



Below are the upcoming events and scholarship opportunities that are happening in the state and the county! Please note if you would like club, project, or committee information added to the email, in the quarterly newsletter, or to the 4-H Calendar online contact: andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

- **Open Office Hours:** With the “Safe-at-Home” request by the governor changing how we conduct meetings I wanted to make sure that we stay connected as a program. You can use this time to talk to me about upcoming events, 4-H Online questions, or trying out zoom. I do not have stable cellphone service at my house so my work phone has not been the best option for communicating. If you are considering connecting please fill out the Google Form and I can send you the connection information.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcbRFZm6t7HGat5DvBcsLBDEKKmM5RZAD_IwgnHzAGY37foA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **Covid-19 Updates:** As we all know the “Safe-at-home” extension has been overturned by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. What does that mean for Jackson County 4-H Programs? Please reference the 4-H Online email from state leadership, I also have a copy in the link below. Here are some highlights, until September 1st we are not able to have overnight events. Further guidance will come out about how in person meetings will be held in the future with virtual meetings are still preferred.
 - <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/16/4-h-programming-postponed/>
- **North Dakota State Livestock Showing Videos:** Here are some great resources for youth who are currently showing livestock of are interested in learning more about a different species.

- https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/website_master/programs_events_master/state_4_h_contests/livestock_events/
- **UW-Madison Farm Research Center Virtual Tours:** Check out these great videos or the research farms the UW uses! I watched a couple of them this week and I learned a lot about what each facility does and how they all work together with different parts of the university. At the end of each video they ask the presenters what they went to school for and their career path to the current role they have.
 - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/04/15/virtualfarmtours/>
- **4-H Science Explorers:** Are you curious about a science career path? Here is your chance to have lunch with scientists!
 - <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/activities-events/>
- **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 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/>
- **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 Wonder Fair 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. 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
- **Online VIP Training:** With the cancelation of in person VIP trainings I have been working on getting an online VIP experience for individuals who still need this training prior to summer. I will be hosting this in conjunction with Heidi Vanderloop the Chippewa County 4-H Educator. Space will be limited as it is easier to work with a smaller groups. Mark your calendar for **May 20th from 12-1:30**. Please register by May 18th. We will have other dates coming up in the future.
 - <https://forms.gle/eeF2gv1nvrBV6ouB7>

- **Graduating Senior Spotlight:** In light of the recent pandemic I wanted to take a moment to put a spotlight on some of our graduating seniors. If interested families could send me a couple of things I will put together a flyer 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?
 - Please send all of the following to andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

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