

Sauk County 4-H Newsletter

Clover Comments

February 2017



MUSINGS FROM MEG:

I have news to share, there have been some changes in circumstances. Due to these changes, I have made the decision to withdraw my resignation letter. Therefore, I will be staying with UWEX. I hope this is good news to all of you. There has been a lot of progress made here in Sauk County in the last three years, and I look forward to continuing the progress with the program.

Club and Project Leaders this means that 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 South Lime Ridge for hosting me most recently.

We had another AMAZING Super Saturday event. There were nearly 250 members and leaders registered. Thank you to all of our wonderful presenters who donated their time to be with all of us for the event. We are currently tabulating the evaluations and it looks like most of you learned some new information, tried some things for the first time, and had FUN while doing it!

Thank you again to Judy and Haley here in the office for all of their preparation work. Without all of their work the event would not have run so smoothly. Please thank them the next time to talk to them. ☺

CONGRATULATIONS BARABOO VALLEY 4-H CLUB!!

The Baraboo Valley 4-H Club was picked for the 2017 Cedar Crest Feature Flavor 4-H contest. The winning flavor, "Deep Woods" which features vanilla ice cream with swirls of Maple syrup and crunchy pecan, will come out this summer so keep your eyes open for this awesome flavor! The club has won an awesome ice cream party and money for their club. Congratulations Baraboo Valley!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS AT THE WEST SQUARE BUILDING

We all know that with the arrival of winter, there is a chance that there will be some meetings and events that will need to be postponed or cancelled. If a meeting or event to be held at the West Square Building is cancelled, an email will be sent to club leaders as well as anyone who is on the email list for that meeting. If a countywide event is cancelled, an email will be sent to club leaders. For events that are being held on the weekend, a decision will be made by noon the day before the event, if possible. The Extension Office will also do everything that it can to contact the people who have pre-registered for an event via email and/or phone. Personal safety is our main concern; if an event is not cancelled, please use your best judgment to ensure your own safety.

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, February 16 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, February 28 at 6:30 in the UW-Extension Conference Room**. 4-H members, leaders and families are welcome to attend.

FIND THE HIDDEN IMAGE

Congratulations **Gunner Berning** 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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DECEMBER CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

December 1-Lynn Reuter, Prairie du Sac, \$20
December 2- Eileen Rosenberg, Fitchburg, \$20
December 3-Tom Henke, LaValle, \$50
December 4-Jaime Baker, Sauk City, \$20
December 5-Cheryl Gehin, Baraboo, \$20
December 6-Greg Lohr, Prairie du Sac, \$20
December 7-Betty Dicke, Goodhue, MN, \$20
December 8-Alison Zirzow, Baraboo, \$20
December 9-Bev Foye, Sauk City, \$20
December 10-Terry Alder, Prairie du Sac, \$20
December 11-Chase Harrison, Sauk City, \$20
December 12-Patricia Penning, Baraboo, \$20
December 13-Amy Beisbier, Reedsburg, \$20
December 14-Peter Pelton, Reedsburg, \$20
December 15-Patrick Duffin, Rock Springs, \$20
December 16-Jamie Kissack, Rock Springs, \$20
December 17-Jonathan Hoeltke, Prairie du Sac, \$20
December 18-Lynn Petersen, Reedsburg, \$20
December 19-Jack Meegan Baraboo, \$20
December 20-Leann Graffin, \$20
December 21-Madelin Marten, Loganville, \$50
December 22-Ron Snell, Reedsburg, \$20
December 23- Phil Brickl, \$20
December 24-Andy Kaun, Brighton, MI, \$20
December 25-Dorinda Slaney, Wonewoc, \$100
December 26-Patsy Sarbacker, Prairie du Sac, \$20
December 27-John Pate, Baraboo, Sac, \$20
December 28-Kenneth Kruse, Reedsburg \$20
December 29-Tonya Brandy, Reedsburg, \$20
December 30-Tom & Lisa Stout, Baraboo, \$20
December 31-Adam Nolden, Prairie du Sac, \$20



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF CLOVER COMMENTS

The 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 family 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



JANUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

January 1-Nick Statz, Spring Green, \$100.00
January 2-Mike & Kari Walker, Reedsburg, \$20
January 3-Dalton Coy, Prairie du Sac, \$20
January 4-Neil McIntyre, Loganville, \$20
January 5-Dorinda Slaney, Wonewoc, \$20.
January 6-Jackie Frandle, Waterloo, \$20
January 7-Alyson Zirzow, Baraboo, \$50.00
January 8-Tim Meister, Lyndon Station, \$20
January 9-Delaney Horkan, Reedsburg, \$20
January 10-Chester Burckhardt, Loganville, \$20
January 11-Kevin Oleson, Sauk City, \$20
January 12-Candace Schell, Merrimac, \$20
January 13-Stephanie Fischer, Cambria, \$20
January 14-Rebecca Kimpfbeck, Baraboo, \$20
January 15-Kathy Nolden, Baraboo, \$20
January 16-Kim Adler, Prairie du Sac, \$20
January 17-Josh Duffin, Rock Springs, \$20
January 18-Krieski Family, Reedsburg, \$20
January 19-Judy Larsen, Madison, \$20
January 20-Jill Streckstra, Reedsburg, \$20
January 21-Kevin Hasheider, Prairie du Sac, \$20
January 22-Charlie Faga, Madison, \$20
January 23-Jason Fearing, Reedsburg, \$20
January 24-Teri Lemke, Baraboo, \$20
January 25-Buzz Wood, Reedsburg, \$20
January 26-Alyscia Soto, Reedsburg, \$20
January 27-Carla Nolden, Prairie du Sac, \$20
January 28-Patsy Sarbacker, Prairie du Sac, \$20
January 29-Ashley Gjorgjiev, Reedsburg, \$20
January 30-Dale A. Kuhnau, Sauk City, \$20
January 31-Ron Drinkwater, Baraboo, \$20



2017 SAUK COUNTY 4-H FARM SAFETY CERTIFICATION

2017 4-H Farm Safety course is open to anyone 12 years old and up. The classes will be held every Tuesday night 4:30 to 8:30PM at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Loganville. **The classes will be held February 7, February 14, February 21, February 28, March 7 and March 14. To register please call 608-355-3250.** Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend classes as well.



2017-2018 SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

The Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders are looking for photos from this past year from project and club meetings, and events. We want to see 4-H youth and adults in action! If you have photos to be considered for the 2017-2018 Calendar, please email Michele Kempfer at: mraffini37@gmail.com by **February 1, 2017.**



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. Those enrolled should have received an email with the following information.

There will be a required informational meeting for archery on Monday, February 6 at 6:30PM in Room B24 in the West Square Building. If you are plan on participating in any of the below archery shoots, please plan on attending this meeting.

Archery Projects Meetings are as follows:

- **Reedsburg - Fridays from February 17 – March 24 from 6:30PM to 8:00PM** Project fees will be \$15.00 due to facility use.
- **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.

The dates for air rifle and .22 project meetings have not yet been set. Please watch the upcoming Clover Comments for those dates.



4-H ART BEAT

4-H Art Beat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication program open to 3rd-5th graders. **ArtBeat! will be held March 17-18, 2017, at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells.** Participants will experience a variety of hands-on active sessions about arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more! **Camp begins Friday at 7 pm and ends Saturday at 3 pm. There is a registration fee of \$50.** Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest 4-H members. **Register early! This camp fills up fast! Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017.** For more information and registration information, please visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>



4-H VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

4-H youth and adult leaders from Sauk County have been invited to a **4-H Volunteer workshop on Saturday, February 18th from 9AM-noon at the UW Richland County campus.** The event is being hosted by the Crawford, Richland and Vernon County 4-H Programs. Sessions will be offered on Youth/Adult Partnerships, Experiential Learning. There will also be a leader Idea Swap with information on community service; fundraising; recreation activities; organizational strategies for leaders; and creative project meeting ideas. **To register email Karleen.craddock@ces.uwex.edu by February 10.**



NO ART LAB FOR 2017

There will **NOT** be a 2017 4-H Art Lab due to the fact that the vacant State 4-H Communications Arts Specialist position will not be filled in to plan the event.



NEWSFLASH!!!

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



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.



FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS AND PROJECT GROUPS

The JLC has thought up a new idea to spiff up the Fair Youth Buildings! What if each Club and Project Group (Dairy, Rabbits, Horses, etc.) in Sauk County painted their own 2'x2' barn quilt to put on the side of Youth Building #2. Every quilt can be completely different! It can be something that represents your Club or Project Group, or not, it's up to you! The JLC will buy the Plywood for this project, and will be willing to sponsor clubs if needed! If you have any questions, please contact Sam Nolden (monkeesam99@gmail.com) or Elisabeth Miller (Lissielolz@outlook.com) **If your club or project group is interested in doing a barn quilt please email Sam or Elisabeth by Wednesday, March 1st.** The plan is to have the prepared 2'x2' plywood sheets to 4-H Clubs and Project groups by April 1st.



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FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year, have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year.

To be considered for financial support, applications (cover letter, résumé, project list and digital photo) **must**

be received via email by the Wisconsin 4-H

Foundation on or before March 15, 2017. For more details go to: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> 

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.



SAUK COUNTY FAIREST AND JR. FAIREST

Apply to be the 2017 Sauk County Fairest of the Fair! Applicants must be 18 by April 1 for the Fairest of the Fair. The Junior Fairest of the Fair Contest is open to youth ages 14-17. For questions or more information you may also call Kim Klicko at kklicko@yahoo.com. For an application and information, go to www.saukcountyfair.com, click on the Fair tab, then the Fairest of the Fair tab. **Application deadline is March 31. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 22.** 



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/>



CAMP! CAMP! CAMP!

CAMP COUNSELORS AND ADULTS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR CAMP - JUNE 10-13

Upham Woods is looking for Counselors ages 14 and up and adults to help facilitate Camp on June 10-13. If you are interested in serving as a camp counselor or an adult, please visit:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/public-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>


Camp is a great experience for older 4-H members to use their leadership skills, meet new people, and have fun planning and leading at camp.

All potential counselors are required to attend a camp counselor training and interview process on April 22-23. Cost is \$25, this will be reimbursed from the Senior Leaders after training.

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. **We encourage our youth to register through 4-H online by March 1.** 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.

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. 



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, March 15 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 Friday, March 10.**

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@cces.uwex.edu by Thursday, April 13 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.



CLUB LEADER & CHARTERED COUNTYWIDE PROJECT LEADER MEETING

The Extension Office will be holding a Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader meeting on **Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 PM at the West Square building.** At this meeting we will hand out calendars, and discuss recommendations from countywide committees. Leaders will also have a chance to submit topics to be covered at this meeting. Please email Meg your meeting topic by March 23. If you are not able to make it to this meeting, please see if someone else from your club or project will be able to attend. **Please RSVP for this meeting by emailing Meg margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu by March 23.**



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



ADULT MALE CHAPERONE NEEDED FOR 4-H & YOUTH CONFERENCE - JUNE 26-29, 2017

It is an exciting time here in Sauk County. We are having more and more youth apply to attend statewide events. This year we have a good group and we have more males than females attending 4-H and Youth Conference.

- We are looking for a male volunteer to chaperone for 2017.
- The event will be held June 26-29 on the UW Madison Campus.
- To apply to be a chaperone, you must be at least 21 years old, have completed your 4-H volunteer enrollment, and volunteer orientation.
- Sauk County typically shares chaperoning responsibilities with Columbia County.
- **If you are interested in volunteering to be the chaperone contact Meg at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu by March 31, 2017.**

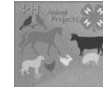
COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

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 those with special needs:

1. Volunteer to help at a Special Olympics event.
2. Set up a buddy system for kids with special needs at your school, church or 4-H club.
3. Raise money for Braille or large print books for blind or visually impaired people.
4. Volunteer at an agency that works with children with disabilities.
5. Read books or the newspaper on tape for blind or visually impaired people.
6. Prepare sack lunches and deliver them to homeless or homebound people.
7. Bring toys to children in the child's ward of a hospital.
8. Work with physically challenged kinds on an art project.
9. Build a ramp for a person in a wheelchair so it is easier for them to get in and out of their house.
10. Clean a neighbor's yard who cannot do it themselves.
11. Get your class to put together a library at a children's hospital.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Meg and 4-H Families, Thank you for the generous donation of toiletry items for refugee families resettling in Madison this coming year. The amount of donated items is impressive and will be very much appreciated! Thanks again, The Huffaker Family (Marcy, Buddy, Jake, Zach and Eva)



ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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. **The Animal Science Committee will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be February 9.** Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming meeting dates: **February 9, no meeting in March, April 13 and May 11.** These meeting will be held as needed, and information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE

As a youth producer of livestock it is important for you to keep up on the news in the industry. As of January 1, 2017, in order to use feed antibiotics you will need a veterinary prescription in order to do so, no longer available over the counter. There is a 4 page document that was created to help all involved. Please check out the following: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/vfd/> It is your responsibility as a producer to understand these rules and regulations. There are some handouts and a YouTube video available on the above website.

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.

- **Friday, March 3** – Animal Well Being Conference – Youth Track – From 8:30 AM-12:30PM at County Aire in Stratford – F1312 Co Rd P, Stratford, WI 54484. Cost for the day is \$20 per youth check made payable to Marathon County Extension. Registration due by Monday, February 20th at <https://goo.gl/forms/6sXIPPPCMZDo6E723>
- **Saturday, March 11** – Tour and educational learning day at a Beef Farm. **9am-11am at E7804 County Road W, Rock Springs, WI 53961.** Participants will tour a Beef farm and learn about careers in the Beef and Ag Industries. **RSVP by Monday, March 6 by emailing margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu.**
- **Saturday, March 18** - Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Annual Meeting and “Spring Ahead” Livestock Education Sessions. 10AM – 12:30 PM, UW-Arlington Research Station Public Events Facility, Arlington, WI. Registration forms and more information can be found at: <http://www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com/>
- **Saturday, March 25** – Tour and educational learning day at a Dairy Farm. **9am-11am at E8139 Briar Bluff Road, Reedsburg.** Participants will tour a Dairy farm and learn about careers in the Dairy and Ag Industries. **RSVP by Monday, March 20 by emailing margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu.**
- **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.

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.**

Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine DNA/RFID identification deadlines:

Beef: Monday - February 13, 2017

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. (ie. 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

DAIRY PROJECT

JAMES W. CROWLEY DAIRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The award is in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter in dairy youth projects. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive partial scholarship to the 2014 National Dairy Conference. In addition, the top two youth in the state competition will receive \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

To apply, a 4-H member must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it; must be in 10th-12th grades as of January 1, 2017; and should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project. **Contact the Extension office for an application, 355-3251 or e-mail margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu Applications are due to the Sauk County office by Wednesday, March 29.**

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DERBY

The Youth Leadership Derby is sponsored by the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW). Students who attend this lock-in style event will experience: an Agricultural Career Panel; group activities to increase leadership skills; amazing featured speakers; AND choices of hands-on learning sessions. This chaperoned event is designed for youth ages 15-18. The event will be at **Colby High School at 10:30 am, Saturday, April 22 until 12:45 PM on Sunday, April 23.** The registration form and more information can be found at: <http://pdpw.org/> **Registration due by April 10.** The cost for the event is \$79 per student.

STATE FAIR DAIRY PROMOTIONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Applications available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/> **Application deadline is Friday, March 24.**

DOG PROJECT MEETINGS

For those of you who enrolled in the dog project, t is time to mark your calendars for Dog Project Meetings. Meetings will be held from **6:30-8PM in the basement of the West Square Building:**

- **Thursday, February 16 – B30**
- **Thursday, March 9 – B24**
- **Tuesday, March 21 – B24**

Junior Project leaders should all come at 6PM for these meetings.



HORSE AND PONY PROJECT

MONTHLY PROJECT MEETING

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, March 2.** Every month your goal is to bring a folder, paper, and a pencil/pen to the meeting.

WEEKLY HORSE JUDGING PRACTICES

It is time to start on those weekly Horse Judging Practice meetings. **Meetings are held each Thursday starting February 9-April 13 from 6PM-8PM at the West Square Building.** Most of the meetings will be held in the UWEX conference room on the third floor. However check the computer terminal in the building to confirm the room.

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, February 13**
- **Wednesday, March 15**
- **Monday, April 24**
- **Tuesday, May 23**
- **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: musichaleygreffe@yahoo.com

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SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Photos due to Michel Kempfer for 2017-2018 4-H Calendar
- 2 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 4 - Beef Weigh-in, 9AM-noon, Progress Hall
- 6 - All Enrolled Archery youth
- 7 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 9 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 13 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB
- 14 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 15 - Items due to Meg for the March newsletter
- 16 - Dog Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B30
- 16 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 21 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 28 - Senior Leader Meeting – 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 28 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI

MARCH

- 1 - Request deadline for Barn Quilt supplies from JLC
- 1 - Suggested registration deadline for Junior Camp at Upham Woods
- 2 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 7 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 9 - Dog Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 10 - VIP Training registration deadline
- 14 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 15 - 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application deadline, due to State 4-H Office
- 15 - Items due to Meg for the April newsletter
- 15 - VIP Training, 6:30PM-8:30PM, WSB
- 15 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB
- 16 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 18 - Tractor Safety Driving Test, Loganville, WI
- 21 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30, WSB UWEX Conf. Rm
- 21 - Dog Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 24-30 - National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
- 30 - Club Leader Meeting - Pass out Calendars, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conference Room
- 31 - Sauk County Fairest and Jr. Fairest Application deadline to Sauk County Fair

APRIL

- 6 - Deadline for Performance Arts Festival (Music, Movement, Drama, and Speaking) registration
- 6 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 13 - Project Leader Training registration deadline

APRIL Continued

- 13 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 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 - Project Leader Training, 6:30PM-8:30PM, WSB – registration required
- 20 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 20-24 - Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama
- 22 - Sauk County Fairest and Jr. Fairest Competition
- 22-23 - State Camp Counselor Training at Upham
- 24 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB
- 25 - Senior Leaders Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf
- 29 - Performance Arts Festival, CAL Center, Reedsburg

MAY

- 3 - Creative Writing Entry deadline
- 4 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 5-6 - IW2K Camp, Upham Woods
- 6 - Sheep and Goat Weigh-in – Required for all Market Sheep and Goats – typically the first Saturday in May
- 10 - State Fair Deadline for Music, Movement, Drama and Demonstration
- 11 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conference Room
- 15 - Items due to Meg for inclusion in the June newsletter
- 17 - Fair Entry Deadline – all done online
- 18 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 23 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30, WSB UWEX Conference Room
- 23 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB

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