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PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Extension Staffing Updates Due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak and guidelines from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and Federal Agencies our office will have limited availability and access. Pierce County Extension staff are working remotely and are checking their phone messages and emails regularly. **In addition, all in-person 4-H programs and activities planned through May 31st must be cancelled or postponed. Also, large events (greater than 50 people) must be cancelled or postponed through the end of June.**

These cancellations affect local, state, and national 4-H educational experiences.

For updates related to state 4-H events and programs please go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Pierce County Public Health Department.

For information about Pierce County 4-H please contact:

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See the last 2 pages for events that have been cancelled or postponed to date.

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**A Note from the Pierce County
4-H Agent, Frank Ginther**

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. I write this from home, sitting in what used to be my spare bedroom and is now my Office. I'm thinking of a favorite quote I have about learning in these days of great change: "Education is not the filling of a bucket, it's the lighting of a fire", attributed to William Butler Yeats

How can we look at ways to light our fires for new learning, new ways of communicating, of socializing, of exploring new ideas and methods to do 4-H projects and meetings, and take this chance to not just fill our buckets with stuff or worse let them overflow, and instead get our fires going strong! This is a time to continue to work together, support one another, and look forward with excitement to new things that we will learn in the days and weeks ahead.

Children are resilient when the world around us seems to be falling apart. But being resilient doesn't mean that they don't feel stress. Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, etc. Below is a list of helpful tips from the World Health Organization on how to help children cope with stress during this worldwide epidemic:

- Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way, listen to their concerns and give them extra love, time, and attention.
- Remember to listen to your children, speak kindly and reassure them.
- If possible, make opportunities for the child to play and relax.
- Try and keep children close to their parents and family and avoid separating children and their caregivers to the extent possible. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalization) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and reassurance.
- Keep to regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or help create new ones in a new environment, including school / learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.
- Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age. This also includes providing information about what could happen in a reassuring way (e.g. a family member and/or the child may start not feeling well and may have to go to the hospital for some time so doctors can help them feel better). *(Thanks to the St. Croix County 4-H staff for their help in sharing this information!)*

We have tried to put a great deal of program updates in this special April newsletter. Please note that things are changing on a daily basis and we will do our best to keep you informed. We currently are planning to return to full and regular 4-H programming on July 1 (note this may change and limited gatherings may open by June 1st). Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself and Sandy or Katy Bishop if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to help stoke your fires for learning! Stay safe and well everyone!

Keep informed with **ACCURATE** information!!

- 211 Wisconsin: <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/coronavirus> (Information here in Spanish and Hmong as well as English)
- Pierce County Website: www.co.pierce.wi.us
- Pierce County Public Health Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/piercecountypublichealth>
- Wisconsin DHS website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

In this special April Newsletter you will find many links to at home learning or workshops and other online things. These are not mandatory and we realize there are many of these new online learning things coming up. Please feel free to just look through and join in on any of them that sound interesting to you or that you have time for. We realize you are very busy with online school at this time and we don't want to overwhelm you, however we feel this is our new normal for a while and our only way to connect, so we do want to share them with anyone that is maybe looking for more 4-H involvement during this perplexing time.

➤ Fun Hands-on Learning To Do At Home

In Wisconsin 4-H, we believe in educational opportunities that involve youth in their own learning. We encourage critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. We want youth to DO a hands-on activity, REFLECT on their experience, and APPLY what they learned in the current activity and beyond. We also know that world events could prevent some of those things from happening. Let's not let them! We chose the resources on this page with busy parents, caregivers, and families in mind. We know there's a lot coming at you all at once, so we took some time to go through a lot of possible activities, resources, and information. We only listed the ones we think are the best, in the current situation. A team of Wisconsin 4-H educators from around the state created the following list of easy-to-access activities and curriculum. 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 out of the chair and moving.
- Included high quality, inclusive, and accessible resources for all ages, including parents and caregivers.

Note: If you don't have exactly the right materials at home, think about what you do have. Don't have foam pipe insulation? Try a pool noodle. Don't have colored construction paper? Use printer paper and encourage youth to color a design on it. Don't have...? Well, you get the idea.

Icon Code for Resources Listed Below

SP = also translated into Spanish AR = also translated into Arabic

☹ = does not meet all criteria, but is the best resource we can find on the subject right now

Here is the link to the activities: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>

Interesting Online Learning Options

Nature Challenge Facebook Group-Ongoing - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/605738260282923/>

Postcard Challenge Facebook Group-Ongoing - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2565841750365463/>

Various Science Topics Website-Ongoing - <https://science.wisc.edu/>

Engineering Advanced Bridges YouTube-Ongoing - <https://youtu.be/Wdu3ZUB6eAY>

Pop UP Greeting Card - Community ServiceYouTube-Ongoing - <https://youtu.be/aGOuZJbmxIA>

Be A Story Solver YouTube-Ongoing - <https://youtu.be/OVE3gs-l6ho>

How to Make a Cheese and Apple Slice Quesadilla - Zoom, Wednesday, April 15th 2:00 PM -

<https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/212207273>

Other E Learning Opportunities - Here are some more great links...check them out!

Learning Links—4-H and More - <https://extension.wsu.edu/king/learning-links-4-h-and-more/>

4-H at Home - <http://4h.okstate.edu/4-h-at-home>

Teaching EE at Home - <http://www.paee.net/teaching-ee-at-home.html>

Virtual At Home Learning - <https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning>

Virtual Reality Field Trips - <https://lucas.osu.edu/VR>

At Home Learning Resources - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources>

STEMCARE - <https://scistarter.org/stemcare>

10 Minute Science - <https://ohio4h.org/10-minute-science>

Making Digital Games at Home - <https://www.raspberrypi.org/blog/tag/digital-making-at-home/>

STEM Activities - <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/stem-activities-resources>



4-H Art Lab Webinars

Would you like to be involved in conversations about art, community, college, and future careers? 4-H 'Art Lab Extended' provides an opportunity for older youth and adults all across Wisconsin to become immersed in art through monthly video conferences.

Join in to hear experiences from youth who participated in our UW-Madison 4-H Art Lab program as well as a professional artists such as Deborah Hearst who works with the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison, WI. She has been a professional actor, theater collaborator, writer and storyteller for over two decades.

Upcoming topics:

- **Art with Community Impact, April 23rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm**
- **Careers in Art, May 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Join in at this Zoom Meeting link:

<https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/320877803>

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



Checkout these two National 4-H Council websites for learning activities that you can access and download for use:

4-H Healthy Living Activity Guide (30 fun, skill-building activities to help your kids live a healthy life): <https://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/4H-Healthy-Living-Activity-Guide.pdf>

4-H Inspire Kids to Do Activity Guide (60 educational activities in science, healthy living, crafting, and more, to help your child learn through hands-on doing): <https://4-h.org/about/inspire-kids-to-do/activity-guide/>

Here is 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/>.

PLEASE NOTE: The first page is for educators or leaders 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. We are terming these as "cloth face masks" so as to distinguish them from "masks" which are reserved for health care workers and require much more detail to make.



The next meeting of the Pierce County 4-H Horse Committee will be held using Zoom conferencing on **Tuesday, April 14th at 8 p.m.** You will not need to have a video connection as Zoom offers both video/audio and audio only options to connect to this meeting. Per new Extension Zoom security guidelines, you will need to REGISTER for this meeting in order to attend. Here is the registration information:

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://uwextension.zoom.us/meeting/register/upEkd--vrzlrDHKnDRpfS0tiJ6Q8nzswJA>



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please contact Frank at 715-273-3531 X6658 or by e-mail at francis.ginther@wisc.edu if you have any questions about using Zoom.



"It's time to enter your projects for the Fair!!"

You all should have received your "official" 4-H Pierce County Fair Entry Form in the mail by now. At the current time the plan is for you to return this to your club leader by the end of May. However, we know we are in ever changing times, so please watch your email for more information to come out on how your fair entry forms will be turned in, or what the registration and Pierce County Fair will look like this year. For now keep working on projects and plan to turn in your form by the end of May. Watch your email for more information and updates to this.

Please call the Extension Office with any questions. 715-273-6781. We do get your messages and will return your call. It may not be immediate, but will be returned within a day of the business day you left it. Or email sandy.radkey@wisc.edu for info on Fair entry questions. Or email francis.ginther@wisc.edu for questions on programs.

From Ann and April at the Pierce County Fair Office:

At this time the Pierce County Fair Sign Promotion Contest is on. You can start the idea process for those now. For more details, please contact Ann Webb, Pierce County Fair Coordinator at: awebb@co.pierce.wi.us or call her at 715-273-6874 currently there M-T-W. The Seyforth Building is locked however you may contact Ann or April Daniels (april.daniels@co.pierce.wi.us) ahead of time to make an appointment for a visit through their service counter glass.



Are looking for an opportunity to connect with our State 4-H Program Director or to hear other volunteers from across WI share ideas from their 4-H Clubs and Groups? Then consider making time to listen into the next Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall Zoom conference. The conference will take place on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 p.m. (You will not need to have a video connection as Zoom offers both video/audio and audio only options to connect to this meeting). Here is the connection information:

4-H Community Town Hall -- Tuesday, April 14th @ 7pm Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/588043556> Meeting ID: 588 043 556

One tap mobile - +13126266799,,588043556# US (Chicago)

Does it always seem like you are rushed to finish your Record Book after the Fair? Well... Get started now! Forms can be found at:

<https://pierce.extension.wisc.edu/record-book-forms/>

Check the link for Record Book Guidelines, Record Book Cover, Title page, MPE, MPE-A-1, Parent Comment. Lifetime Dairy Record, Meat Animal short form financial report... and Secretary Book info, and more.



Check out the State 4-H site for lots of info on e-learning projects and activities and things to do during this Safer-At-Home time.

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

Here you will find Wisconsin 4-H and COVID-19 Response to click on for great information on what has been happening and how 4-H is responding.

Find FUN Hands-On Learning at Home Activities

Info on 4-H Youth Livestock Project Update on COVID-19

Find out things that have been postponed (like State 4-H Horse Speaking & Demo Contest, State Horse Bowl & Hippology and other things postponed, cancelled or still on at this time.

And a lot more info can be found on this state 4-H page. Click the link above.



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Attention Market Lamb and Market Goat Exhibitors

Identification Request Form Due Friday May 1st, 2020 by 4:30 PM

The market lamb and goat weigh-in on April 18th, 2020 has been **CANCELLED**.

The Livestock Committee and Extension Office will no longer be distributing ear tags and will be using Scrapie tags as identification. All sheep and goats are required to have Scrapie tags in their ear.

All sheep and goat members should have been sent a Identification Request Form that needs to be filled out (one per family should be sent back, with a head and profile shot of each animal). Please email the Identification Request Form and the pictures to: piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com In the subject line, enter based on your species: Sheep ID Information or Goat ID Information. Deadline to have information emailed to the Livestock Committee will be **FRIDAY MAY 1st, 2020 by 4:30 PM**

With all the uncertainty at this point, it is a family decision whether to purchase or raise market animals this year. Even if you decide NOT to exhibit a lamb or goat, you still need to send the request back. Mark the box "Not planning to Exhibit a Market Lamb and or Market Goat. (Please Note: This is only for Market not Breeding Stock) Email at: piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com Subject- Not Exhibiting Market Animal

Keep checking the Pierce County 4-H Livestock Facebook Page, website and your personal emails for any updates and or changes that might be taking place. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Livestock Committee or your species superintendent. Linda Steele's email is linda_steele@hotmail.com and Gina Klecker's email is gmklecker@hotmail.com

Swine Exhibitors

The 4-H Swine Project survey link is now closed, thank you all for your prompt responses. Please remember to e-mail back your Tagging Request Form by Friday, April 10th so that the Extension Office and Livestock Committee can assess plans and options for possible ear tag distribution.

If you have any questions regarding the livestock project, please be sure to email us directly: piercecountylivestockcommittee@aail.com



Do You Have a 4-H Skill You'd Like to Share with others? Put it on Video!



We are looking for both 4-H Youth and Adults interested in creating 4-H project videos, kind of like a demonstration to share! This will help to continue project learning for people as we "Stay Safer at Home". Teach us how to decorate a cake, build a birdhouse, identify animal tracks or birdsongs, learn parts of a tractor, how to make a friendship bracelet etc... This is a great time to help youth learn how to create good quality videos and might even make an awesome Self-Determined project. If you are interested or have a video to share, contact Frank at: francis.ginther@wisc.edu



AmazonSmile Fundraiser

We have set up an on-line fundraising option to support Pierce County 4-H throughout the year. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice, and that is us! Just a note, it may state that the funding is going to support "Board of Regents of the UW-System". This is because AmazonSmile uses our federal EIN number to match up charitable organizations with fundraising. If you or someone you know shops through Amazon, please have them consider clicking on our AmazonSmile link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0212602> then log into Amazon as usual and start raising money for 4-H! Thanks for helping to support positive youth development for all Pierce County 4-H families!!



Dog Project Members - Here are two YouTube links to quiz bowl videos that our friends, the St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project Members and Volunteers, have put together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1b362iX8OY&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RIPKm6T7al&feature=youtu.be>

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Updated information can be found at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/30/wisconsin-4-h-and-covid-19-response/>.

4-Hers are finding ways to connect with each other and contribute to their clubs and communities, while staying safe and respecting the guidance to remain "safer at home" with members of their own households. These positive stories are helping us all get through challenging times. We look forward to the time that we can gather again.

Continue to reach out to Frank or Sandy for updates on local programming. You can:

- **Call the Office number at: 715-273-6781**
- **Leave a message for Frank at: 715-273-3531 X6658**
- **Or use our e-mails: sandy.radkey@wisc.edu // francis.ginther@wisc.edu.**

We're keeping regular office hours as we both work from home. Stay safe and well!!!

Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl and all county Dairy Bowl events = CANCELLED

Wisconsin 4-H Horse Bowl, state Hippology, and Speaking/Demonstration events = POSTPONED

Pierce County 4-H Horse Bowl practices = CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl = CANCELLED

Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Conference = NO REGISTRATION NOW MAY BE OFFERED IN A DIFFERENT FORMAT

American Spirit Trip = CANCELLED

Space Camp = POSTPONED WITH POSSIBLE FALL DATE OFFERED

Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo FIVE (7th & 8th Grade Adventure Trip) = CANCELLED

Pierce County 4-H Swine Tagging = POSTPONED PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR TAGGING REQUEST FORM BY FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Western Gateway 4-H Invitational Shoot at River Falls Sportsman's Club = CANCELLED

Pierce County 4-H Dog Project Orientation = POSTPONED UNTIL FIRST ALLOWABLE NIGHTS OF DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Pierce County 4-H Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging = TAGGING EVENT CANCELLED PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS SENT OUT FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS WITH PHOTOS AND SCRAPIES TAGS, AND RETURN YOUR IDENTIFICATION REQUEST FORM BY MAY 1ST

Pierce County 4-H Air Rifle and Air Pistol and Archery practices = CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pierce County Fair Entry Forms = PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB LEADERS ON A COVID SAFE WAY TO TURN IN YOUR FORMS TO THEM AND ON HOW YOUR CLUB WILL COLLECT JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY FEES

Pierce County 4-H Foods Review = POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pierce County 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Camper and Counselor registrations = CAMP IS STILL PLANNED FOR LATE JUNE AND EARLY JULY, APPLICATIONS AND CAMPER REGISTRATIONS BEING ACCEPTED, FEES FOR COUNSELORS ON HOLD AND CAMPER CHECKS BEING HELD UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

NW 4-H Golf Classic = CANCELLED UNTIL JUNE 14, 2021

Pierce County 4-H Clothing Revue = POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pierce County 4-H Robotics meetings = POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pierce County 4-H Dairy and Livestock Judging practices = CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pierce County 4-H Avian Bowl Interest Meeting and practices = POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors Council Meeting = CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 27TH VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Pierce County 4-H Gymkhana, SRP, and Drill Team practices = POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*Pierce County 4-H Horse Committee Meeting = CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Western District Gymkhana Meeting = CANCELLED

Pierce County 4-H Cloverbud Leaders Training = CANCELLED

*Pierce County New 4-H Club Leaders Meeting = CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

WI 4-H ArtBeat! = POSTPONED

WI 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops and Competitive Shoots = POSTPONED FOR NOW AND MAY BE CANCELLED

National 4-H Conference = CANCELLED

National 4-H Shooting Sports Contests = CANCELLED

Pierce County 4-H Llama Matching and Training Sessions = POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pierce County 4-H Goat and Sheep Weigh-ins = CANCELLED

Pierce County 4-H Pre-Fair Weight Check for 2020 Fair Animals = CANCELLED

Pierce County 4-H Beef Workshop = CANCELLED

Area Animal Science Day = CANCELLED