

To All Columbia County 4-H Families and FFA Advisors
From: Pat Wagner, 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator, Columbia County

A Note from Pat:

I hope this Weekly Update finds you well. I am not creating an April/May issue of 4-H Rolling in Clover as information keeps changing so quickly. Instead, I will send out the Weekly Update on Fridays and our office will work to keep the Columbia County Extension website current.

With meeting and program cancellations will come the possibility of teleconference meetings, please watch your email for these opportunities and/or contact me at 608-742-9685 or pat.wagner@wisc.edu if a county committee might want to set up a teleconference. Details are shared below on how to create a Zoom meeting. Anyone can create a FREE zoom account by visiting the zoom.us website. The great thing about zoom is it allows participants to use their computer video and audio or they can call in and use their telephone (cell phone or land lines are all accepted). If you want to try this opportunity, simple instructions are shared in the “technology” article below and/or give me a call at my office number and I’ll be glad to help. My office number is being forwarded to my home number. If I miss your call, I’ll return a call to you at my earliest convenience.

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council met via Zoom last night and all were able to participate quite effectively. Why not give Zoom a try for your next 4-H club meeting or 4-H project meeting?

Many questions about fairs are out there. The Wisconsin Association of Fairs as well as the Columbia County Fair, the Lodi Agriculture Fair, and the Wisconsin State Fair are all holding conversations about the best way to proceed. Currently, all are moving forward with plans for 2020 fairs; however, all could change at any time. I will share out any information I receive when and if it becomes available. Thanks!

For now, enjoy Spring and Stay Healthy!

Here is your weekly update of 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. In order of appearance:

Click the topic below you are interested in and you will be directed to that topic’s information.

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Join us Friday, April 24th at 1:00 p.m. CST for a tour of the UW Swine Unit with your tour hosts, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist and Kadi Walsh, Swine Unit Manager. This is the second of 4 planned virtual tours of the UW Research Stations.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/04/15/virtualfarmtours/>

Participants need to register for the tour at the following link: <https://bit.ly/swineunit>. Zoom connection information will then be emailed to you. If you miss the live tour, check for the recording. The Todd and Lynette Taylor Family, a Columbia Co. 4-H family, hosted the Sheep Unit Farm Tour and that recording is listed below.



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2020 Virtual Farm Tours featuring Arlington & Lancaster Research Stations
Fridays from 1-2 p.m. CST

Register by going to the link.
Zoom connection information will then be emailed to you!

April 17 – Sheep Unit, Todd Taylor
<https://bit.ly/sheepunit>

April 24 – Swine Unit, Kadi Walsh
<https://bit.ly/swineunit>

May 1 - Arlington & Lancaster Beef Units, Caleb Karls & Arin Crooks
<https://bit.ly/beefunit>

May 8 – Farm Center, Feed Mill, Test Plots; Mike Bertram & Jeff Booth
<https://bit.ly/farmcenter>

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/>
Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist

Youth wanting educational credits for virtual farm tours should use this [educational verification form](#).

Helper Materials for the April 24 Swine Unit Farm Tour:

[Swine Unit Brochure](#)

Youth Activities with Swine

[Facts About Swine](#)

[Wisconsin Ag Classroom Pork Facts](#)

[Pig Puzzles](#)

[Pig Coloring Book](#)

[Visiting a Farm](#)

Helpful Materials for the April 17 Sheep Unit Farm Tour:

[Sheep Unit YouTube Recording](#)

[2020 Youth Livestock Program COVID Updates](#)

[UW Madison Sheep Unit Fact Sheet](#)

[Sheep Unit Preventative Health Schedule](#)

[UW Madison – Sheep Pastures](#)

Youth Activities with Sheep

[Sheep Reporter](#)

[Compartments of a sheep stomach](#)
[Facts About Sheep](#)
[Wisconsin Ag Classroom Sheep Facts](#)
[Paper Sheep Craft](#)

Any other questions, please contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at: borourke2@wisc.edu

[YQCA Flash Sale Available through April 30th](#)

Important to Note: All swine project exhibitors, Lodi Fair exhibitors, and Wisconsin State Fair exhibitors **must** complete a YQCA certification. [YQCA "flash sale" for On-line courses is running through April 30th!](#)

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on the web-based certification.

Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

1. Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them \$9.
 - a. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms are attached to this message or may be obtained by emailing sales@yqca.org. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.
 - b. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days. c. Coupons MUST be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.
2. Youth who have already paid for a YQCA instructor-led training (on a date that has not yet passed), may log into their account and cancel their registration.
 - a. If payment was received via credit card, their payment will be refunded.
 - b. If payment was received via coupon code, that coupon code will be active again. This coupon code does not expire and would be able to be used in future years.
 - c. To cancel a registered training
 - i. Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io> and login to the account.
 - ii. Select the course - you will have an option to "Cancel Registration". This will cancel the training and refund the payment/re-activate the coupon code.

[Interested In Sharing Your 4-H Project Expertise With Others – Let's Get You Teaching](#)

Youth and adults interested in sharing what they know about a particular 4-H project, please contact Pat Wagner and she'll help you get a virtual 4-H project meeting set up. Contact her at pat.wagner@wisc.edu or call at 608-742-9685.

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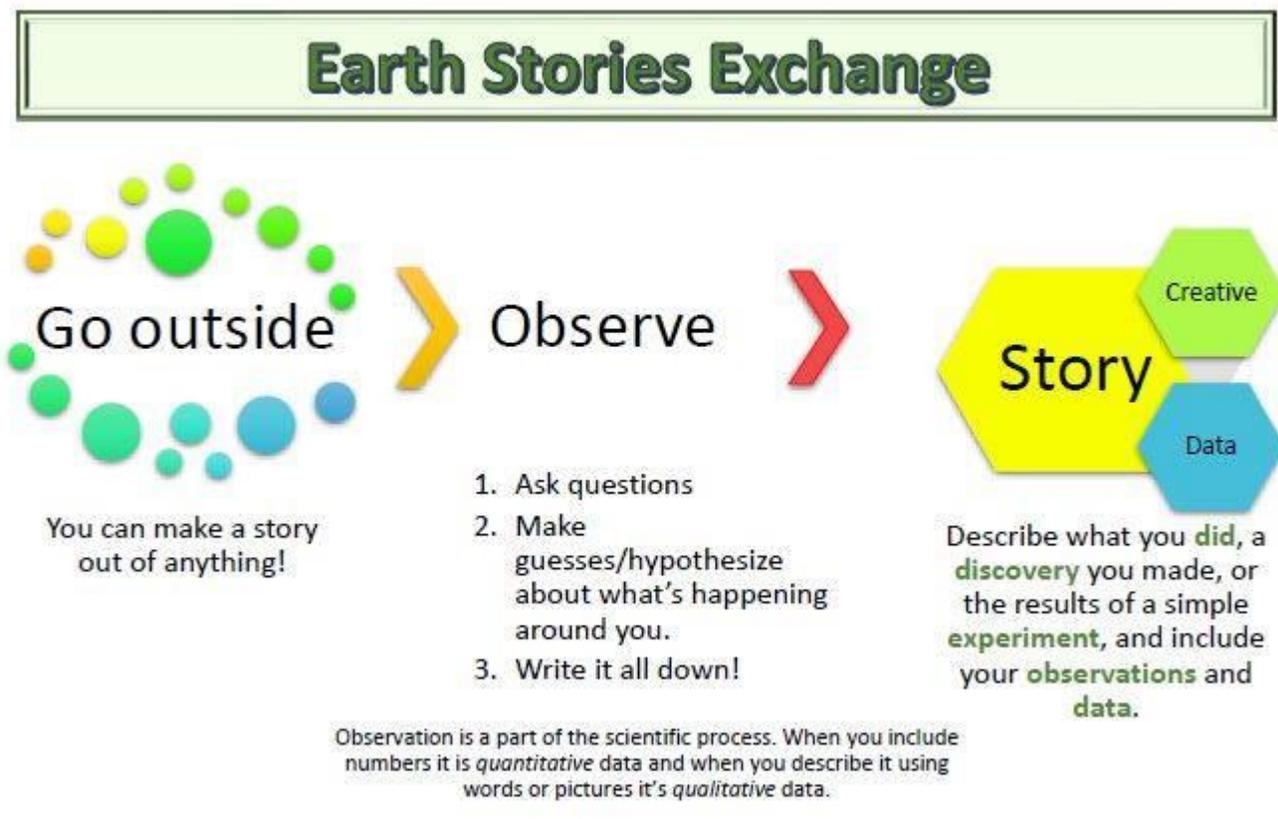
At the April 20th Columbia County Fair Board meeting, the decision was made that NO identification requirement will be enforced prior to fair. Please enter swine, sheep and meat goat animals on your fair entry form and bring them to fair with some form of ID in their ear. At fair, animals will be checked in and registered with that animal ID number. If questions, please contact the fair superintendent for the species in question or a member of the fair board. All names are listed on the Columbia County Fair webpage at <http://www.columbiacofair.com/> in the premium list inside cover.

Columbia County Fair Website Releases Online Fair Books / Premium Lists

Fair premium lists were printed, but distribution is becoming a bit of a challenge due to “Safer At Home” restrictions; therefore, families are encouraged to enter by using the online fair book / premium list which is now available at the Columbia County Fair webpage -- <http://www.columbiacofair.com/> Online entries will open on May 1st and close on June 20th.

Upham Woods Announces: Earth Stories Exchange

Residential camp programs may be cancelled at Upham Woods, but going outside is still important. Consider this “earth stories exchange” as a way be part of the “outdoors” while practicing social distancing.



The Earth Stories Exchange is Upham's commitment to connecting people to the Earth through the healing power of nature. All you have to do is explore nature, create a story, share it with us, and we will share a story with you in return- like pen pals! We would love to see all sorts of stories, so please share this with your friends and family! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for featured stories (it could be your story). We look forward to exchanging Earth stories with you! Check out the Facebook event for more information!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/282084302784256/>

Delivering 4-H Through Technology!

Below you will find a link to help you stay connected with members using Zoom. The website contains information on how to set up a Zoom Basic Account, the Basics of Using Zoom and Tips for Engaging 4-H Youth in Online Learning. Please give it a try.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/delivering-4-h-through-technology/>

Wisconsin 4-H uses Zoom for meetings and educational learning opportunities. *Remember when participating in a 4-H meeting, whether in person or virtually, the 4-H volunteer expectations and 4-H youth member code of conduct apply.*

Below are two YouTube videos created by Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development staff to help volunteers utilize Zoom as a teaching platform.

Zoom 101 Trainings:

- [Creating your Own Zoom Basic Account](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWxJFLpiPbk&feature=youtu.be)
- [Basics of Using Zoom](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQUuGWtPAco&feature=youtu.be)

Engaging 4-H Youth through Virtual Meetings/Learning Opportunities

Technology offers a venue for youth voice and discussion. Below you will find information on how to host and conduct 4-H meetings in a safe and educational way. This tip sheet will provide best practices for you as a volunteer when meeting with youth.

Tips for Engaging 4-H Youth in Online Learning --

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/files/2020/04/4-h-online-learning.pdf>

(This material is shared with permission from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach).

Cloth Face Coverings Activity Plan – Now released!

The new service learning activity plan from Wisconsin 4-H – Cloth Face Coverings – is now available for free download at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>. Many thanks to Dawn VandeVoort for creating the lesson, Melinda Pollen and Rachel Hart-Brinson for reviewing it, as well as Matt and Extension’s COVID Response Team for the support in making sure we are aligned with CDC guidance! It truly was a team effort.

A few things to note in case you get questions:

- The first page is for educators with guidance about how to support it. We’d like to leave the cover page attached to the full activity plan so that the activity plan doesn’t get distributed without the additional information/warnings.
- Per the CDC, we’re calling them cloth face coverings, as the term “mask” is being reserved for those worn by health care professionals.
- We’ve done a great deal of research and worked with public health professionals to get this right and current with the CDC recommendations as of this weekend. We also encourage people to check for updates in the CDC guidance for themselves. Links are provided, both in the cover letter and on the provided, printable cards that can be attached to cloth face coverings made by youth when they donate.

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.

Fun, Hands-on Learning at Home resource web page is live!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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/>

Columbia County Cottontails Youth All Breed Show – to be May 9th –CANCELLED

The Arlington Ag Research Station contacted Marlene, Cottontails Key Project Leader, and informed her that the rabbit show would not be allowed at the facility this year on May 9th. So, for now the event is cancelled. When county wide planning meetings can be held, more details will be worked out and plans made. For now, keep working with your rabbits when you need a break from your homeschooling experiences.

4-H Planter Night Moves to Zoom Teleconference Meeting -- May 11

Master Gardner Volunteers, Becky Gutzman and Ardyce Piehl, are planning to present the 4-H Planter Program via zoom at 6:00 PM, Monday, May 11. More details on the presentation will be forthcoming, but 4-H clubs should plan now to listen in. Please register by emailing sarah.millard@wisc.edu with your name and email address. She will forward you the Zoom link and password for the evening's Zoom meeting.

4-H Arts Lab Extended via Zoom teleconference – May 21

Would you like to be involved in conversations about art, community, future careers, and more? 'Art Lab Extended' provides an opportunity for older youth and adults all across Wisconsin to learn about art through monthly video conferences. Here are the upcoming topics:

- **Careers in Art**
 - May 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Join in at this Zoom Meeting link: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/320877803>

OR join by phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (Meeting ID: 320 877 803)

Green – Columbia 4-H Camp -- August 12-15, 2020—CANCELLED

All Upham Woods residential summer camps are cancelled through August 15th.

Call for Nominations – 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame

Each year during the Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum, ten individuals are inducted into the **Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame**. *The date and location of the 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum are TBD. Two Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame application forms are available – one in Word and one .pdf.* Columbia County 4-H has yet to have a laureate

recognized in the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. If you know of a worthy recipient, please have their name shared at the next meeting of the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council or contact Pat with the suggestion.

A complete nomination includes 5 items:

1. Nomination cover page
2. Nomination signature page
3. One-page Microsoft Word document outlining the nominee's qualifications based on the 4-H Hall of Fame criteria
4. Digital head and shoulder photograph and
5. Brief (no more than 250 words) biography.

Completed nominations are due by **May 20, 2020** and should be sent via email to cynthia.blackburn@wisc.edu. She will reply to you confirming she has received your documents as soon as possible after receiving your message, so be sure to watch for her reply in your inbox & spam in case there is a problem. **Please note that people who have been nominated in the past and not selected are eligible to be nominated again; however, please do not simply re-submit their first nomination, as it did not meet the criteria as described. The criteria document should be revised to increase possibility of being selected.*

Please visit the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame website at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hhof/> for information and the application forms. If you have questions, feel free to contact Rosanne Schleif, Committee Chair at rm.schleif@hotmail.com

2020 Youth Plant Science Day

Plan now to participate in the **State 4-H Plant Science Day** event to be held **Tuesday, July 9th** at the **Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma (this event is currently scheduled to go on as planned)**. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster and floral arranging contests. For study guide information and to prepare for the contest see the **National Junior Horticultural Association** website at <http://www.njha.org/> For additional information contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@wisc.edu.

You can find the registration information and brochure on the website here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/plant-soil-science/>

Cloverbud Day —Rescheduled to August 10th @ MacKenzie Center

Plans are underway to host the annual Cloverbud Day on Monday, August 10th (as long as social distancing guidelines allow). The MacKenzie Center has changed the date in their calendar and anyone interested in serving in the capacity of youth counselor or adult volunteer should reach out to Pat Wagner at pat.wagner@wisc.edu or 608-742-9685. Registration materials will be created in May and shared with youth via the Weekly Update or direct mail to youth grades K-2. This fun day of learning is something we hope to offer for 4-H youth and their friends at summer's end.

Weekly Emails Online!

<http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/>