

Sauk County 4-H Newsletter

Clover Comments

April 2017



MUSINGS FROM MEG:

It is amazing how quickly this year is moving along. We have been busy working on the details for the Performance Arts Festival, and are looking forward to seeing our many talented 4-H members perform. Club and Project Leaders, I am available to attend your upcoming club meetings. Email me at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu to get your next meeting on my schedule. Thanks to Prairie Busy Badgers for hosting me most recently.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all of our volunteers. **April 23-April 29 in National Volunteer Week.** Hopefully volunteers in the Sauk County 4-H program are hearing thank you, thank you all the time. However, during this time of national celebration of volunteers, we want to THANK each and every one of you. Without youth and adult volunteers, the 4-H program would not be as dynamic, vibrant, all-encompassing or amazing as it is here in Sauk County. Members, please be sure to take the time to thank your club and/or project group volunteer leaders.

GETTING THE MOST FROM CLOVER COMMENTS

Clover Comments is FILLED with information to expand your 4-H involvement in leadership, multi-level events, and project areas. We understand that this can be overwhelming. We recommend:

- When you receive your Clover Comments, take some time as a family to review it, maybe over dinner.
- Have a highlighter ready and highlight those things you are interested in.
- Mark those dates down on your Family calendar.
- RSVP and fill out the forms for the events as soon as you receive the information. The longer you wait, the more likely you are to forget.
- For Leaders – At club meetings, please announce events that you think will interest your club members.
- If you misplace your Clover Comments, no worries...
 - Extra hard copies are available to be picked up in the Extension Office.
 - Electronic copies are found at sauk.uwex.edu
 - Electronic copies can be found in 4-Honline, on your family screen after you log-in.



JUNIOR LEADER COUNCIL (JLC) MEETING

The Junior Leader Council is open to ALL youth who are in 7th grade and up and enrolled in the Sauk County 4-H program. If you are not getting JLC emails, please contact Meg Sage at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu to add you to the emails. The next JLC meeting will be on **Thursday, April 20 at 6:30PM.** The **Community Connections Committee** will meet at **6PM.** **Marketing and Promotions Committee** will meet **after the JLC** meeting.

SENIOR LEADERS' MEETING

The Senior Leaders' meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 in the UW-Extension Conference Room.** 4-H members, leaders and families are welcome to attend.

FIND THE HIDDEN IMAGE


Congratulations **Matson Everton** who found the hidden image in the last month's newsletter. Each month the symbol will change. The first **4-H member** to find the image and email Meg with its' location at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu will win a 4-H prize from a box of choices in the Extension Office. This month's image is: 

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MARCH CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

March 1-Josh Strutz, Sauk City, \$20
March 2-Gloria Leatherberry, Merrimac, \$20
March 3-Brandee Douglas, Reedsburg, \$20
March 4-Jesi Betley, Prairie du Sac, \$50.00
March 5-Morgan & Deanna Klemm, Rock Springs, \$20
March 6-Linda Howe, Stoughton, \$20
March 7-Harolyn Petzke, North Freedom, \$20
March 8-Monica Klink, Hartford, \$20
March 9-Amber Jackson, Plain, \$20
March 10-Rick Kaltenberg, Waunakee, \$20
March 11-Brady Schulz, Reedsburg, \$20
March 12-Barb & Bill Klang, Reedsburg, \$20
March 13-Sally Lemke, Pulaski, \$20
March 14-Nick Hartley, Spring Green, \$20
March 15-Thomas Genovese, Baraboo, \$20
March 16-Kadin Oleson, Sauk City, \$20
March 17-Jamie Kissack, Rock Springs, \$100.00
March 18-Liz Meyer, Reedsburg, \$20
March 19-Brett Jankowski, Reedsburg, \$20
March 20-Kim Hinze, Poynette, \$50.00
March 21-Jess Murray, Reedsburg, \$20
March 22-Wyatt Coy, Prairie du Sac, \$20
March 23-Nancy Liegel, Prairie du Sac, \$20
March 24-Kathleen Genz, Reedsburg, \$20
March 25-Steph & Dan Beardsley, Baraboo, \$20
March 26-John Alexander, Richland Center, \$20
March 27-Becky Hovde, Baraboo, \$20
March 28-Krieski Family, Reedsburg, \$20
March 29-Jeanette Yanke, Loganville, \$20
March 30-Chris Kreft, Sun Prairie, \$20
March 31-Caine Heiking, LaValle, \$20



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT MEETINGS

All youth who were enrolled in the shooting sports project areas, as of December 1, are able to participate in the upcoming Shooting Sports Project Meetings. Only those who are enrolled in the projects are able to attend.

Archery Projects Meetings are as follows:

- **North Freedom - Tuesdays from April 11 – May 16 from 6:00PM – 7:30PM.** Project fees will be \$10.00
- **Sauk - Thursdays from April 13 – May 18 from 6:00PM to 7:30 PM.** Project fees will be \$10.00.

Those who were enrolled in Air Rifle and .22 project, your project meetings will begin on Friday, May 5th at 6PM, at the Reedsburg Outdoor Club. Meetings will run for 6 weeks and end on Friday, June 9th. There is a \$15 fee to cover facility charges and ammunition. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Craker at 608-477-3064.



CONGRATULATION CLOVERS TO:

- ☘ **Jordan Blue** for being selected as a member of the 2017 Communications Team. The Communications team serves as 4-H and Youth Conference.
- ☘ **Elisabeth Miller, Samantha Nolden and Jonathan Sabatke** for being selected to be members of the 2017 State 4-H Drama Company. These members will be representing Sauk County for the next year, performing at 4-H and Youth Conference as well as State Fair.
- ☘ **Michele Kempfer and Jeff Miller** for being selected as chaperones of the 2017 State 4-H Drama Company.



4-H PROJECT BOOKS

Each 4-H youth member is eligible to receive one project book per year. Club leaders have a Curriculum Selection Form. Each 4-H member is asked to select their top 3 project book choices and record them on the Curriculum Selection Form. Every effort will be made to have youth receive their top priority project book. However, orders will be filled on a first come/first served basis.

Additional project books are NOW available in the Sauk County UWEX Office. We cannot guarantee that we have every project book you are looking for, but please check with us at the UWEX office before ordering additional books from the 4-H mall. Each project book costs around \$5.00. Stop in the UWEX office between 8AM-4:30PM

Additional project books can also be ordered online at www.4-Hmall.org, unless there is another ordering source listed by the materials. Please note that these materials are all protected with copy write and therefore cannot be photocopied. Remember that youth will use one project book for about 2-3 years. Each project book costs around \$5.00 + shipping.

NATIONAL SALE ON CURRICULUM

After you have checked to see if the UWEX office has any of the curriculum you are looking for, your next stop is the 4-H Mall. **The 4-H Mall will be having their annual 4-H Mall Pre-Press sale April 1 – April 30.** All orders of 4-H Curriculum books, bundles and educational kits will receive a 25% discount. Start looking now at: www.4-hmall.org/ - then look under the products tab, and then Curriculum. This is a GREAT chance to order your project books and SAVE!



NEWSFLASH!!!

Please email your information by **April 15 for the May newsletter** to margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu. Please make sure the information is 4-H related.

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS....

FIRST STEP...

VOLUNTEER IN PREPARATION (VIP) TRAINING

All 4-H leaders (organizational, project, activity and resource leaders) are required to complete a one-time VIP session BEFORE working with youth. **The next scheduled VIP training will be Wednesday, May 31 from 6:30PM-8:30 PM at the West Square Building.** There must be at least six people registered in order for this training to be held. **Please RSVP for this training by emailing margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu by Wednesday, May 24.**

VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING

All Chartered 4-H clubs and project groups are required to have at least ONE leader attend an annual leader training. Trainings listed below will help fulfill the requirements for the 2017 chartering process. Club leaders and Countywide project leaders must list the name of at least one leader who attended a Leader Training on their annual Charters.

For 2017 ONLY this does include volunteers who have attended the Volunteer in Preparation Training. This is a requirement of being a leader. Since we are rolling out a new program in 2017, any new leaders from your club or project group who have participated in VIP will be able to be included on your charter for completing a required training.

Once again, for 2017 Project Leader Training will be considered a training that will also count for charter documentation. The next project leader training will be held on **Tuesday, April 18 from 6:30 – 9PM, West Square Building. Please email Meg margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu by Monday, April 17 to register for this training.** Must have a minimum of six registered. Project leader training will go over what it means to be a project leader, utilizing 4-H curriculum, and hands-on time to plan your upcoming project meetings.

IW2K! CAMP – MAY 5-6

Are you in 6-8th grades and like science, technology or engineering? If so, then **I Want To Know! Camp** is for YOU. You will explore food science, computer animation, exploring DNA and more through cool, hands-on experiments. **IW2K! CAMP, May 5-6, Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center.** Cost for the event is \$70 which includes meals, lodging, t-shirt, and supplies. **Space is LIMITED!** Registrations will be taken on a first come basis with a waiting list if necessary. Sign up **TODAY! Registrations are due to the State 4-H Office by April 14.** More information & application materials can be found at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hstem/events/i-want-to-know-camp-2017/>

JUNIOR CAMP - JUNE 10-13

(For youth currently in 3rd –6th Grades)

Explore different aspects of 4-H and the outdoors. This camp will include swimming, canoeing, hiking, camp fires, songs, games, and more. Junior Camp will sleep in cabins and the dorm with other campers their age and be led by 4-H youth counselors and adult staff. **Upham Woods will be running an open 4-H Junior Camp on June 10-13.** Columbia, Jefferson and Sauk Counties are encouraging all of our youth to attend camp this week. This camp is open to youth from all over the State. **If you have not yet registered, as was stated earlier this is an Open camp, so registration is still open. However, we do encourage you to get registered as soon as possible.** The closer we get to summer, the more people will be looking to register for this camp. The cost of camp is \$180 and this is due to Upham at the time of registration. Sauk County Senior Leaders will reimburse our 4-H members \$30 after camp. **After you have registered online, your registration is not complete until Upham Woods receives your payment. Checks for camp should be made payable to Upham Woods and sent directly to Upham Woods at: Upham Woods, Summer Camp Registration, N194 County Rd N, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965**

If camp fees are a financial hardship that will prevent a 4-H member from attending camp, please contact Meg Sage by April 15; additional scholarships are available.



SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR SAUK COUNTY 4-H SUMMER ASSISTANT

Each summer the Sauk County Extension Office has the good fortune to be able to hire someone to help during the 4-H summer season. The 4-H Summer Assistant will design, promote and implement new and existing youth programs. Specifically they will work on Cloverbud Camp and Discover Wisconsin. Applicants must be at least 19 years old and interested in learning about the 4-H program. Applicants will find a complete job description on the Sauk County website at: sauk.uwex.edu **A cover letter, resume and 3 references are due to Meg at the Sauk County Extension Office by 4:30PM on Wednesday, April 19. This deadline was EXTENDED from the 12th. Interviews for the top candidates will be held on Thursday, April 27.**

PERFORMANCE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Performance Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 8am-3pm, at the CAL Center 1100 S. Albert Ave, Reedsburg. The Performance Arts Festival includes vocal, instrumental, and dance performances, as well as drama and speaking performances. We encourage all of our 4-H members, leaders and families to attend, enjoy the performances, and support all of the performers.



EXHIBIT WORK DAY – APRIL 29

Helping Hands 4-H Club is hosting an exhibit work day on Saturday, April 29 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Baraboo. This is a dedicated time to help everyone work on their exhibits for the fair. Project leaders and/or adult volunteers must attend with their children. Bring your supplies, laptops, and ideas -- we will supply the space. Bring your own lunch and snacks or purchase there. You must call or email to reserve space. Contact Becky Hovde at (608) 356-2897 (leave message) or email hivebiz@centurytel.net

NEW STATEWIDE BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS

There is a NEW Statewide process for background checks for NEW and RETURNING volunteers. The State will now be processing background checks every two weeks. Returning volunteers will have background checks rerun every four years. What you need to know as a NEW or RETURNING volunteer...

- Volunteers will receive an email to their personal email address (which may or may not be the same as the family email).
- The subject line of the email should read "Action needed in connection with your current volunteer status with University of Wisconsin Extension."
- Volunteers will have 5 days (including Sunday) from when they receive the e-mail to complete the information on the GIS website.
- The GIS website is secure and encrypted.
- Please check your e-mail often and to check their clutter/junk mail folder as well.

COUNTY BUILDING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

The West Square Building will be close to the public on Friday, May 5th from 8am-noon, for a building wide safety training. If you are planning on stopping in the office, we ask that you please plan ahead.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

It is time for the Creative Writing Contest: time to get those creative juices flowing. The creative writing categories include: single poem, short story, one-act play, collection of up to 12 poems, one chapter of a book, or other writing category. You may enter one category, or have an entry for each category if you wish. Application forms will be emailed to those 4-H members who are enrolled in the creative writing project and are available at www.sauk.uwex.edu under the *Events, Contests, and Activities* tab. Applications and entries are due to the Sauk County Extension office before 4:30 PM, Friday, May 15.

FAIR ENTRIES – MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY 11:59 PM ON MAY 17

Fair books were passed out to Club Leader at the end of March. There is one printed Fair book per 4-H family. The Fair book can also be found online at: www.saukcountyfair.com – under Exhibitors tab, then under Junior Fair Information tab. On this page you will find all information related to the Junior Fair. Online entries are open from April 25 through May 17. All entries must be entered online by 11:59PM, May 17. Please remember...

- Families can create a group account. First step is to create a group account, then put add each family member to the group account.
- You MUST enter an email address when you are first creating an account with the online fair entry process in order to receive an email confirmation.
- The online fair entry program is SEPARATE from 4-H Online, so you will need to create a NEW account for fair entries.
- If you are bringing animals, you MUST check a pen fee for each animal.
- If you questions about the fair entries process, please contact the Fair Board at: info@saukcountyfair.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAUK COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

The Sauk County Dairy Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 10 at Elsing Farms, E10481 Highway 60, Sauk City from 7AM-11AM. The organizers are planning their work schedules and need volunteers. There are two shifts, one from 6:30 AM-9:00 AM, and the other from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. There are many different duties from food preparation, to serving, to line helper, to milk and juice servers. The complete volunteer listing can be found at: www.sauk.uwex.edu under the *Events, Contests, and Activities* tab. Please send your volunteer registration form in as soon as possible to Tracy Waldinger at SaukCoDairybreakfast@yahoo.com



EXPAND YOUR FAMILY THIS SUMMER AND/OR SCHOOL YEAR, HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Is your family looking for something fun to do this summer? Why not host a student from Japan, Korea, Finland, Costa Rica or Mexico! Wisconsin 4-H is offering the experience of a lifetime for 75 families to host youth and adults from around the world. These young people are anxiously waiting to get to know their new host family and share their culture. The focus of the exchange is for the youth to experience everyday American life. Youth ages 12-18 will be placed in homes with children of similar age and same gender. The world is waiting for YOU! For more information and to complete an on-line application, please visit: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>.

Youth will be coming to Wisconsin, July 22 through August 19 to participate in a home stay experience. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lilly Bucholz at 608-262-2491 or winternational@ces.uwex.edu. It is suggested that you reach out to Lilly sooner, rather than later.



COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

Community service is an important part of the 4-H program. Research tells us 4-H Youth are 3-4 times more likely to contribute to their communities compared to youth in other out-of-school programs (4-H Study of Positive Youth Development). This month we will focus on things you can do for neighborhood enhancement:

1. Plan native flowers or plants along highways.
2. Adopt a billboard and use it for a public service announcement.
3. Campaign for additional lighting along poorly lighted streets.
4. Collect supplies for persons who have been in a fire or natural disaster.
5. Help fix a run-down playground.
6. Start a yard of the week award for your neighborhood.
7. Spruce up and paint the community or youth center.
8. Plant a community garden. Adopt a town monument and keep it clean.
9. Clean an elderly neighbor's driveway and sidewalk after a snowfall.
10. Clean up after a natural disaster.
11. Organize a local blood drive with the American Red Cross.
12. Plant flowers at town hall.
13. Organize a campaign to raise money to buy and install new playground equipment for a park.
14. Survey community agencies to learn the leading causes of accidents in your community then design a campaign to reduce accidents.
15. Paint a mural or clean up a local park.



SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR SALES

The Sauk County 4-H Calendars were dispersed at the Club Leader meeting at the end of March. The Sauk County 4-H Calendars are a fundraiser for your 4-H club (Your 4-H Club receives \$100 if you sell your 4-H Calendar allotment) as well one of the main fundraising efforts of the Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders Association that supports the 4-H program in Sauk County. Without the money to carry out our programs and vision, 4-H will not be able to succeed. Fundraising matter – if we are raising money for an organization that does good work, then we are doing good work as well.

Sauk County 4-H uses the money raised from calendar sales for: 4-H newsletter and correspondence; insurance for 4-H members and leaders at 4-H meetings and events; Member recognition and awards; leader training; member taining; Clover Awards; Camp; County Fair Activities and Awards; and much more.

Your goal is to let your sale prospects know what 4-H means to you, and share your 4-H story. Grow your ask list: family members, friends, neighbors, anyone you spend money with – dentist, doctors, service providers, feedmill, etc. Schedule a time that you and they can meet. Then use basic sales techniques for better fundraising:

- ✿ Perfect your introduction. Don't start with a question like, "Would you like to buy..." Instead – Introduce yourself, your group, goal, what are you raising money for...for example, the money you raise will help support the county 4-H program and your 4-H club.
- ✿ Share a personal story about what you have learned in 4-H, a project that you like to work on, a community service activity you have done, or a countywide event that you like to attend.
- ✿ Look nice and wear a 4-H t-shirt.
- ✿ If you are going to a business, make an appointment ahead of time, so they know you are coming, and so that you can speak to the correct person.
- ✿ Say Thank You for helping us meet our goal, and restate what your goal is.

Remember as you are selling calendars:

- ✓ **PRINT and complete the FULL address on the calendar stubs that are turned into your club leader. If that calendar stub is drawn as a winning stub, we need the address to mail the winning checks!**
- ✓ **ALL checks you receive from sales should be made payable to YOUR 4-H club.**
- ✓ **ONE check should come from your 4-H club.**
- ✓ **All calendar stubs and one check from the club MUST be turned into the UWEX office before 4:30PM on Tuesday, July 18.**





TRANSFERRING OF FAIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE FAIR BOARD

This past spring the Extension administration asked each county to evaluate their roles and the County Fair. Evaluating the time UWEX personnel put into the County Fair is not new. There was a letter written and sent to Extension Offices, Extension Committees and community partners in May of 2012. However, due to Extension Staff turnover, the Sauk County Extension office maintained many of the roles that were not our responsibility.

Over the past couple of months, Meg has met with the Fair Board, the Fair Board President, Extension Committee members and the Senior Leaders Association. From these meetings a timeline was developed. The timeline is as such....

From NOW – Future, the Fair Board is responsible for:

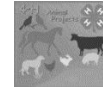
- Fair Book
- Blue Ribbon – online entry system
- Hiring and communication with Judges
- All communication about Fair related items. Such as entry deadlines, upcoming changes to the fair, etc.
- Facilitation of Fair board committees
- Communication with community partners about Fair sponsorships, awards and incentives.
- Pre-Fair Judging Day
 - Judging Building Set up
 - Finding and supporting volunteers
 - Facilitation of pre-fair judging
 - Supporting superintendents
 - Answering questions from judges
- Coordination of vets to be on the grounds for cat show and animal entry day.
- Facilitation of Animal Entry Day
- Supporting Superintendents during animal weigh-in and check-in for each specie.
- Facilitation of each animal show

For 2017 Fair – Extension Office will be responsible for:

- Coordination and preparation for weigh-days
- Fairgrounds Clean-up
- Exhibit Building Set-up
- Exhibit Building Hosting Schedule
- Transporting Exhibits to State Fair.
- **Herdsmanship Scoring Coordination**
- **Pre-Fair Judging Day Orientation for Superintendents**
- **Pre-Fair Judging Day Orientation for Judges**
- **Action Center**
- **Art Showcase**

For 2018 - The Fair Board will be also responsible for: The items listed under the Extension Office for 2017 that are NOT underlined and bolded.

For 2018-the Extension Office will be responsible for: **Items bolded and underlined listed under 2017.**



ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Animal Science Committee will not be meeting again until September. The 4-H Animal Science Committee is open to any youth or adults who are interested in helping develop, plan, and deliver animal science educational activities, events and meetings.

NO TWILIGHT MEETING FOR 2017

The 4-H Animal Science Committee made the decision to cancel the Twilight meeting for 2017. The Twilight meeting has been held the 2nd Thursday in June, and typically been a last chance to get a point for the Meat Animal Sale. The number of youth participating in Twilight has been declining steadily the past four years. Four years ago we had over 75 youth and last year we only had 15 register.

The Animal Science Committee felt this decrease in numbers was due to quite a few reasons:

- There are now project leaders for all of the large livestock project areas.
- These project leaders are holding multiple project meetings through the winter, spring and summer.
- Also we are promoting educational opportunities outside of 4-H more, such as Arlington Sheep Days, Lodi Vet Clinic Education day, Show Pig Association meeting, Cattlemen’s Association etc.

Therefore, youth need be looking closely at available options to obtain two points for the Meat Animal Sale.

SAUK COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE EDUCATIONAL POINTS

It is never too early to start thinking about earning the two minimum Meat Animal educational points that each youth will need to in order to be in the Meat Animal Sale at the Sauk County Fair. Meat Animal educational points are earned by attending educational events, workshops, clinics, classes, etc. In the past, prizes have been awarded to those youth who have gone above and beyond in earning Meat Animal educational points. Whether or not this will be done for this year has yet to be decided; however, when it is decided, the information will be shared. All youth who hope to participate in the Meat Animal Sale **must have two educational points turned into the Sauk County FAIR Office (NOT the UWEX office) by June 15.** If you attend events outside of Sauk County you must complete a Meat Animal Sale Credit Form. The Meat Animal Sale Credit form can be found on the Sauk County Fair website at <http://saukcountyfair.com/exhibitors/sauk-county-meat-animal-sale/>



ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES CONTINUED

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR MEAT ANIMAL SALE POINTS

All 4-H and FFA members who anticipate participating in the Meat Animal Sale at the Fair must have two educational points turned into the Fair office by June 15. For these events, you must complete a Meat Animal Sale Credit form, have it signed by the presenter at the conference, meeting or event. These forms are due to the Sauk County FAIR Office by June 15.

- **Monday, April 17** – Sheep Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, Reedsburg Library.
- **Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7** – Stock Show University – Racine County Fairgrounds, Union Grove, WI. Youth will be able to obtain hands-on experience by bringing their own animals. All students will be split-up into small groups with an instructor. More information can be found at: https://www.sullivansupply.com/ssu_clinic_schedule.html
- **Saturday, May 13** – Nasco’s Annual Showing and Grooming Demonstration Day. 8:30-10AM-Goat; 8:30AM-noon-Beef; 11AM-2PM-Sheep (with a break for lunch); noon-1- Lunch and tour of Nasco; 1-4PM-Dairy; 2-4PM-Swine. There is no fee for this event. **Everyone MUST pre-register by May 8, since space is limited. Please call Nasco Store at 920-568-5600 to register.** When you register, please let them know whether you will attend part of the day or the whole day.
- **Tuesday, June 6** – Poultry Clinic, 6:30 PM, Sauk County Fairgrounds
- **Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11** – Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Junior Livestock Show Camp – Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, WI. **Registration deadline is Monday, May 15.** More information and registration information can be found at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com
- Completing a Livestock Enterprise Budget Form found at: <http://saukcountyfair.com/exhibitors/sauk-county-meat-animal-sale/>
- Watching one of the UW webinars which are found at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/> You will need to download the power point slides, listen to the audio and complete a meat animal sale verification form, found at: <http://saukcountyfair.com/exhibitors/sauk-county-meat-animal-sale/> We encourage youth to watch these webinars together if possible, and parent must sign the verification form.

2017 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION DEADLINES

Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep, swine, OR breeding stock commercial heifers/crossbred gilts/wether type ewes & rams at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show *will need to have their animal projects DNA/RFID identified by the State Fair eligibility deadlines listed below.* This identification system allows animals which are DNA/RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) County and State Fair program to meet State Fair Identification requirements if the process is completed (all forms returned and samples on file) by the **Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmarks listed.**

Sheep, and Swine DNA/RFID deadlines:

Sheep: Monday - May 8, 2017
Swine: Monday - May 8, 2017

***Breeding stock: commercial heifers/crossbred gilts/wether type ewes & rams DNA/RFID identification deadline:** Wednesday - June 7, 2017

*Breeding stock being shown in the commercial, crossbred, or wether type divisions **MUST HAVE DNA** submitted even if they are registered with a National Breed Organization (i.e. a registered Hereford gilt with registration papers being shown in the Crossbred Gilt division). *Please Note: Breeding stock with National Breed Organization Registration Papers being shown in the breed divisions **DO NOT** Need to be DNA/RFID identified through WLIC. (i.e. a registered Angus Heifer with registration papers being shown in the Angus Division does not need to be DNA/RFID identified.)

How do I get my animals identified? DNA/RFID tag identification is only available by going to the WLIC website at www.wiid.org. Click on the text “Learn More” under “DNA Program” (lower left-hand side). Print out, complete and mail the request form with payment to WLIC. Make sure DNA and required paperwork is returned to WLIC by the Wisconsin State Fair identification postmark deadlines listed above.

How much will DNA/RFID identification cost? \$11 per animal identified for required DNA/RFID tag identification. If your animal has an existing 840 RFID ear tag you can purchase and submit a DNA envelope separately for \$6.00. Be sure to list the existing RFID ear tag number on the paperwork and DNA submission.



ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES CONTINUED

2017 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR BLUE RIBBON SALE OF CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation is excited to offer \$15,000 in scholarship awards this year. These scholarships recognize the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock Exhibitors and assist them with their educational expenses. Members must be between the ages of 17-19 as of January 1, must have exhibited at the State fair in beef, sheep, and/or swine, and must be pursuing a post high school education in University Short Course, Vocational or Technical School or at four-year University. **Applications are due to the Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions office in West Bend by April 15.** For more information and the application please go to: <http://www.gbrla.com/>.

MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sauk County Meat Animal Sale Committee will once again offer scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded in two \$500 scholarships or as determined by the Meat Animal Sale Committee, based on the number of applicants and their qualifications. Graduating high school seniors or first year college students eligible to exhibit at the 2016 Sauk County Fair may apply. Applicant must be, or have been, an exhibitor of a meat animal project at the Sauk County Fair. Applicant must be currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA and may only receive this scholarship one time. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the Meat Animal Sale during the Sauk County Fair. Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship money after the completion of one semester. Applications can be found on the Sauk County Fair website. **Applications are due by May 17 and should be sent to Paula Brandt.** Contact Paula Brandt for more information at: pjbrandt1110@yahoo.com

SHOW CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

The Sauk County Meat Animal Sale Committee is sponsoring \$75 scholarships for registration for the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Show Camp held **June 10-11** at Wisconsin State Park in West Allis. Registration forms for show camp can be found at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com Registration forms for the event should be mailed directly to the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association for the event. Scholarship applications can be found on the Sauk County Fair website. **Applications are due by May 17 and should be sent to Paula Brandt.** Contact Paula Brandt for more information at: pjbrandt1110@yahoo.com

HERDSMANSHIP SCORING

Clubs are once again encouraged to develop some sort of an education display for their barns. This display could be hands-on and should promote your species, and help fair goers understand breeds, uses of our animals, parts of an animal, cuts of meat from your animal, etc. The herdsmanship scoresheet was modified last year and include 15 points for the educational display. Get those creative minds working!

- Herdsmanship is scored twice a day. Species are not judged if they are in the middle of their show.
- Herdsmanship categories include: **Animal** – 35 points, **Aisle and walkways** – 10 points, **Equipment storage** – 5 points, **Identification/signage** – 10 points, **Decorations** – 15 points, **Educational Component** – 15 points, **Barn duty/public presence** – 10 points.
 - Species scored by volunteers found by UWEX
 - ✓ Beef/Dairy
 - ✓ Goats
 - ✓ Sheep
 - Species scored by others
 - ✓ Swine – Sauk County Pork Producers
 - ✓ Horse – done individually
 - ✓ Exotics – done individually
- There will NOT be a separate Educational Display Contest this year.

COSTUME CLASS FOR ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

The Exotics Animal Project is once again opening our costume class to any exhibitors and their animals. We welcome Cattle, Horses, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, whatever animals you have for the fair! Costume Class Information:

- ☘ You pick a theme/idea for you and your animal. Examples from previous years: Prince and Princess, Uncle Sam and firecracker, medieval knight and steed
- ☘ Judging is based on how well you execute the theme, how much coverage is on your animal, and how well your animal handles/tolerates the costume.
- ☘ All animals must be haltered or leashed. Please make sure that your animal can be around other animals/species comfortably.

There will be awards (trophies/ribbons) for the class. If you did not pre-enter in the class, you can still participate, you just won't receive a premium. **If you are interested in joining the class please sign-up for the costume class when you register for your fair entries before May 17. It is located under the exotic animal department.** The costume class is part of the Exotics Show on Friday of the Fair at 7:00. Costume class GENERALLY starts around 8:30PM.

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DAIRY PROJECT

COUNTYWIDE DAIRY JUDGING

Jodi Behn is offering to start working with youth who are interested in Dairy Judging. She is willing to coach the team and hold practices. If you are interested in dairy judging, please contact Jodi at jodirbehn3@yahoo.com or 495-1940.

BADGER DAIRY CAMP

Badger Dairy Camp is a three day event open to all dairy youth, between the ages 12 and 18. Camp is held on the UW Madison campus, and provides an excellent opportunity for youth to get hands on experience learning how to fit and show animals and other workshops.

Badger Dairy Camp will be held June 8-10.

Applications are currently being accepted for camp and are available at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/>. **The application deadline for camp is May 1 in Madison.**

But camp typically fills up before the deadline, so register ASAP. Cost of camp is \$115.

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EXOTIC PROJECT MEETING

The Exotics Project will meet on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30PM in B30 of the West Square Building.

Remember you need to attend 2 meetings to be able to show at the Sauk County Fair. Also we need to know the number of animals that you will be showing, please email Bobbi if you haven't already. Questions, please email me at: bobbi.hartley@gmail.com. **Tentatively, please mark Saturday, May 20 at 10AM on your calendars.** We will hopefully be meeting at the fairgrounds to discuss final pens and sizing.

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GOAT PROJECT UPDATES

Attention Goat project members, there will be two upcoming educational meetings. Please mark your calendars for:

- ✓ **Thursday, April 20 – UWEX Conf Room**
- ✓ **Wednesday, May 10 – B30**

These meetings will both start at 6:30 pm, will be at the West Square Building in Baraboo, and are not eligible for meat animal sale points. If you have any questions, please contact the Goat Project Leaders Liz or Frank Cook at: cook.elizabeth9050@gmail.com or 608-963-9623.

MARKET GOAT WEIGH-IN DAY

Attention all those who are enrolled in Goat Project. If you plan on showing a market goat at the 2017 Sauk County Fair, **your animal(s) must be weighed in on Saturday, May 6 from 8AM-10AM at the Sauk County Fairgrounds.**

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HORSE AND PONY PROJECT

MONTHLY PROJECT MEETINGS

Monthly Horse and Pony Project Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7PM in the West Square Building in Baraboo. **The next Horse Project Meeting will be on Thursday, May 4.** Every month your goal is to bring a folder, paper, and a pencil/pen to the meeting.

SAUK COUNTY 4-H HORSE TACK SALE

Join the Sauk County 4-H Horse and Pony Project for their 2017 Spring Tack Sale, on **May 6, from 9AM- 3PM in the commercial building at the Sauk County Fairgrounds.** This is a great opportunity to pick up some horsey things at great prices and to sell items that you no longer use. Some examples are new/used tack, show clothing, stable supplies, model horses, gifts and accessories. We are also opening this opportunity to commercial and individual vendors. **Tables are \$20.00 each and we will have some outside bigger spaces available for \$50.00 each.** For registration forms please have people/businesses email saukhorse@gmail.com.

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POULTRY PROJECT UPDATES

POULTRY PROJECT MEETINGS

The next Poultry project meetings will be held from **6:30-8PM:**

- **May 2 – B30 West Square Building**
- **June 6 – Sauk County Fairgrounds**

3RD ANNUAL SMALL ANIMAL SWAP

The Poultry Project is hosting its 3rd annual **Small Animal Swap on Saturday, April 22.** The registration form for this event can also be found on the Sauk County website. Vendors may set up beginning at 6:30AM: the event will end roughly around 1PM.

- Animals may be traded, swapped or sold and is solely a verbal contract between the vendor and the consumer. Sauk County Poultry Project is not responsible for any disagreements that occur with a sale of any animal. Vendors keep all profit from their sales.
- Vendors are allowed one 10' x 10' booth space with a vehicle, table or other type of setup that will fit within the allotted space limits. Registration fee of \$8.00 per space.
- Wire cages are available for people that pre-pay ONLY; a rental fee will be charged of \$5.00 per cage. Please make a check payable to: Sauk County Poultry Club S6280 State RD 154, Hillpoint WI, 53937

Poultry Project Leaders **Missy Even:** 608-393-5382, email: missynpete@hotmail.com and **Delvin Craker:** 608-727-2232, email: dcraker2015@yahoo.com

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RABBIT PROJECT MEETINGS

It is time to mark your calendars for Rabbit Project Meetings. Meetings will be held from **6:30-8PM in the basement of the West Square Building on:**

- **Monday, April 24**
- **Tuesday, May 23**
- **Saturday, May 27 – Rabbit Fun Show at Fairgrounds**
- **Monday, June 26**

Check the computer terminal in the building to confirm the room for each meeting. The Rabbit project have purposely offered different week days to allow dates that accommodate all needs. Members may not be able to make every meeting, but should make as many as possible.

Questions, please contact project leader **Kim Klicko** at: kklicko@yahoo.com or Fair Superintendent **Haley Bartell** at: musichaleygrefe@yahoo.com

RABBIT FUN SHOW

The Rabbit Project will be hosting the Sauk County 4-H **Rabbit Fun Show on Saturday, May 27 at the Sauk County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 8AM, Judging will begin at 9AM.** There will be breed judging: all breeds are welcome including Cavies. There will also be fun classes for pet rabbits and costumes. Entry fee is \$2.50 per rabbit or **\$2.00 for pre-registrations sent Kim Klicko.** Registration materials and more information can be found at: www.sauk.uwex.edu under the *Events, Contests, and Activities* tab.

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SHEEP PROJECT UPDATES

SHEEP PROJECT MEETING

There will be a sheep project meeting help on Monday, April 17th at 6:30 PM at the Reedsburg Public Library. Krisha Geffert from ADM and Rhiannon Bendetto from Lime Ridge Ag Supply will be speaking. The group will be voting on a barn theme, discussing fair procedures and chatting about t-shirts. If you have ideas for the barn theme or t-shirts, please bring them to the meeting.

MARKET LAMB WEIGH-IN DAY

Attention all those who are enrolled in Sheep Project. If you plan on showing a market lamb at the 2017 Sauk County Fair, **your animal(s) must be weighed in on Saturday, May 6 from 8AM-10AM at the Sauk County Fairgrounds.**

SAUK COUNTY SHEEP PROJECT FACEBOOK

If you are enrolled in the Sheep project and are on facebook, then search for the Sauk County Sheep Project Facebook Group. Once you find it, you can request to join this closed group. This is a great way to keep up to date on information with the Sheep Project.

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SWINE PROJECT UPDATES

SWINE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

The 2017 Swine Identification letter was emailed to all 4-H members enrolled in the swine project on **March 15.** All hogs will be identified by completing the Swine Identification sheet with ear notches, ear tag, color patterns and sex. If your animal already has a tag in its ear, that can be used as its form of identification. If your animal does not have a tag, you can get tags from the Extension office. You will be responsible for tagging your own animals. Information that was emailed can also be found at: www.sauk.uwex.edu. **Completed identification sheets are due to the Sauk County Extension Office by May 17.**

SWINE PROJECT AND STATE FAIR

Swine project members, if you are planning on taking swine to the Wisconsin State Fair you are once again required to complete Meat Animal Quality Assurance Program to be eligible to compete. Sauk County will not be hosting any MAQA workshops this year; we will be holding a testing day. If you are planning on entering swine in the 2017 State Fair, please email Heather Cherney, the Project Leader at mhcherney@mwt.net. We will set a testing date once we know how many youth need to be tested. **Please email Heather by May 1,** so proper arrangements can be made.

SWINE PROJECT AWARD FOR 4-H AND FFA PROJECT MEMBERS

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club is announcing the annual Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards. Up to five awards of \$100 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members.

The Swine Project Awards were introduced to help beginning 4-H or FFA members get started in the swine industry. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first or second year swine project member, 9-18 years old, and a Wisconsin resident. **The completed application is due postmarked on or before Friday, April 22.**

Applications must be submitted by mail; no applications submitted via email will be accepted.

The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects. Winners may also be asked to supply a photo of themselves and their pigs to Saddle and Sirloin.

For any additional information on the Swine Project Awards, please contact Saddle & Sirloin Swine Project Award Chairs: Zachary Simons at 262-338-8661 or zsimons@wisc.edu or Virginia Kuenzi at 262-720-2486 or vkuenzi@wisc.edu.

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SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 1-30 - National 4-H Mall Curriculum Sale
- 13 - Exotic Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, B30 WSB
- 14 - IW2K Camp registration deadline to State 4-H Office
- 15 - Items due to Meg for inclusion in the May newsletter
- 15 - Sauk County 4-H Camp Scholarship Application
Deadline emailed to Meg
- 15 - Application deadline for WI State Fair Scholarship
- 17 - Project Leader Training registration deadline
- 17 - Sheep Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, Reedsburg Library
- 18 - Project Leader Training, 6:30PM, UWEX Conf WSB
- 19 - Deadline for Summer Assistant application materials
- 20 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 20 - Goat Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, UWEX Conf
- 22 - 3rd Annual Small Animal Swap, Fairgrounds
- 22 - Sauk County Fairest and Jr. Fairest Competition
- 22 - Swine Grant application deadline to Madison
- 22-23 - State Camp Counselor Training at Upham
- 23-29 - National Volunteer Week
- 24 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB
- 25 - Senior Leaders Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf
- 27 - Summer Assistant Interview, WSB UWEX Cong
- 29 - Performance Arts Festival, 8AM – 3PM,
CAL Center, Reedsburg
- 29 - Exhibit Work day, 10am-3pm, First United Methodist

MAY

- 2 - Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB
- 3 - Creative Writing Entry deadline
- 4 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 5 - West Square Building Closed to the Public
- 5-6 - IW2K Camp, Upham Woods
- 6 - Sheep and Goat Weigh-in – Required for all Market
Sheep and Goats, 8AM-10AM, Fairgrounds
- 6 - Sauk County Horse and Pony Project Tack Sale, 9AM-
3PM, Commercial Building at the Fairgrounds
- 10 - State Fair Deadline for Music, Drama and Demos
- 10 - Goat Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, B30 WSB
- 15 - Items due to Meg for inclusion in the June newsletter
- 15 - Creative Writing Submission deadline, before 4:30PM
to UWEX Office
- 17 - Fair Entry Deadline - all done online
- 17 - Swine ID sheets due to UWEX office before 4:30 PM
- 17 - Meat Animal Sale Scholarships due to Paula Brandt
- 17 - Meat Animal Committee Show Camp Scholarship
Applications due to Paula Brandt
- 18 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 23 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB UWEX
- 23 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB
- 24 - Registration deadline for Volunteer Orientation
- 27 - Rabbit Project Fun Show, Fairgrounds
- 31 - Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 PM, UWEX Conf

JUNE

- 1 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 6 - Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds
- 10 - Sauk County Dairy Breakfast, 7AM-11AM, Elsing
Farm, Sauk City
- 10-13 - 4-H Camp - youth in 3-5 – Open enrollment camp
- 15 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 17-25 - State CWF Trip
- 24 - Fairgrounds Clean-up Day, 9AM-noon
- 24-July 2 - State CWF Trip
- 26-29 - State 4-H and Youth Conference - Madison
- 27 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX

JULY

- 8-16 - State CWF trip
- 10-16 - Sauk County Fair
- 18 - ALL Calendar stubs and money due to UWEX office
before 4:30 PM
- 19 - Registration deadline for Cloverbud Day Camp
- 19 - Registration deadline for Discover Wisconsin
- 25 - Cloverbud Day Camp
- 25 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX
- 27 - Cloverbud Day Camp

AUGUST

- 1 - Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader Meeting,
6:30PM-9PM, WSB B24
- 2-4 - Discover Wisconsin
- 3-13 - Wisconsin State Fair
- 15 - Key Award Application materials deadline to UWEX
- 17 - Junior Leader Council, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 22 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB B30
- 29 - Key Award Interviews, WSB UWEX Conference

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