Dear 4-H members and families,

Almost 900 4-H supporters from around the state descended on Madison last Wednesday, March 19 for “4-H Day at the Capitol”. Manitowoc County had 22 youth and 10 adult delegates. Delegates learned how to craft a 4-H elevator speech, met for a rally in the rotunda and sang camp songs, and then met with four State Legislators and two State Senators who represent Manitowoc County. Our county also had a display in the Rotunda highlighting Manitowoc County 4-H club community service activities, which included: blood drives, food drives, Humane Society donations, life jacket stations, purple loosestrife eradication, benches for the county fair, Little Dresses for Africa, storm drain stenciling and much more. It was a great day for 4-H, and our delegates did an outstanding job representing Manitowoc County! I would like to thank all of our delegates for representing Manitowoc County so well!

4-H Day at the Capitol Delegates:

Marlee Meulemans, Angie Gunderson, Mallory, John, and Pam Miles, Madison Moore, Josh Neuser, and Jared Zutz from Clarks Mills Good Sports
Isaac and Kelly Isselmann from Meeme Busy Badgers
Heather Haberland, Skylar and Karen Gengler from Paws 'N Pals
Lacey and Sandy Swetlik from Performance Posse
Allison, Nicole and Rob Ash, Megan and Kate Greif from Prime Cuts
Caitlin Berge, Grace, Ben, Tonja and Kevin Palmer, Maddie, Georgia and Kim Zutz from Rockland Sunshine
Ashley Anhalt, Ana Konopacki, Ambrose and Anatole Wiering from Tannery Stars/Star Splitters

Kevin A. Palmer

Manitowoc County UW-Extension
4-H Youth Development Educator & Department Director

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http://manitowoc.uwex.edu/

Demonstration Event Entry Form
Fill-in ME form

Forms are also available at the 4-H office.

PROJECT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

May 1st is the deadline for adding or deleting projects if you want to exhibit anything in those projects at the 2014 Manitowoc County Fair. The fairbook has been posted at www.manitowoccountyexpo.com/. Look through the book to see what you might want to exhibit this year, and be sure you’re enrolled in the correct projects. Log on to your 4HOnline account at https://wi.4honline.com to add or change a project. The projects tab will be locked after May 1.

MANITOWOC COUNTY FAIREST OF THE FAIR

Manitowoc County Expo is accepting applications for the 2014 Fairest of the Fair.

The Fairest of the Fair will receive a $1,500 continuing education scholarship and will have the opportunity to represent Manitowoc County at the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention.

The description of duties and the application is found at www.manitowoccountyexpo.com/ (click on Fair and then Fairbook) or at the Expo office. Applications are due May 1st.

UPHAM WOODS FAMILY CAMPS

July 25 - 27
October 24 - 26

The State 4-H Camp at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells is offering family camps again this year! Come for a weekend to enjoy family activities on land and water, family style meals, campfires, camp crafts, and more! Read all about the adventures waiting for you at http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/family-camps/.

LEADERSHIP

THANK YOU TO OUR LEADERS

It’s time to recognize our many volunteers who have proven they have the power to make a difference.

You have set and accomplished goals by working together, and it’s this combined effort that makes the 4-H program so successful. By example, you have taught our youth the benefits of teamwork, problem solving, communication; the value of setting goals and making their own decisions; and the importance of community service. You have been their leadership role models.

The 4-H motto is “To Make the Best Better” and you have certainly done that! Thank you!
Our 4-H Clover Café at the county fair needs a responsible adult or older teen with good organizational skills to serve as the manager. You can share the responsibilities by recruiting a friend to be co-manager.

It should be relatively easy to step into this position because excellent records have been kept regarding menus, vendor information, food handling procedures, work schedules, inventory, and the timeline of when things have to be done. The Ambassadors will be on hand to assist, and assistant managers will be assigned each day.

This is a paid position, compensation dependent on hours worked. Some preparations need to be made well before the start of fair, so if you’re interested, please apply soon. Call Kevin at 683-4172 with questions or to apply.

SEEKING AMBASSADOR ADVISOR

The Manitowoc County 4-H Ambassadors are in need of an adult advisor. The 4-H Ambassadors promote 4-H throughout the county and run the Clover Café during the county fair. The group meets once each month to plan and organize events and activities. If you are interested in this leadership opportunity or if you would like to learn more about it, please contact Kevin Palmer – kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us or 683-4172.

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

The Key Award is the highest honor a 4-H member can receive and is earned by only 1% of members nationwide.

Candidates must be in 9th grade or older and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership. Selection of Key Award recipients is based on an evaluation of a candidate’s total 4-H record.

To apply, members will need to bring a completed Member’s Evaluation (ME) form to the 4-H office by May 1st. There is a fill-in Member Evaluation Form on our website under Forms and Applications.

As part of the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial celebration, we want to highlight the thousands of hours Wisconsin 4-H youth and volunteers give in local and statewide service.

If your club or committee has a community service project planned for April, the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial Committee wants to hear about it!

Fill out the attached form and send a few pictures for a chance to be featured on the Centennial website and the Wisconsin 4-H Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/wisconsin4h

PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULED

Sunday, April 13th
1 – 3 p.m.
LondonDairy Alpacas

Please dress for the weather and bring your project books. We will be discussing fund raising and choosing alpacas for county fair.
FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

Get a jump start on the showing season by attending the fitting and showing clinic on Saturday, May 3rd. Details are on the attached flyer.

BADGER DAIRY CAMP
June 11 – 13
UW-Madison

This annual camp, open to youth between the ages of 12 and 18, provides an excellent opportunity for youth to attend workshops and to get hands on experience learning how to fit and show animals.

Camp capacity is 100 youth, so register early! Applications can be found with other camp information at http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth/badger-dairy-camp/.

4-H DOG WORKSHOP FOR APRIL

What would Easter be without an egg hunt? How much fun would it be to hunt eggs with your dog? At the April Dog project workshop, you will find out.

The training will be on Saturday, April 19th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc Kennel Club, 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc. You’ll have fun with your dog doing simple obedience exercises. At 9:45 we’ll make dog treats and finish the morning with an egg hunt. Everyone is welcome to come, train their dogs, and join in the fun. If you plan to attend, please contact Ruth at 683-4169 or Karen at 754-4864.

MARCH DOG WORKSHOP

The craft at the March 4-H dog workshop was making simple dog jumps. After practicing simple obedience, the young trainers taught their dogs how to jump over the low jumps. This exercise is one of the many agility exercises the dogs will be learning in the agility classes to be held June - August.

CHANGES FOR SWINE EXHIBITORS

Due to the recent spread of the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv), there will NOT be a spring weigh-in for swine.

New procedures for identification can be found at http://manitowoc.uwex.edu/. The deadline for submitting IDs, photos and COOL sheets is April 26th.

LIVESTOCK LEARNING WEBINAR

The next webinar is for sheep exhibitors on April 17 at the Manitowoc County Office Complex from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Please register with Ruth at 683-4168 by the 15th. Details for participating from your home can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/.
STATE FAIR MARKET LAMB AND BARROW
SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit junior market lambs or barrows at the 2014 State Fair will need to self-identify their animals.

Complete identification rules and procedures are posted at http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/.

BADGER BONANZA LAMB SHOW

Mark your calendar for this year’s Badger Bonanza Lamb Show on May 4th in Arlington. The show draws youth and their lambs from Wisconsin and surrounding states and provides them with a chance to get their lambs into the show ring early in the season.

Show information is found under the Livestock Shows tab at http://uwsaddlesirloin.com/.

SWINE PROJECT AWARDS

The UW-Madison Saddle and Sirloin Club will present up to five $100 awards to help 4-H or FFA members with expenses related to the swine project. To be eligible, an applicant must be 9 – 18 years old and be a first or second year swine project member.

The 2014 award application can be downloaded at http://uwsaddlesirloin.com/. Applications must be postmarked by April 18th.

CAMP CLEAN-UP

We could use your help in sprucing up camp to prepare for the upcoming camping season. Mark your calendars for April 26th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. to help clean, rake, and pick up winter debris. Camp will provide lunch and drinks. You don’t have to be a 4-H member to help, so bring friends and family.

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YOUTH BROILER JACKPOT SHOW

Youth, ages 3 – 18, entering the Country Visions Cooperative youth broiler show will receive 10 chicks to be shown at their Jackpot Show. There will be three age divisions: 3 - 7, 8 - 12, and 13 - 18. Enter at any of the Country Stores by the May 14th deadline.

Chicks should be picked up as soon as possible after 1 p.m. on May 21st at the Valders Country Store. Show day will be July 9th at 6 p.m. The show flyer with more information is on the Country Visions website at http://www.countryvisionscoop.com/news.
Hosted by the Manitowoc County
Junior Holstein Association

Manitowoc County
Fitting and Showing
Clinic

Saturday May 3, 2014

Learn how to:
Select, wash, & fit your animal
Train your animal for the showring and showmanship
Get show box ready and tie your animal correctly
Properly care for animal before during and after the show

Registration at 9:30 a.m.
Clinic begins at 10:00 a.m.
$5 Registration Fee

Limited Space
Register Early!

Location:
Select Genetics- de Bruijn Family
10525 W. Viebahn Road
Manitowoc, WI 54220

For Registration or Questions Contact:
Brenda Meyer at 920-901-2056 or bmeyer@cpfeeds.com
Bieke de Bruijn at 920-242-0414 or bieke.debruijn@rocketmail.com
Guide to 4-H Demonstrations

Me? Demonstrate how to do something in front of people?
Yes! You can do it!

A demonstration is putting words into action. An effective demonstration is the best way of teaching someone how to do something while explaining the procedure of doing it.

Successful demonstrations don’t have to be difficult or complicated. Something you have learned or something you enjoy doing will make a good demonstration. Develop one main idea or topic to share.

Choosing Your Topic
Choose an interesting topic you know something about that can be clearly demonstrated and has action. The more you know about the subject, the easier it will be. If you’re a beginner, choose a simple topic like “How to Care for Houseplants” or “What to Feed a Pet” or “How to Make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich”.

Choosing a Title
Select a title that will describe your demonstration and catch the interest of your audience. The title should suggest or give a hint as to what the demonstration is about. Be creative. For example, if you are going to do a demonstration on eye makeup you might title it “The Eyes Have It” as opposed to “Applying Eye Makeup”.

Planning Your Demonstration
Planning is the key to success and will give you confidence. Most people remember what they see rather than what they hear, so the way you present your demonstration is very important. It should consist of three parts – the introduction, the body, and the conclusion.

Introduction - The introduction is a follow-up of the title to let the audience know what you will be talking about. It should be brief and clear. To catch the interest of the audience, use a short, snappy statement or a question that relates to your topic.

Body - This is the main part of your demonstration. Use an outline to help you organize your presentation into three to seven points or steps. You should show and explain all the steps of what you are doing in logical order. Each step should be clearly shown or explained before moving on to the next one.

In demonstrations that have long intervals between steps, the entire process will not be shown directly to the audience, but each step should be clearly explained. It is recommended to have the item or product available at various stages of development.

Conclusion - This is the last chance to put the message across. Reemphasize the important points of your presentation and show your finished product. Never introduce new material in the conclusion. Smile and be proud of your accomplishment. You did it!

Ask if there are any questions. When a question is asked, let the entire audience know what the question was by repeating it. If you don’t know the answer, apologize and say you don’t know the answer. It’s alright to admit you do not know the answer.

When there are no more questions, thank the audience and invite them to sample and/or inspect the finished product. Pass out any handouts you may have available. Gather your equipment as quickly and quietly as possible.
More Tips

If you aren’t introduced by someone before your presentation, introduce yourself and your subject.

Delivery
An effective demonstration always begins with a smile. With practice and experience, you will be able to develop a delivery that shows poise and enthusiasm. You should speak clearly and use proper grammar. Make eye contact with your audience. It’s important to talk to them instead of the judge, the table top, or your visuals. You can emphasize important words and phrases by changing the volume or tone of your voice.

In addition:
- Stand erect
- Take your time
- Act and look like you enjoy the demonstration
- Use complete sentences and be sure to describe all actions fully
- Keep notes available but never read from them or rely on them too heavily
- Use your own words but don’t memorize a speech
- Goofs do happen! Explain what happened and go right on with your demonstration

Time
If your demonstration has a time limit, make sure you abide by it. If the time interval is 5-7 minutes for your age, aim for 6 minutes for your demonstration.

Materials
Arrange equipment and supplies so they don’t block the audience’s view. Materials should be kept in the background, so the audience will watch you rather than the equipment. If many things are needed, arrange them on trays and place them on a table behind you. Put things to be used together on their own trays. You can complete one step, return that tray with its materials, and get the next tray.
- When possible, use transparent equipment so the audience sees the material and the process.
- Label containers for the audience to see
- Keep a hand towel or paper towels handy, if needed. A paper bag taped to the table serves as a handy disposal container.

Visual Aids
Using visual aids can enhance some demonstrations. Posters, charts, or flannel board can be used if they will make the demonstration more effective. Well-prepared visuals help the audience learn faster, understand better, and remember longer. Sometimes only the title of your demonstration needs to be on a poster. Keep visuals simple and make sure lettering and pictures are large enough to be seen by the audience.

Appearance
Choose clothing that looks neat and is suitable for the occasion. Avoid flashy jewelry and other accessories that will draw attention away from your topic.

Practice
Practice can make perfect. Practice your demonstration in front of a mirror or before your family so they can give you suggestions that will improve your presentation. Practice sessions will help you learn to control your nervousness and enable you to feel comfortable.

Adapted from Cooperative Extension publications at Ohio State University, University of Nevada-Reno, and Washington State University-Pullman
4-H Centennial Statewide Service Month Report Form

A separate form must be completed for each community service project. Eligible projects were conducted between April 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014.

Club _________________________________________ Date of Activity ______________

Number of people who worked on the project: 4-H youth ______ adults ______

Number of hours worked on the project by the club (see example below) __________
(Example: 20 4-H youth and adults worked for 2 hours on roadside cleanup = 2 hours)

Who (or what organization) was helped by this project? ________________________

Describe the service you provided. Include the activities completed, money and/or items donated and other relevant information.

What was the impact on those who were helped by this project?

What did the 4-H youth learn from the experience?

Please return reports, photos or video to christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu or jackie.askins@ces.uwex.edu by April 30, 2014. Thank you for your contribution to the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial Statewide Service Month!
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