



Hello All Volunteers, 4-H Youth, and Extension,

On behalf of the Leaders Association, I want to personally wish everyone the very best this year! Even though we are still in the middle of Winter, the Leaders' Association is already planning for upcoming Spring and Summer events. The Association is reviewing past events to capture the successes and improve on others. We are always looking for help and ideas, please contact Holly, Becky or your Club leader if you wish to help or have an idea. The Leaders Association is passionate about 4-H, what it means and how we can make it better. If you know a Board Member or see your Club Leader, thank them for all they do. Without their effort and time, none of this would be possible.

As in typical fashion we often wait until the last minute to register for events or activities. With our ability to log in and electronically sign up, I highly recommend doing this sooner than later. We really appreciate having a count in advance of the deadlines. Please consider the 4-H camp as a great way to meet new 4-Hers from other counties as well as connect with your friends. I had the privilege to take part in camp last year for my first time. Camp Susan in Langlade County is a terrific place to send your son or daughter. The group of Leaders and Counselors went above and beyond for the youth! The activities and camaraderie are second to none! It reminded me of my youth and past camp experiences. When the sign up becomes available, I sincerely hope you consider doing so. And for those budget conscious parents, it is a great value. I am sure Holly will send out more information as it becomes available.

With the mild winter, I want to remind everyone to be safe when enjoying the winter activities. There are still areas with thin ice and less than ideal conditions. I wish everyone the very best and look forward to working with you in the months to come.

Chad Lashua

4-H Leaders' Association President



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Purpose Statement

"We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities."



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Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. In certain situations, information related to requests may be shared with staff or units necessary to help coordinate an appropriate accommodation.



Wisconsin 4-H International Programs emphasizes the 4-H values of belonging and understanding through international exchange. In today's ever changing world the skill of global citizenship becomes more and more important all the time. Help the youth in your community build bridges and connect with others from around the world! For more info: <https://wi4hinternational.org/>

...And our World

The Wisconsin 4-H International Program will bring a **Global 4-H Program to Project Discovery Day on March 28th**. All Project Discovery Day participants will participate in a short hands-on program. A Global 4-H luncheon will follow Project Discovery Day for those older youth who wish to stay and learn more. Consider staying for the luncheon and join the fun as we broaden our knowledge of 4-H across the globe.



Congratulations Callan Groth of Merrill Busy Bees!

Callan Groth was recently accepted to the WI 4-H International Program in the 4 week study aboard program. This July, Callan will travel to Japan. While there she will live with a host family, learn about the Japanese culture, and experience what 4-H is like in Japan. We look forward to hearing all about her journey.

This once in a life time opportunity has some financial burdens. Callan is required to do some fundraising for her trip. Currently, we are putting together a team to assist her with raising funds for this 4-H experience. If you would be interested in helping on this committee or if you have a funding resource to share, please contact Holly Luerssen (holly.luerssen@wisc.edu) or Becky Kludy (rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu).



Robotics Competition

February/March 2020



The Lincoln County 4-H Robotics group traveled to Oak Creek, Wisconsin (near Milwaukee) to compete in a Lego League Robotics competition. Out of 40 registered teams, they placed in the top 20. This is a great accomplishment considering this group of middle school students only met once a month for most of the season and went against school teams that met daily or weekly at the very least.

Our team of 8 students is made up of both boys and girls from all over Lincoln County. The programming competition provided a list of challenges and the team voted on which ones to take up. There were no instructions showing how to perform a task, only how many points would be awarded upon successful completion. Each team had three 2 1/2-minute rounds to score as many points as possible.

There is more to the competition than programming. The entire team also had to go before a group of three judges to introduce their teammates and demonstrate how each contributed to the team. They really excelled here! In addition, they needed to explain why they chose the design of the robot and any attachments they were using. This allowed the judges to see the creativity and innovation that went into this project prior to competing.

Lastly, the group also had to research a problem or need in their community and put together a proposal on how to solve it. They then performed a skit, explaining the challenges and how it affects them. These life skills will stay with them forever! Being able to speak in front of judges without the help of parents or coaches provided the team an opportunity to practice communication that will be greatly needed as they move towards adulthood.

At the end of the competition everyone assembled to announce the winners. Besides recognizing those teams that scored well, Lego League also acknowledged teams that excelled in its core values. I am elated to tell you that our very own 4-H team won one of the Core Value Awards! All of the students were high fived by every judge, referee, and volunteer as they made their way to receive their award. They took home the "Innovation" award for the most innovative robot of the entire competition!

Thanks to all the parents and leaders of the Robotics group for all of your time, energy, patience, and support of the project. Without these people, the Robotics team would not be the success that it is. Parent involvement is so critical in the development and success of our youth. These parents embodied all of that and then some, I am truly blessed and grateful to have such wonderful people helping.

Thank you!

Chad Lashua





Meet the Ambassador Leader & Team!

Have you ever thought about being a 4-H Ambassador? Do you want to learn more? Interested in shaping the future of the Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador Program?

Then, this meeting is for you. Come meet our current Ambassadors, the new leader, and learn how you too can become an Ambassador. (Besides all the opportunities, it is a great resume builder for jobs and college applications.)

Youth in 7th grade and older, adults and club leaders are welcome to attend this meet-n-greet.

When: Wed. Feb. 12th at 6p.m.

Where: LCSC - Room 156

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H ROBOTICS GROUP

Have you ever wanted to build a robot and then program it ?

The Lincoln County 4-H Robotics group was organized in 2016 to provide an opportunity for youth to discover the world of robotics by building and programming robots. Now they are entering competitions!

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month and are held at the Lincoln County Service Center at 801 North Sales Street in Merrill. Meetings normally last about 2 hours.

So if you love a challenge...please come join this group. Interested adult leaders are encouraged and welcome to attend.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Robotics Group, email 4hroboticslincolncounty@gmail.com

**CHECK OUT OUR SESSION AT
PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY!**



Don't let the following college scholarships pass you by:

Competitive Edge Scholarship Application If you have any questions, please contact the Competitive Edge Scholarship Program Coordinator, Gaelan Combs at gcombs@wisc.edu or (608) 293-3726. The Competitive Edge Scholarship Program offers 2-\$1,000 and 2-\$500 scholarships to incoming students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison www.wisconsinagr.com

The Chancellor's and Powers-Knapp Scholarship Programs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison were established to attract, support and develop the abilities and potential of academically talented and outstanding individuals. The program is seeking youth to apply from rural and farming communities that are planning to apply to attend UW-Madison for the 2020-2021 academic year. The deadline for students wishing to attend next fall is Tuesday, February 4th. More information and application details available here: <https://cspks.wisc.edu/>.

The **Wisconsin 4-H Foundation** will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 16, 2020, 5:00 pm.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. Questions? Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation: 608.262.1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org. More details and applications: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

The **Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board** is offering \$1,000 scholarships to individuals that will be third or fourth year college students during the 2020-21 academic year. <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>

Check out Wisconsin based scholarships at
<https://www.collegerank.net/scholarships-in-wisconsin/>

College Scholarship Opportunities



4-H Drama, Lip Sync & Music Festival



Do you like to sing or dance? Perhaps you play an instrument or enjoy performing lip sync? Or maybe you want to try acting?

Now's the time! Clubs and individuals may participate.

Get your act together and start practicing! Registration information will be posted online in March and will be in the April—May Newsletter.

Find out more about the festival, including guidelines and sample rating sheets, at: <http://bit.ly/LC4HDramaFest>

Let's Party!

February/March 2020



Lincoln County 4-H Centennial Barn Dance

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

6:00 pm 9:00 pm

Merrill Town Hall

Free Family Event



**Kick off the Lincoln County 4-H Centennial
with a Barn Dance!**

**Dancing will be led by Amanda Herdt
Snacks and beverages will be available!**

All Ages!

**This
celebration is open
to all ages – just like
4-H, there will be fun
for all!**

Everyone is invited!

**You don't have to be
part of 4-H to come
and have fun!**

Community Wide!

Come for the Dance ... Stay for the Cake Walk

Help us out with the Barn Dance! We need people to set up, run activities and clean up. Oh — and we need people to **BAKE CAKES!**

Tell us what you can do at: <http://bit.ly/LC4HBarnDance>



February

- 4 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 8 ----- 4-H Archery Leadership Certification—Antigo, 8 am
- 4-H Communication Contest (County wide)—LCSC, 9 am
- 10 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 12 ----- **Deadline:** Register for Club Officer Training
- Meet the Ambassadors!—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 15 ----- Club Officer Training—LCSC, 10:00 am
- 16 ----- Older Youth Activity—The MARC 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- 17 ----- **Deadline:** Apply for 4-H Summer Camp Counselors & Adult Staff
- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 23 ----- **Last Chance:** VIP Training—Antigo, 3:00 pm
- 25 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 29 ----- Centennial Barn Dance — Merrill Town Hall, 6:00—9:00 pm

March

- 3 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 8 ----- DST Starts—Turn clocks ahead one hour!
- 9 ----- **Deadline:** Register for Project Discovery Day
- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- MASS: **Mandatory** Sheep & Swine Meeting—LCSC, 7 pm
- 16 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 24 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 28 ----- Project Discovery Day Merrill w/Cultural Event—LCSC, 8:30 am

April

- 6 ----- **Deadline:** Register for Drama, Lip Sync & Music Festival
- 7 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 8 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 20 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 25 ----- **Deadline:** Mass: Sheep and Swine Pictures due BY NOON
- Drama, Lip Sync & Music Fest—Tomahawk Middle School, 9:00 am
- 28 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm

May

- 5 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 11 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 18 ----- 4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 26 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm

NOTE: LCSC = Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St, Merrill



The first 4-H club in Lincoln County was organized in the Bieglow school in Tomahawk in 1920. 4-H clubs were organized in most of the county rural schools during the next 4 to 5 years. The purpose was to teach the newest skills and technology of farming and homemaking to youth.

Guidance was provided by A.H. Cole, County Agent and T.I Bostwick, Wisconsin 4-H Leader, and Mildred Hagerty, Assistant State 4-H Leader.

Projects offered were cattle and chickens for the boys and canning and food preparation for the girls. Today, we still teach and give guidance to members. However today, not only are projects open to all, but they include robotics, photography, computer coding and almost 100 other projects!

4-H has advanced with our ever-changing society. It has come a long way in 100 years!

Join in the Celebration!

We would like everyone—youth and adults, parents and children, individuals and clubs—to take part in this year-long celebration. We are hoping that each club will be willing to step in and help lead one of the Centennial Celebrations. Or maybe you can coordinate with another club to run one together. Maybe you have a great idea for another way to celebrate the Centennial – a county-wide project that will involve all of 4-H and the entire community. Is there a community service project that would be a perfect fit for this 4-H milestone? The Centennial Celebration Committee would be glad to provide guidance!

Don't have any ideas? We have some ideas listed on our centennial website, <http://bit.ly/LC4HCentennial>, take a look and see if you would like to help with one of those! Talk to your youth and listen to what they would like. Have more ideas? Let us know!

We have a page just for you to get in touch with us! <http://bit.ly/LC4HCentennialHelp> or contact Becky at rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu or 715-539-1074.

Remember: 4-H is built on partnerships!



Market Animal Show and Sale (MASS)

For more information about the MASS program, visit the **Lincoln County MASS page** at <http://bit.ly/LC4HMASS> or contact one of the board members listed below: Please e-mail us if there are any questions and issues, and we will meet as a group to discuss and get back to you in a timely manner. Email address lincolncomass@gmail.com

2019-20 MASS Board of Directors:

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FFA Advisor- Michelle Heeg-----536-4594

****Be sure to check us out and become a member of Lincoln County MASS Project on Facebook. Information and important dates will be posted on this page.



Mandatory MASS Sheep & Swine Meeting
March 9, 2020 @ 7pm at LCSC

Lincoln County 4-H Horse Project

The Lincoln County 4-H Horse Project meets the third Monday of every month at the Lincoln County Service Center.

Membership is open to and includes all currently enrolled 4-H horse project members, adult leaders, parents and guardians. If you are interested in showing at the fair, please attend these meetings to get the necessary information and required paperwork.

The LCHP is part of the 4-H program in general, and specifically, the Lincoln County 4-H program. As such, the policies and guidelines of the Wisconsin and the Lincoln County 4-H program apply.

For more information about the Lincoln County 4-H Horse Project, please contact Krissi Schultz at (715) 351-0093 or email at kjschultz2018@gmail.com.





Project Discovery Day is a GO!

We have 10 different projects lined up for the day — they are all hands on and most participants will end up taking home a project that they could even enter in the fair!

Preregistration is a must, all workshops are filled first come, first served. If there is a cost for the session, payment needs to be included with the registration form.

Please see the Project Discovery Day registration sheet (on gold paper) enclosed in this newsletter for all the details.

NEW THIS YEAR!

This year, the final session is “4-H as a Cultural Experience”! A short hands on experience for everyone who attends Project Discover Day. This session will show the global impact of 4-H and how 4-H reaches people around the world. All Project Discovery Day participants are encouraged take part!

There will also be a Cultural Luncheon that will follow! This event is open to any older youth (grades 6—12) and their parents who are interested in learning more about the global travel opportunities that 4-H offers.

More information on this program will be posted when available. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and blog for more details!

An infographic with a light blue background. In the top left is a green four-leaf clover with a white 'H' on each leaf. To its right, the text '4-H youth are' is in black, followed by '3.4 times' in white inside a blue circle, and 'more likely to actively contribute to their communities.' in black. A white banner with the word 'VOLUNTEER' in orange capital letters points from the text towards the right. At the bottom right, a pair of hands holds a green and blue globe. The right side of the infographic is decorated with a vertical line of green clovers.

4-H youth are **3.4 times** more likely to actively contribute to their communities.

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*The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, 2013.
<http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/>



Save the Dates:

June 10-12, 2020— *“Walk On The Wild Side”*

A summer camp experience for youth in grades 7-10.

July 6, 2020— 4-H Day Camp

A one day camp experience for youth in 5K-3rd grade.

July 7-10, 2020—Summer Camp

An overnight camp experience for youth in grades 3-6.

All camps will be held at 4-H Camp Susan just north of Antigo, WI.

More information on the camping programs will be out soon.

Camp is not just for youth! *We need adults to help serve on the planning committee and camp staff.*

Consider joining our team!



4-H Summer Camp Counselor & Adult Staff



4-H CAMP

4-H Summer Camp is just around the corner. Now is the time to begin preparing our camp staff for a fun filled educational experience.

Adults and 4-Hers (8th grade and older) are welcome to join us. Adults may join our planning team and/or help at camp as a chaperone. Youth are encouraged to join the counselor team.

More information on training dates and qualifications can be found on the application. All applications are due on February 17th.

If you have questions contact: Holly Luerssen, 4-H Program Coordinator.

Email: holly.Luerssen@wisc.edu or

Call 715-627-6236(Antigo) or 715-539-1072(Merrill)

Link to applications: <http://bit.ly/CampCounselorAdult2020>

A coalition with Lincoln, Langlade, Price, & Oneida County 4-H Programs

Summer is for Camping

Things you should know

February/March 2020



**2020 Lincoln County Fair will be
August 12 – 16th.**

This year's fair theme is:
"These are the Good Old Days"
The colors will be green and red!



The entry date deadline will be July 15, 2020. More information will be posted on the Lincoln County Fair website: <http://www.lincolncofair.com/> as it becomes available.

O'TANNENBAUM TOUR—PARADE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who helped make the O'Tannenbaum Tour and the Parade fundraiser at Johnson Gifts a success! Thanks to everyone who donated (time and items) and thanks to all who purchased something! Generosity such as yours enables Lincoln County 4-H to do such amazing things!

For a complete list of O'Tannenbaum winners:
<http://bit.ly/3iXWZd>



VIP Training



Are you an adult interested in becoming a certified 4-H Adult Volunteer? Then don't miss this class!

Sign
ME
UP!

**One last chance to take the
VIP Training!**

when: Sunday, February 23

Time: 3-5 p.m.

where: Langlade County Extension
Office @ 1225 Langlade Rd; Antigo

Contact your 4-H/Extension Office to register.

➤ Langlade: 715-627-6236

➤ Lincoln: 715-539-1072





Calling all adults with an interest in Archery! Lincoln County 4-H youth are in need of mentors interested in leading a 4-H archery program. The first step is attending a training. If you are interested, please sign up.

You do not need prior archery knowledge to participate. We will teach you!

4-H Archery Leader Certification Workshop



When: February 8, 2020

Time: 8a.m.-5p.m.

Where: Js Archery & Pro Shop
On Hwy 45 in Antigo, WI

Are you interested in becoming a Wisconsin 4-H Certified Archery Leader?

If so then this workshop is for you. Only Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Leader may provide hands-on and safety instruction supervision on the range. To become a new certified archery leader, adults must first complete an online training and then attend an in-person class to be certified. *Leaders with 7 or more years may be re-certified by attending a Saturday only class.*

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



To Participate:

1. Let your local County 4-H Office know of your interest. Check for possible funding assistance.
2. *New Certifications (\$20 a leader)*—Online Class: <https://4-hshootingsportscollege.com>
3. *New & Returning Leader Certifications*— Saturday, February 8th Workshop (\$52 a leader; if a spouse attends \$25 reduced fee for 2nd person): <https://www.browncountywi.gov/form/archery-workshop-langlade/>

Questions? Contact:

Holly Luerssen, 4-H Program Coordinator-Lincoln & Langlade Counties — holly.luerssen@wisc.edu
Doug Thompson, Coordinator Wisconsin Shooting Sports — doug.thompson@browncountywi.gov



Lincoln County 4-H

2019-2020
Merrill, WI

By The Numbers...

- 233 Youth Enrolled
- 103 Certified Adult Leaders
- 2,429 Individual 4-H Project Enrollments in
105 Project Areas
- 5 Active County-Wide Project Groups
- 12 Clubs Meet in 8 Different Towns/Cities
- 73 Youth Living on Farms
- 160 Youth Living in a Non-Farm, Rural, or Urban Home



County-Wide Programming

- Club & Project Meetings
- Robotics Team
- Summer & Winter Camps
- Project Discovery Day
- Recognition Banquet
- Lincoln County Fair
- Trips & Experiences
- Scholarships



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