

Green Lake County

4-H Focus Newsletter



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Green Lake County 4-H Website:

glc4h.org

State 4-H Website:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

4-H Animal Science Events:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/>

Wisconsin State Fair Website:

www.wistatefair/fair/



Dear 4-H families –

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.

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The Fair Coordinator and Green Lake County Officials will be meeting mid-May to discuss the current state of our county, COVID19, and the fair. We are optimistic and hopeful that the Green Lake County Fair will go on, as scheduled, August 6-9, 2020. Please continue to monitor the Green Lake County Fair Facebook Page for updates and information.



4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

• April 2, 2020 Zoom Meeting •



President Emily Strahota called the meeting to order. Members present were: Emily Strahota, Gina Fleegal, Tammy Goettl, Kim Drews, Pat Krueger, Linda Ebert-Swanke, Brenda Oft, Sadie Goettl, Donna Petit, Bonnie Gneiser, Julie Chapman, Kaylee Chapman, Becky Hibicki, Beth Homan-Combs, Kevin Hoch, Joanne Klatt, Lindsey Machkovich (Fair Coordinator) and Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Coordinator.

Secretary's report--Motion to approve. M--Julie, S--Brenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report--Filed for audit.

Correspondence: received letter from Norton's Dry Dock to donate to their annual fishery. Our budget already includes a donation. Motion to approve. M--Julie, S--Donna. Motion carried.

Lindsey Machkovich (Fair Coordinator)

- Still planning for August Fair. Watch for changes on social media. Since our Fair overlaps with the State Fair, we will follow any State Fair decision.
- Communication Arts Day is cancelled. Will not be rescheduled.

Club Reports:

- None--rescheduled until face-to-face resumes

Ambassadors:

- T-shirt design contest--still need more submissions. Next meeting is being rescheduled as a Zoom Meeting--TBD.

Archery Project:

- Montello Bow Bender shoots are looking to be rescheduled

Dog Project:

- Meeting and Orientation--on hold

Horse Council:

- Next meeting--Will get back to the members for the set-up of the next meeting.

Livestock Council:

- Next meeting--April 14 at 7:30 in the Training Room is postponed. Will be rescheduled once face-to-face 4-H programming resumes. Watch for announcements.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 16 at 7:30 in the Training Room
- YQCA certification must be completed online. There are no face-to-face meetings. For the month of April only, the online cost is \$9.00. Visit yqca.org for information.
- Requirements to participate in the GLC Fair Livestock auction are listed online in the Livestock

Council Handbook.

- All youth selling at the auction need to attend 1 Livestock meeting or attend an online educational activity. Check out the Green Lake County 4-H Facebook page for more information.
- Tagging is on hold. Waiting to hear back from Madison in about 2 weeks.

4-H Program Coordinator:

- Clover Connection--sending out every Friday via email
- Cancellations: camp (possible reschedule), American Spirit Trip, CWF, Youth Conference (possible online sessions) and International Japan Trip for Matthew Schraven
- Team Educators in Madison putting together resource supports for General Leaders
- No face-to-face until May 15th. Likely to extend all of May.

Fundraising Committee:

- Bingo--discussion whether to continue it at the Fair. Most concerning issue--not enough adults to assist. Bring back information on those days most money was brought in. Tabled until June. Tent charge is \$100. Possible no charge if we hold fewer Bingo days.
- Scholarship Basket at the Fair--will continue. Need 4 tables.
- Friends of 4-H--difficult for businesses to commit during this time

Educational Opportunities & Awards Committee:

- No update

Feedback on this meeting format

- Worked for all

Next meeting: May 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Will be a Zoom meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting. M--Julie, S--Donna. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Tammy M Goettl, Secretary*



4-H Happenings

AROUND GREEN LAKE COUNTY



Alexa Fleegal, Sunrisers 4-H Club, is working on an ag business brochure for her Ag Survey class in school and hopes to also exhibit it at the fair.



Lily Hibicki, Three Hilltoppers 4-H Club, is working hard training her lambs, Davey and Duke, to lead!



Anna Hibicki's heifer from last year produced this beautiful little heifer calf, Gem. Anna is a member of the Three Hilltoppers 4-H Club.



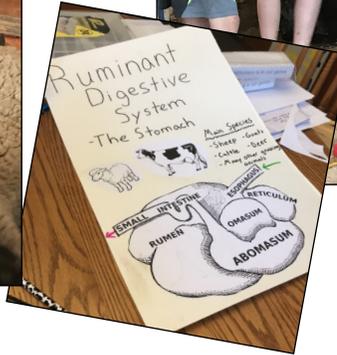
Nicholas Oft, Dalton Doers 4-H Club, is busy planting pumpkins and flower seeds in hopes to bring them to the fair. Plus he's busy calming his hen, Spotty, by holding her lots, to prepare for the fair.



David Oft, Dalton Doers 4-H Club, spends time holding his hen, Furry, to get her calmed and ready for the fair. He is also busy (left), putting together a seder for the garden to plant his vegetables for the fair.



Country Clovers 4-H Club members, Cole, Kylie & Gavin Slark, are busy training their lambs and preparing them for show. They also have a poster ready for the Green Lake County Fair!



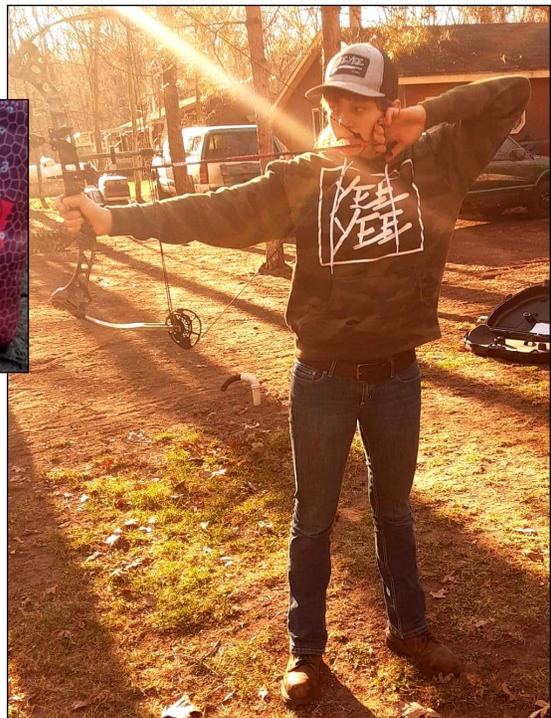
Members of the Sunrisers 4-H Club, Spencer Goettl (steer-Cotton Eye Joe) and Sadie Goettl (steer-Jorge) are working hard to train their fair steers.



Nicholas Oft, member of the Dalton Doers 4-H Club, is working on his poster for his fishing project.



Alexis Dreger, member of the Fox River Patriots 4-H Club, is refining her skills while target practicing with her bow & arrow.





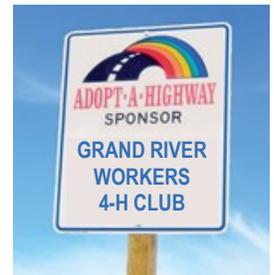
Kaylee Chapman, Gabby Huitema (shown above) and members of the Prairie View Rockets 4-H Club, donated flower planting supplies to the Markesan Resident Home. They will use this as one of the activities for the residents and later will keep the flowers in their rooms to beautify them.



Country Clovers 4-H Club is working on sidewalk art in front of essential businesses in the next two weeks to show their gratitude and support. Caleb, Katelyn & Jenna Konrad started it off in the photo above (and below) with their artwork talent at the Hospice Hope Office in Green Lake. Kiera Zills (below), also used her artistic skills and beautified the sidewalk of the Green Lake County Food Pantry.



The Grand River Workers 4-H Club picked up garbage along roadsides by their homes, since they couldn't come together to do their usual spring roadside cleanup.

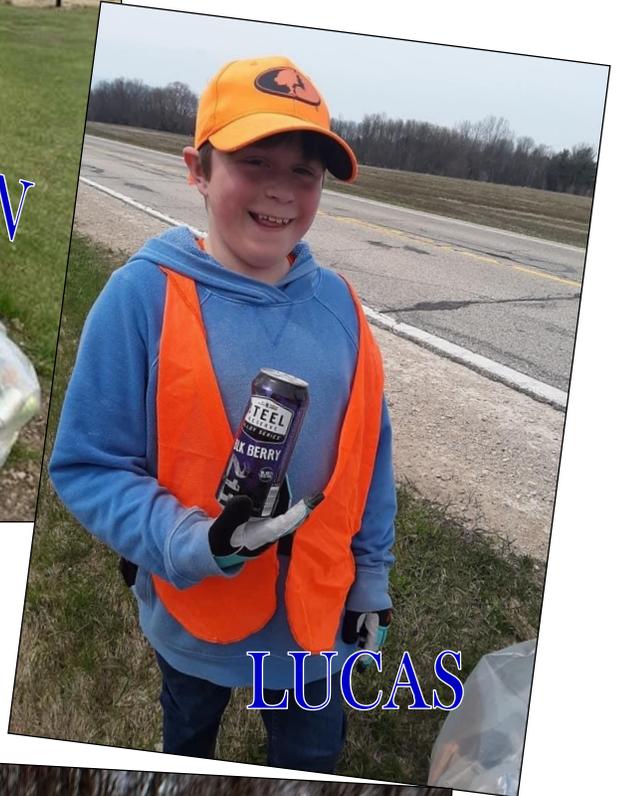




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COVID-19 RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 4-H Camp at Upham Woods

—Cancelled—



A lot of thoughtful consideration was put in how to continue offering summer camp experiences this summer for youth. Through the entire process, the health safety and well-being of our young people and communities was at the center of discussions and decisions and it is with great disappointment that we share that following guidance from Extension leadership, Upham Woods will not host any camp experience for youth this summer through August 15, 2020. We are so saddened to have to cancel our five-county summer camp experience that many youth look forward to and we are brainstorming opportunities to continue to bring the camp experience to youth in unique ways.

Area Animal Science Days

—Cancelled—

In light of current public health concerns and guidance from UW-Madison Division of Extension lead-

ership, 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

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Virtual Space Camp

Courtesy of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas 4-H a Virtual 4-H STEM Space Camp is being offered for youth of all ages (recommended for youth in grades 3-5)! Youth can sign up for interactive experiments with educational and how-to-videos that cover the topics of space rovers, space foods, space rockets, and space rockstars!

Visit <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/virtual-4-h-space-camp-registration/> to sign up for this awesome online experience!



4-H Face Cloth Covering 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.

The activity plan is available for free download at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>

Tractor Supply Company Fundraising Campaigns

Each year Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has two fundraising campaigns that support Wisconsin 4-H. The Spring 2020 Paper Clover campaign was scheduled for April 9 through May 10. It has been postponed, and we are waiting for the new dates to be confirmed. As soon as we have the new dates, we will be looking for clubs near TSC stores to do an in-store 4-H promotion during one day of the campaign.

New this year is the expansion of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation incentive program. Up to two clubs per store will be paid \$50 to do an in-store promotion (displays, animals exhibits, bagger help, etc.) at a TSC on any day of the Paper Clover campaign. If there are two clubs working with one store, the clubs must do their promotions on different days. To participate, the club must:

1. Tell the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation that they are planning a promotion at a TSC store (only the first two clubs per store that register with the Foundation will be paid).



2. Work with the store manager to set up the promotion.

Email photos and a brief (two or three sentence) report about the promotion to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation (Joanne@Wis4HFoundation.org) within two weeks after the promotion. The club will receive their \$50 when the Foundation receives the promotion report.

We'll let you know about the Spring 2020 paper clover dates as soon as possible. And make plans for the same incentive for the Fall 2020 paper clover campaign—that will be October 7 through October 18.

We look forward to working with clubs to promote 4-H and the work of our awesome youth!

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Vernon County to Host Online Youth Rabbit and Poultry Showmanship Competition

Vernon County Rabbit and Poultry Project is hosting an online showmanship competition. Interested youth can enter by completing a Google Form, which also contains more information about how the competition will be held and scheduled. Link: <https://bit.ly/2xyhUom>

There will be an awards ceremony at the the end of the competition, where the judges will be doing live education and giving showmanship advice. If you are not able to participate in the competition but would like to participate in the live education, you may e-mail Emery Bork, 4-H Program Coordinator, at emery.bork@wisc.edu for the connection link.

ONLINE YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

Friday, May 22nd @ 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Open To All Youth Grades 3-13!
Classes will be as follows: 3-5, 6-8, 9-13

ENTRIES ARE \$5 FOR SINGLE ANIMAL OR \$8 FOR BOTH RABBIT AND POULTRY COMPETITION
REGISTER ONLINE AND SEND CHECK PAYMENT BY MAY 15

Compete for excellent prizes! Winners will receive gear to help them with their showing. Possible prizes include carriers, embroidered aprons, etc. Prizes will be awarded to category and overall winners after a showmanship teaching session.

Keep up-to-date with all of the changes happening by visiting the Green Lake County 4-H Facebook page and the Green Lake County Fair Facebook page.

FRIENDS OF 4-H SPONSORS

PLATINUM LEVEL

Beck's Meat Processing—Oshkosh
 Bright Orthodontics—Oshkosh
 Dick Severson & Severson Homes—Markesan
 Green Lake Conference Center—Green Lake
 Green Lake County Pork Producers
 Markesan Vet Clinic—Markesan
 Mashuda Contractors, Inc—Princeton
 Witmer Wood Products—Berlin

GOLD LEVEL

American Family Insurance-Michael Glod Agency—Markesan
 Del Monte Foods—Markesan
 Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe—Princeton
 Ripon Electric—Ripon
 Southway Bait Sales—Markesan

SILVER LEVEL

Design Specialty Builders—Green Lake
 Diedrich Jewelers—Berlin
 Rural Mutual Insurance—Markesan
 Seneca 4-H Club—Berlin
 Ted's Piggly Wiggly—Markesan
 Waupun Equipment—Waupun

BRONZE LEVEL

Arneson Auto Body—Markesan
 Berlin Journal Newspapers—Berlin
 Berlin Kiwanis Club—Berlin
 David Severson & Son Inc—Markesan
 Dr. G.G. Mueller VFW Post 10452—Princeton
 Ergo Bank—Markesan
 Grand River Bookkeeping—Markesan
 Jaster's Ag-Supply—Kingston
 Kettlewell Welding & Concrete, Inc—Berlin
 Lake View Inn—Markesan
 Napralla Tire—Neshkoro
 Petraszak Excavating—Berlin
 Pulvermacher Enterprises—Princeton
 Superheat & Cooling—Markesan
 Waushara Dental Associates—Wautoma

Green Lake County 4-H Families—

Here is a list of all of the “Friends of 4-H” sponsors that have donated to the Green Lake County 4-H program. Please let them know how much you appreciate their support if you see them or if you visit their business. How wonderful it is to have the support we do in Green Lake County!

GREEN LEVEL

Badger Mining Corporation—Berlin
 Belle Gardens of Marquette, LLC—Markesan
 Buckhorn Bar & Grill—Princeton
 Chris' Floral & Gifts—Markesan
 Fox River Auto Sales—Princeton
 H. Treder & Sons, Inc—Princeton
 Landmark Services Cooperative—Cottage Grove
 Marquette Historical Society Inc—Marquette
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