



4-H Express

August/September 2021

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Grounded
in the past
Built
for the future

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

The Lincoln County Fair dates are quickly approaching, August 11-15th. So what is a Fair?

Fairs are for everyone. Not just 4-H members, but other youth groups, leaders, parents, friends, relatives and everyone who attends the fair.

Fairs are fun and a place to meet new friends. Playing and working together at the Fair leads to stronger friendships within and beyond the local 4-H club.

Fairs provide a place for displaying project work. The fair gives youth a chance to show off skills and lets everyone know what 4-H'ers learn and can do.

Fairs are for learning. Whether you receive a blue or pink ribbon, it's what you learn at the fair that's important. Be sure to keep your ears and mind open when the judges are speaking to you. The judges are teachers, interested in helping you learn.

Fairs provide a place to experience competition. The fair lets youth see standards of excellence and try their skills at matching or exceeding them. In face to face judging, members aren't compared against one another, but rather against standards of excellence and against their own goal.

Fairs give a person the opportunity to develop confidence. By exhibiting their project work and talking with a judge or a fair visitor about their exhibit, youth have a chance to feel good about what they've been able to do during the year.

Fairs provide a place for new ideas. Many youth see what others have done and this leads to many decisions, perhaps trying a different 4-H project the following year (many adult leaders get ideas for next year too).

Always keep in mind: You are a WINNER when you do your best, have fun, make new friends, and learn a lot by just being involved

(Adapted from Outagamie County Newsletter)



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Dairyland Stand

Did you know the 4-H Dairyland Ice Cream Stand is a great fundraising opportunity for Lincoln County 4-H youth and their families to fundraise for their own clubs, groups or even individual 4-H trips and leadership opportunities?

When you volunteer for a shift at the Dairyland Stand booth, your hours worked are recorded and a portion of the profits, based on the number of hours you worked, will be held in a "Youth Funds" pool. You will be able to designate how your portion of those funds are used: on a specific 4-H project or club, towards scholarships or grants or to help pay for a portion of a youth 4-H trip or leadership opportunity!

4-H offers many opportunities for youth to attend leadership conferences, take educational trips and participate in group activities. Learning how to plan for and earn money to pay for these opportunities is an important life skill. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to teach that life skill.

We need 4-H youth (ages 11 and over) and adult leaders/volunteers.

Dairyland Shift Sign Ups
Now ONLINE!



To see what shifts are available and to sign up for one go to:
<https://signup.com/go/uUqPsSL> You will NOT need to register an account or keep a password! Just provide an **email that you will check!**

Contact the office if you need help signing up!

Dairyland Stand is on the Midway!

The Knights of Columbus had generously allowed the Lincoln County 4-H Dairyland stand to move into their fairground stand as they will not be using it this year!

So look for the Dairyland Stand at the top of the midway this year.



Attention Club Leaders!



If you want to fundraise for your club sign up for spots as your club — **you will be responsible for recruiting and staffing those positions!**

In order for your club to earn fundraising money from the Dairyland Stand you need to sign up for positions as your club and ensure that those shifts are staffed. When your members sign up individually, the funds will be placed in those individual accounts **it will not be distributed to the clubs.** This is a change from the past years!!!

If you have any questions or need help signing up, contact the office!

Help Sell Raffle Tickets!

Once again the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association is holding an all cash raffle. This is a major fundraiser for Lincoln County 4-H.

We are looking for clubs and members who can help sell raffle tickets before and during the fair!

Raffle ticket information:

Drawing held on 7/15, at noon on the Festival Grounds

1st—\$300 2nd—\$200 3rd—\$100

4th—\$75 5th—50

Contact the Extension office to get the tickets!

4-H Talent Explosion

Did you know the 4-H has a stage at the fair and that **ANY 4-H MEMBER** can be part of the 4-H Talent Explosion? The Lincoln County 4-H's annual **4-H Talent Explosion** will be held on **Sunday, August 15th**, starting at **noon**, in **Bierman Building** where you will be able to share your talents with fair goers.

If you took part in the Communications contest, you can perform the same entry that you did then, or perform a new one. Perform individually or as a group. Any 4-H Youth can enter, even if you could not take part in the county wide events held earlier this year.

Register online at bit.ly/TalExpApp!



Join us for the 4-H Fall Festival!

Lincoln County 4-H is holding a FREE! Fall Festival to celebrate past year of 4-H goodness and to look forward to the start of a new 4-H year!

The festival will be held at the Agra Pavilion on October 30th from 2-4 pm. (This will be in place of the 4-H Banquet).

Keep watch for more information!

Projects at the Fall Festival!

In addition to celebrating the amazing things that Lincoln County 4-H has done this past year, we are looking at incorporating Project Discovery Day into the Fall Festival! We are looking for people who would be willing to provide a project workshop during the Fall Festival.

Can't think of anything? Never fear, we have several projects lined up (string art, fairy doors, rain sticks...) and just need people to supervise the projects.

Sign up to help with a project table at bit.ly/FallFestivalProject



More Upcoming Events!

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Fall Forum

green lake
conference center

It's back in person this year! The Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum is coming to the Green Lake Conference Center on November 6! We can't wait to see all the Youth, Adult Volunteers, and Staff back at this space!! Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes open for more details. We are still recruiting for Saturday Sessions. Do you have something fun to share, teach, or inspire youth and adult leaders with? Fill out the Seminar Submission Form by August 15 to be considered for our Saturday Sessions!

Submit a session here: <https://bit.ly/FallForumSession21>

Watch for more info on registering for the Fall Forum!

Facebook Live Event on Teen Mental Health August 4th, 8:30 pm

In the wake of COVID-19, 7 in 10 teens were struggling with their mental health. As we look towards a post-pandemic era, Lexi Underwood, actress and advocate best known for her role on Hulu's Little Fires Everywhere, will join three 4-H'ers for an open and honest conversation about coping with mental health challenges.

Find it on Facebook at:

<https://fb.me/e/17DdZonN8>

Tune-in on August 4 at 8:30

**PM EDT to join the
conversation, thanks to
support from The Allstate
Foundation.**

**WHAT I WISH
PEOPLE KNEW**



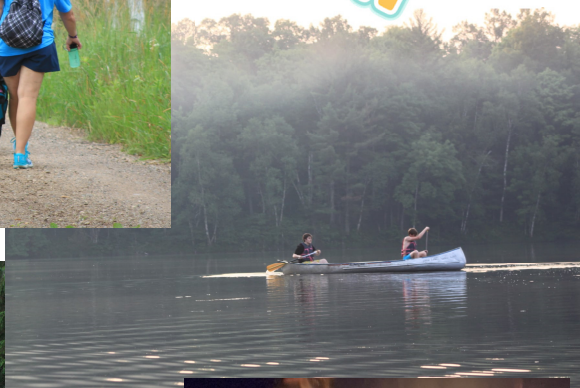
ABOUT TEEN MENTAL HEALTH



This week the 2021 4-H Summer Camp was held at the beautiful Camp Susan in Deerbrook. Our week started on Monday afternoon and evening with Camp Staff training. Campers arrived on Tuesday. It was so exciting to bring back a traditional in person activity this year.

The weather caused us to modify our plans a few times this week, but throughout the week connections were made, new songs were sung at campfires, skills were learned, skits were performed, challenges were had, and fun was had by all.

Thank you to the campers, counselors, volunteers, and staff for making this year's 4-H Camp memorable.



Join us for one last summer activity at the Kids Summer Day Camp on August 18th. This day camp is for youth who have completed 5K-3rd Grade. The cost is only \$20!

Bussing from Merrill to Antigo to camp and back will be provided.

This camp is open to all community youth, so bring a friend!

Kids' Summer Camp Aug 18, 2021

Kids summer camp
August 18th \$20

**Super Fun
End of Summer Camp
Coming Soon...**

All youth, who completed 5K-3rd grade, are invited to join us for a day at Camp Susan in Deerbrook.

Meet New Friends
Swimming
Out Door Games
Arts & Crafts
Lunch & Snacks Provided

Bussing from Merrill to Antigo to Camp & Back will be provided

Questions? Contact us  715-627-6236

NEW Registration Link!

We were experiencing difficulties with the previous registration link. We are sorry for any inconvenience it might have caused. Please use this link to register by August 2nd.

<https://bit.ly/KidsSummerCamp21>

This program brought to you by Langlade & Lincoln County 4-H Programs.



August

- 2 ----- **Deadline:** Sign up for Kids' Summer Camp
- 3 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 4 ----- Teen Mental Health Facebook Live Event
- 9 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 11-15 ----- Lincoln County Fair
- 17 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 18 ----- Kids' Summer Camp—Camp Susan

September

4-H online registration begins in September

- 6 ----- Labor Day—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed
- 13 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 15 ----- **Deadline:** Nominations for Leader Awards
- 10 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 21 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 28 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm

October

National 4-H Week is October 3—9

- 1 ----- **Deadline:** Older Youth Awards/Trips Scholarships
- 5 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 11 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 17 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 19 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 26 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Assoc. Board Meeting—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 30 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Fall Festival—Agri Pavilion, Merrill

November

- 2 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 6 ----- Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum—Green Lake, WI
- 8 ----- 4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 16 ----- 4-H Robotics Group—LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 25 ----- Thanksgiving Day—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed
- 26 ----- Day after Thanksgiving—Lincoln County Extension Office Closed

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



4-H GROWS HERE

Did You Know?



The dial gauge on your pressure canner needs to be tested every year.

Get yours tested today!

You can get it tested, free of charge, at Extension Lincoln County. We use the tester provided by Presto and it is the best way to ensure the accuracy and safety of your dial gauge pressure canner.

Just bring in your dial gauge pressure canner and will get you ready for canning!

We're Here
to Help!



Extension

Extension Lincoln County is here to help you with all your food preservation questions.

Extension Lincoln County
801 N. Sales Street, Suite 101
Merrill WI, 54452

(715) 539-1072

New to Food Preservation? Need a Refresher?

Whether you are new to home food preservation or are just looking for a refresher on the best practices, the University of Minnesota Extension has short, informational YouTube videos that provide a hands-on look at food preservation methods and food safety.

You can find them at:

bit.ly/PreservationBasics

Recipes and More!

The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension has many booklets and bulletins that explain how to preserve food safely! If you are interested in canning, freezing, drying, making jams or jellies or even pickling and fermenting, we have a resource just for you! You can find them at:

fyi.extension.wisc.edu/safefood/recipes



Who Will You Nominate?

Friend of 4-H Award - Each year, Lincoln County 4-H recognizes one or two community people (non 4-H leaders) who have helped 4-H in the past year(s). Any 4-H member, parent or leader may submit a nomination for the award. Past recipients were noted for special project workshops, providing space and support for 4-H promotional activities, donations of time and money, for politically supporting the 4-H program, etc.

4-H Volunteer Leader Awards - Each year, Lincoln County 4-H, along with the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will present two different Volunteer Recognition Awards. The Volunteer of the Year Award for individuals who have served as a 4-H Volunteer for less than 10 years and the Lifetime Volunteer Award for individuals who have served 10 or more years. Any 4-H member, parent or leader may nominate a 4-H Volunteer leader for these awards. The 4-H Board of Directors decided at their June 2004 Board meeting that a person is eligible to receive this award every 5 years. Therefore, someone who has received this award previously can be nominated again as long as it has been 5 years since they received the award. The selection is made by a committee of non 4-H adults based on what is shared on the nomination form, so please be complete and thorough.

Forms for both of these awards are available on the 4-H website at bit.ly/Lincoln4HAdultAwards, or from the Extension office. Nominations are due by September 15th. Nominating person(s) will be asked to make the presentation at the Lincoln County 4-H Fall Festival.



**ALONE
WE CAN
DO SO LITTLE.
TOGETHER
WE CAN
DO SO MUCH.
-HELEN KELLER**

A variety of opportunities exist for Lincoln County 4-H older youth — participating in leadership roles, attending conferences and trips, and applying for awards. Scholarship opportunities are also available.

⇒ **County Wide Leadership Roles**

- Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador

⇒ **State Leadership Roles**

- State Art Groups
- Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council

⇒ **Trips and Conferences**

- U.S. Space Camp
- Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference
- American Spirit East
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference Consideration at State Level
- National 4-H Dairy Conference Consideration at State Level

⇒ **Awards**

- Lincoln County 4-H Scholarship
- Key Award
- “I Dare You” Award
- James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award

The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders’ Association, Inc. provides scholarships for many of these opportunities. Scholarships are usually 50% of the cost for the opportunity that the youth applies for. Youth may apply for a scholarship through the Lincoln County Scholarship application resumé process. Completed applications are due October 1st, 2020.

Youth can also earn funds towards older youth opportunities by working in the 4-H Dairyland Stand or Raffle Booth at the Lincoln County Fair. Funds earned by youth in this manner accumulate each year and will be held in their name by the Leaders’ Association until the youth requests to use them.

For more information visit:

bit.ly/LC4HOlderYouth

If you have any questions, you can contact the office at 715-539-1072.



How Are Exhibits Judged?

In order for a fair to receive state aid for premiums (prize money), the fair must follow specific requirements as outlined in Chapter ATPC 160 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Portions of this code are included in the front of the fair exhibitor handbook.

Judges are hired to place the exhibits depending on the different type of judging used. These judges are selected from a list of individuals who are registered with the state Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection. No exhibit may be given a higher premium or rating than it deserves in comparison to the standard for its class. Articles not deserving of a placing shall not receive one. The judge's decision is final. There are four different types of judging:

Danish Judging:

In most departments of the Junior Division, the Danish system of judging is used. All the entries in one lot number are arranged together so the judge can compare the items to a "standard" and to the other entries. The judge then has to decide what placing (ribbon) to give each exhibit. The judge must give the placings according to the Danish judging system (see chart below). The numbers in parentheses show the number eligible for a placing if the maximum number is given in each placing. For example, if there are 10 entries in a lot number, the judge can give only 2 blue ribbons (1st place), 3 red ribbons (2nd place), 2 white ribbons (3rd place), and 3 pink ribbons (4th place). The judge does not have to give the maximum number in each placing depending on the quality of the exhibits. In the example of 10 entries, if the judge does not feel there are any that are worthy of a blue ribbon (1st place), the judge may choose to give up to 5 red ribbons (2nd place) instead.

Face-to-Face Judging

This is another type of judging found in some areas of Junior Division. This system was designed to make the fair and judging experience more educational for the exhibitors. For face-to-face judging, exhibitors must be present at the time of judging and talk to the judge about their entries. The judge gives the exhibitor ideas about how the exhibit could be improved. The judge does not have to follow the placing numbers of the Danish judging system and may base the placement on the learning experience. This is why there may be a large number of blue ribbons awarded—if the youth demonstrate understanding, growth and learning, they will often receive a ribbon based on that. The Jr. Foods division is entirely Face-to-Face judging.

Conference Judging

This is another type of judging done in Junior Division. Basically it means several exhibitors gather at one time with their project items. The judge briefly discusses each exhibit with the exhibitors and uses the information in making the

placings. This is often done by requiring all exhibitors in one class to discuss their projects with the judge at the same time. The Danish guide is still used for placings. This is the type of judging used mostly for the animal departments.

Regular Judging

This the type of judging used in Open Division, and in some areas in Junior Division. In this case, the judge can select only one first-, one second-, one third-, and one fourth-place exhibit among the items in that lot number, depending on whether the judge feels the exhibits are worthy. A list of the judging schedule can be found on the Fair Website. Any questions, please contact the Extension Lincoln County office at 715-539-1072 or Cindi Christiansen at 715-218-7649.

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

Merrill Wisconsin

Fair Building Display Areas

Do you have problems finding what you are looking for at the fair? Never fear! Here's a list. Plus, there will be signs out front of all the buildings listing what is displayed in each.

Bierman Building: Jr. Cultural Arts; Jr. Clothing; Jr. Child Development; Jr. Cloverbuds; Jr. Foods and Nutrition; Jr. Home Furnishings; Jr. Knitting and Crocheting; Jr. Photography, Communications and Computers; Open Antiques; Open Cultural Arts; Open Photography; Open Family Living Departments

Steckling Building: Jr. and Open Natural Sciences; Jr., and Open, Woodworking; Jr. Youth Leadership; Jr. Health and Citizenship; Jr. Animal and Vet. Science; Jr. Mechanical Projects; Jr. Electricity; Jr. Booths, Banners and Scrapbooks; Jr. & Open Flowers and Houseplants; Jr. & Open Plant & Soil Sciences; Jr. School Exhibits.

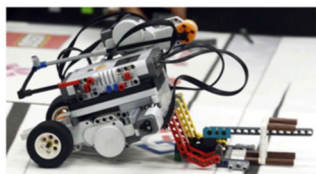
Stock Pavilion: Jr. and Open Animal Departments (except Poultry and Rabbits); Jr. Adventures in Dairyland.

Lokemoen Building: Jr. and Open Poultry and Jr. and Open Rabbits

ROBOTICS

SPIN CLUB

The Lincoln County 4-H
ROBOTICS SPIN CLUB
is ready for you to join! Youth of all
ages are able to join.
Bring your non-4-H friends, too.



Meetings twice a month
on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays!



Visit: bit.ly/LC4HRobotics

Clothing Project Meetings

Do you have an interest in sewing? Maxine is offering opportunities for all clothing project members in Lincoln County to develop their skills as they work on various clothing projects.

When: The second Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m.

Where: The Lincoln County Service Center in Lower Level Conference Room 156 at 801 N. Sales Street in Merrill

Maxine is offering the opportunity for Clothing Project members to work on various clothing projects. Youth may bring their own projects to work on or work on a group project.

If you have any questions contact Maxine at mafehrmann@yahoo.com or (715)212-2838.



Remember: It's not about the color of the ribbon

We are looking forward to another successful Lincoln County Fair with lots of Junior Division exhibits. While it's great to have lots of Junior Division exhibits at the fair, what's really important is what the youth learned throughout their involvement in 4-H, in the project, and in the process of making or preparing their exhibit. Some youth enter lots of fair items but may have learned very little, while others limit the number of fair entries but have developed many new technical and life skills.

Focusing on the number of awards, color of ribbons, and amount of premium money is not the best way to gauge how much of an impact 4-H has had on you. What you learn, and how that knowledge or skills can be applied in other ways in your life is the true measure of the impact of 4-H!

How do you rank on the six measures of sportsmanship?

Conduct

Are you setting a good example?

Fairness

Are you following the rules?

Honesty

Is that the truth?

Competitive Spirit

Is everyone having fun?

Courtesy

Are you being respectful?

Graceful Acceptance of Results

What can be learned?





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- Earn money toward future 4-H experiences and trips!
- Get a free ice cream at the end of your shift.

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