

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:

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 (see Dog Committee and Livestock Committee to meet via Zoom next week). 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 Master Gardeners hosted a “4-H Planter Night” educational session for 4-H members and volunteer leaders last week 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 with fair entries now open. However, all could change at any time, both the Lodi Agriculture Fair Board and the Columbia County Fair Board are meeting this week.

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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Dear 4-H Community:

With the recent changes affecting the governor's "safer at home" order, there have been questions about how this affects 4-H. As a program of UW-Madison's Division of Extension, 4-H is following UW guidance, informed by the Badger Bounce Back public health plan.

- All in-person 4-H programming remains canceled through May 31.
- Given the significant amount of planning and the difficulty of maintaining safe operating guidelines, all overnight camps are also canceled through August.
- Out-of-state 4-H program travel is also not permitted through August.
- During the month of June (likely in the second half of the month), we hope to begin limited in-person gatherings of up to 10. These meetings and programs will require the Educator/Volunteer to demonstrate both the need for an in-person meeting and a thorough plan for maintaining safety guidelines and will require approval. And virtual meetings remain preferred--if it can be accomplished via distance, it should be. Additional guidance for programs will be coming soon.

We will be closely monitoring local, state, and national conditions. Health and safety are still our primary focus, and we will adjust the above guidelines depending on policies and infection rates. We will know a lot based on what happens over the next two weeks.

Despite our disappointment about losing opportunities, there are many things 4-H staff, volunteers, and members are doing. 4-H can meet virtually, and many clubs and groups have been staying connected and learning together. Educational and service projects can be done as an individual or household (check out our Wisconsin 4-H [home-based projects](#)). 4-H clubs are continuing roadside cleanup (following [DoT recommendations](#)) with families/households taking different sections at different times and maintaining community garden plots with families/households working at different times.

This [impact story](#) features examples of the power of 4-H. Stories of our resilience and support of each other are especially important now. Thanks for all of the big and small things you do to make a difference for Wisconsin youth!

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Matt Calvert, Positive Youth Development Institute Director

Check out the IMPACT STORY Where “Columbia-Green 4-H Pen Pals” Are Mentioned!

Follow the link here to learn more about the success of the Columbia – Green 4-H Pen Pals program.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/05/Promoting-Social-Support-and-Positive-Youth-Connection-May-2020.pdf>

4-H Art Lab Extended – May 21st—Careers in Art + Sharing Art from Home!

Would you like to be involved in conversations about art, community, future careers, and more? 'Art Lab Extended' provides an opportunity for high-school aged youth across Wisconsin to learn about and share their art through monthly video conferences. Adults are welcome too!

Join us Thursday, May 21st, from 7:00-8:00pm for “Careers in Art + Sharing Art from Home” a fun and educational hour of interactive art activities and discussions with professionals about their careers in the arts.

Dr. Iva Ugrčić – has worn many hats throughout her professional career: flutist, teacher, artistic director, entrepreneur, freelance musician and recording artist, founder and executive director for the LunART Festival and more.

Emily Goretski – Programming and Community Engagement Coordinator at the Overture Center for the Arts will discuss the range of professionals involved with programming at this state of the art" performing arts center and art gallery in Madison, Wisconsin.

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/WISC4HARTLAB>

Learn more about 4-H Art Lab here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/art-lab-2/>

Overture Center for the Arts

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.

Heart of the Farm – Women in Agriculture introduces online ‘Coffee Chat’ series

University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension’s Heart of the Farm-Women in Agriculture program began hosting a new online ‘Coffee Chats’ series in various locations, times and dates across the state in mid-May. This Extension program addresses the needs of farm women by providing education on farm business topics, connecting them with agricultural resources and creating support networks.

Due to COVID-19, the in-person 2020 Heart of the Farm – Women in Ag Conference was not able to be held, so an online version was developed to connect! The Heart of the Farm Program is currently offering individual “Coffee Chats” throughout the state at seven different locations, dates and times. The online meeting lineup continues to be all “coffee chats” so individuals can choose the day/time/topic that works in their schedule.

· **Communications: Exploring Perspectives to Improve Communication--May 18th – May 23rd and May 27th**

Join us as we dive into the topic of effective communication skills. At this first session, we will explore how to listen for and respond to each other's different perspectives to deepen the understanding of the issues at hand and help guide decision-making.

· **Relationships: Nurturing Healthy Relationships Under Times of Stress: Bidding for Connection--May 25th – May 30th, June 10th**

During this session learn what bids for connection are and why they matter in building and maintaining a healthy relationship. Participants will learn how to respond and bid for connections in positive, healthy ways.

· **Financial: Finding Financial Well-Being--June 1st – June 6th and June 24th**

People who feel good about their finances have four things in common. We'll explore what those four factors are and ideas to find your own path to financial well-being. Spoiler alert – you don't need money to get started!

You must register for the individual "Coffee Chat" you are interested in attending. Registration information can be found on the Heart of the Farm Website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/heartofthefarm/> or contact Jenny Vanderlin, jenny.vanderlin@wisc.edu, 608-263-7795. Once registered, you will receive meeting connection information (website link and phone number). Registered participants will only need the meeting website link or phone number to participate in the meeting.

UW-Madison Virtual Farm Tours – Recordings Are ONLINE!

If you missed the Virtual Farm Tours in April (described in image below), you can now find their recordings in 2 places. These virtual tours were for kids who are engaged in animals, plants (agronomy) and science STEM. The programs are for viewers of all ages.

1. The website post: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/04/15/virtualfarmtours/>

2. The playlist of all of the videos on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI3EqGUag9cz_1DCKOLL5KSMtwm1SyuKT

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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/>

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YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram icons

Dog Project Zoom Meeting—ALL DOG PROJECT MEMBERS INVITED

For ALL Dog project members -- Training to Other dog related projects

When: May 20, 2020

Time: 06:30 PM Central Time

Join Online Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8969698070?pwd=cFBYbTk2cUVPYmNEVDJZdXlWZ1gydz09>

Meeting ID: 896 969 8070

Password: DogProject

We will cover what the plans are for project moving forward and can discuss anything Dog Project Related.

Training will be covered in this meeting. Would also would like to hear from members as to what else you may like to see in the direction of dog project.

Any question contact Sandy Pohl at 4HDogProject@K9Ewe.com

Livestock Committee Meeting Set – May 21, 2020 – 7 p.m.

The Spring agenda items will include, but are not limited to—Fair Update / Review Options; Report by Species; Sale of Champions Scholarships Report; Learn More Challenge Update; Prep for Sale of Champions date; and Sale of Champions Sign ups

You are invited to the Livestock Committee Zoom meeting.

When: May 21, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

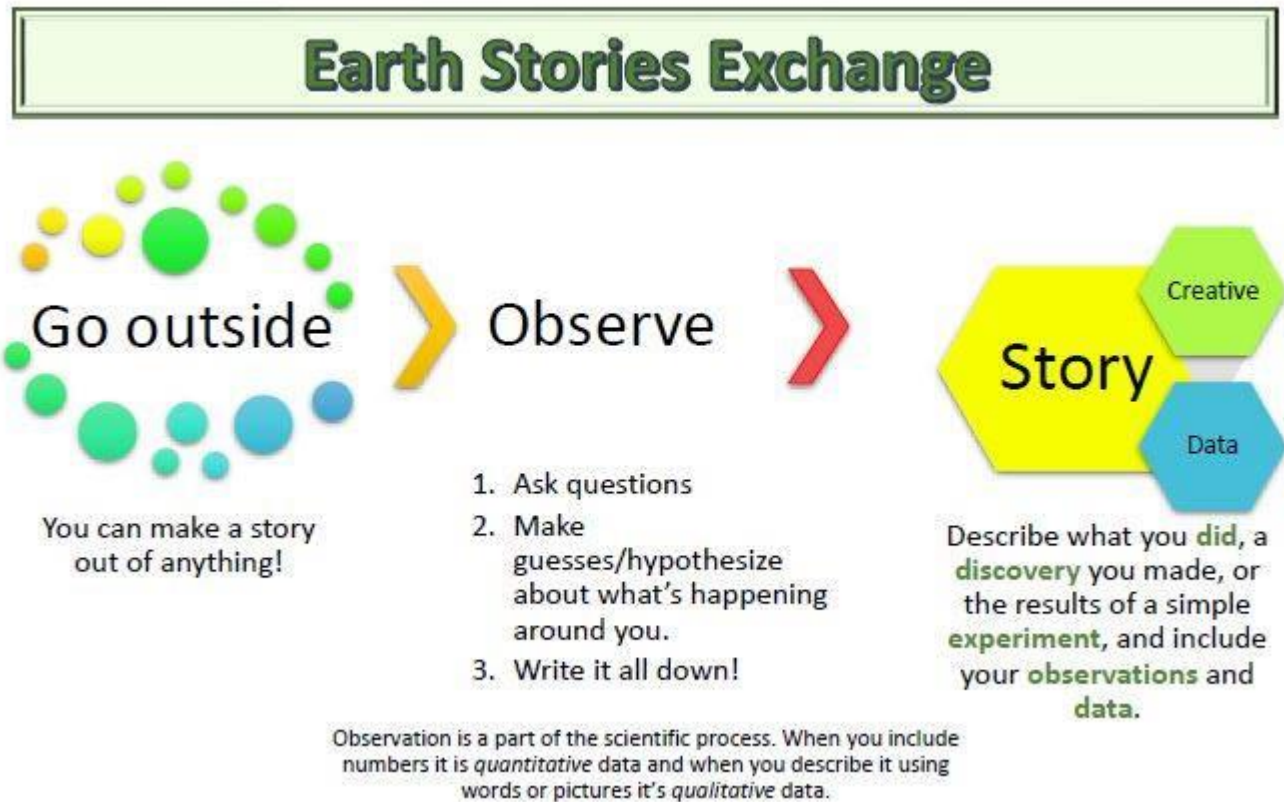
Register in advance for this meeting:

https://uwextension.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkc-yhqTwu3B4LimsAesyqqYzP_eWQ4w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWxJFLpiPbk&feature=youtu.be>

- [Basics of Using Zoom](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQUuGWtPAco&feature=youtu.be) <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).

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/>

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/>