4-H Forecast

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February
March
2016

Waupaca County

2016 Waupaca County Fair Dates:
While planning for 2016, please note the Waupaca County Fair dates are **August 24-28, 2016.** Check out the Waupaca County Fair website at *http://waupacacountyfair.org/* for more information.

Elections for the 4-H Leaders' Board will be held at the March Association meeting. If any leaders are interested in learning more about this rewarding experience have them contact a current board member or the UW-Extension Office. The positions the board is looking to fill are Vice President, District Representatives (one from each District each year), and two Youth Representatives.

Top 10 Reasons to be a part of the 4-H Leaders' Board

- Learn about other 4-H clubs in the county and how they work.
- Work closely with other leaders who are committed to making the Waupaca County 4-H Program the best it can be.
- There is food and a $10.00 drawing at each meeting (to help reimburse travel)!!
- You meet a lot of fantastic people and develop life-long friendships.
- You learn and/or practice the proper way to run a meeting following Robert's Rules of Order.
- You have the opportunity to help shape our 4-H program.
- You meet some pretty impressive youth (who may someday be your boss) and learn about things they have participated in and value about 4-H.
- Get the scoop on the latest 4-H opportunities and news.
- Ensure funds are budgeted for items most important to the membership.
- **We NEED you to fill some vacancies on the Board!!**

Thank you for considering this important role in our 4-H Program!

Penny Tank

Penny Tank, 4-H Program Advisor

Super Saturday

Super Saturday will be held on February 27, 2016, at the **High** School in Manawa. Super Saturday is a project exploration event where members, leaders, and parents can sign up for a variety of sessions. Registrations are due February 9, 2016 and were mailed to every family.

See inside for more information about:

2016 4-H Calendar *State Fair Interest Form*
Top 10 4-H Projects in 2015

New enrollments after Feb. 1

Reminder**:** New 4-H members who join after the February 1st new enrollment deadline pay a reduced enrollment fee of $3.00 and cannot exhibit in the junior fair under 4-H.

4-H Broadcast Emails from 4-H Online

One way the UW-Extension Office has been trying to communicate information to a majority of families in the 4-H program is through sending emails from the 4-H Online system. We understand for some, these emails have been pushed to junk email folders. Please add **no-reply@4honline.com** to your list of email addresses that are ok to be accepted emails.

New Family Orientation

New family orientation will most likely be held in March. All new members will receive more information in the mail. This is a great chance to learn more about 4-H terminology, events, project literature and talk with older youth 4-H Ambassadors.

4-H Forecast

Please remember the ***4-H Forecast*** is the primary way to keep 4-H families up to date on what is happening in Waupaca County, as well as on the district, state, and national levels. The newsletter contains information about upcoming workshops, programs, contests, and registration information. In **many** cases, this is the only way you will receive information about activities and events at the county level. Please read each issue and make note of events your family is interested in.

Each ***4-H Forecast*** includes county and state level 4-H opportunities and deadlines. *These are in addition to your own club's meetings*. You are expected to attend 4-H club meetings; however, you are *invited* to take part in as many county activities as your family schedule will allow. **Enclosed is a tentative 2016 Waupaca County 4-H Calendar.**

Please honor the deadlines listed. They are established so planning committees can prepare for you. If we do not know you are coming, we can not buy supplies for you, send you more information you may need, or events could be cancelled due to low registration. Every time someone misses a deadline, it may result in a missed opportunity or more work for someone else. If you need more information about any of the items in the Forecast or about 4-H, call the University of Wisconsin Extension Office at 715-258-6230. Office hours are 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our address is: Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981. You can also find more at http://waupaca.uwex.edu/. Email Penny at penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu

Casey Lake 4-H Club Valentine Dance & Movie Night

The Casey Lake 4-H Club would like to invite you to a Valentine dance and movie night!

Where: First United Methodist Church, Waupaca (across from the hospital)

Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Cost: Paper products for the Waupaca Area Food Pantry or $1.00 per person

There will be awesome music and some fantastic fun! Free popcorn and punch. If a movie is more your style, we will be showing a newly released movie on a big screen tv. Everyone is invited! Invite your friends! Questions ? Call Eli Hamm @ 715-256-9214

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4-H Music, Drama, Talent, and Speaking Contest

Volunteers are needed to plan and assist with this annual event. We are working to confirm a date, which will be either April 16 or 23. For this opportunity to continue for our members we need 2 or 3 more people to help with various tasks (selecting the date, stage help, refreshments, confirming emcees, judges, putting together the schedule of performances, and more). In the past, this contest has been an opportunity for members of any age to perform large or small group skits, music, drama, puppet shows and more. Members can also do individual talent performances and the speaking contest. Please consider this volunteer opportunity that would most likely consist of 2 meetings prior to the event and help the day of the event. Contact Penny at the UW-Extension Office to volunteer.

Record Book Pages

Record book pages will be available later this month for General Leaders to pick up at the UW-Extension Office. For members, record books are a valuable part of the 4-H experience. They are intended to help you develop lifelong skills such as:

⇒ Setting goals

⇒ Planning and organizing

⇒ Communicating in writing
⇒ Evaluating effort and progress

Once completed, members experience personal satisfaction from completing a worthwhile task. You also have a valuable record of accomplishments that can be used when applying for awards, scholarships, college or a job! Remember to begin saving information for your record books throughout the year and to start filling out the record book pages early. Refer to the guidelines you receive with the record book pages for details about completing your record book.

Record Book Workshops Offered

If you have questions or would like some help starting on your record book contact leaders in your club or the UW-Extension Office at (715) 258-6230. Members of the 4-H Education Committee or Penny Tank would be happy to conduct individual club trainings or a countywide workshop depending on interest. Call to let us know of your interest.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Travel Opportunity to the 2017 Presidential Inauguration

A group of 30 WI youth ages 14-18 (as of January 1, 2017) will have the opportunity to learn first hand about the Presidential Inauguration process January 17—21, 2017. Youth will fly to Washington D.C. and enjoy hands-on workshops, speakers, field trips, and more. The total cost is expected to be around $1300.00. Registration needs to be completed soon and our local 4-H Leaders' Board voted to support one youth from our county with up to $600.00 towards the trip. Additional youth could apply and if chosen pay the full cost. A local trip application is due February 18 so don't delay. Contact the UWEX office for an application and more details. Members of the Awards Committee or Leaders' Board will review applications.

2016 Tractor and Machinery Certification Course for youth ages 12-15

Tractor and Machinery Certification is mandated by Federal legislation for any youth 12-15 years old working on a farm not owned or operated by the youth's parents or legal guardians and who are operating tractors over 20 PTO horsepower and/or certain farm equipment. In Wisconsin, any farm youth under the age of 16 are prohibited from operating agricultural machinery on public roads unless they have completed a Tractor and Machinery Certification Course. A law signed by the Governor in 1998 sets a lower age limit at youth 12 years of age to become certified in tractor and machinery operation.

Tractor and Machinery Certification will take place at the following location. The registration fee is $151.75 (payment required ten days prior to class start).

- Fox Valley Technical College, 525 S. Main St., Clintonville. The dates of training are Mondays and Thursdays, March 14 to April 11, from 4:30—7:30 p.m. The test will be at the final class session. Registration deadline is March 7 or when the class is full. Call 715-823-1555 or 1-800-321-7133 for more information or to register.

4-H Art Beat!

4-H Art Beat was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBeat! will be held March 18 and 19, 2016, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more! 4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins! Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. The $50.00 fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Register early! This camp fills up fast! Registration Deadline: February 19, 2016. Go here for more information: http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/

Summer Camp

Waupaca and Portage Counties will once again be camping together as a two county summer camp. NEW in 2016, Lincoln County will be joining us for Intermediate Camp. The dates are as follows:

Junior Camp: June 10-11, 2016
Intermediate Camp: June 18-20, 2016

If you are in 9th grade or above and still wish to apply to be a **summer camp counselor** for junior or

intermediate camp contact Penny at the UWEX office. Applications are due by February 1, 2016 and selections will be made in February or March. Late applications may be accepted based on numbers. **Camper registrations will be in the next Forecast, along with information about financial scholarships to attend camp.**

Host a 4-H International Teen Next Summer or School Year!

Add a great big handful of excitement to your home next summer by hosting an Argentine, Mexican, Japanese, Norwegian, or South Korean young person for one month! You could be a host! If you are between 10-18 years old and want to take part in a two to four week program that will stay with you for a lifetime, apply now! Chaperone hosts also needed for two week periods during July-August. Applications are due by February 15 or till all delegates are assigned. For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at http://wi4hinternational.org/; contact your County International Exchange Coordinator, County 4-H Office staff, or call WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or (608) 262 -1557 (e-mail wi4hinternational@gmail.com).

75th Anniversary of Upham Woods

75 years of youth development at Upham Woods will be commemorated the weekend of September 17-18, 2016 and they are seeking 4-H youth to be an integral part of that event. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to earn volunteer hours, gain leadership skills, and to participate in an Upham Woods event. We need to find youth representatives for:

- Planning the 75th Anniversary event
- Be part of the leadership team and coordinate the 75th anniversary
- Sunday 09/18/16 Anniversary Event Volunteers
- Day of event set-up/clean up
- Be available to direct guests to various areas around camp

If you know of any 4-H youth that would be interested in participating please contact Max Myers, Upham Woods Program Director, at *max.myers@ces.uwex.edu*

I WANT TO KNOW! CAMP

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Have you always wanted to know what makes things work? Would you like to do cool, hands-on experiments- including activities in food science, DNA and electricity- and learn about the science of herpetology and more? If so, then I Want To Know! Camp is for you! **April 29-30, 2016 6 p.m. arrival and 4 p.m. departure** Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center – Wisconsin Dells, WI, Grades 6-8 Cost $65- Includes all meals, lodging, t-shirt and supplies.
REGISTRATION DUE March 25.
Space is limited! Forms can be found at fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hstem/events/i-want-to-know-camp/ or contact Joanna.Skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS

United Veterinary Service Scholarship

United Veterinary Service will once again be offering a $1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior this spring. The scholarship application is available to any student in Waupaca, Shawano, Outagamie, Waushara or Winnebago counties who was enrolled in a supervised animal project in 4-H, FFA or Scouting. There are no restrictions regarding the area of studies the student pursues. Applications can be picked up at United Vet Service offices in Clintonville, or Bear Creek or by calling the UWEX office. The application includes a short essay. The deadline for the application is March 31, 2016.

United Cooperative Offers Scholarship Funds

United Cooperative, based in Beaver Dam with locations throughout WI, is pleased to offer (40) $1000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing agricultural or nonagricultural majors. The scholarship application deadline is March 3, 2016. Applicants will be judged on their leadership skills, scholastic achievement, extra curricular activities, motivation, and academic and personal goals. To be eligible, the student or the parent must be a patron member of United Cooperative; the student must attend an accredited college, university, or technical school; and the student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Visit www.unitedcooperative.com to download the application or call 1-800-924-2991.

4-H Horse Association Scholarship

Information and application forms are on the State 4-H website in the Horse Handbook located at *http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimal science/wi-4-h-horse*-assn-handbook/
Eligibility:
A) High school seniors and post-secondary students currently in their first year of higher education are eligible to apply. B) A minimum GPA 2.0 out of 4.0 is required to apply. C) A minimum of four consecutive years in the 4-H Horse & Pony Project (regular member or horseless horse). D) Applicants must attend an accredited, post-secondary school/program. E)

Applicants may pursue any major. All scholarship forms and letters of reference must be postmarked by March 1.

2016 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than $10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2016. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 15, 2016. 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 2016-2017 academic school year. Check out http://wis4hfoundation.org/support-4-h/538-2/ for more details about the application process and requirements.

CHS Larsen Cooperative High School Scholarship

CHS Larsen Cooperative will be offering graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled post high school education students a chance to apply for up to **$20,000 in scholarships.** The applicants must meet the following criteria. The parents, parent, guardian, or individual applicant must be a patron of CHS Larsen Cooperative and have purchased at least $2,000 worth of goods or services from CHS Larsen Cooperative from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Applicants must be furthering their education by attending a two-year agricultural short course program, technical school, a two-year school, or a four-year college. The scholarship forms will be available at local high school guidance offices, CHS Larsen Cooperative's main office at 1104 Mulligan Drive in New London, by calling 920-982-1111 or 1-800-924-6677, email at anne.moore@chsinc.com, selected CHS Larsen Cooperative locations, and on our web site, www.CHSLarsenCooperative.com The completed scholarship application must be returned to CHS Larsen Cooperative no **later than March 15, 2016**

VOLUNTEER LEADER NEWS

4-H Leaders' Board and Association

The next **4-H Leaders' Board** meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manawa City Hall.

The next **4-H Leaders' Association** meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Clubs in District V (Sandy Knoll, Tri-County, Wolf River Rascals) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing and to serve a light snack. All *registered certified leaders* are part of the Leaders' Association. Youth members in grades 7 and above with one year of 4-H membership are also members of the Leaders' Association. *Your input is greatly valued!!*

Elections in March
4-H Leaders' Board Members Needed

Youth and Adult Positions Available!

-Meet 6x per year ***-Great Opportunities***
-Learn together ***-Have fun & Do good***

All 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend! Plan to attend, vote on issues and be informed, have fun!

At each Leaders' Association meeting, one district is asked to report what their 4-H club is doing and serve a light snack. These **club reports** are great for others to hear and a nice way to share ideas. The clubs that are to report are listed on each meeting notice mailed to all registered leaders. The report can be given by a youth or adult. In the past, most clubs have shared information like the size of their club, projects their members are involved in, and activities their club plans throughout the year. *We encourage youth and adults from each club to attend and participate in the Association meetings.*

Volunteer Leaders

All **ADULTS** who are project and activity leaders in the county / club **MUST** register on 4-H online to be covered by 4-H insurance and be registered in the enrollment system. If adults are interested in becoming a project leader for your club or county, call your general leader or Extension Office for enrollment information. There are numerous projects offered to members and it would be great to have more leaders to help throughout the year with project meetings.

When leaders enroll in 4HOnline, there is a section that asks for information like your driver's license number, date of birth, and other yes/no questions of criminal history. This is a required area to complete and it replaces the information collected at the youth protection/leader orientation training that is needed to conduct background checks and rechecks.

Youth Protection / Leader Orientation

Waupaca County is committed to safeguarding all young people associated with our program. Thus, we will be joining other counties in the state in continuing the Youth Protection Program / Leader Orientation in 2016. **ALL first year adults** wishing to serve as volunteers (organizational, project and activity leaders, chaperons, etc.) will be required to attend a two hour orientation / training session, sign a list of volunteer behavior guidelines, and authorize a confidential records check through the Department of Justice. ***Cost for the record check is $7.00 and will be paid for by the volunteer at the time of attendance. If you have a current background check done with your employer, have your employer send us a copy before the training and we will wave the $7.00 fee.***

There will be Youth Protection Training held on:

- **Saturday, February 27 (offered during Super Saturday) (*please register on the Super Saturday form due February 9*).**

Please call Annette at the UW-Extension Office at (715) 258-6224 to register for training.

What is Expected of 4-H Project Leaders?

- First, make sure you're a certified 4-H leader!
- Get started now. Member enthusiasm for a project is highest at the time of enrollment. Find out who is enrolled in the project and set up your meeting now.
- At one of the first meetings of the year, help members set their goals for the project. Be sure members bring their 4-H member's record sheet with them to the meeting.
- Help members keep a record of what they did or made in the project for the year.
- Review progress toward the year's goals at your final meeting of the year.
- Try to organize and conduct at least three to six project meetings per year. Remember project tours or smaller work sessions can be offered to members in addition to group meetings.
- Involve youth leaders in meaningful ways. They are capable of helping in planning and teaching—not just being the helper or the clean up crew!
- Set an example in being prepared, organized, and flexible in working with youth.
- Seek out additional resources for project meetings.
- Keep your club's General Leader informed about meetings and other announcements.
- Call the UW-Extension Office if you have any questions.

Club and/or Project Printouts

With the switch to 4-H Online, club managers have the capability to print club reports/member information for their club. If you need any reports run for your club or a specific project area the Extension Office will gladly print them by request. Please look these reports over as soon as you receive them and get back to Annette with discrepancies. It's much easier to fix now than when fair entries are due!

PROJECT NEWS

Pumpkin Contest

We would like to form a committee to begin planning the Pumpkin, Watermelon, and Sunflower Contest for 2016. Plan now to plant seeds this spring in preparation for the contest usually held in early October. If you are interested in helping please contact Penny at the UW-Extension Office. Watch for more details.

Shooting Sports

All youth registered in shooting sports **MUST** work with a *STATE CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER.*

2016 4-H Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots:

- 6th Annual Winter Invitational, March 11-12 Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club, Marshfield Archery, .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Wildlife
- Tri-County Tournament, April 1-2 Washington County Fair Park, West Bend Archery, Air Rifle, Team Competition, Wildlife
- 7th Annual Lafayette County Archery Invitational April 16, Belmont Community School, Belmont, Archery
- 3rd Annual Eau Claire County Invitational, April 30, Mondovi Conservational Club, Mondovi Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, Wildlife

For more information visit, *http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/competitive-shoots-2/*

Interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader?

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is only successful when adults volunteer to work with youth in this project and when youth are given the opportunity to develop safe shooting skills and develop a better understanding of wildlife ecology. To serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, individuals must complete at least one state-level 4-H Leader Training Shooting Sports Certification Workshop in the discipline in which they are providing supervision. If an adult leader is not certified, he or she cannot provide hands on or safety instruction without a certified leader being present. Certification Workshops are not designed to teach volunteers how to use equipment, but are designed to teach adults how to conduct safe, supervised shooting experiences.

Statewide Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshops will be held on April 8-9 in Eau Claire, April 15-16 in Green Bay, April 29-30, near La Crosse and September 9-10 in Marshfield. All shooting sports leaders must complete a 12 hour workshop to be certified. After that leaders may be eligible for an 8 hour discipline only workshop to be certified in another discipline. For more info visit, *fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/*

Partial financial reimbursement is available from the 4-H Leaders' Association for adult training registration.

SMALL ANIMAL EVENTS

Small Animal Swap

The Fox Valley Rabbit Club will be hosting a *Small Animal Swap* on **March 26** at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega. The swap will run from 6:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. The cost is $2 per person 14 and older to attend. If you wish to use a table for selling there is an additional $5 fee. Anybody is welcome to attend. Questions??? Call Dennis at 715-467-2272 or email at rexrbest@gmail.com.

Small Market Animal Committee Swap

The small market animal committee is hosting a swap on Saturday, **April 2**, at the fairgrounds in Weyauwega. The swap will be open from 6–10 a.m. The cost is $2.00 per person and under 12 are free. Call Kari at 715-258-2892 with questions.

Small Market Animal
(rabbit, poultry, goat)

Small Market Animal
Mandatory Meetings will be held on:

March 3	**OR**	**March 14**
Elementary School		Courthouse
Manawa		Waupaca

7:00 p.m.
(registration begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Members or a parent/guardian **MUST** attend one of the above meetings in order to sell an animal in the Small Market Animal Sale.

Grant County Happy Hoppers Rabbit Club Spring Youth Show

March 2, 2016, Eckstein Exhibit Hall at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster, WI. Registration: 7:30-9:00 am, Show Starts: 9:00 am. Entry Fee per rabbit before 03/01 $2.00, per rabbit after 03/01 $3.00. Showmanship per exhibitor $1.00
Contact the UWEX office for a registration form.

Youth Leadership Derby

Youth Leadership Derby, sponsored by the Professional Dairy Producers of WI, will be held on April 16 & 17 at Brillion High School. This lock-in style event is perfect for youth who have an interest in large animal science, production agriculture, dairy food production, agriculture business, and hands-on learning. Many people overlook career opportunities that are associated with our state's $26.5 billion dairy industry. You don't need to be from a farm to be part of this industry. Students who attend PDPW's Youth Leadership Derby will learn about 15+ careers and experience other educational workshops and speakers. Cost is $79/students ages 15-18. Youth Leadership Derby provides a safe, energetic and fun learning environment. Check out *www.pdpw.org*

Large Market Animal

The date for the next Large Market Animal Committee Meeting is **Thursday, May 19,** at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Weyauwega/Fremont Middle School Library.** Youth and adults are encouraged to become a part of the committee and assist with the many educational opportunities related to the livestock projects and sale.

Large Market Animal
(beef, sheep, swine)

Large Market Animal
Mandatory Meetings will be held on:

February 2, 7:30 p.m., Manawa Elementary
February 6, 8:00 a.m., Dairyland Animal Health
February 11, 7:30 p.m., Waupaca High School
For the evening meetings, registration begins at 7:00 p.m.

Members or a parent/guardian **MUST attend one of the above meetings** in order to sell an animal in the Large Market Animal Sale.

If you are not present at 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 a.m., your attendance will not be counted.

State Fair Updates

In order to help coordinate efforts for showing at State Fair, please fill out the enclosed **State Fair Interest Form** and return it to the UW-Extension Office by March 1, 2016 if you have an interest in showing at the 2016 State Fair. Dates for the fair this year are August 4-14.

State Fair Rules and Regulations

WI State Fair officials announce an update to rules and regulations for youth exhibitors in the junior dairy, beef, swine, sheep and goat departments. Beginning in 2016 there will no longer be ownership date deadlines or specific name requirements for exhibitors entering and showing registered animals in the junior breeding stock shows and all non-market shows.

The updated ownership verbiage eliminates the formal WI State Fair managerial paper submission and any previous registration transfer dates. Jr. exhibitors must submit Fair entries by June 1 deadline online at http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/ or mailing a paper entry postmarked by June 1 or before. Please note: for 2016 there will be only one entry deadline date for mailed and online entries at regular fees (June 1). Late entries will be accepted for additional fees through June 8.

Market Animal Identification for 2016 State Fair

Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep or swine at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair will need to get their animal projects DNA/RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) by the respective State Fair eligibility deadlines. Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID identification deadlines (postmark):

Beef: Monday - February 8, 2016
Sheep: Monday - May 9, 2016
Swine: Monday - May 9, 2016

How do I get my animals identified?: Request DNA/RFID tag identification by going to the WLIC website at www.wiid.org/county-fair-dna-id-project. Print out, complete and mail the request form with payment to WLIC. Make sure you return DNA and required paperwork to WLIC by the Wisconsin State Fair identification postmark deadline listed above. Tags and paperwork are ONLY available through WLIC. The Wisconsin State Fair Office no longer processes DNA/RFID tag requests.

LIVESTOCK EVENTS:

2016 Livestock Learning Webinar Series

UW-Extension and the UW Madison Animal Sciences Department will again be hosting a "Livestock Learning Webinar Series" starting in February2016. This series is best suited for older youth to gain animal project & issue based information. Attendees will gain ideas about project based leadership and career goals with the species of Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats in mind. All families are encouraged and invited to attend. You can participate in these webinars from your home using a computer and your phone or check with the extension office to see if a computer/room is available. Sessions are scheduled to run from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, and the following dates and topics planned are as follows.

- Feb. 25 (register by Feb. 23) – Beef/Swine
- March 31 (register by March 29) – Sheep/Meat Goats

Youth Livestock Website and Social Media

Subscribe to get email notifications of new information on http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock, it's on the right, enter in your email address and hit submit. **Bookmark this website!** On the site are links to like the Facebook, twitter and Google+ accounts for more information and resources.

- **4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Skillathon** contests will be held together on Saturday, March 5 at UW-Madison Animal

Sciences Building. Deadline for registration is Feb. 26. Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations. The cost is $10.00 per youth. Check out http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/ for more information.

- **Livestock Judging**– Two Waupaca County 4-H volunteers are interested in working with any youth that would like to learn more about and/or participate in livestock judging events. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge about many livestock related topics. Please contact Eric at 920-540-9578 or Scott at 715-347-4541.
- ***North Eastern Wisconsin Honor Show Chow Seminar 2016*** FREE event at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds (611 Martin Ave/Cow Palace building) on March 12, 2016, 8:00 a.m.—2:15 p.m. with speakers about show lambs and hogs, show cattle, goats and poultry. Register online by March 3 to be entered to WIN!
  http://www.feeddealer.com/honorshowchow

Horse and Pony Project News

The Waupaca County Horse and Pony Project (WCH&PP) is very excited to get started for 2016! We had our first meeting on that snowy Monday night, January 25th. It is so much fun to see our senior members attend, ready and enthusiastic to share their knowledge with others. It is also so much fun to see our new members, ready to dive into horses with the rest of us. WCH&PP leaders are committed to helping all of our youth gain leadership skills while learning about equine care in a fun and safe manner. Tamara Fabisiak is the key leader this year, and she has some great ideas to keep the group moving forward.

Horse Bowl and Hippology is starting! This sub-group of the project gathers twice a month during the winter to study horse science, colors, breeds, anatomy and behavior. Then in May there is a competition held in Stevens Point where our group is tested against other groups from around the state. This group is a great way to learn about horses in more detail while sharing stories and experiences with other project members. Our first team practice will be in early February, and we will host a team practice from 5:30 to 6:30 before every WCH&PP monthly meeting (held in the Manawa Elementary School commons). Interested? Call or email Dave or Danita Walsh (H: 920-867-2161 or Email: dave.walsh@miron-construction.com We warmly welcome new team members!

On a safety note, it is now a requirement that horses be in both bridle and saddle for ALL 4-H events. There will be no bareback riding allowed during any practices, shows, work nights, etc. We know this is a big change, but it is mandated at the state level. Please help the leaders by supporting this change and helping remind all riders of the new requirement.

Winnebago County 4-H Horse & Pony Tack Sale

Sunnyview Expo Center (Fairgrounds) 500 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh, Saturday March 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m. $1.00 admission/person. Watch their Facebook page and website at http://winnebago, uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects-and-activities for future updates.

Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook

The state 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2016! Refer to this for more information on the many educational opportunities offered throughout the year for horse project members. *http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/*

Waupaca County 4-H Dog Project Organizational/Planning Meeting

If you are interested in helping to plan the 2016 countywide dog project meetings, trainings, and calendar, plan to attend the organizational meeting on Thursday, February 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. in Manawa. More details will be mailed to project families.

AGRICULTURE PROJECT CONTESTS/STARTER PROGRAMS

Targhee Sheep Association Give Away

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will be giving away a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2016 to a lucky Wisconsin youth age 12-17. Applications are available on-line at the US Targhee Sheep Association website *http://www.Ustargheesheep.org/* and are due no later than April 1, 2016.

Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association Share-a-Kid Contest

The contest is open to Wisconsin youth ages 10-17. The youth write an essay about why they would like a goat and how they are going to take care of her. We give away 6-8 goats per year. Complete contest details can be found at the following link: http://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/

HAPPENINGS IN YOUR CLUB

Baldwins Mill- Members collected items for the Food Pantry and sold candy bars. The group had a potluck and gift exchange. They are planning on doing a valentine craft and ice skating.

Casey Lake- Members had a Christmas party with games and they made snowman ornaments for the nursing home. The club is planning a sledding and ice-skating outing.

Dayton Community- Club members toured the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. They also had the K-9 Officer and his dog visit a club meeting for a talk. Members enjoyed the 4-H Family day at Nordic Mountain.

Friendly Valley- Members had fun singing at Mayville Nursing Home and had a Christmas bowling party. They will be making valentines and giving them out at the Manawa nursing home.

Krossing Creeks- The club awards were handed out. Members received fair checks and had a 4-H candle lighting ceremony. They are planning bowling outing in January.

Lind Center Beavers- They had a Christmas party and pizza. They also rang the bells and voted to go on a tobogganing/sledding club outing in January. Members will be delivering handmade Valentine cards for the residents at the Crossroads Nursing Home.

Peterson Mill – Record books and club awards were handed out. The club had a Christmas potluck dinner at their December meeting.

Sandy Knoll- Club members had a club Christmas party and did an Adopt-A-Family project. Plans were made for skiing & tubing at Nordic Mountain 4-H Day, hosting a soup dinner and Valentine cookie event for the elderly, and ice fishing.

Tri-County- Members went caroling at nursing homes. Club members will be helping with bingo at CrossRoads Health Care Center in January. They are also planning a bowling and pizza party.

Woodland Badgers- The club had a Christmas party, brought a dish to pass, and played a present exchange game.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Secretaries Report

Please remember part of the secretary officer duties, besides keeping accurate records of club business, is to turn a copy of the minutes into the UW-Extension Office. This can be done by mail, fax (715-258-6232) or email: penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu The club minutes are important for 4-H records and highlights from the minutes are also shared in each 4-H Forecast.

Reporter Report

Reporters are reminded to forward a copy of your meeting report to your local newspaper. You are also encouraged to highlight special events your club is planning or participating in.

Newspaper Contacts

For the County Post West and East, send 4-H articles to Jane at *jmyhra@mmclocal.com*. For news covering Clintonville and Marion send your articles to Dan at *marionad@frontiernet.net*.

Treasurer Report

Treasurers are reminded that accurate records need to be kept and reported at each monthly club meeting.

4-H Ambassador Club Visits

The 4-H Ambassadors are very interested in visiting club meetings or participating in club events. If your club would like to have an Ambassador visit please contact Penny at the UWEX office to make initial arrangements. The Ambassadors would be available to present any of the following depending on the time of year:

- Information about the Ambassador program
- County 4-H opportunities and benefits of participating in club and county events
- Preparing for County Fair or completing 4-H record books
- How does the 4-H Leaders' Association support club members/leaders
- Educational topics such as teamwork, club recreation, etc.
- Other leadership activities

Accident Insurance Reminder

All registered 4-H members and leaders are covered by American Income Life Insurance Company under a

group accident insurance policy. Part of your county 4-H dues goes to pay for this accident insurance. The insurance covers members and leaders while participating in or attending regularly approved and adult supervised group 4-H activities. Items NOT COVERED are: injuries sustained while skiing/ tobogganing/sledding/tubing, illness, eyeglass replacement, hernia, suicide, air travel, losses covered under Medicare or any plan of worker's compensation, and denture replacement or repair. Even though most winter sports are not covered by the regular $1 per member per year plan, the good news is coverage is available online at www.americanincomelife.com by choosing the "Submit 4-H Activity Report" button and requesting special activity insurance used for individual group events like ski trips. All three plan options provide full accident coverage for downhill skiing, snowboarding, sledding and other downhill winter sports. **If your club would like to purchase additional insurance coverage at just $.20 to $.30 per person per day to cover winter activities, illnesses, non 4-H members, and more during any of your club events call the UWEX office for a brochure.**

THANK YOU

- ☺ All youth who turned in trip applications and adults who helped with trip interviews, Gloria Bigalke, Dawn Nelson, Deb Schneider.
- ☺ All of the county committees who have been working on many Waupaca County activities.
- ☺ Jenny Heise, for your work as the Leaders' Board and Association treasurer and for your willingness to be appointed for another 2 year term.
- ☺ Congratulations to Keyara Berrig, drawing winner at the January Association Meeting.

Don't forget to say THANKS….please remember to acknowledge all awards received whether at the County Fair, Achievement Night, Leaders' Banquet or during the year. Call the UW-Extension Office or your general leader if you have a question about who sponsored your award. Sponsors give because they believe in 4-H and YOU! Show them how much their support is appreciated by sending them a thank you note.

MISCELLANEOUS

Address Changes
Please notify the UW-Extension office if you move so we can update your address in the computer. We often get mail returned due to changed and incorrect addresses and the post office charges us a fee for the service with our newsletters. If you or someone in your club has not received their 4-H newsletter in the mail, contact us so we can correct our mailing list.

Check out the new Wisconsin 4-H website at http://4h.uwex.edu/ Updates continue to be made.

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4-H Animal Science Events
http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/

Youth Livestock
http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/

Wisconsin State Fair Website
http://www.wistatefair.com/

State 4-H Website, Community Club Central
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/clubs/index.cfm

Game Corner—Clay Artists

Time: 30 Minutes
Supplies: -24 index cards
-Containers of clay or soft modeling dough
Set Up: Create a set of two dozen index cards that list individual shapes easily represented with clay or soft modeling dough (e.g., flower, cat, pencil, bicycle, tent).
The Game: Divide players into equal teams of 4-6. Ask teams to stand in different parts of the room at an equal distance from you. Team members will take turns sculpting simple designs as quickly as possible. Each team chooses one member to join you in the center of the room, where you secretly show them an index card. Players return quickly and silently to their tables to sculpt the image with clay or modeling dough. The first group to correctly guess the name of their artist's creation wins that round. Play continues until you run out of cards. Encourage all players to be "artists" at least once. The group that wins the most rounds wins the game.

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