



April 2011

# Clark County Clover Leaf

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Dear 4-H Members, Families and Friends,

Happy Spring! As I'm writing this however it is snowing AGAIN. I am really feeling ready for those April showers and May flowers; enough of this snow!! I am very excited about this month's newsletter. You will notice a few changes (Doggie Doodle & Event Calendar) AND lots of upcoming educational events and opportunities for both members and leaders that are not just in Clark County but across the state of Wisconsin.

The Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board, Clark County 4-H Committees and UW-Extension are working hard to bring our 4-H members, leaders and county residents opportunities to learn throughout the year; if you have an idea for a project area workshop feel free to contact Sara or a member of the Executive Board.

We have a very full newsletter this month and lots of information; it is easy to miss something so be sure to read carefully and as always please call UW-Extension at 715-743-5121 with any questions.

Sara Gronski  
4-H Youth Development Agent  
Clark County

### 4-H History for April

A. B. Graham started one such youth program in Clark County, Ohio, in 1902, which is considered the birth of the 4-H program in the United States. The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club". T.A. "Dad" Erickson of Douglas County, Minnesota, started local agricultural after-school clubs and fairs also in 1902. Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with a H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs.

When Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 and created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA, it included work of various boys' and girls' clubs involved with agriculture, home economics and related subjects, which effectively nationalized the 4-H organization. By 1924, these clubs became organized as 4-H clubs, and the clover emblem was adopted.

Your county extension office



**UW Extension**  
Cooperative Extension  
Clark County

*Dear Cooperative Extension Supporter,*

*The purpose of this message is to provide you with a statewide perspective of Cooperative Extension in Wisconsin, thank you for your participation in our educational programs, and enlist your support for the work of the educators in your county office and our staff on the University of Wisconsin campuses.*

*Cooperative Extension is a statewide organization that consists of offices in all 72 counties, a presence within three tribal nations, and collaborations with several of the four year campuses of the University of Wisconsin System. Our network of educators in the counties, researchers and educators on campus, and partner organizations enable us to deliver programming that is relevant to the issues at the community level and across the state. Our information is driven by your educational needs and is based on our research capacity on our campuses and in our county offices.*

*Governor Walker's budget contains many components impacting Cooperative Extension, including a reduction in our state funding, the separation of UW-Madison from UW System, and a number of proposed impacts on counties. In addition, at the national level, proposals have been made which reduce our federal funding. Our current funding mix is 40% state, 28% county, 23% federal, and 9% program revenue and fees.*

*My best estimate is a 10% reduction in our combined state and federal funding. Our budget is heavily invested in people. With 88% of our funding on personnel, there will be impacts on how we staff our county offices and partner with our UW campuses.*

*Our organization remains committed to maintain our local presence through our county offices and our applied research capacity on our partner UW campuses, including UW-Madison. We will continue to build relationships with our funding partners (county, state, and federal) and to communicate how our educational programming is a worthwhile investment that provides a healthy return on the investment made by our taxpayers.*

*I am working with all Cooperative Extension educators and our funding partners (county, state, and federal) to continue evolving our organization into a thriving, well-known, and sought out educational resource that reflects the rich diversity of the state. Cooperative Extension may look a bit different, and we will continue to commit ourselves to teach, learn, lead, and serve; connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with you in transforming lives and communities.*

*As a supporter, partner, and learner, I encourage you to share your story with people you know about the impact of Cooperative Extension in your community and/or across the state. I hope you will also take the opportunity to convey these messages to elected officials in your county, state Assembly and Senate districts, and U.S. Representative and Senators.*

*I look forward to sending you further communication as the budget process continues and to highlight how Cooperative Extension is committed to being part of the solution in your county and across Wisconsin.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*Rick Klemme  
Dean and Director  
Cooperative Extension*

**4-H Leaders Federation Board Meeting  
March 7, 2011**

Present: Judy Morrow, Sara Gronski, Joan Buchholz, Hannah Durrstein, Jo Elmer, Barb Finkleson, Melissa Brecke, and Susan Stiemann

Judy Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The secretary's minutes from the February 7 meeting were read and approved. Joan Buchholz presented the treasurer's report noting that one half of the plat book money had been paid out. The remaining half will be paid next year. Barb Finkleson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Melissa Brecke seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sara Gronski reported that she has had no further volunteers to help at the Volleyball Tournament, and that she is in need of older youth to help at the Drama/Speaking/Music Festival in Thorp this weekend. A discussion followed regarding possible contacts to fill the need for two gym monitors on Saturday of the volleyball tournament and one on Sunday, as well as five referees for Saturday, and three for Sunday.

Joan Buchholz reported that the Finance Committee has met and discussed the treasurer position. They have considered splitting the position into three roles. The Extension Office would collect and track monies. Joan Buchholz would pick up monies from the Extension Office each week and deposit them. Then a treasurer would be elected from the Federation Board who would compile all the paperwork, balance it, and report each month to the board. Reorganizing the treasurer's duties in this manner would require by-law changes. Sara Gronski will be e-mailing these changes to members of the board for review prior to making a final recommendation to 4-H leaders at the fall leaders' meeting.

Barb Finkleson reported that the Awards Committee has met and discussed the possibility of instituting an award system based on points with bronze, silver, and gold levels of achievement. Some areas that still need to be discussed include how points would be accumulated, what the final reward should be, and whether grandfathering would occur into the new system.

The dates for the Clothing/Foods/Cake Decorating Revues have been confirmed for June 13 and June 18.

Judy Morrow stated that attendance at the volleyball/softball coaches meeting was slim.

Barb Finkleson presented information about the 4-H welcome sign project. Hannah Durrstein moved that we purchase four 4X6 foot signs of metal-covered plastic at approximately \$110 per sign as per quote obtained by Barb Finkleson. Seconded by Melissa Brecke and carried.

The next order of business regarded a discussion of board members' visits to clubs. Melissa Brecke reported on her visit with the Woodgrove Workers 4-H club, and stated she will be visiting Reseburg Ramblers this month. Sara Gronski has visited with Thorp Pine Valley. Jo Elmer will be contacting Loyal Lads & Lassies, and Susan Stiemann has contacted Atwood Aces. Judy Morrow will be visiting Town & Country Partners.

The possibility of holding record book workshops was discussed. Sara Gronski stated that new project-specific forms will be available for the 2012 4-H year. It was suggested that a training meeting to introduce these forms to leaders would be held this fall.

Jo Elmer reported that the categories for the Speaking Contest had been updated by committee. A discussion followed regarding the upcoming festival. It was noted that the number of dramas, mini dramas, and musical groups entered was down. Joan Buchholz mentioned that children are involved in sports activities at younger ages now that take up much of their weekends and practice time.

A discussion was held concerning the need for another Exploration Day during the summer. Sara reported on the "Prepare for the Fair Day" that the summer intern has directed in the past. This day is designed to help Cloverbuds and Explorers review the possible fair projects open to them for entering at the fair. It was felt that this program should continue rather than doing another Exploration Day.

Melissa Brecke suggested that we might consider asking Andrea Boehlke, a UW-Stevens Point student who is currently competing on the TV show "Survivor," to be a key note speaker for our 4-H Awards Banquet this fall. Melissa will look into this matter.

Hannah Durrstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jo Elmer. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Susan Stiemann, Acting secretary



## CLUB NEWS

### **Beaver Center-Jolly Workers / March** (McKenzie Rowley)

- Pledges led by Brady Bravener and Dylan Rowley
- Roll call was your favorite Holiday
- Discussed club dues, lunch duty, birthday calendars, volleyball, animal swap, club trip to Valley Fair
- Next meeting will be Sunday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Loyal City Hall

### **Greenwood Satellites / March** (Austyn Degenhardt)

- Pledges led by Cassie and Kasandra
- Discussed a community project in the city of Greenwood
- We will be cleaning up the park after Dairy Days again this year
- Learned about showing dogs and horses at the fair

### **Happy Valley / March** (Bailey Schumacher)

- Pledges led by Taytor and Eric
- Roll call was “are you tired of winter?”
- Project meeting ideas include paintings, flowers, canning, paper folding, sand painting
- Next meeting will be April 2 at Marty’s at 9:45
- Flags— May 21 10:00 a.m. at Chapel
- Taytor gave demonstration on a hunting rattler and Eric gave a speech on the WII

### **Lucky Clovers / March** (Jessi Quicker)

- Roll call was your favorite color
- Demonstrations/speeches given by: Daniel Stiemann (technology); Rachel Stiemann (read a story on chickens and eagles); Nathan Stiemann (talk on “fine feathered friends”)
- Club members completed the Hoards Dairy Judging forms
- Easter egg hunt will be planed for May; will also have a brat sale this spring
- Next meeting is April 11

### **Park's Happy 13/ March** (Megan Kelsey)

- Pledges led by Serena Bakke and Jakob Kelsey
- Roll call was favorite thing you did this winter
- Talked about the Action City trip sponsored by the Older Youth Group
- Discussed ideas for fundraisers
- Next Meeting is April 10

### **Woodgrove Workers / March** (Jade Pinter)

Pledges led by Dylan Lampi and Joerge Schmelzer

Cloverbuds and Explorers had a chance to stamp cards

Thrivent Join Hands Day- April 8—ideas included new post/frame for 4-H signs or plant tomatoes for locals

Stuffed eggs for Easter Egg Hunt after the meeting

Next meeting is April 3 / 6:00 p.m. at Saint John’s church Withee



## SAVE THE DATES




4-H Day Camp      July 6  
Prepare for Fair Day      June 15-16

Registration information will be in next month’s newsletter



## MEETING DATES / EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

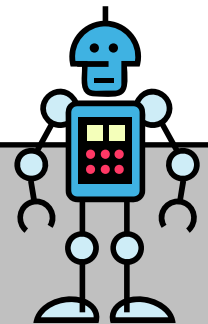
Registration form (if needed) can be found at <http://clark.uwex.edu/>

<b>April 4</b>	4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:15 p.m.
<b>April 9 –10</b>	4-H Volleyball Tournament	Neillsville School	
<b>April 12</b>	Camp Counselor Meeting	ADS (dining hall) - Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>April 14</b>	Flower/Vegetable Project Meeting <b>RSVP by APRIL 12</b>	 ADS (dining hall) - Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>April 19</b>	Awards/Recordbook Committee Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>April 19</b>	4-H Rabbit Project Meeting <b>RSVP by APRIL 15</b> to 715-743-5121 (Lori) This meeting will count as 1 educational point	 ADS (dining hall) - Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>April 25</b>	Camp Counselor Meeting	ADS (dining hall) - Greenwood	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 27</b>	4-H Dog Kick Off 	Fairgrounds (dairy arena) Neillsville	6:00 p.m.
<b>May 5</b>	Spring Leader Training (club leaders/officers, volunteers, older 4-H members) <b>RSVP by MAY 2</b> to: 715-743-5121/sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu)	Greenwood High School Cafetorium	7:00 p.m.
<b>May 9</b>	Animal Welfare and Ethics	Location TBD	7:30 p.m.
<b>June 13</b>	4-H Foods Revue/Cake Decorating Revue	Greenwood High School Cafetorium	6:00 p.m.
<b>June 18</b>	4-H Clothing Revue	Greenwood High School Cafetorium	2:00 p.m.
<b>June 22 –24</b>	4-H Summer Camp	Camp Upham Woods	

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE DATES

- April 5**  
Thorp Fire Hall  
12:00—6:00 p.m.
- April 18**  
American Legion Hall, Neillsville  
11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- April 19**  
Greenwood High School (old gym)  
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- April 25**  
Clark County Health Care Center  
12:30—5:30 p.m.

**Check this out!  
Wisconsin 4-H  
Robotics Rally**

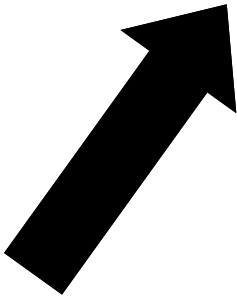


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Older Youth Group Members:

Front row: Vanessa Walter, Kyle Bakke, Jacob Welsh, Chandra Pecha and Katelyn Welsh  
 Back row: Mitchell Hemann, Ashley Hemann, Jakob Kelsey, and Ryan Bakke



**Clark County 4-H Clubs are AWESOME!**

Once again our 4-H clubs can stand tall and proud!!!!

The donations collected for the Pediatrics Department at the Marshfield Hospital was amazing. In addition to the items collected below, we also received \$50.00 dollars in cash!

The Older Youth Group would like to thank all the Clark County 4-Hers who donated!

**4-H Invitational Shoot  
 April 30  
 Neillsville Gun Club**

Registration 6:00—8:00 a.m.  
 Competition 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$8.00 for 1st event  
 \$5.00 for each additional event  
 (up to 4 events allowed)

(no charge for Clark County youth enrolled in 4-H shooting sports program)

Three divisions: Junior (8—11 years old)  
 Intermediate (12—14 years old)  
 Senior (15—19 years old)

Registration form available at the UW-Extension Office or on-line at:

<http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/registration-for-events-and-activities/>

Registrations are due by April 15.

For more information please contact Dennis Fleischmann at 715-743-4394.

## 4-H DRAMA/MUSIC/SPEAKING CONTEST RESULTS

### Dramas

Lucky Clovers  
    "Cocoon" (blue)  
Reseburg Ramblers  
    "Commercials Past and Present" (blue)  
Maplewood Badgers  
    "Ma and the Kids" (red)

### Mini Dramas

Greenwood Satellites  
    "It Could Always be Worse" (blue)  
Greenwood Satellites  
    "Well, Doggone It!" (blue)  
Pleasant Ridge  
    "A Mixed Up Fairy Tale" (blue)  
Romadka  
    "The Mystery of the Sounds of the Night" (red)

### Skits

Maplewood Badgers  
    "Salt in the Soup" (blue)  
Greenwood Satellites  
    "Raining on the Playground" (red)

### Musical Performances - group

Greenwood Satellites  
    "Footloose Melody" (blue)

### Musical Performances - solos

Tyler Ballard, Thorp Pine Valley (blue)  
Hannah Elmer, Greenwood Satellites (blue)  
Erika Gillett, Reseburg Ramblers (blue)  
Shania Gorton, Greenwood Satellites (blue)  
Kyle Johnson, Corner Clovers (blue)  
Stephanie Johnson, Corner Clovers (blue)  
Sebastian Neisius, Thorp Pine Valley (blue)  
Amber Noah, Reseburg Ramblers (blue)  
Angela Verges, Reseburg Ramblers (blue)  
Mariah Elmer & Stefanie Marvin, Grwd Sat. (blue)  
Sebastian Neisius & Cody Ballard, TPV (blue)  
Cody Ballard, Thorp Pine Valley (red)  
Ashley Gillett, Reseburg Ramblers (red)

### Speeches and Demonstrations

Maranda Degenhardt, Greenwood Satellites (blue)  
Angelica Drietz, Independent Family (blue)  
Theresa Drietz, Independent Family (blue)  
Hannah Elmer, Greenwood Satellites (blue)  
Mariah Elmer, Greenwood Satellites (blue)  
Dakota Gorton, Greenwood Satellites (blue)  
Bryann Lewien, Reseburg Ramblers (blue)  
Brooke Noah, Reseburg Ramblers (blue)  
Daniel Stiemann, Lucky Clovers (blue)  
Rachel Stiemann, Lucky Clovers (blue)  
Austyn-Lee Degenhardt, Greenwood Satellites (red)  
Amanda Durrstein, Greenwood Satellites (red)  
Hanna Durrstein, Greenwood Satellites (red)  
Shania Gorton, Greenwood Satellites" (red)  
Amber Noah, Reseburg Ramblers (red)  
Nathan Stiemann, Lucky Clovers (red)  
Rebecca Stiemann, Lucky Clovers (red)

### 2011 State Fair Representatives:

Reseburg Ramblers  
    (Commercials Past and Present – drama)  
Pleasant Ridge  
    (Mixed Up Fairy Tale – mini drama).

Alternates for drama/music are:

Lucky Clovers (Cocoon) – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate  
Greenwood Satellites (Footloose) – 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate  
Maplewood Badgers (Ma and the Kids) – 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate

Alternates for mini drama are:

Grwd Sat. (It Could Always Be Worse) – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate  
Grwd Sat. (Well Doggone It) – 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate  
Maplewood Badgers (Salt in the Soup) – 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate

### Special awards were given to:

Brooke Noah, Reseburg Ramblers  
    Best Actress  
Samantha Cappadora, Pleasant Ridge  
    Best Supporting Actress  
Caleb Susa, Greenwood Satellites  
    Best Actor  
Daniel Stiemann, Lucky Clovers  
    Best Supporting Actor  
Amanda Durrstein, Greenwood Satellites  
    Scene Stealer  
Lucky Clovers  
    Best One Liners

# 2011 FOODSTAND WORK SCHEDULE

- All independent families must contact Peggy Erickson (715-743-3048 / eperickson@tds.net) to schedule your work time
- **Workers must wear clean clothes and enclosed shoes (no open toed shoes of any type)**
- If you must leave your shift to attend a fair event you must have a replacement
- We will accommodate schedules as much as possible; but please realize that we need to have adequate coverage on all shifts
- We will not accept money bills larger than a \$50
- **Children 6 and under are not allowed in the foodstand at any time**
- Please contact Peggy Erickson (715-743-3048) with any questions regarding foodstand work schedule

DATE	TIME	CLUB	ADULTS	14-17	8-13
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>August 10</b>	8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Atwood Aces	5	5	4
	10:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Beaver Center/Jolly Workers	5	4	3
	1:45 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Lucky Clovers	5	4	4
	4:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Happy Valley South East Stars	2 2	2 1	2 2
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>August 11</b>	7:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Town & Country Partners	4	4	2
	10:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Reseburg Ramblers	6	5	4
	1:45 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Woodgrove Workers	6	5	5
	4:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Loyal Lads & Lassies	6	5	5
	7:15 p.m.—10:30 p.m.	Christie Mounders	4	3	3
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>August 12</b>	7:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Chili	4 2 more at 8	4	2
	10:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Reseburg Ramblers	7	6	6
	1:45 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Greenwood Satellites	7	6	5
	4:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Maplewood Badgers	6	5	5
	7:15 p.m.—10:30 p.m.	Romadka	4	5	3
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>August 13</b>	7:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Beaver Center/Jolly Workers	6 2 more at 8:30	4	4
	10:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Bright as Stars Loyal Lads & Lassies	3 7	2 7	2 5
	1:45 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Woodgrove Workers	7	6	5
	4:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Romadka	6	6	5
	7:15 p.m.—10:30 p.m.	Greenwood FBLA Willard Braun	2 4	1 3	1 3
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>August 14</b>	8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Town & Country Clovers	4 2 more at 9	2	2
	10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.	Corner Clovers	2	2	2
	10:15 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Parks Happy 13 Thorp Pine Valley	4 4	4 3	3 3
	1:45 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Greenwood Satellites	7	4	4
	4:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Pleasant Ridge	4	3	3

## FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS—2011 MARATHON COUNTY / JULY 12—14

Volunteers are needed for the Youth Tent and Family Farm Adventure at the 2011 Marathon County FTD. In order to make this a success they need your help. It will take 150 volunteers to make the youth tent and family farm adventure happen.

If you would like to volunteer please go the following website and complete the registration form, and then mail to address that is listed on form: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/farm-technology-days-2011-2/>

Registration forms are due by March 31.



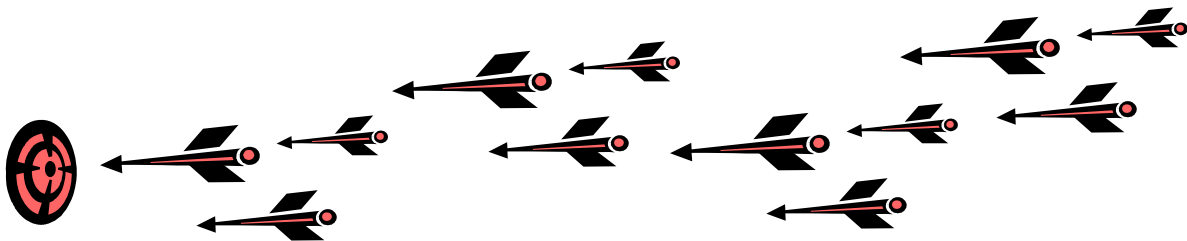
## 2011 PULLORUM TESTER SEMINARS

The WI DATCP will be offering ten pullorum tester training seminars during the month of April. Attendance at one of these seminars is mandatory for those who would like to renew their pullorum certification nor those that would like to become a certified pullorum tester for the first time. All current certifications for pullorum testers will expire on June 30, 2011.

The cost to become a certified pullorum tester is \$25 and is valid for 2 years. Fee must be mailed to Division of Animal Health within 2 weeks after attending session.

One session is being offered in Eau Claire on **April 27** at the CVTC (rooms 30A and 30B) from 6:30—9:00 p.m. For a complete list of dates please contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-743-5121.

For information regarding Pullorum Tester seminars please contact Margie Proost (608-224-4877).



## ATTENTION SHOOTING SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

Would you be interested in attending a gun safety, education, and marksmanship program that provides the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment, and competition? This would be offered in the Neillsville area and the date/time will be determined at a later date.

For more information please contact Dennis Fleischmann (715-743-4394).

The decision to hold the class will be made on **May 23** so if you are interested you should contact Dennis before that date.

## Attention Sheep Exhibitors

New this year at the fair will be a "Make it With Wool" contest.  
This year it will be a ribbon only class. Guidelines are as follows:

### Wool Outfit

- Attire must be made predominately of wool (suggested at 70%).
- Attire may be purchased or constructed by or for entrant and should be age appropriate and lend elegance to the class.
- Sheep must be a ewe of any age or a market lamb. NO rams allowed. Sheep must be shown on a halter.
- Entrant must provide a one page commentary (200 words or less). This needs to include: a brief biography of entrant and their involvement with sheep, a description of the garment and accessories, and the breed of sheep. This should be written in the third-person as an announcer will be reading it.
- Garment should only be used by exhibitor one year.

### Score Card

	possible points
Garment Construction	100
Style and/or Fashion and Accessories	100
Entrant's Poise	100
Entrant's Appearance	100
Control of Animal	100
Presentation and Appearance of Animal	100
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>600</b>

### Costume

- Attire can be any appropriate costume.
- Sheep must be a ewe of any age or a market lamb. NO rams allowed. Sheep must be shown on a halter.
- Entrant must provide a one page commentary (200 words or less). This needs to include: a brief biography of entrant and their involvement with sheep, a description of the garment and accessories, and the breed of sheep. This should be written in the third-person as an announcer will be reading it.
- Costume should only be used by exhibitor one year.

### Score Card

	possible points
Costume Construction	100
Originality	100
Entrant's Poise	100
Entrant's Appearance	100
Control of Animal	100
Presentation and Appearance of Animal	100
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>600</b>

# Last Day to Add Projects:

# April 15

# No exceptions!

## 2010 TRACTOR SAFETY CLASSES OFFERED

These are the dates we have so far for tractor safety. Classes are open to all Clark County youth who meet requirements.

### Loyal

Date: **June 20—23**  
 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
 Cost: \$20  
 Class Size 20 youth

Youth must be 12 years old or older at the time of the class session. No one under 12 will receive certification. Brochures/registration forms classes are available at:

- UW-Extension Office (743-5121)
- UW-Extension website  
(<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv/clark/4h/TractorSafety.html>)
- Vo-Ag Instructor at schools listed above

Registrations are due by **JUNE 1**.

## Happy Dancing Raisins

Remember the dancing raisins commercial on TV? No? Well it doesn't matter anyway, they have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with this experiment. Now, let's make some raisins boogie!

Supplies needed:

- Glass jar
- Carbonated water
- Raisins

1. Fill a glass or bottle half full of carbonated water.
2. Drop three or four raisins into the carbonated water.
3. Wait around for the show to begin!



What happens? Can you guess why the raisins bob to the surface? Carbonated water contains dissolved carbon dioxide (a heavy colorless gas that does not support combustion, dissolves in water to form carbonic acid, is formed in animal respiration and in the decay or combustion of animal and vegetable matter, and is absorbed from the air by plants in photosynthesis.) gas. This gas will collect on the uneven surfaces on the raisins. When enough gas has collected, it will actually lift the raisins to the surface (kind of like little tiny parachutes) where the gas is then released into the air. With the gas now gone, the raisins will sink back to the bottom where the process begins anew.

Parent's Note. Carbonated water is produced by adding carbon dioxide gas to water under pressure. The gas makes the water bubble and fizz.

## ACTION CITY TRIP

Are you in the mood for some go-carting and laser tagging?  
If you are then come join the Older Youth Group for a fun-filled day at  
Action City in Eau Claire on  
**April 17 / 12:30—3:30 p.m. (pizza at 1:00 p.m.)**



Cost is \$13 per person and you will need to find your own transportation to and from. The Older Youth Group will pick up the tab for the pizza and unlimited soda bar for all 4-H members.



You must RSVP by **April 10** to: Terri Schultz / [tschultz@packagingcorp.com](mailto:tschultz@packagingcorp.com)

Hope to see you there!

Check them out on the web [www.metropolisresort.com/actioncity](http://www.metropolisresort.com/actioncity)

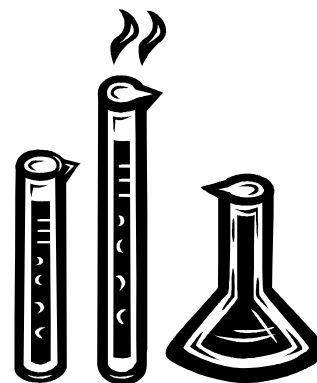
# RADICAL REACTIONS DAY CAMP

(for youth in grades 3—5)

**Saturday, May 7**

Black River Falls Middle School

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



- **Opposites Attract**—use magnets to find treasure
- **Ready to Blow**—discover what it takes to create a "lava flow"
- **Color Changing**—investigate the mystery of colorful reactions
- **What's Up with Water**—solve the questions of water's solubility

Registration fee of \$10 includes lunch and T-shirt

Registrations are due by **APRIL 22**. Space is limited to register today!

For a registration form contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-743-5121.

## HEART OF WISCONSIN RABBIT BREEDERS YOUTH SHOW (NOT A SANCTIONED SHOW)

**Saturday, May 14**

Fairgrounds—Marshfield

9:00 a.m. (doors open)

10:00 a.m. (exhibiting starts)

Entry fee:       \$2.00 per animal  
                      \$1.50 for showmanship

There will be educational demonstrations offered throughout the day so this will count as one point for any Clark County 4-H youth in the meat rabbit project.

For more information or to request a registration form please contact:

Barb Grosbier  
715-676-2193

Registrations are due by **April 29**.

### UPCOMING WSRB SANCTIONED SHOWS:

**May 8**  
CWRBA  
Marshfield  
All breed show

**May 28—29**  
IRBA  
Eau Claire  
All breed show

## Rabbit and Cavy Fun Show Saturday, May 7

B & B Supply  
N8143 State Highway 63  
Spring Valley, WI

Entry fee of \$2.00 per rabbit

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Show starts at 10:30 a.m.

All proceeds go towards improvements in the Pierce County 4-H rabbit, small animal, and poultry projects.

For more information please contact:

Andrea  
715-426-0775  
anthole@presenter.com

**Free  
Master Gardener  
Pruning Workshop**

*sponsored by  
Over the Garden Gate*

**April 9  
10:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.**

**Open to the Public  
No Charge**

The easiest way to learn how to properly prune is to get out and do it and there are a few basic "rules of thumb" that are easy to learn and remember. Most trees and shrubs should be pruned in the late winter or early spring which is called dormant season pruning. Some can be cut all the way to the ground, where other benefit more from selective pruning. Pruning is actually invigorating to plants and often encourages new growth.

Guest Speaker will be Teri Gear Lessig, Horticultural Educator at Wood County UW-Extension. Her experience includes greenhouse management, landscaping and landscape maintenance, commercial vegetable production, and more!

Participants should meet at the Courthouse Auditorium (Neillsville) for introductions and they will proceed to the Neillsville Public Library for a hands-on demonstration.

For more information please contact:

Pat Hubing  
715-743-2281

**LAMB SELECTION AND FEEDING CLINIC  
MONDAY, APRIL 11 / 7:30 P.M.  
LOYAL HIGH SCHOOL AG ROOM**

Guest speaker will be Ryan Fischer, nutritionist from Central Wisconsin Coop. He will give a presentation on lamb selection / feeding. There will also be lambs available for viewing and discussion. Please contact Terry Sischo (715-743-3033) for more information.

Attendance at the **above class** will count as one educational point towards the required 2 points for selling an animal at the 2011 Clark County 4-H / FFA Live-stock Sale.

**BADGER BONANZA LAMB SHOW**

**May 8  
Public Events Center—Arlington**

For more information go to:  
<http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/project-area-information/>

**DO YOU KNOW WHEN AND HOW  
TO START YOUR FLOWERS AND  
VEGETABLES?**

Come and find out at the 4-H Flowers and Vegetables Project meeting on:

**APRIL 14**  
ADS (dining hall) - Greenwood  
7:00 p.m.

John and Irene Dziekan,  
Clark County Master Gardeners, will be the guest speakers and available to answer your questions.

**Please RSVP by April 12 to 715-743-5121.**

**Bucky's Spectacular**

WSPA Sanctioned Show

*Hosted by  
Saddle & Sirloin UW-Madison*

**Saturday, May 21  
Green County Fairgrounds—Monroe**

For more information go to:  
<http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/project-area-information/>

## MAQA CLASS DATE

**June 6**

Greenwood High School (Ag Room)  
7:00 p.m.

Attendance at the **above class** will count as one educational point towards the required 2 points for selling an animal at the 2011 Clark County 4-H / FFA Livestock Sale.

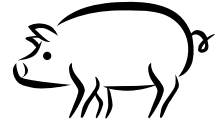
If you can't attend this session check out the following website for another date and location:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/maqameetings.cfm>

**Anyone selling swine at the fair must have MAQA certification.**

## ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS

The swine weigh-in is:



**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

Clark County Garage—Loyal  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Please refer to the Livestock Show and Sale book if you any questions regarding weigh-in or livestock questions.

## BEEF / DAIRY BEEF FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

Mark your calendars—the date has been set for the Beef/Dairy Beef Fitting and Showing Clinic:

**JULY 6**

Dusty/Brenda Schlinsog farm  
W2760 County Road H, Granton  
7:30 p.m.

## WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ANNOUNCE 2011 YOUTH EVENTS

31st Annual Spring Preview Show  
June 11  
Jefferson Fair Park

Junior Livestock Camp  
June 17-19  
Wisconsin State Fair Park

Wisconsin Summer Spectacular  
August 19-20  
Marathon County Fairgrounds

Master Stockman Award applications

T-Shirt Design Contest (due May 1)

[www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com](http://www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com)

You can also contact Jill Alf, Executive Director, at 608/868-2505 / [alfhamp@centurytel.net](mailto:alfhamp@centurytel.net).

## 2011 SHAYR-A-HEIFER PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association is now accepting applications for its 2011 Shayr-A-Heifer Program. The Shayr-A-Heifer Program gives young people the opportunity to work with a registered Ayrshire as a project animal. Ownership will be on 50/50 basis between the young person and WABA. After two years the young person has the option to either buyout (purchase price plus 25%) or sell the Shayr-A-Heifer at WABA Spring Sale for 50% of the proceeds.

Application can be found at: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/project-area-information/>

For more information on the program contact Craig Keller (608-437-5156) or Chris Richards (608-623-2834).

## HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- April 9**  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Kewaunee County 4-H Horse Project Clinic  
Circle E Equestrian Stables, Seymour, WI  
Featured Clinician: Noelle Weis
- April 15 - 17**  
Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center- Madison  
Many educational sessions & entertainment available throughout those three days  
Check out their website
- April 26**  
7:00 p.m. Horse Judging Training, UW-Extension Office (**must RSVP by April 21**)  
Learn to judge and refine your skills to evaluate horses and horsemanship.  
Practices are being held to prepare 4-H members for AASD on July 1—  
all 4-H horse project members, leaders and parents are welcome!
- April 30**  
10:00 a.m. **Corriente Veterinary Service Tour—Plover**  
Dr. Gary Johnson, DMV (tour and question/answer session about this well known  
Horse Clinic ([www.correntevet.com](http://www.correntevet.com))  
11:30 a.m. Crane Echo Tack  
Mary Jo is a Portage County 4-H Leader and has extensive knowledge about fitting  
saddles (demonstrate at the shop/farm and an educational session with pizza to follow at the  
shop for members. Located about 20 minutes north of Corriente. Car pooling encouraged  
and please be prompt. **Let Missy if you are attending so she will know who is involved  
in our touring group.**
- April 30**  
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Horse Safety Clinic and Tack Swap, Jackson County Fairgrounds
- May 7**  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
(tentative) Spring Kick-Off, Clark County Fairgrounds  
Day long clinic for members to bring-in their horses. Recommended focuses would  
be breaking down the basics: controlling your horse from the ground (how to get your  
horse set-up, how to pivot, backing, etc.) and controlling your horse in the saddle (safety,  
stopping, and working toward a consistent, controlled, smooth gait.)  
Secured clinician: Doyle Zimmerman. **Let Missy if you are attending.**  
**Coggins and Membership ID form must be handed-in prior to this event if attending.**
- May 24**  
7:00 p.m. Horse Judging Training, UW-Extension Office (**must RSVP by May 20**)  
Learn to judge and refine your skills to evaluate horses and horsemanship.  
Practices are being held to prepare 4-H members for AASD on July 1—  
all 4-H horse project members, leaders and parents are welcome!
- June 23 -26**  
4-H Horse Camp, Clark County Fairgrounds  
Secured Horse Camp clinicians include: Shelby Mitchell and Christal Mulder.  
Dressage demonstration by Lauri Ott  
Saddle Tramps are planning on making slightly used items donation again this year  
**Registration forms available online, please complete ASAP**
- July 1**  
Area Animal Science Days, Clark County Fairgrounds  
Offering: Horse Judging, Hippology, and Horse Poster Contest

**JUST A REMINDER—ADDITIONAL HORSE INFORMATION FOR CLARK COUNTY  
(AND SOME OTHER COUNTIES) CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT:**

**[HTTP://CLARK.UWEX.EDU/4-H-YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT/PROJECT-AREA-INFORMATION/](http://clark.uwex.edu/4-H-YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT/PROJECT-AREA-INFORMATION/)**

## The Doggie Doodle

Slip collars are meant for training dogs but when used incorrectly can really hurt a dog. The position is important! Over the neck the collar immediately releases pressure when slack is given. Under the neck this is not the case (see the pictures below). One tip to making sure the collar is on correctly—when facing your dog the collar should form a “P”.

Please always remember to remove a slip collar when you are done working with your dog because they could get caught on something in your yard or house and not be able to get free and subsequently strangle themselves. Also, slip collars are not meant for tying dogs with—use a regular flat buckle collar if you must tie your dog—flat buckle collars stay the same size and won't tighten if your dog pulls on their rope.



### CORRECT

The free end which connects to the lead goes over the dogs neck

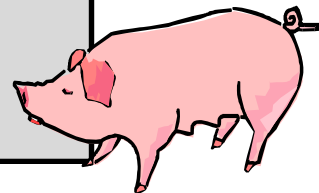


### INCORRECT

Do not put the free end under the dogs neck.

**SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB  
OFFERS UP TO FIVE \$100 AWARDS  
FOR BEGINNING 4-H OR FFA  
SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS**


Check it out at:  
<http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/project-area-information/>



## APRIL 2011 4-H NEWSLETTER TRIVIA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

1. When is the last day you can add 4-H projects? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who visited Woodgrove Workers 4-H club meeting? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When does Parks Happy 13 work in the 4-H Foodstand? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who started the first 4-H club? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where is the Swine Weigh-In taking place? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When is the next MAQA class? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where is the 4-H Dog Kick-Off taking place? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many raisins are needed for "Happy Dancing Raisins"? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who is sponsoring the Action City Trip? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What letter is formed when you have a correct fitting slip collar? \_\_\_\_\_
11. BONUS: How many 4-H Clovers  are printed in this newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES ARE DUE BY MAY 15**

UW-Extension Office  
4-H Trivia  
517 Court Street, Room 104  
Neillsville, WI 54456

Save yourself the postage—  
email the answers to Lori at  
[lori.hendrickson@co.clark.wi.us](mailto:lori.hendrickson@co.clark.wi.us)



## MARCH TRIVIA WINNER

We had 6 correct entries for March. The winner is Ryleigh Wilke, Loyal Lads & Lassies.

The correct answers were:

1. More than 6 million
2. Concern for others (was just 1 of possibilities)
3. Judy Morrow
4. UW-Extension website or UW-Extension Office
5. June 22—24
6. \$200 (3 of them)
7. Chili Town Hall
8. June 6th
9. ADS—Greenwood
10. Rebecca Stiemann
11. 16

Congratulations Ryleigh —  
stop at the UW-Extension Office to  
pick out your prize

Also submitting correct entries were: Alex and Grace King, Brittany Artac, Zena and Wyatt Thomas.

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*We're on the web—check us out!  
yourcountyextensionoffice.org*

Clark County 4-H Mission Statement

*"The mission of Clark County 4-H is to develop youth to become productive citizens and catalysts for positive change, and enable youth to become capable, responsible, and caring citizens."*

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Sebastian Neisius  
Rebecca Stiemann  
Hannah Durrstein  
Chad Emiling  
Ben Kind  
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