

Clover Dispatch

Trempealeau County 4-H Newsletter



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Hello Everyone!

We are only four months into 2020 and we already had a lot happen! With these are every change that has happened I am sure life has been stressful. During this time the University has been canceling events according to CDC guidelines of no meetings with more than 10 people in attendance. The end date for postponing events changes often so it is hard to say when we will be in the clear to have club, project and leaders meetings but I am working on keeping everyone updated.

What does this mean for you? Until further notice all 4-H programs and events are cancelled or postponed. Some have the option to meet virtually such as club project and leaders meetings. If you are interested in using a video conferencing service I can help you with that. Many platforms are free but during social distancing many have reduced rates.

I encourage any club or group that wants to try this form of communication to do so. If you are worried about internet access some have call in options so you do not need to use the internet.

Best Wishes,

Andrea Rippley

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Upcoming Events

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- 9th– Tag pick up for Sheep Goat and swine Exhibitors.
- 25th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. In the Court house **Will be held on Zoom. Connection information will go out a week before the meeting. If you are interested I joining the meeting please contact Andrea prior to the meeting.**

June

- 8th– Horse Project Meeting @ the Fair Grounds
- 11th– Area Animal Science Days @ Jefferson County **Cancelled.**
- 12th– Area Animal Science Days @ Marathon County **Cancelled**
- 11-13th– Horse Camp @ the Fair Grounds **Cancelled**
- 22nd– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6P.M. In the Court-house **Will be held on Zoom. Connection Information will be sent out a week before the meeting. If you would like to join the meeting please contact Andrea prior to the meeting.**
- 29-July 1st– Camp K **Cancelled**

July

- 1st– Requirements for horse project are due.
- 1st– YQCA and Educational Requirements due.
- 15-19th– Trempealeau County Fair
- 16th– Sheep Show @ noon
- Goat Show @ 4 P.M.
- 17th– Hog Show @ 9 A.M.
- Beef Show @ 3 P.M.
- 18th– Junior Dairy @ 8 A.M.
- Livestock Auction @ 6 P.M.
- 27th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. in the Court-house

August

- 1st– Trempealeau County WWHSA Horse Show @ the Fair Grounds
- 24th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. In the Court-house

September

- 14th– Horse Project Meeting @ 6 P.M. in the Ettrick Fire Station
- 28th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. in the Court House

October

November

December

January

February

2020 Youth Plant Science Day:

Plan now to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event to be held Thursday, July 9th at the Waushara County Fair-grounds 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/>

4-H Club and Project Leaders

Please find the contact information for Trempealeau Counties 4-H Clubs and large project leaders below.

Arcadia Hummingbirds 4-H Club:
Rosa Mooney, 608-863-3483

Coulee Clovers 4-H Club:
Cindy Peterson, 608-989-2249

Ettrick Eagles 4-H Club:
Dawn Corcoran, 608-525-4200

Frenchville Cloverleaves 4-H Club:
Heather Olson, 608-484-0447

Glasgow/Hardies Creek Busy Bees 4-H Club:
Heidi Johnson, 608-484-0492

Hale & Hardy 4-H Club:
Sheri Daggett, 715-538-4385

Lincoln Pioneers 4-H Club:
Kim Pryzbylla, 715-985-3902

Silver Valley Creek 4-H Club:
Bob & Dara Braun, 608-525-2259

Sunnyside 4-H Club:
Charlotte (Charlie) Everson, 608-989-2310
Geraldyn Subra, 715-662-3003

Trempealeau Trusty Workers 4-H Club:
Patti Sonsalla, 608-539-3202

Whitehall Happy Hustlers 4-H Club:
Sharon Pederson, 715-538-4856

Dog Project:
Judy Betker, 608-989-2386

Horse Project:
Becky Hynes, 608-865-1038

Parent and Leaders Association:
Valerie Erickson, 608-385-5654

Llama Project:
Becky Poulos, 715-538-1444

4-H Ambassadors Program:
Rosa Mooney, 608-863-3483

Open Office Hours!

Join Andrea for Open Office Hours.
Learn About Zoom

Ask Questions!

Pre-Register for the link to join!
**Wednesdays from 1-3 pm April 8th-
May 13th!**

<https://forms.gle/qdsNjfhZ38zmDe4P9>

Engaging 4-H Youth through Virtual Meetings and 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. Take a few minutes to review each link. These will provide best practices for you as a volunteer when meeting with youth.

[Tips for Engaging 4-H Youth in Online Learning](#)*

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.*

Covid-19 Updates:

During this time I am getting daily email updates about how Extension, Wisconsin 4-H, and the University are handling the Covid-19 situation. I am sure everyone is getting an abundance of emails on the situation like I am and it is getting hard to keep up.

In my attempt to prevent an email overload I have a post that I am updating on Trempealeau County Website that includes everything that is effected by cancelations in the county as well as other events that 4-H Members may be participating in that are cancelled. I encourage everyone to look at that post. I have the date it was updated at the top so you can keep up with it.

<https://trempealeau.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/16/4-h-programming-cancelled-or-postponed/>

Updated Shooting Sports Certification Process:

Recently, Shooting Sports certification process has been updated. In years past volunteers who wanted to become a Shooting Sports Leader had to take two days of certification courses related to the project. That meant traveling somewhere in the state for a certification course on a Friday and Saturday. Currently the update allows you to take the first part of the certification online. This allows everyone to complete it on their own time. Some things to remember:

- The Trempealeau County Adult Leaders are willing reimburse your course fee if you submit a Funding Request Form.
- If you are thinking about becoming a shooting Sports Volunteer you will have to complete Volunteers In Preparation (VIP) **Before** you start any of the Shooting Sports Certification workshops.
- The online certification workshop for shooting sports is something you will only have to complete once. After that if you want to add disciplines you only have to complete the certification workshop for the new disciplines.

If you want to learn more please check out the link below. We are currently looking for more shooting sports leaders.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/>

Shooting Sports Volunteers Wanted

Must have Shooting Sports certification. Interested volunteers can be trained.

This is a popular program in our county that we can't offer if we do not have a leader!

If you or someone you know is interested please contact Andrea!

Jackson County Cloverbud Meeting:

Join Kelly Bresca the Jackson County Cloverbud Leader for their project meeting! This meeting will be a little different as we are going to send out the materials to complete the project so all you have to do is create it! If this sounds like something you would like to participate in please fill out the google form below. We will be coming out with a video or zoom call to give you step by step directions to complete this lesson with your family. Please fill out the google form by **May 13th at 4:30pm** to have your materials by May 21st.

<https://forms.gle/Bp92BRLZjqSatoGt8>



Camp K 2020:

It is with a heavy heart that I communicate to you today that we have decided to cancel 4-H Camp Kinnissipewa for the Summer of 2020.

This is not a decision we came to easily and one we made in consultation with Camp Kiwanis staff and 4-H Youth Development Educators in all of the five counties in Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce, Jackson and Trempealeau. Until very recently, we were hoping we would be able to make some major accommodations and adjustments to allow us to have camp in some capacity.

We appreciate your willingness to be a camp counselor and recognize the hard work you put in to apply for our staff team. We are exploring the possibility of a 4-H Camp Counselor leadership retreat for all of you sometime in late summer or fall to illustrate to you how much we appreciate your flexibility and acknowledge this loss.

Trempealeau County Goat/Sheep/Swine Update:

Our socially distanced tag pickup event will be held on **Saturday, May 9**. Registering for this event is a 2-step process. Please complete both steps by **Sunday, May 3**.

Step One: Let us know how many tags your family will need by completing this survey: <https://forms.gle/VRDupEDP8SDELq2w9>

Step Two: Sign up for a specific time to pick up your family's tags and paperwork using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LUBvRhM>

Instructions for Day of Pickup:

- Enter fairgrounds using south gate, proceed to Co-op Building.
- One person may exit the vehicle.
- Drop exact payment (\$2/tag, check or cash) labeled with family/exhibitor name in drop box. Checks payable to: Trempealeau County Jr Livestock Auction Committee. Come prepared.
- Each family will have a labeled bag containing ear tags and usual fair livestock paperwork. Bags will be sorted alphabetically by last name on tables.
- After taking your package, please exit the fairgrounds using the north gate.

Please note that while we will have a representative there to supervise the process, we kindly ask that you refrain from using this time to ask questions regarding the fair, paperwork, etc. Everyone **MUST** keep moving at an efficient pace to ensure proper social distancing. If you have any questions, you can reach the committee by email at TREMPCAC@outlook.com or President Nathan Ausen by phone at 608-484-0481.

As a reminder, the animals must be born after Jan. 1 and will need to be tagged by June 1. After the pickup event, we will be reaching out to you to clarify next steps and due dates. We don't want to overwhelm anyone with too many details that aren't necessary quite yet.

In continued partnership,

The Trempealeau County Junior Livestock Auction Committee

Camp K 2020 Continued:

Thank you for holding the training dates in your schedule. You may now release them.

If you have made any payments towards 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa to date they will be returned in full.

We hope to work with you to develop and design the same 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa experience all our campers have come to know and enjoy in 2021!

Fair Updates:

Currently, Trempealeau County Fair is going on as scheduled. The only people who can cancel the fair are the fair board or the Governor. During my 4-H Program meetings we have talked about what this means for our summer. It is hard to say if restrictions for social distancing will be lifted by July. The State 4-H Office has come out with a FAQs sheet that you can reference. If you have questions that are not addressed in the FAQ please let me know.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/extension-fair-faq/>

Graduating Senior Pictures:

In light of the recent pandemic I wanted to take a moment to put a spotlight on some of our graduating seniors. If you are interested could you send me a couple of things I will put together Facebook posts for everyone so we can celebrate their great accomplishments. What I will need from you is:

- A photo of the graduating senior
- What they are planning to do after High School (Ex. Collage, Join Workforce, Military)
- Include and answer to this question; How have you grown in 4-H?
- Include the club they are currently in. a

Please send all of the following to andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

I would like to feature these on our Facebook during the month of May and June .

Wisconsin State Fair Official Statement and Update:

This is an email I received from the State Fair

Dear Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Participants,

We hope this email finds you and your family doing well. We wanted to provide some competition updates and share a message from Wisconsin State Fair Park regarding the status of the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair. As noted, we will keep you up-to-date as things evolve in the coming weeks.

During these unprecedented times we want to provide you with an update on the status of the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair and say THANK YOU. We hear every word of support and encouragement you have sent, and this fuels us to keep working to ensure the Wisconsin State Fair continues its 169-year legacy while keeping safety our top priority.

The Wisconsin State Fair is a celebration of everything we are so proud of in Wisconsin, and our priority is to create a place where everyone feels welcome and safe. With this in mind, the State Fair Park Board of Directors and staff continue to discuss options that will enable us to provide this experience in 2020.

There are many factors to be considered. Several large industries, including agriculture, entertainment, concessions and ride operations, as well as hundreds of small businesses and thousands of part-time employees, are paramount to putting on a successful Fair.

We are analyzing all facets of the Fair, while continuing to closely monitor data from local, state and federal health officials, and assess how this will affect each one.

At this time the State Fair Park Board of Directors has not made a formal decision on whether the Wisconsin State Fair will go on as planned, August 6 – 16. However, until a decision is made, we will continue to work tirelessly to make the Wisconsin State Fair the WonderFair experience you know and love.

Stay tuned for additional updates. Your continued support means the world to us!

Youth Expo Updates

Thank you again for your patience as we evaluate Youth Expo programming.

Activity Stations: This program will not be offered for the 2020 Fair due to the nature of limiting hands-on programming.

Clothing Revue: Program will be modified to one day sessions.

Performance: Program is being reviewed and reformatted based on recommended limitations of gatherings and best practices of maintaining individual space. A new programming format will be released in the next few weeks.

Project Exhibits: Any projects selected by a County Fair for State Fair exhibition will be accepted. We will begin reaching out to Extension Offices for project information on those projects selected in mid-June. Additionally, we are exploring avenues for youth to submit projects which may not have been exhibited at a County Fair.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email (entryoffice@wistatefair.com). We greatly appreciate everyone's flexibility as we navigate this constantly-evolving situation together.

Brian Bolan
Director of Agriculture