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Clark County Clover Leaf

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Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! I am for sure looking forward to a new year and new adventures!

The 4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board has established a theme for the 4-H year: Renew 4-H. Two main goals have been set for the year and clubs/members can help achieve these goals!

Goal 1: Project Meetings

Learning and trying new things are the backbone of 4-H and to aid this process 4-H leaders are needed to organize and host PROJECT MEETINGS!

- Each club should host one county project meeting (you pick the topic) in addition to club meetings in 2012
- How do you host a project meeting? What is a project meeting? These questions will both be answered at the Annual 4-H Leaders Meeting January 30th (7:00 p.m. ADS)
- Watch the Cloverleaf for upcoming project meeting dates (be sure to RSVP so enough supplies are available)

Goal 2: 4-H Participation

The board wants to increase 4-H participation on all levels!

Younger Youth – more activities at the club and county level

- Clubs – be sure to have a younger youth activity at each club meeting – this is a great way for older youth to practice their leadership skills or for project leaders to bring a small craft or game (check out the Club Activity Corner for ideas!)
- County – watch for county wide younger youth events in the Cloverleaf

Older Youth – continued involvement

- Clubs – older youth are excellent committee chairs, club officers and resources – be sure to involve them in planning their club's activities!
- County – watch for and promote county/state/national 4-H opportunities to your older youth and make sure they fill out key applications and forms (ME, Scholarship, Record Books)

New Members

- Clubs - help make new members feel welcome (email sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu for a resource packet)
- Club Leaders & Older Members – remember to explain 4-H events and activities to new families so they can learn and participate!

Let's all work together to RENEW 4-H in Clark County and create a fun and welcoming environment for everyone

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Sara M Gronski

4-H Youth Development Agent
Clark County



Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation Board Meeting
ADS—Greenwood
December 12, 2011

Present: Judy Morrow, Joan Buchholz, Barb Finkleson, Ben Kind, Nathan Stiemann, Sara Gronski, and Susan Stiemann

The 4-H Leaders Federation Board meeting was called to order by President Judy Morrow at 7:17 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, pointing out that a refurbished computer has been purchased for \$278 to be used by the treasurer. A short discussion on plat book sales, which have been slow, followed. Barb Finkleson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ben Kind and carried. Sara Gronski noted that Melissa Brecke is willing to take on the treasurer's duties if so elected.

Barb Finkleson reported that the 4-H road signs are ready to be framed and put up, but that they will probably wait until spring to complete the project. Framing/support materials for all five signs have been secured.

Judy Morrow reviewed the recommendations from Al Buchholz and Peggy Erickson regarding the food stand operations, stating that this is an issue we will visit frequently to make sure that we have the needed volunteers in place for next year's fair.

Sara Gronski stated that registrations for the 4-H Exploration Day event have been steadily coming in at the office.

The 4-H Record Book Training session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, at the Loyal City Hall.

Sara Gronski and Susan Stiemann reported on plans for the Drama/Music Festival and Speaking Contest. The Drama/Music event will be held on March 10, 2012. The Speaking Contest will be the following Tuesday evening, March 13. A "How To" meeting will be held on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. for 4-H members and parents to aide them in getting started to prepare for these events.

Needs for the upcoming Volleyball Tournament were discussed, including the need for a chairperson or supervisors in the gyms for the day, as well as referees. A planning meeting for Volleyball/Softball events was chosen for January 31. It was decided that clubs who wish to participate in these events will be required to send a representative to this meeting.

The date of January 30, 2012 was chosen for the upcoming Annual Meeting. The by-laws and budget will be discussed and approved. Sara Gronski will also provide a training session for aspiring project leaders at this meeting.

Ideas for meeting some of the goals presented at the November meeting were discussed. Sara Gronski has put together a club/leader resource book which may help to instruct members and adults about the opportunities available through 4-H in Clark County. Judy Morrow would like to implement a monthly Cloverbud/Explorer meeting that would be open to county-wide members. Judy suggested that at the board's January meeting, members should focus on trying to develop plans for meeting the goals of renewing interest and participation in 4-H in Clark County and maintaining an enthusiasm for 4-H participation among Cloverbuds/Explorers.

The next board meeting was set for January 23, 2012. Barb Finkleson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ben Kind and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by
Susan Stiemann, secretary

CLUB NEWS

Pleasant Ridge / November (Jill Richmond)

- Picked 4 names off the angel tree to purchase items for
- Group agreed to continue the Christmas exchange for the next meeting
- Speeches were given by: Jeff (FFA National Convention) and Ashley (4-H Youth Leadership training)
- Next meeting will be held on December 11th at 12:00 with a pot luck.
- Award ceremony was held following meeting

Town & Country Clovers / December (Chelsea Opelt)

- Pledges led by Abbigail and Macci Elmhorst
- Roll call was your favorite thing to do in the snow
- Members brought in personal care products for Dept. of Aging
- Luke, Dawson, and Katie reported on what they purchased for Angel Tree gifts
- Quilt for St. Joseph's Hospital is almost done and ready to be tied
- Club members will be bell ringers at several businesses in town on December 11
- Next meeting is January 8, Pine Valley Town Hall at 4:00 p.m.
- Christmas party followed the meeting

Willard/Braun / December (Elynor Gregorich)

- Meeting was held at the Greenwood Fire Hall after decorating Christmas trees around town
- Pledges led by Emily Susa and Marcus Marvin
- Reports given by Jessica Pralle (spring fundraiser—can drive); Stefanie Marvin (angel tree name); Elynor Gregorich (Christmas tree decorations)
- Nicole Pralle set up a facebook page for club members; users can share photos and receive reminders and announcements

Attention Beef / Dairy Beef Livestock Exhibitors:

The weigh-in for the Beef / Dairy Beef will take place on:

Saturday, January 28

Curtiss Sale Barn

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

(snow date is February 11)

Participants must notify the UW-Extension Office (715-743-5121) by January 20 if they will be weighing in animals.

Animals must be weighed in if you are participating in the Livestock Sale during the Clark County Fair.

Livestock Educational Session

Animal Welfare and Public 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!



4-H MEETING DATES / EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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

January 12	MAQA Training the Trainer	UW-Extension Office	4:00 p.m.
January 23	4-H Leaders Federation Executive Board meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:15 p.m.
January 20 –21	Ag Truths—Not Tails Conference	Upham Woods	
January 27—28	Art Lab	Camp Upham Woods	
January 30	Annual Leaders Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
January 31	Volleyball / Softball Meeting (see page 5)	ADS—Greenwood	7:00 p.m.
February 9	Animal Welfare and Public Reception Educational Session (1 point)	Loyal City Hall	7:00 p.m.
February 11	YELL Conference	Eau Claire	
March 10	Music / Drama Festival	Thorp High School	
March 13	Speaking Contest	Loyal City Hall	7:00 p.m.
April 14—15	4-H Volleyball Tournament	Neillsville	
April 19—23	4-H Missions in Space	Huntsville, Alabama	
June 14	Camp Counselor Training		
July 10	Camp Counselor Training		
July 17—22	4-H Summer Camp	Camp Upham Woods	
August 8—12	Clark County Fair	Neillsville	

The 2012 Clark County 4-H / FFA Livestock Show and Sale Rules and Regulations are included with this newsletter mailing.

Please keep these for reference to the livestock sale.

If you have any questions regarding the rules/regulations please contact an executive board member or species committee member.

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)

4-H Summer Camp Counselor Application Now Available

<http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp/>

Applications are due January 15.

Save The Dates

2012 Clark County Summer Camp
July 17-22
For youth in 4th—7th grade

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

Clark County Day Camp
Designed for youth in Kindergarten—3rd grade
Rock Dam Park
Date TBD



AG TRUTHS, NOT TAILS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 20—21, 2012

Interested in learning and practicing skills to join the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin's livestock and dairy industry? Mark your calendar for the Ag Truths, Not Tails conference, coordinated by UW-Extension. Enrollment is open to youth ages 13 to one year past high school in dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goat project areas. The conference will be held at Upham Woods 4-H Environmental Education Center in WI Dells (Friday night stay and activities are optional).

Bring a team of youth and adults to these interactive networking sessions focused on animal welfare, led by leaders in the livestock and dairy industry.

Alice in Dairyland, Katie Wirkus, will keynote the event. There will also be speakers from UW-Extension, World Dairy Expo, Vita Plus and others to lead your experience.

Enrollment closes January 11, 2012. **This is a great opportunity for county educational credits.**

For more information, visit the conference website at:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/>

Registration materials can be found at:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/registration-materials/>

For other questions please contact:

Bernie O'Rourke
Extension Youth Livestock Specialist
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January 27—28, 2012
Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells

Cost is \$40 per person

Registration deadline is December 9

For more information and registration form go to:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm>

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST SLATED FOR 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:

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Older Youth Group members display just a few of the ornaments that they made for the elderly in Clark County. (back) Stefanie Marvin, Ashley Hemann, and Vanessa Walter (front) Bryann Lewien and Mitchell Hemann. Missing are Mariah and Cassandra Elmer

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 Leaders Federation can help. Requests will be kept confidential.



**Don't forget to
"like Clark County 4-H"
(not Chris Clover Clark)**

4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL CONTEST JANUARY 28

Entries for the WI 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, taking place on January 28, are due by January 8. The event will be held at John Muir Elementary School in Portage with registration for the event starting at 9:45 a.m. The cost for the event is \$10 per team.

In the Dairy bowl contestants will answer a variety of questions about dairy cattle. All questions will come from the sources listed in the official Dairy Bowl rules which can be found on the Wisconsin Dairy Youth website at www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/qbowl.php.

Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by the moderator. There will be three divisions: Junior, Senior and Mixed which can be composed of both Junior and Senior aged participants. Junior participants must be 9-13 years old (as of 1-1-12) and Senior participants must be 14-18 years old (as of 1-1-12).

The winning Dairy Bowl team will represent Wisconsin at the Invitational 4-H Youth Dairy Bowl Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition (N.A.I.L.E) in Louisville, KY.

More information on the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl can be found at www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth or by contacting Beth Heinze at heinze2@wisc.edu.

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 01-01-12. The senior division are youth 14 years of age or older as of 01-01-12. 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

Or check out the Animal Science Youth Website at:

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

**Watch for
Drama, Music, and
Speaking Contest
information in the
next newsletter.**

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

or by contacting:

Kristi Thering-Tuschen
608-333-2023
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, 2012**. 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.

If you have any questions please contact:

Kristi Thering-Tuschen
608-333-2023
ktt@Wis4HFoundation.org

Horse Information

Next Horse Meeting:

Friday, December 30
Rasmussen's Home
6:00 p.m.

Topic:

What project members can work on with their horses during the winter

Kylee Rasmussen will give a presentation on objectives that project members could work on with their horse(s) during these nasty winter months. Julie has graciously invited us to her home and lit arena. You are invited to bring your horse as well. It is not necessary though because Julie and Kylee have offered their three horses to work with and perhaps a couple more friends' that live near by.

Let's make our horses "pivoting machines" by spring!

Please let Missy (743-3254) know if you will be attending and if you will be bringing your horse

Dr. Sabine Hartmann would like to give another presentation for our group. Please send me any topics that you would like her to discuss and then I will set-up an educational opportunity with her.

FUNDRAISING—this is a must this year! Let me know if you have any ideas. We can also discuss the idea of raising Horse Camp fees this year.

Other Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

Educational Opportunity w/horse
Saturday, June 16
Clark County Fair Grounds

Horse Camp 2012
July 12—15
Clark County Fairgrounds

Missy Stockheimer
Horse Project Leader



YELL Conference Schedule

February 11, 2012
 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

****TENTATIVE****

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9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.	Registration /Welcome	<i>All Grades</i>
9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Leadership Seminars 1	<i>6th – 9th Grades</i>
10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.	Leadership Seminars 2	<i>6th – 9th Grades</i>
Team Communication	<i>I-Messages, Conflict Resolution & Communication - necessary skills for everyone involved on teams or in leadership roles. Participants will discover new skills and have an opportunity to practice their skills in a group setting.</i>	
Bouncing Back: Resiliency & Stress Management	<i>Taking the good with the bad is part of life. It's how we react that makes the difference. Discuss and practice skills and habits to take on challenges and emerge stronger, healthier, and ready for the next bump in the road.</i>	
Neither White or Black	<i>Is anyone really white or black? Investigate that question; name your skin color and learn that every person is some shade of brown and the science behind humans' most visible form of diversity – our race!</i>	
Turning It All Around	<i>Learn how to make every activity in your 4-H club a learning experience. Take on new leadership roles in your club as you help others "make the best better" in your own 4-H club.</i>	
9:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.	Habits of Student Leaders	<i>10th – 12th Grades</i>
	<i>Habits of Leaders is an intense, and highly interactive, two-day seminar for college students. At YELL, youth will get a feel for the class that focuses on Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and how it can be applied to both effective self-leadership and group leadership. Students will engage in interactive tasks that allow them to explore their own values, goals, habits, and strengths.</i>	
12:00 p.m.—12:45 p.m.	LUNCH – Hilltop Cafeteria	<i>All Grades</i>
1:00p.m.—1:15 p.m.	Travel to Hobbs Ice Arena	<i>All Grades</i>
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Hobbs Ice Arena Networking Extravaganza	<i>All Grades</i>
	<i>Home to the UWEC hockey team and figure skating club, Hobbs Ice Arena will provide a great venue to try your feet on the ice and have a blast while having fun with your new leadership friends from YELL!</i>	

Agenda times and all sessions are subject to change based on availability and participation.

More information and registration form can be found at:

<http://buffalo.uwex.edu/yell/>

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2012 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLASSES

The following dates have been set for the Thorp Shooting Sports Classes. All classes will be held on Monday nights at Eagle Eye Adventures in Thorp. Class times are 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Pellet Gun Classes / \$10 per person

3rd grade (and at least 8 years old) through 12 years old

January 2
January 9
January 16
January 23
January 30

Archery Classes / \$15.00 per person

3rd grade (and at least 8 years old) through 18 years old

February 6
February 13
February 20
February 27
March 5
March 12

For more information on either of the classes or to register please contact:

Dick Hughes
715-447-8702

Registration brochure is also available at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/clark/4h/RegistrationsforEventsandActivities.html>

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.

2012 4-H ON THE AIR SCHEDULE

January 14	Bright as Stars
February 11	Greenwood Satellites
March 10	Beaver Center/Jolly Workers
April 14	Town and Country Clovers
May 12	Loyal Lads & Lassies
June 9	Golden Clovers
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.

MAQA TRAINING THE TRAINER

JANUARY 12

UW-EXTENSION OFFICE

4:00—6:00 P.M.

Please RSVP by January 9th if you will be attending to:

Sara

715-743-5121

sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu

Any questions regarding this training should be directed to Sara also.

Club Activity Page

Ice Breakers—Across the Line

Group Size: Any

Materials: Across the Line Questions
Rope, tape, or anything to make a line

Directions:

1. With a long rope or masking tape, make a line on the floor long enough for the whole club to stand along in a single file on one side (you can also use marks on the floor or patterns in the floor tile; anything that can be perceived as a line).
2. This is a get-to-know-you-better-game. You, as game leaders, will make statements and whomever that statement applies to should step to the other side of that line. Use the questions listed or make up your own. Keep it lighthearted and fun!
3. After each statement have anyone that crossed the line come back before you make the next statement (it will be less confusing that way).
4. If something applies to you—cross the line yourself!
5. Keep going until you've asked all the questions or you feel people are tiring of the game.

Discussion:

- Did you learn anything about the other people in your group?
- How might it be helpful to know some of these things?
- Why is it important to get to know the other people in your group?

Across the line questions

Step across the line . . .

- If you like summer
- If you are wearing red
- If you are fifteen years old or older
- If you ate breakfast this morning
- If you've been to Disneyland
- If you are wearing white socks
- If you like chocolate ice cream
- If you are a girl
- If you play a sport
- If you have a garden at home
- If you have brothers
- If you've seen the ocean
- If you are wearing blue jeans
- If your favorite color is blue
- If you eat breakfast
- If you have green eyes
- If you are a cat person
- If you are a dog person
- If you are a boy
- If you have lived outside the state of Wisconsin
- If you were born outside the state of Wisconsin
- If you have shown a project or are planning to show a project at the fair
- If you like to read
- If you like to camp
- If you have sisters
- If you know how to knit
- If you have been to a farm
- If you like to play in the snow
- If you've been to Washington, DC
- If you've ever eaten anchovies
- If you like mushrooms on your pizza
- If you are an only child
- If you are having fun

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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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