Dear 4-H members, volunteers, and families,

Teri Zuege-Halverson is the new Manitowoc County Family Living Educator. One of the projects she is currently working on is Home Alone. Home Alone, coordinated through the Manitowoc County UW-Extension Family Living office, is an educational program designed to help parents develop a workable self-care plan with their children. There is no magic age at which children develop the maturity and good sense to stay alone safely because all families are unique with different needs and expectations. Home Alone has been offered in October to Manitowoc County families for twenty-one years, and Silver Lake College facilities have been generously offered every year. Some of the dedicated volunteer facilitators have presented at the program for close to, or more than, ten years.

To reach a wider audience, Teri plans to develop a web-based Home Alone program that includes situational videos of children and parents. Teri is working with Dave Luciani, UWEX Instructional Designer/Distance Education Specialist to develop the videos. Teri is also looking for youth and adult actors to help play various roles in the videos. Teri and I think being involved in the video production would be a great educational opportunity for some of our 4-H members and families. Teri is in need of eight youth actors ages 10 – 14 years old and two male and two female adult actors. She plans to begin video production in January or February. Most of the meetings will be held at the UW-Extension office at the Manitowoc County Office Complex. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact me as soon as possible at kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us or 683-4172.

I would like to welcome David Blakeslee to the Manitowoc County 4-H program. David is a certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructor for rifle and air rifle. He is a member of the Maribel Sportsman’s Club, and he is developing an indoor air rifle range at their club’s facility located at Hwy 43 and Hwy 147. He plans to offer a county-wide air rifle program starting in February. If you are interested in getting involved in this new opportunity, please go to your account in 4hOnline (https://wi.4honline.com) and add the air rifle project. That way, we will be able to get in touch with you when air rifle project plans are finalized.

Kevin A. Palmer
Manitowoc County UW-Extension
4-H Youth Development Educator & Department Director
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ATTACHMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE FOR THIS ISSUE
http://manitowoc.uwex.edu/

Tractor Safety registration form
Leaders Around the Lake flyer
These can also be picked up at the 4-H office.

MEETING CANCELLATIONS
Announcements for cancellation of meetings and events at the Manitowoc County Office Complex, due to dangerous driving conditions, will be aired over WOMT, WCUB, and WKTT radio stations. You can also call the UWEX/4-H office at 683-4168, ext.1, during office hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) to ask if a scheduled meeting or event has been cancelled.

The office will not have information on club meetings or events. Check with your main leaders to see what procedure they use for cancellations.

LIABILITY INSURANCE
Manitowoc County has a liability insurance policy for volunteers. Leaders are automatically covered under this policy if they are enrolled as a 4-H leader and they have completed Youth Protection Training. This policy is a backup policy for your personal liability coverage to protect volunteers from damages.

This insurance is not accident insurance. Accident insurance can be purchased for specific events to supplement health insurance.

Please call Kevin at 683-4168 to verify liability insurance coverage for activities that could be considered “out of the ordinary” and might increase risk.

As a 4-H leader, it is important to reduce liability risks as much as possible. Be sure to provide safety instruction in all risk situations and take precautions to assure safe activities.

TRACTOR SAFETY FOR YOUTH
Lakeshore Technical College has scheduled two tractor safety courses this spring. If you haven’t already taken a certified tractor safety course, are under the age of 16, and expect to be driving a tractor this year, you should enroll in one of these classes. Class size is limited to 20 students, so register early for the session that best fits your schedule. The flyer and registration form can be found on our website.

PROJECT CENTRAL UPDATE
Officer John Bennett did a great job leading this project on November 16. Those present included Isabella, Shawn, and Mackenzie Bennett, and Emma and Margaret Klatt. The meeting started with a tour of the Manitowoc Police department. The kids enjoyed sitting in a restraint chair, trying on a bullet proof vest, and sitting in the back of a police car. Then he led a walking tour of Manitowoc pointing out historical buildings including the Court House, bank, churches, and the Capitol Civic Center. Members took photos of the various buildings.

AG-RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications and guidelines for the following three scholarships offered for students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in an ag-related course are available online at http://www.ewdhic.org/Scholarship.aspx. The postmark deadline for all applications is February 15th.

- Manitowoc County DHIA Scholarship
  Five $500 scholarships are available.
DHIA Scholarships for LTC Farm Business Production Management Students
Two $100 scholarships are available.

Eastern Wisconsin DHIA Scholarships
A $500 and a $1000 scholarship are available.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
There are still some leaders and other volunteers who have to take the Youth Protection training that is mandated by the State of Wisconsin for anyone who will be working with our youth members. Enrollments cannot be completed until this obligation is fulfilled. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th from 6–7:30 p.m. at the Manitowoc County Office Complex. Please register with Ruth at 683-4168 or ruthaebischer@co.manitowoc.wi.us by the 13th.

Do you want to be a 4-H Trend Spotter?
You can be the eyes and ears of the 4-H Mall by sending them your product ideas and being involved in the design process. Check out the fun and benefits at http://www.4hmall.org/trendspotter.aspx?utm_campaign=Email%2012-16-2013&utm_source=Trend%20Spotters%20Announcement&utm_medium=Button

ANIMAL SCIENCES
“AG TRUTHS, NOT TAILS” CONFERENCE
January 24 – 25
Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek
This conference is for youth ages 13 and up who are enrolled in livestock or dairy projects. This is a great opportunity to learn and practice skills to become the next generation of communicators in your field. The conference will focus on animal welfare, led by leaders in the livestock and dairy industries.

For more information, visit the conference web site at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/. Registration deadline is January 15th.
LIVESTOCK LEARNING WEBINARS

An educational series for exhibitors of all species of livestock will be presented in the coming months. It is geared for new families but experienced exhibitors are encouraged to attend as well.

Put these dates on your calendar: January 16, overview for all species; February 20, Beef; March 27, Swine; April 17, Sheep; and May 15, Meat Goats. All sessions will be held at the Manitowoc County Office Complex from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Please register with Ruth at 683-4168 two days before each session you will attend. You may also participate from your home using a computer and phone. Details can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/

STEER SELF-IDENTIFICATION FOR 2014 STATE FAIR

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit junior market steers at the 2014 State Fair will need to self-identify their animals with an official RFID identification tag and submit a DNA hair sample between January 1st and February 10th.

The steps in the identification process can be found on the State Fair web site http://www.wistatefair.com/wp/news-and-updates/.

PERFORMANCE DIVISION ID SITES

State Fair market animal exhibitors who wish to enter the Market Beef Performance Division must have an official Wisconsin State Fair RFID Tag on the steer(s) and DNA sample(s) on file with Wisconsin State Fair by February 10th prior to weighing the steer(s) at one of the designated Wisconsin State Fair Performance weigh in sites in March. ID sites will be listed on the above State Fair website.

MEAT JUDGING CONTESTS

Badger Meats Judging Camp
February 7 at UW-River Falls

The news release and registration form are at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/badger-meat-judging-camp/. Registration deadline is February 3rd.

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

The 2014 educational meeting information, updated 2013-14 market animal participation book, and 2014 scholarship information are now posted on the Manitowoc County 4-H website at http://manitowoc.uwex.edu/. The educational meeting dates are subject to change so please check the website often for any changes as the year goes on.
State 4-H Meats Judging Contest
February 15th at UW-Madison

Information for this contest is at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest. The deadline to register is Friday, February 7.

POULTRY & RABBIT

2014 GIVEAWAY

The Poultry and Rabbit Committee is taking applications for another poultry and rabbit giveaway. This offer is for any youth enrolled in a poultry or rabbit project. There is a limit of one poultry and one rabbit request per person.

To enter, write on a piece of paper the following:
- Your name, address, and phone number
- Where you will house the animal
- What breed you would like (list 1st and 2nd choice). If you have shown in the past, this must be a different breed than you already have.
- Why you want this breed.
- A parent/guardian signature (must have this approval)

Note: Participants must exhibit their giveaway animal at the county fair. If something should happen to your animal, you must contact Warren or another committee member to explain why it was not shown. Not having a valid reason for not showing the animal may disqualify you from future giveaways or jeopardize future giveaway plans for everyone.

Send requests to: Warren Wiltman, 802 W. TaPaWingo Road, Mishicot, WI 54228. If you have questions, call Warren at 755-4512. Deadline is February 8th.

ART PROGRAM FOR YOUNG MEMBERS

4-H ArtBeat is an introductory arts program for 4-H members in grades 3-5, and their parents and leaders. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of hands-on sessions.

Camps begin Friday evening at 7 p.m. and end Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. There are two locations to choose from:

4-H ArtBeat North - February 14 and 15
Beaver Creek Reserve in Eau Claire County
Registration Deadline: January 13th

4-H ArtBeat South – March 14 & 15
Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
Registration Deadline: February 3rd

The $50.00 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, snacks, overnight lodging, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. More information and registration forms are at http://4h.uwex.edu/events/4HArtBeat.cfm.

4-H ART LAB

4-H Art Lab is for adults and teens in grades 9 - 12. This statewide arts workshop will be held at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells, starting at 6 p.m. January 31st and concluding at 3 p.m. on February 1st.

4-H youth and adults will select one educational track to go “in depth” to explore for the weekend. Tracks offered this year are Jewelry Making, Basic Spinning, Tae Kwon Do, Digital Storytelling, Photography, Print Making and Theatre Arts.

The registration deadline is January 6th. A description of the art tracks and the registration form can be found at http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artsleadership.cfm.

COMMUNICATION ARTS

Note: There is still time to apply for financial aid for some of the arts events through the Peter Talen 4-H Arts Endowment Fund. http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/ArtsandCommunications.cfm

STATE 4-H TEAMS

Do you have an interest and aptitude in photography, art, drama, or music? Then you’ll want to check out the State 4-H groups for members in grades 9 – 13. Complete information, job descriptions, photos, videos and timelines can all be found at http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/State4-HTeams.cfm. Application forms and audition materials are due January 28th.
WINTER CAMP IS COMING!

Join us for Winter Survivor Camp on January 24 - 26. Campers will be a member of a tribe, engaging in friendly immunity challenges and meeting at the tribal council to receive their reward. Challenges will include fire building, snow snakes, sledding, skits, snow art and much more. No camper will be voted out!

Cost of camp is $85, and 4-H members receive a $5 discount. Check out the flyer in this issue. **Registrations are due January 20th.** Sign up early to guarantee a spot!

LET'S THINK SPRING

Have you been thinking of enhancing your property by planting trees or shrubs? Camp TaPaWingo’s tree sale offers the perfect opportunity to get healthy sapling trees and shrubs and support camp at the same time. **Order forms are due March 13th.** Tree numbers are limited, so order early. If you have questions on what to plant, Stacy Schweppe is available (755-2785) to help you make those decisions. The order form and tree and shrub descriptions can be found on the camp website [http://www.camptapawingo.org/](http://www.camptapawingo.org/).

RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to all the clubs who have sold raffle tickets as a fundraiser for summer camp staff, as we faced the loss of United Way support this year. Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket for the January 26th drawing. If you have any questions, or would like to purchase available tickets, please call Camp at 920-755-2785. We greatly appreciate your support of Camp TaPaWingo!

CAMP BANQUET

Here’s a heads-up to put April 5 on your calendars for our 8th Annual Camp Banquet. Details will be in next month’s newsletter.

PERFORMANCE POSSE by Kelsey Cigler

Ron and Mary Christianson of Reedsville hosted our club at their ranch for a draft horse harness demonstration. They taught us the parts of a harness, how to harness up the horse and how to care for your horse, as well as the harness. After a tour of the horses in the barn, we were treated to a horse-drawn wagon ride. Ron and Mary pride themselves on educating the youth in the area and keeping the heritage of driving horses alive. Our club appreciates their dedication to the Manitowoc County 4-H Horse Project and we thank them for all their hard work.

PAWS ’N’ PALS by Heather Haberland

At our November meeting, new club officers spoke about the Officer Training that they had recently attended. As a community service project, the club will be donating items to the Domestic Violence Center for Christmas. Practice with our dogs for the upcoming Holiday Parade was held after the meeting.

PAWS ’N’ PALS by Skylar Gengler

At our December meeting, members that had attended the sewing and ceramics workshops told about the projects they had completed. After the meeting, we had our annual Christmas Party with games, Piñatas, gift exchange and pizza.

Members of the Paws ‘n’ Pals 4-H Club shared their pets with residents of the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Facility. For many of the patients it was a time of remembering their own pets that they had as children or had to leave behind.
Congratulations to following on their achievements.

2013 First Place Record Books/Scrapbooks
* Received special recognition and Chamber Bucks.

Clarks Mills Good Sports
* Sanne de Bruijn
  Devan Meulmans
  Marlee Meulemans
  Madison Moore

Cleveland Clever Clovers
Caroline Heckmann
  Thomas Heckmann
  Erin Jaeger
  Gwen Jaeger
  Ryan Jaeger

Goodwin Ever-Readies
Dakota Ewen
  Rylee Gollata
  Emma Klatt
  Lydia Klatt
  Aaron Pederson

Maribel Mighty Kids
  Ben Lukasek
  Travis Valenta
  Joshua Van Sluytman

Meeme Busy Badgers
  Isaac Isselmann
  * Connor Siemers
  * Jordan Siemers

Performance Posse
  Lacey Swetlik

Prime Cuts
  Michaela Remiker

Schleswig Cadets
  Lydia Blatz
  Samantha Blatz
  Serena Blatz
  Alex Diersen
  Beth Koele
  Adam Luebke
  Lydia Luebke
  William O'Neil

Taus Livewires
* Kayla Brey
  Emily Cohan
  Megan Cohan
  Katie Winrich

S.T.A.R. AWARD WINNERS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO 4-H AWARD
Russell Olp, adult volunteer with Star Splitters

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Goodwin Ever-Readies 4-H Club

FRIEND OF CAMP TAPAWINGO
Kevin Stoer

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK POSTER
CONTEST WINNERS

Grades 3-6
1st – Clarissa Ulness, Liberty Go-Getters
2nd – Isaac Isselmann, Meeme Busy Badgers
3rd – Reagan Isselmann, Meeme Busy Badgers

Grades 7-9
1st – Lydia Klatt, Goodwin Ever-Readies (overall winner)

Participation Certificates:
Clarks Mills Good Sports
  Sanne de Bruijn -- Secretary
Cleveland Clever Clovers
  Gwen Jaeger -- Treasurer
  Jordan Siemers -- Treasurer
Paws 'N Pals
  Cheyenne Lane -- Treasurer
Star Splitters
  Rebekah Lazzeroni - Treasurer

Taus Livewires
  Matthew Winrich--Reporter
Map to 4-H Camp TaPaWingo:

Camp is located three miles north of Mishicot on County Road B, then ½ mile west on TaPaWingo Road.
Phone: (920) 755-2785

4-H Camp TaPaWingo is owned and operated by the Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.

4-H membership is not required to attend camp.

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating.
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January 24 - 26, 2014
4-H Camp TaPaWingo, Mishicot
Survivor Camp

Spend two days as a member of a tribe at 4-H Camp TaPaWingo. Tribes will spend the mornings and evenings engaging in friendly immunity challenges, and each night they will meet at the tribal council to receive their reward. No camper will be voted off!

Have FUN and learn life skills
- communication
- decision making
- teamwork

Have FUN and discover
- snowshoeing
- sled races
- fire starting

Have FUN and develop a new interest
- snow snakes
- bird feathers
- broom ball

General Information
- Survivor Camp is for campers ages 7 – 14.
- Cost: $85 for non-4-H members
  $5 discount for 4-H members
- A T-Shirt is included for every camper
- 4-H membership is not required to attend.

Drop-off Time: Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Pick-Up Time: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

More details on the camp will be sent to you the week before the camp starts. We only accept a certain number of campers. Please register early!

Pancake Breakfast & Open House
Sunday, January 26th
Serving from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Cost: $5 - Adults
$3 - Ages 10 & Under
Winter Campers Eat Free

Families, join the campers for breakfast and tour the camp grounds. We want you to get to know Camp TaPaWingo and the wonderful things it has to offer.

Camp Registration Form
Return with a check made out to Camp TaPaWingo or call to use a credit card by January 20th

Camp TaPaWingo
915 W. TaPaWingo Road
Mishicot WI 54228

Please use a separate form for each child!
Please fill out and return this portion:

Child: ______________________
(D.O.B), (mm/dd/yy): ________________
Male: ______ Female: ______ Age: ______

Parent/Guardian’s Name and relationship:
____________________________
____________________________
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Address: ____________________
City: ________________________
State: ________ Zip: ______

Day Phone: ( ) __________________
Evening Phone: ( ) ______________
T-Shirt Size (Circle) YM...YL...S...M...L...XL...XXL
4-H Club_________

*Camp fees are not refundable under any circumstances.
*Camperships are available by calling (920) 755-2785

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________ Date __________________

Check here if you are 15 years old or older and would like to be a Counselor and stay for free.

Check here if you are a parent and would like to be a Teacher Chaperone. You must have completed the Youth Protection Training. A limited number of chaperones will be needed, so register early. In appreciation of volunteering, you and your child attend the camp for free.