4hOnline telling you of a coupon that will allow you to take the YQCA course online April 1-30 for \$9 instead of the regular \$12. If you didn't, contact Terri at terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us and she will provide the information to you.

Please direct any other questions regarding State Fair Dairy to Lindsey Ard, 715-853-9012.



Rabbit & Poultry Information

You must attend at least 1 meeting and 1 fair work day to be able to exhibit at the fair. All market exhibitors will also be required to attend one (1) Market Meeting to be able to sell in the auction.

Contact any Key Committee member for ways you can help.

Upcoming opportunities to earn your required meeting credit will be at the Fun Show on July 20th at 9:00am with blood testing and tattooing offered starting at 7:00am at fairgrounds, Aug 1st is the Getting ready for the fair meeting at 6:30pm at the fairgrounds. We will keep you posted and other online or in person events as they are planned.

Attention State Fair Dairy, Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit and Goat Exhibitors!

Animal Shows Age Requirements: Participation in the Wisconsin State Fair Junior animal shows (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, poultry and rabbits) is open to any boy or girl 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth must be an active/participating member in good standing of a bona fide, adult-supervised Wisconsin animal-based youth organization by March 1st of the current year.

Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin FFA Junior exhibitors will submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair online. Questions regarding entering the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair can be emailed to: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7000.

YQCA: Wisconsin State Fair is pleased to announce continuation of the national certification program "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals" (YQCA). Completion of the program will be required by MAY 21 for all youth who exhibit animal projects (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) at the WI State Fair Junior Shows. Contact Terri if you need information on how to access and get a coupon.

After the entry deadline, State Fair will verify participant eligibility with the respective approved youth organization, local UWEX and/or Fair Board.Entry information is posted on http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/ Specific questions can be sent via email to entryoffice@wistatefair.com or phone 414-266-7000.

Dates for 2020	
July 20	Fun Show 9am at fairgrounds, blood testing and tattooing offered from 7:00am—8:30 am
August 1	Pre-Fair meeting at 6:30pm, fairgrounds; Key Committee to follow

For more information about these events or any questions you may have contact rabbit.poultry@yahoo.com Or

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