



February 2012

# Clark County Clover Leaf

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## Youth-Adult Partnerships

4-H is an organization that thrives off of youth-adult partnerships but sometimes these two groups of people struggle to understand one another. Below are a few tips for keeping your club and committees running smoothly!

### Tips for YOUTH working with ADULTS:

- **Criticism doesn't necessarily equate to condescension.** Adults are used to critiquing each other's ideas. Just because they don't agree with you, doesn't mean that they are dismissing you.
- **Adults may not be aware of how capable you are.** Adults don't always work with youth, so they don't know what to expect. You can tell them a hundred times that you are mature, but showing them is the best way to make your case.
- **Adults will feel responsible for the success or failure of the project.** This is what makes it hard for them to share authority over it. They need your reassurance that you are willing to share in both the success and failures too.

### Tips for ADULTS working with YOUTH:

- **Don't expect more from youth than you would from another adult.** Youth have dead lines, pressures and commitments. Don't make kids work twice as hard as the adults in the partnerships.
- **Treat young people as individuals; don't make one youth represent all youths.** True youth adult partnerships have an equal number of youth and adults making the decisions.
- **Be careful when interrupting.** Kids are discouraged easily. Let them finish their ideas. For the partnership to work young people must feel they are valued and respected by adults.
- **Remember that your role in the partnership is not to parent.** While being a parent may be the most important role that any adult can play, the purpose of youth-adult partnerships is to give young people a different way to relate to adults.
- **As always, remember 4-H is a youth organization – an opportunity for youth to organize their activities and serve in leadership roles. Young people - this is your opportunity to step up! Leaders this is your opportunity to set a great example and let youth do the leading!**

For more information on youth-adult partnerships and club organization contact Sara Gronski, 4-H Youth Development Agent at [sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu) or 715-743-5121.

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*Sara M Gronski*



Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meeting  
ADS - Greenwood  
January 23, 2012

Present: Judy Morrow, Joan Buchholz, Barb Finkleson, Ben Kind, Nathan Stiemann, Sara Gronski, Hanna Durrstein, Sebastian Neisius, Jo Elmer, Susan Stiemann; and guest Bobbi Neisius.

The 4-H Leaders Federation Board meeting was called to order by President Judy Morrow at 7:16 p.m. Barb Finkleson moved to accept the secretary's minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Ben Kind and carried. Joan Buchholz presented the treasurer's report. Ben Kind moved to accept it. Motion seconded by Hanna Durrstein and carried. Joan then presented the 2012 budget proposal. Following discussion, Sebastian Neisius moved to accept the budget as proposed for presentation at the annual meeting. Ben Kind seconded the motion and it carried.

Jo Elmer reported that she has been working on finding judges for the Music/Drama Festival, which will be held in Thorp on March 10.

Judy Morrow suggested that we might form a committee for the 4-H Foodstand that would be responsible for finding the volunteers/work crews needed to assist Alan Buchholz and Peggy Erickson. Needs presented by them last fall include: morning shift volunteers for 5:30-10:00 a.m., clean-up shift volunteers for 7:30-10:30 p.m., cleaning crew for two weeks before the start of the fair, clean-up crew for the week after the fair, and a runner during the fair. Barb Finkleson volunteered to chair the committee.

Sara Gronski reported that we had 62 participants at 4-H Exploration Day. Judy reported that the day went well, but that we still need to let people know that the event is not just for Explorers.

The volleyball tournament is scheduled for April 14-15. It was noted that this conflicts with the Swine Weigh-In on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Sara will look into the times the events are scheduled that day to try to alleviate the conflict as much as possible.

Discussion followed on action taken towards reaching the board's goal of renewing 4-H in Clark County. Jo Elmer reported on the "kick off" event that her club held in January.

Judy Morrow reported on her plans for holding a county-wide Cloverbud workshop on February 25 at the Loyal City Hall. Plans are also moving forward to hold a leader's training meeting on April 23 at which members of the board will present opportunities and answer questions regarding a number of project areas including foods, clothing, drama, speaking, photography, trips, shooting sports, natural resources, etc.

Sebastian Neisius presented his plans to attend the national shooting sports competition. Barb Finkleson moved to sponsor his trip with \$500. Ben Kind seconded the motion and it carried.

Sara Gronski reported on plans for summer camps. There will be a four day camp for 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders, an outpost camp for 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders, a one day overnight camp for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and a day camp for K – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

Judy Morrow read a thank you from friends of Mike Perkl for the monies received in his honor.

Ben Kind moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Hanna Durrstein and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Susan Stiemann, secretary

Happy Valentine's Day!



## CLUB NEWS

### **Lucky Clovers / January** (Rebecca Stiemann)

- Roll call was taken by saying your middle name
- Nicolas Stiemann attended 4-H Exploration Day and reported on it
- Nathan Stiemann reported on the Angel Tree project
- Discussed the music/drama/speaking/volleyball tournament
- Rebecca Stiemann will discuss the new record book forms at March
- Daniel and Nathan Stiemann are working on a county wide poultry workshop to be held in June
- Next meeting if February 13, 7:00 p.m.

### **Reseburg Ramblers / December** (Brooke Noah)

- Pledges were led by Monica Williams and Brooke Webb
- Thank you note from the Personal Development Center for our Pumpkin Fest donation was read
- Dance committee will meet January 6, dance is being considered for February 10
- 127 Christmas Cards were made and delivered to the elderly at Morgan Plaza, Oakbrook, Miller Alternative, and Traditions.
- Next meeting date is January 29, 3:30 p.m. at Reseburg Town Hall
- Camryn Humke gave a demonstration

## Livestock Educational Session

### **Animal Welfare, Communication and Perception**

**February 9  
Loyal City Hall  
7:00 p.m.**

**(counts as 1 point for Livestock Sale)**

### **Annual 4-H Leaders Meeting / How to be a Project Leader Training**

**January 30  
ADS—Greenwood / 7:00 p.m.**

**Please RSVP (715-743-5121) by  
January 25 if you will or will not be  
attending.**

**Thank you!**

## **Livestock Show and Sale Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 29  
Greenwood HS—Library  
8:00—10:00 p.m.**



## 4-H MEETING DATES / EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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

<b>January 30</b>	Annual Leaders Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>January 31</b>	Volleyball / Softball Meeting ( <b>see page 6</b> )	ADS—Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>February 6</b>	Meat Animal Webinar	UW-Extension Office	7:00 p.m.
<b>February 9</b>	Animal Welfare and Public Reception Educational Session	Loyal City Hall	7:00 p.m.
<b>February 11</b>	YELL Conference	Eau Claire	
<b>February 16</b>	4-H Horse Project Educational Meeting	Courthouse—Neillsville	7:00 p.m.
<b>February 19</b>	Youth Ice Fishing Day	Rock Dam	12:00
<b>February 20</b>	Annual Fairboard Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:30 p.m.
<b>February 25</b>	Super Saturday Cloverbud Workshop	Loyal City Hall	10:30 a.m.
<b>February 26</b>	Older Youth Group Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:30 p.m.
<b>February 27</b>	4-H Leaders Federation Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:15 p.m.
<b>February 28</b>	AODA Issues and Our Kids Presentation	Neillsville HS	5:00 p.m.
<b>March 7</b>	Dairy Project Committee Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
<b>March 10</b>	Music / Drama Festival	Thorp High School	
<b>March 12</b>	Meat Animal Webinar	UW-Extension Office	7:00 p.m.
<b>March 13</b>	Speaking Contest	Loyal City Hall	7:00 p.m.
<b>March 29</b>	Livestock Committee Meeting	Greenwood HS Library	8:00 p.m.
<b>April 14—15</b>	4-H Volleyball Tournament	Neillsville	
<b>April 19—23</b>	4-H Missions in Space	Huntsville, Alabama	
<b>April 23</b>	4-H Leader Training	Loyal City Hall	7:00 p.m.
<b>June 5</b>	Foods / Cake Decorating Revue	Greenwood High School	6:00 p.m.
<b>June 14</b>	Camp Counselor Training		
<b>June 16</b>	4-H Horse Clinic	Clark County Fairgrounds	
<b>June 18</b>	Clothing Revue	Greenwood High School	2:00 p.m.
<b>July 10</b>	Camp Counselor Training		
<b>July 12—14</b>	4-H Horse Camp	Clark County Fairgrounds	
<b>July</b>	4-H Softball Tournament	Greenwood	
<b>July 17—20</b>	4-H Summer Camp	Camp Upham Woods	
<b>August 8—12</b>	Clark County Fair	Neillsville	

## MEAT ANIMAL WEBINARS ANNOUNCED (BEEF, MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE, AND EVENTS)

UW Extension will be hosting a series of Meat Animal Project Webinars this winter for Fair Board staff, meat animal project superintendents and project volunteers who help create policy and structure to county livestock projects. These webinars will be held at the UW-Extension Office from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The topics and dates are:

### **February 6 (must pre-register by February 3)**

Livestock Industry Standards: How they are to be utilized in organizing your county fair livestock shows. This session will discuss industry standards for Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats. Speakers are Ron Russell, UW Madison; Claire Mikolayunas, Extension Small Ruminant Specialist and Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist.

### **March 12 (must pre-register by March 9)**

Does your fair get the all clear from DATCP? Sign on to this session to learn more about proper collection and record keeping of required documentation. Get all of your questions answered. Speaker will be Dr. Paul McGraw, Assistant State Veterinarian.

Meat Animal Project webinar programs are provided as a service of the UW Cooperative Extension and the UW-Madison Department of Animal Sciences, and are hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. The webinar system provides a two-way voice & visual communication between speakers and listeners from participating County Extension Offices in Wisconsin and are free to the public.

If you wish to attend, please contact our office (715-743-5121) in advance of each program to make sure the webinar site is open and program handout materials are available.

### *4-H Drama / Music Festival Saturday, March 10 Thorp High School*

Rules/Requirements and Registration form  
can be found at:

[http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/  
registration-for-events-and-activities/](http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/registration-for-events-and-activities/)

Registrations are due by **February 24.**

### *4-H Speaking Contest Tuesday, March 13 Loyal City Hall*

Rules/Requirements and Registration form  
can be found at:

[http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/  
registration-for-events-and-activities/](http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/registration-for-events-and-activities/)

Registrations are due by **March 2.**

## VOLLEYBALL / SOFTBALL MEETING

A meeting has been scheduled for all volleyball and softball coordinators / coaches on:

**January 31**  
ADS—Greenwood  
7:00 p.m.

Any club wishing to participate in the volleyball/softball tournaments **MUST HAVE A LEADER PRESENT** at this meeting (per the 4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board)

## Something to Watch For

Clark County Junior Overnight Summer Camp  
Youth in 2nd—3rd grade  
Date/Location TBD

Clark County Day Camp  
Youth in Kindergarten—3rd grade  
Rock Dam Park  
Date TBD

## ANNUAL YOUTH ICE FISHING DAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Cost is \$3.00 (per youth) and includes lunch and a T-shirt

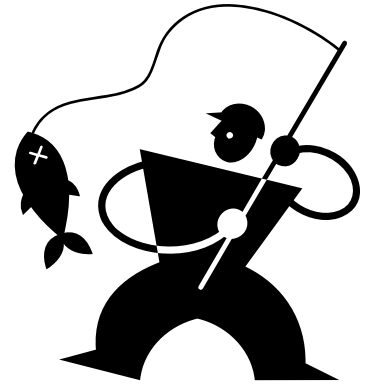
Participants should meet at the Rock Dam Rod and Gun Club at 12:00 noon.

Please send completed registration form and payment (payable to Rock Dam Rod and Gun Club) to:

Roy Tyznik  
N12616 County Road M  
Thorp, WI 54771

If you have an ice fishing pole you can bring it along—otherwise poles will be available.

Any questions regarding this event should be directed to Roy at 715-797-2471 / 715-669-3813.



### Ice Fishing Day—Sunday, February 19

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address and City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: Roy Tyznik  
N12616 County Road M  
Thorp, WI 54471

Registrations are due by **FEBRUARY 13th.**

**4-H Leader Training**  
**April 23**  
**Loyal City Hall**  
**7:00—9:00 p.m.**

Topics to be discussed will include:

- Foods Revue
- Clothing Revue
- Cake Decorating Revue
- Music and Drama Festival
- Photography
- Food Preservation
- Shooting Sports

This meeting is open to all 4-H leaders  
(not just organizational leaders and  
co-leaders)

If you will be attending please call our office  
(715-743-5121) on or before April 16

## **2012 CLARK COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE**

Three \$200 scholarships will be awarded in 2012.

Qualifications:

- Applicant must have participated in Clark County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale program a minimum of two years
- Must be a senior in high school or freshman in college/tech.
- Two recommendations required – not from family member

Application is available at the UW-Extension Office  
(715-743-5121) or at: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships/>

Applications are due by **March 31**.

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## **You're Invited**

*3rd Annual County Wide 4-H Dance*  
*Friday, February 10th / Thorp High School / 7:00 —10:00 p.m.*

*Join us for an evening of dancing, snacks, friends, family and fun*  
*Open to 4-H members and their families*  
*Admission is free -donations accepted to help cover costs*

*Hope to see you there!*  
*Sponsored by Reseburg Ramblers 4-h*



# Clark—Juneau—Marathon—Wood Counties 4-H Outpost Adventure Camp Devils Lake, WI Dells July 17—20



swimming



canoeing

This is for youth in grades 8—9  
For more information contact

Sara Gronski / sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu / 715-743-5121

(space is limited—register early)



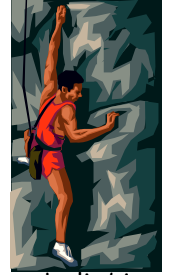
tenting



hiking



campfire cooking



rock climbing

## NEEDED: 4-H ARTS CAMP STAFF

Do you have a passion for drama, visual art, music, photography or communications? Do you enjoy teaching younger youth? Come be part of the staff! We're looking for youth 9th through 12th (in the fall of 2012) to be part of the Arts Camp State Staff.

Application is available on the State 4-H website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hartswisconsin/arts-camp/>.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- To foster expression and participation in the arts with middle school age youth
- To allow youth leaders in the arts teaching opportunities to a specific audience
- To increase awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level

We are looking for youth to teach and participate in the following areas:

- Teaching Counselors: Saturday & Sunday - teach with team members an introduction to a specific arts area in an hour-long session. This session will be taught six times to approximately 15 youth each time.
- Activities Counselors: Saturday and Sunday - plan and organize free-time activities, along with a large-group activity for Saturday evening; lead a group of 15 campers to the different arts sessions.

Youth staff are required to plan with other arts camp staff members by mail, by phone, and to participate in on-site sessions, August 18-19 and, Friday, October 5 at Camp Upham Woods.

Camp dates are: Saturday, October 6 - Sunday, October 7.

There is a \$45.00 fee payable upon selection. Check with your county 4-H Agent for possible assistance with this fee. Additional assistance is available upon request. Your costs are minimal thanks to a grant from the 4-H Foundation.

## 4-H ARTS CAMP

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is scheduled for:

**October 6—7**

Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art, juggling and MORE! Campers will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home for their club.

Up to six youth from each county may apply. More will be accepted if space is available.

Camp is \$60.00 which includes a camp T-shirt. Fill out the application now and return it to the 4-H Youth Development Staff as soon as possible.

Application is available at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hartswisconsin/arts-camp/>

Join us for this exciting time with the arts!

## OLDER YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**Sunday, February 26**

ADS—Greenwood

7:30 p.m.

Any youth 13 and older is invited to attend this meeting.

If you would like more information about the Older Youth Group please contact:

Joan Buchholz

715-743-4528

**Attention All Cloverbuds!**

## SUPER SATURDAY CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP

February 25

Loyal City Hall

10:00—11:30 a.m.

The theme for the workshop will be "Animals".

There is no charge for this workshop but you must pre-register at least one week prior to the workshop.

For more information or to register please contact:

Judy Morrow

715-743-2885

## Congratulations !!!

Sebastian Neisius, Thorp Pine Valley 4-H club, has qualified during the 2011 4-H Statewide Shooting Sports Competition to represent Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports at the 2012 National 4-H Invitational Competition, June 18–22, at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Congratulations Sebastian and good luck in Nebraska!

## 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are proud to provide educational scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H youth for the 2012-2013 academic school year. We are pleased to provide these scholarships in order to show our appreciation for 4-H youth accomplishments as a result of their 4-H experiences, and to support their future educational goals.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation's website at:  
[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/scholarship.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/scholarship.cfm)

or by contacting: Kristi Thering-Tuschen  
608-333/2023  
[ktt@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:ktt@Wis4HFoundation.org)

The application is available in editable Adobe Acrobat format. The Adobe Acrobat application can be completed online, but may not be able to be saved on your computer for future reference.

Completed applications must be **emailed by Friday, February 24**. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May of 2012.

Recipients of Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships will be selected based upon their 4-H involvement, scholastic achievement, and future educational and career goals.

## PROJECT Y.E.S!

This is a national internship program engaging college students in service to meet the needs of military families. Specifically, Project Y.E.S! expands the resources of the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) and other youth & teen oriented programs. Staff interns are provided an opportunity to give back to their communities and country through a year of service. Through our partnership with the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center, interns are provided first-class youth development educational and facilitation skills. In turn, they travel the nation delivering youth programs at Yellow Ribbon programs, summer camps, leadership summits, and other family programs.

Project YES! also serves as a career development program. Staff interns are provided dedicated mentors who assist in the exploration and development of their career goals and in the completion of a career broadening learning project. This is all accomplished while meeting the critical needs of communities with high rates of families impacted by deployments and other military related absences.

Applications will be accepted through February 29 and students will be notified of the status of their application by April, 2012.

More information and application materials can be found at <http://militaryfamilies.extension.org/yes-intern-program/application-requirements/>.

For more information please contact:

JC Johnson  
919-513-3165  
[james\\_johnson@ncsu.edu](mailto:james_johnson@ncsu.edu)

## Activity Scholarships Available to Youth of All Ages

Money is tight these days all through the community. The Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board wants 4-H families to know that money should not keep youth from participating in 4-H activities that they will enjoy and benefit from.

If your family cannot afford the fee for an educational opportunity for the youth, contact the 4-H Youth Development Agent to learn more about how the 4-H Leaders Federation can help. Requests will be kept confidential.

## ROCK CLIMBING AND BACKPACKING TRIPS

### Devil's Lake Rock Climbing Camp August 5—8

Join us for this four-day, three-night exciting introduction to rock climbing. Devil's Lake is the Midwest's premier rock climbing area. Participants will learn how to belay a climber and basic climbing techniques.

We will camp at Devil's Lake State Park in a group campsite. During the four days, participants will climb, belay, boulder, repel, and also enjoy swimming, hiking, campfires, nature activities, and group games.

Drop off and pick up of participants is at Devil's Lake State Park near Baraboo.

**Cost:**  
\$275 per person (includes staff instruction, food, and use of all necessary climbing and camping gear)

**Ages:**  
13-18 at the time of the trip

**Experience:**  
No previous rock climbing experience is required.

**Limited to 15 participants**

**For a registration form for either of  
these events go to:**

**[http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/resources/  
showdoc.cfm?documentid=43731&active=true](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/resources/showdoc.cfm?documentid=43731&active=true)**

### Porcupine Mountain Beginning Backpacking Trip August 19—23

Miles of trails await us in Porcupine Mountain State Park, located in the U.P. of Michigan. Thick forests, Lake Superior, and beautiful streams will be our scenery for five-days and four-nights. Participants will learn basic backpacking skills, backcountry cooking, teamwork, and leadership skills.

We will hike five to seven miles each day with packs weighing approximately 30-35 pounds. Enjoy nightly campfires and excellent nature viewing opportunities. We travel at a relaxed pace on this trip with plenty of time to hike side trails and explore around our campsites.

Drop off and pick up of participants is at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

**Cost:**  
\$375 per person (includes transportation to and from the Porcupine Mountains from Upham Woods, backcountry fees, food, and use of a backpack, lightweight sleeping bag, sleeping pad, cooking and eating gear, water filter & bottles, and a backpacking tent)

**Ages:**  
13-18 at the time of the trip

**Experience:**  
This trip is good for beginners wishing to try out backpacking and for those who desire a relaxed paced adventure.

**Limited to 10 participants**

If your club hasn't picked their "Club Resource Book" and club report please make arrangements to do so. Club reports can be emailed but the book must be picked up.

Thanks!

## **4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST FEBRUARY 18**

The state 4-H Meats Judging Contest is scheduled for February 18 at the UW—Madison, Meat Laboratory. Registration is from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. with the contest starting at 1:00 p.m. The highest scoring senior team will participate in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Manhattan, KS. The second place senior team may participate in the National Western 4-H/FFA Meat Judging contest in Fort Collins, Colorado.

All information pertaining to this contest is located on the Extension Youth Livestock Website at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestockprograms/4hmeatscontest/>

The deadline for registration is February 10. The registration form is on the website.

If you have any other questions contact:

Bernie O'Rourke  
Extension Youth Livestock Specialist  
608-263-4304  
[borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu)



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"like Clark County 4-H"  
(not Chris Clover Clark)**

## **4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL AND STATE 4-H SKILLATHON CONTESTS MARCH 3**

The 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Skillathon contests will be held together on Saturday March 3, 2012 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. Deadline for registration is Friday, Feb 24, 2012. Cost is \$6 per youth. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and competitions start at 9:30 a.m.

Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth under 14 years of age as of 1-1-12. The senior division are youth 14 years of age or older as of 1-1-12. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the AKSARBEN Livestock Exhibition.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville.

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct such as Junior Cattle Nationals, NJSA (National Junior Swine Association) and the All-American Sheep Show.

For more information and registration information contact:

Bernie O'Rourke  
UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist/  
Contest Coordinator  
608-263-4304  
[borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu)

Or check out the Animal Science Youth Website at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/>.

## 2012 WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

A project providing seed money for 4-H Youth to implement local community service activities.

The 4-H Community Service Grant seek to support 4-H clubs' community service projects that...

- Are determined and led by youth, with support from adults;
- Have a lasting, positive impact on the community; and,
- Involve organizations and individuals outside of 4-H as partners.

You can ask for \$50 - \$150 from the 4-H Community Service Grant program.

Applications must be postmarked to the Wisconsin 4-H office by March 1, 2012 (*your application MUST be signed by your county 4-H Youth Development Educator/Agent before submission to the 4-H Youth Development State Office*)

Applications are available on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/grantscomm.cfm>

## STATE FAIR DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award three \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the second semester of the 2012-13 school year, to third or fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities.

Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of WI 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 ag-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be announced at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at:

[www.wistatefair.com/fair\\_competitions/dairy\\_promotion\\_board.html](http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_competitions/dairy_promotion_board.html)

Application deadline is April 2.

For more information contact:

Katy Katzman  
262-903-6727  
[katzman@idcnet.com](mailto:katzman@idcnet.com)

<b>2012 4-H ON THE AIR SCHEDULE</b>	
February 11	Greenwood Satellites
March 10	Beaver Center/Jolly Workers
April 14	Town and Country Clovers
May 12	Loyal Lads & Lassies
June 9	Reseburg Ramblers
June 30	Town and Country Partners
July 14	Willard/Braun
August 11	Thorp Pine Valley
September 8	Chili
October 13	Happy Valley
November 10	Lucky Clovers
December 8	Maplewood Badgers
Remember—you must call the UW-Extension Office (715-743-5121) to reserve the room for your interview with Bob.	

### COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation is asking all clubs to host a project meeting for all Clark County 4-H members at least once this year.

Example: if your club is doing a cake decorating project meeting at a location where there would be room for more attendees please let Sara know the date(s), time, location and contact person. Then we can post this on the county calendar and in the newsletter so other members can come and learn.

*The University of WI School of Veterinary Medicine  
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## **HORSE CONFORMATION: Expelling the Myths**

**Saturday, February 18**  
Madison

Attend this program to expel the myths of "ideal conformation" and to receive step by step analysis of conformation for selecting breeding stock and potential athletes for a variety of equine disciplines.

For more information please contact:

Karl Olson  
608-265-5206  
olsonk@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu

**Horse Project Educational Meeting  
February 16  
Clark County Courthouse Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.**

**Topic: Navigating Trail Obstacles, Presentation and Discussion lead by Sara Gronski.**

**Participants must RSVP by February 13 if they will be attending.**

## **AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS**

The 2012 Area Animal Science Days dates and locations have been confirmed. They are:

Southwest (Vernon County)	June 20
Northwest (Barron County)	June 21
Southeast (Walworth County)	June 22
Northeast (Oconto County)	June 29

More details/information will be available in the near future. A big thank-you goes out to the hosting counties.

## **YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CLINIC**

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is offering an educational clinic for youth interested in competitive horse judging. The clinic is designed to increase the understanding of the objective judging criteria used to place halter, Western and English performance events typically encountered in most judging contests. The 2-day program will be focused toward youth judges, but would serve as a valuable aid to 4-H, FFA and agriculture education coaches wishing to improve their horse judging program.

The second day offering is open to advanced youth judges, instructors and coaches with previous judging experience. Day two instruction will be on hunt seat equitation, hunter hack and reasons development.

### **Dates:**

**March 3– 4**      **Youth**  
**March 4**        **Youth/Advanced** (day two only)

Classes will be in the Dairy Learning Center classroom at Mann Valley Farm from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Directions will be provided with confirmation letter and materials.

Deadline for registration is **February 17**.

### **Costs:**

\$80 Youth/Adult participant  
(includes judging manual, lunch, and snacks for **both days**)  
\$50 Youth/Advanced participant  
(includes judging manual, lunch & snacks for **only 2nd day**)  
\$30 Adult Advisor/Parent; no manual or participation  
(includes lunch and snacks for both days)

For registration form, information on speakers, etc.:

[www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineEmphasis.cfm](http://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineEmphasis.cfm)  
(click on Equine clinics)

Or you can contact:

Kris Hiney, Program Coordinator  
715-425-3704  
doreen.m.cegielski@uwrf.edu

## **WISCONSIN SOUTHDOWN STARS SALE AND STARTER EWE PROGRAM**

The WI Southdown Stars Sale and Symposium will be held on April 21 at the UW Agriculture Research Center Public Events building in Arlington. Details can be found at the Wisconsin Southdown Association's website ([www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com](http://www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com)). Several short educational sessions will start the day and will cover an update on genetic testing related to the Southdown breed as well as experienced breeders sharing lessons learned on feeding, fitting and management of Southdowns. Viewing of sale lots will begin at 11:00 with the sale starting promptly at 12:00 p.m.

For more information please contact:

Amy Jones  
920-253-5473

## **INDIANHEAD SHEPHERD'S CLINIC FEBRUARY 4**

Indianhead Sheep Breeders Association will hold its 18th Annual Shepherd's Clinic and Trade Show on February 4 at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Conference Center in Rice Lake.

For information on speakers and events for the day, or a registration form, go to their website at:

<http://www.indianheadsheep.com>

Pre-registration fees:

\$30 ISBA members,  
\$45 non-members  
\$15 youth (\$45 max youth charge per family)

Late registration fee after January 31 and at the door is an additional \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Fees include continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch.

For additional information please contact:

Craig Johnson  
715-667-3499

## **26TH ANNUAL SHOWING & GROOMING DEMONSTRATIONS**

Nasco will be presenting their 26th annual Showing & Grooming Demonstrations on May 12. Experienced showmen will conduct these informational demonstrations. Topics for discussion will include: animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment and showmanship. Questions may be freely asked during the demonstrations.

During each demonstration, door prizes will be given away and each person attending will receive a valuable discount coupon, which may be used at the Nasco Store.

### **Schedule of Events:**

8:30—10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

12:00—1:00 p.m.

1:15—3:00 p.m.

**Sheep Demonstration**

**Beef Demonstration**

Lunch Intermission

Visit Nasco Store

**Dairy Demonstration**

### **Additional Information:**

Nasco will provide lunch. There is no charge for attending these informational demonstrations. It has been our observation from previous years that this event makes for an excellent low cost field trip. We invite any critiques the attendants may like to provide in a continuing effort to improve this event in the future.

### **Registration:**

We are asking that you pre-register by May 7th to insure seating availability. To register your group please call the Nasco Store at **920-568-5600**. Also, please inform us at this time whether you plan to attend all or just part of the day's events and if your plans include the lunch provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you.

Mike Matley  
Store Manager, Event Coordinator  
901 Janesville Ave  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

## WISCONSIN GUERNSEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION SPONSORS ESSAY CALF CONTEST

One fortunate WI youth will be the recipient of a registered Guernsey calf during the WI Guernsey Breeders' Association (WGBA) annual convention on March 9—10 in Rothschild. This calf will be awarded to the youth who writes the best essay on their choice of two topics: "What a Guernsey calf would mean to me" or "The Guernsey cow is important to me because..."

Essays are being accepted for this 14<sup>th</sup> annual contest. Entrants do not need to have a Guernsey background or be from a Guernsey farm. The essay winner will be announced during the youth luncheon at the WGBA state convention on March 10.

Contest guidelines include:

- Essay should be a minimum of 250 words on the topic of "What a Guernsey calf would mean to me" or the topic "The Guernsey cow is important to me because..."
- Contest is open to WI youth ages 10-17
- Entrant should include plans for housing, responsibilities or plans for caring for the calf and show opportunities in the essay
- Winner must agree to exhibit the calf at shows and give a report on the calf at the WGBA annual meeting after winning
- Winner must be willing to join the Wisconsin Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association for a one time fee of \$15.00.

Mail your essay to: Gina Grewe  
Essay Committee Chairwoman  
952 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Cumberland, WI 54829

All entries must be postmarked by **February 6**. For additional information, applicants can call/e-mail (608) 484-0416 / [wisgba@yahoo.com](mailto:wisgba@yahoo.com)

### Club Activity Page— Paper Tear

**Objective:** For team members to work together to accomplish a task  
**Group Size:** 3 or more  
**Materials:** Colored construction paper  
White paper  
Glue



#### Description:

Divide the group into teams of 3—8 and give each person in the team a different colored sheet of construction paper (you may give more than one if there are more colors than people). Without explaining why, instruct the participants to tear their sheet into pieces and to put the pieces into a pile. It doesn't matter how many pieces each person tears.

Next, give each team a large sheet of white paper and some glue. Now each group must make a picture out of the torn pieces of paper without tearing them anymore. Each picture must be of something and not just a design. Ask each group to name their picture and then to share it with the group when they are finished.

#### Discussed Prompts:

1. Would you have torn your paper differently if you had known you would be making a picture out of it?
2. Was it hard or easy for your group to make something out of the paper you had?
3. What makes your picture unique?
4. In what ways is your team unique?
5. How did everyone contribute to this project?
6. Does everyone on your team have a unique way of contributing to your team? How does this enhance your team?

## 4-H EXPLORATION DAY HELD

4-H Exploration Day was held on December 28 at Loyal School. This event is open K—8th youth in Clark County and we had 60+ youth attend. Youth were encouraged to try new activities and learn new skills. Sessions included: cake decorating, sewing, leather stamping, drama & play acting, dog obedience & BINGO, starting plants from cuttings & seeds, wildlife exploration & BINGO, fleece tie-pillows, ty-dyeing, photography, livestock handling & care, and rabbit showmanship & care. New this year were adult learning opportunities which included Volunteer Orientation for new 4-H volunteers and record book training for 4-H leaders.

Thank you to the volunteers who taught classes: Karen and Ashley Hemann (cake decorating), Alice Painter, Susan & Rebecca Stiemann (sewing), Bonnie Weber (leather stamping), Jo & Mariah Elmer and Maranda Degenhardt (drama), Laura Buchholz and Terri Schultz (dog obedience), Pat Hubing (plants), Sebastian Neisius (wildlife exploration), Carrie Pogodzinski, Karen Baier, Ellen Kromrey (fleece pillow), Connie Bushman (photography), Matt & Maria Bendixen (livestock handling and care), Heather & Hanna Durrstein and Shania Gorton (rabbit showmanship and care). Daniel and Nathan Stiemann volunteered as rotating volunteers when the need arose.

Thank you to Bobbi Neisius and Judy Morrow who served on the Exploration Day Planning Committee and organized the 2011 Exploration Day.

Without the assistance of amazing 4-H volunteers events like this one would not be possible!



(left)  
One of many completed  
fleece pillows



(right)  
Youth getting ready to  
tie-dye T-shirts

### *AODA Issues and Our Kids*

#### *What are your kids doing with their free time? Do you really know!*

Sue Nowak, AODA Prevention Specialist, and respectfully known in the Wausau area as “The Drug Lady”, is in touch with today’s youth and knows what is happening “on the streets”. She will share with you what your kids are into, how to recognize the signs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and what to do if you suspect your child is using.

**Tuesday, February 28**

Neillsville High School

5:00 p.m. (meal in commons) / 5:30 p.m. (Adult presentation in Auditorium)  
enter through West Entrance #1

For more information or to register contact Sara Gronski / 715-743-5121 / [sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu)

Free child care provided to anyone attending the presentation

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*"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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