

4-H Notes

April 24, 2020

What's New!

The Julie Duchow 4-H Silent Auction/Endowment Scholarship-Deadline is Extended to May 8th!

This scholarship is sponsored by the Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association. Four \$1000 Manitowoc County 4-H Silent Auction/Endowment Fund scholarships are available to 4-H members and graduates who have not reached the age of 26 by the application due date. Applicants must have participated in the Manitowoc County 4-H program for a minimum of 6 years, including the junior and senior years of high school. **Applications are now due May 8, 2020.**

[2020 Julie Duchow Scholarship](#)

Request from the Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors Group

I'm a volunteer with the Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors group. I am making contacts...trying to find more volunteer sewers to sew face masks for medical professionals, first responders, nursing home staff etc. The group has accomplished so much in such a short time but more sewers are need.

Over 40,000 masks were sewn and distributed over the past 12 days. But we have an urgent need for 1000's more. Manitowoc County is part of Zone 4 and includes 11 counties in Northeast Wisconsin.

I was wondering if there might be a way to contact Homemaker groups and/or 4-H Clubs in the county to let them know about the need for sewers. There is a very active Facebook group with lots more information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WisconsinFaceMaskWarriors/>.

-Wendy Rowsam, 920-863-8656.

For experienced sewers who would like to get involved, but who do not have a working sewing machine we have a limited number of sewing machines available at the Extension office to check out. Please contact Wendi Holschbach wendiholschbach@co.manitowoc.wi.us, 683-4169 or Kendra Mahuna kendramahuna@co.manitowoc.wi.us, 683-4167 if you are interested.

Camp TaPaWingo Summer Camp Programs and Rentals are Cancelled through July 31

Following the lead of UW-Madison, Upham Woods and other Extension camps across the nation, the Camp Operations Committee has cancelled all summer camp programs and rentals through July 31. The committee's foremost concern is keeping children safe, and they feel there are still too many unknowns about COVID-19 transmission to be able to do that in a camp environment. The committee plans to meet again on June 1 and consider programming and rentals for August.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2020 Manitowoc County Fair Set for August 26-30! Deadline Dates!

Junior Fair Registration - July 1

Open Class Registration - July 15

Theme and Colors

The 2020 fair theme is "Stars, Stripes and Fair Delights." Colors for the theme are Red, White and Royal Blue.

Fairbook

The fairbook is available online now. <https://www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/departments/expo/manitowoc-county-fair/junior-fair-department/>

Make sure to print off current year fair rules and regulations as there have been changes and updates.

Junior Fair exhibitors can order a curriculum guide through your 4-H leader or by calling the Extension Office at 920-683-4169 or if you are an FFA or other organization member, contact them directly.

The curriculum guide allows exhibitors to complete projects in the guide and submit these projects in the Jr. Fair departments.

One Day Passes

One day passes are available in the Expo Office and make great gift ideas! One day passes are only \$10 and include admission, parking, unlimited Carnival rides, grandstand, and music entertainment.

In Case You Missed It!

From Wisconsin 4-H

We are writing to share the latest update on the impact of COVID-19 on 4-H programs.

In response to the continued need for physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension (including Wisconsin 4-H) is cancelling or postponing all in-person programs through the end of May and all programming with more than 50 people through June. In addition, all overnight residential programs will be canceled or postponed through June because of the difficulty of maintaining social distance. Upham Woods overnight programming and youth programming taking place on the UW-Madison campus have been cancelled through the summer.

Extension is continuing to monitor the situation to maintain the flexibility to support other statewide programming for the remainder of the summer, and to adapt our approaches if needed. When we emerge from this phase of the epidemic, we will likely have to start programming gradually, and in ways that limit potential exposure. Even though 4-H might not be the same as we have been anticipating, our clear thinking and commitment to larger service will get us through. 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth have been creating learning opportunities that can be done via the web and finding ways that members of a single household can learn and serve together. We are working with fairs and other summer programs to explore ways to continue learning and showcasing projects.

We hope to communicate changes with 6 weeks' notice, to allow for planning, but this is an evolving situation. Check the state website (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>) in early May for updates on June and July programs.

We appreciate your patience and support through this process. Please direct any questions or concerns about upcoming 4-H programs, events or activities to kevin.palmer@wisc.edu.

Virtual Farm Tours

Please join us for Virtual Farm Tours at the Arlington and Lancaster Research Stations every Friday at 1:00pm.

[Virtual Farm Tours](#)

Youth Livestock Activities and Resources

During this time of COVID-19 and online learning, you will find a number of Extension youth livestock activities and resources at the following link: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/COVID-19/>

2020 Wisconsin 4- Hall of Fame

The deadline has been extended to submit your nomination for the 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame! [Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame](#)

Fun Hands-On Learning at Home

As always, Extension and 4-H want to support youth and families with fun, hands-on learning that helps young people build life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. World events are making things more challenging right now. But we don't let that stop us!

Extension educators from around the state created a handy list of easy-to-access activities and curriculum (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>). The page is organized by grade level and is chock full of Extension and 4-H resources as well as high quality, fun, learning activities from a range of other sources.

As you would expect, we focused as much as possible on experiential learning and fun. Then, to save you time, energy, and unnecessary worry, we:

- Filtered out many activities with hard-to-find supplies and those that needed a lot of adult supervision to be safe.
- Included activities that encouraged some kind of safe social connection and/or involved getting youth out of the chair and moving.
- Included high quality, inclusive, and accessible resources for all ages, including parents, caregivers, and families.

Click the link to see what's there now. Bookmark it to check back for new resources added later.

Fun, Hands-On Learning At Home: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>

Cloth Face Coverings Activity Plan

During times of disease outbreak, preventing the accidental spread of a virus protects everyone. Young people can help to prevent the spread by sewing cloth face coverings. The service-learning activity plan from Wisconsin 4-H includes guidance for adults and youth in safe and supportive service learning; step-by-step instructions with photos for how to make cloth face coverings that meet CDC guidelines; as well as reflection questions and opportunities to learn even more. Youth can get involved in this important project. Educators and families can support them in doing so safely.

The Cloth Face Coverings Activity Plan was developed by Wisconsin 4-H as part of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Wisconsin. You can find it here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/> .

A Note from Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Program Outreach Specialist

Hello 4-H Dairy and Livestock Participants,

We hope this message finds you well and that you are finding ways to stay engaged and hopeful in these uncertain times. In light of current public health concerns and guidance from UW-Madison Division of Extension leadership, the 4-H Area Animal Science Days planning committee has made the difficult decision to cancel our regional judging contests for 2020. We did not come to this decision lightly and ultimately decided that it would be unrealistic to make plans to postpone these large events to a later date.

Currently, we are committed to moving forward with plans to host the state dairy and livestock contests in late summer. In lieu of regional qualifiers, we will create a process to safely and intentionally include as many youth participants as possible for these state-wide events. The status of plans for these events will continue to evolve as we receive more information and guidance from UW-Madison leadership based on the changing state and national public health situation. Please visit the WI 4-H Area Animal Science Days website for updates and links to online judging practice resources.

Be safe and well,

Joe & the AASD Planning Committee

Ractopamine Free Swine Project

Ractopamine-free swine production is now a market specification/requirement throughout much of the U.S. pork packing industry. Ractopamine remains an FDA approved product that can be legally fed in the U.S. at approved levels and approved time periods in the life of a market-destined hog. However, restrictions from trade partners have led to its removal from most production systems. The ability to be ractopamine free opens up export markets for U.S. pork in other countries. Swine producers, exhibitors, feed industry participants, and transportation participants all must work together to meet market demands. For more information go here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/ractopamine-free/>

Camp TaPaWingo Annual Banquet Update

The Camp TaPaWingo Annual Banquet has been cancelled for June 2020. The Camp Banquet Planning Committee is meeting next week to discuss next steps.

Show Animal Advisory

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer has published a guidance regarding show animals under the Emergency Order #12

[Show Animal Sales](#)

2020 State Fair DNA Procedure Update

With the 'Safer at Home' order in effect for the next 30 days we are temporarily updating DNA procedures while we are working from remotely from home.

[State Fair DNA Procedure](#)

2020 State Fair Junior Sheep Performance Show Updates

[Junior Sheep Performance Show Update](#)

University of Wisconsin Small Ruminant Webinar Series "Estimated Breeding Values"

May 20th, 2020 7:30-9:00pm
[Small Ruminant webinar series](#)

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[4-H Camp TaPaWingo](#)

Reminder: Deadlines for articles

Updates to the Manitowoc County 4-H website are done on a weekly basis.

Please send your updates by Mondays at noon to wendiholschbach@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

If you have specific questions, concerns, or suggestions for our 4-H Youth Development Educator, please send those emails directly to Kevin Palmer kevin.palmer@wisc.edu.