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LEADER’S COUNCIL

A 4-H Leader’s Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 7:00 P.M. We will meet at the Clearwater County Courthouse. All 4-H members are highly encouraged to attend. We will be discussing our current and revised Constitution and By-Laws for Clearwater County 4-H, your vote is importation. Please plan on attending. Looking forward in seeing you there!

CLOTHING DAY

All Clothing & Textiles, and Fashion Revue will be held prior to the county fair. Judging will be on Thursday, July 29th at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. Watch your mail for further information. Participants will receive a detailed judging schedule closer to the date.

FAIR CLEAN-UP

Mops, brooms, and pails along with 4-H members and adults will be needed on June 6 from 2:00 P.M. until complete, so the buildings will be clean and shiny for the fair. Keep in mind the more help we have, the faster it will go. At 5:00 P.M. there will be a 4-H Foodstand Training. Please join us to learn the ins and outs of the 4-H Foodstand and how it runs during the fair.

Demonstration/Performing Arts/Share-The-Fun

Will be held on Friday, July 24 at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds by the stage in the Pine. Demonstration judging will be from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Performing Arts will be from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. and Share-The-Fun will follow.

Now is a great time to start thinking about what you would like to demonstrate so you get it on your fair registration. Be sure to look in the 4-H Premier Handbook for your codes.

CLEARWATER COUNTY FAIR

Spread the word! The Clearwater County Fair is AUGUST 5-9. We are looking forward to a great fair! Remember to watch your mail and this newsletter for important information regarding county fair and projects.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Those taking exhibits to State Fair need to have their project to the Extension Office by Monday August 10 by 4:30 P.M.

DOG SHOW

Will be held on Saturday, August 1 starting with Obedience & Rally at 8:00 A.M. Showmanship and Agility will be at 5:00 P.M. Dog Interviews will be at 1:00 P.M.

Thank you in advance for helping to make 4-H a success at the Clearwater County Fair!

**THE FOODSTAND IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR. WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP TO MAKE THIS SUCCESSFUL!**
**COUNTY 4-H PIE DAY**

On Saturday July 25 at 10:00 A.M. we will be having a County Pie day, we will be making pies for the County Fair. Volunteers are needed. Please contact the Extension office if you can make it. HELP IS NEEDED.

Also if you haven't made you $5.00 donate for supplies, please do so ASAP.

**Interview Judging**

Interview Judging for beef, dairy, sheep, swine, rabbit, and goats will be held on Sunday, July 26 at the Exhibit building on the fairgrounds. Please come during 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Dog interviews will be held on August 1.

**HORSE CLINICS**

Below you will find the dates of the 2015 Horse Clinics. Horse Clinics will be at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds starting at 7:00 P.M. each night.

- Tuesday June 2nd
- Tuesday June 9th
- Tuesday June 23rd
- Tuesday June 30th

- Tuesday July 7th
- Tuesday July 14th
- Tuesday July 21st
- Tuesday July 28th

**DOG PRACTICE**

Dog practice is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday nights will be there main practice night with Monday being an extra practice opportunity.

**LIVESTOCK**

A Livestock PDC meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 7:00 P.M. at the Clearwater County 4-H Foodstand.

**SHOOTING SPORTS/WILDLIFE**

Practices for shooting sports takes place every Sunday night from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at Ruffy Brook Hunting Preserve & Sporting Clays.

**Message from Dorothy**

*Dear 4-H families and volunteers,*

On June 17-19, 12 teams of 4-H’ers from across the state came to the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus to share their research about important agriculture-related issues at the 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge. The first of its kind in the country, the new program asked 4-Hers to identify agriculture-related issues in their communities and develop science-based solutions. They worked for nine months with adult mentors and agriculture experts to identify their issues and develop their solutions using science and engineering practices. They shared their results at the event last week, which included judging presentations, interviewing and resume-building workshops, campus tours to explore agriculture and science resources at the University, and a showcase fair and recognition celebration to share their work and connect with representatives from the University and agribusiness community who are eager to meet the next generation of leaders in agriculture.

The top three teams were awarded scholarships that can be used at any accredited university, college or trade school. First place team members received $1000 each, second place received $750 each, and third place received $500 each.

- 1st place: Meeker County 4-H Hay Waste Team: Kayla Kutzke, Ryan Peterson, Daniel Williamson. The team researched, designed, built and tested a feed bunk to reduce hay waste of beef cattle.
- 2nd place: Washington County 4-H Insects as Food Source Team: Serenna Svanoe, Theo Svanoe, Chloe Brey. The team researched insects as a sustainable source of protein for humans and animal, and cultural attitudes,
methods and barriers to production and consumption in western nations.

- 3rd place: Le Sueur County 4-H Biodiesel Team: Brian Prchal, Anna Prchal, Tyler Fromm. The team researched and compared the efficiency and environmental impact of b10 conventional diesel, ethanol, kerosene and 100 percent biodiesel made by the team, and tested temperature, ph and particulate matter.

There is a critical need for skilled agriculture professionals, nationally and in Minnesota, and we know that hands-on experiences like the new annual 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge are a great way to introduce and engage youth in learning about agriculture, make it fun and exciting, and expand the pipeline of youth studying agriculture and pursuing agriculture-related careers. I look forward to seeing this important new program grow in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate dean and state 4-H director

4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge update

The 2015 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge is off to an amazing start! To date, there are 47 teams registered from 25 counties with 279 team members, 50 adult volunteer team coaches, and 17 youth volunteer coaches!

Here’s what Rube Goldberg teams need to know about this year’s 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge:

Qualifying for state fair trip

- Teams will be awarded ribbons as part of the judging at fairs this year. (Last year, teams were awarded medals.) Teams that earn a blue (or purple) ribbon at their county fair qualify for a trip to the Minnesota State Fair to demonstrate their machine during the second day of their county’s state fair encampment. All RG teams in a county that earn blue or purple ribbons qualify for trips to the state fair. (Note: As this event grows, we may not be able to allow all blue ribbon teams to attend the state fair in future years, but this year all blue ribbon teams may attend.)

State fair attendance confirmations

- All the RG teams need to tell their county 4-H program coordinators if they intend to participate at the state fair if they earn a blue or purple ribbon at the county fair by the third week of July. If your program coordinator hasn’t talked to you about this by late July, please contact them.

RG machine transportation onto fair grounds

- In response to feedback from last year’s RG teams, 4-H state fair staff have arranged to provide transportation of RG machines onto and off of the Minnesota State Fair grounds at two set times on the day of judging (the second day of each encampment). The RG machines will be picked up at 7:30 a.m. at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus and taken to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. At 9 p.m., RG machines will be taken back to the campus drop-off location. (Teams may still choose to transport their machines from public parking lots themselves, using dollies, wagons, etc. they bring themselves.) Teams that expect to avail themselves of this option must inform their county 4-H program coordinator in time for program coordinators to include this information on the team intention for state fair form.

All information for teams participating in the 2015 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge can be found in the rule book. Contact Patrick Jirik at pjirik@umn.edu with any questions.

2015 scholarship recipients announced

Congratulations to the Minnesota 4-H Foundation’s 2015 scholarship recipients. These nine outstanding 4-H youth and alumni from across Minnesota stood out among the 87 individuals who submitted applications. To learn more, please visit our website: http://z.umn.edu/sga.
Kern Family Scholarship recipients:
- Anna Johnson, Wadena County & Ryan Kohlmeyer, Olmsted County

David E. Pace and Valerie Halverson Pace Leadership Scholarship recipient:
- Logan Johnson, Traverse County

Ada and Helmuth Schroeder Scholarship recipients:
- Emily Clarke, Lincoln County & Natalie Sayles, Mower County

CCI Innovation in Agriculture Scholarship recipient:
- Brian Prchal, Le Sueur County

Searles Family Scholarship recipient:
- Jake Borst, Olmsted County

4-H Adult Scholarship:
- Heidi Schaefer, Mille Lacs County & Jeanne Verhoef, Anoka County

Get the app! 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair

If you have a smart phone and you’re going to the state fair, you should download our free app! It combines all of our state fair communications into one place:

- Judging results
- Public schedule
- Interactive map
- Livestock shows and general projects announcements in real time – switch on the alerts function, and you won’t even need to open the app!
  - MN4HBeef
  - MN4HDairy
  - NEW: MN4HSheep
  - MN4HAnnounce for all other projects

State fair winners and families, volunteers, staff and all fairgoers interested in 4-H will find it useful. Download it from the iTunes or Google Play store.

If you don’t have a smart phone, you can receive these messages on your cell phone by texting “Follow MN4HAnnounce” to 40404. Text “STOP” when you want them to stop. These accounts are active during the state fair.

To join a conversation about 4-H, use the Twitter app and follow MN4H.

Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational Sept. 11-13

The 2015 Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational will be held in Douglas County (Alexandria) Sept. 11-13. 4-H members who are involved in their county 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife Program will participate in a variety of events such as BB gun, archery, air rifle, air pistol, trap, .22 rifle, black powder and wildlife events. In order to participate, members must work with a certified 4-H instructor and complete 15 hours of training in a discipline and 8 hours of wildlife education.

The state 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational is a great way to demonstrate the skills learned in a safe environment. Come to the Alexandria Shooting Park (located on Interstate 94 – Alexandria exit 103) Sept. 11-13 to see the 4-H members in action. To learn more about the 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program, or to see the rules and registration information, contact your Extension office or visit the website at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-invitational/.

Registrations will be due to your county Extension office on Monday, July 20 or a date predetermined by your county.

4-H volunteer corner

4-H chaperone training

For adult volunteers, let’s take a walk down “memory lane” back to the days of your youth. If you had the opportunity to go on a field trip through school, a youth group or faith-based organization, the trip was mostly likely made
possible because there were adults willing to serve as chaperones.

4-H chaperones play a key role in creating “learn by doing” travel experiences. For some youth the trip could be their first travel opportunity away from home without a parent or guardian. Adult chaperones have the responsibility of creating an environment that is physically and emotionally safe. In addition, chaperones recognize and manage risk and understand how youth and adult behavior expectations impact the 4-H member’s travel experience. Serving as a chaperone is a rewarding experience; it also requires training.

The online training 4-H chaperone policies: A guide for 4-H adult chaperones offers valuable information to help insure a safe and enjoyable experience for the youth and the adult chaperones.

Access the training here: www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/online-training/.

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Calendar

**JULY**
1 Safety of Minors training completion deadline for all Minnesota 4-H volunteers
13 Leader's Council Meeting
16 ALL REGISTRATIONS FORMS are due at the Extension Office by 4:30 P.M.
20 Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational registrations due to county Extension offices
24 4-H Demonstrations/4-H Performing Arts/Share-The-Fun Judging
25 Pie Day
26 Interview Judging

**AUGUST**
1 4-H Dog Show @ Fairgrounds
2 Fair Clean-Up
2 Foodstand Training
4 4-H Non-Livestock Conference Judging Day
5-9 Clearwater County Fair
9 State Fair Meeting
9 Premier Showmanship
9 4-H Awards Program
26-30 State Fair Livestock Encampment
27 - Sept. 7 Minnesota State Fair

**SEPTEMBER**
1-3 State Fair General Encampment
11-13 Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational
18-21 State Horse Show
19-20 NE Livestock Show
26-27 State Dog Show
SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR 4-H ACTIVITIES

July 16.............................. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS are due at the Extension Office by 4:30 P.M.
July 24.............................. 4-H Demonstrations/4-H Performing Arts/Share-The-Fun Judging
July 29.............................. 4-H Clothing Constructed/Purchased & Fashion Revue Judging
August 1.............................. 4-H Dog Show
August 2.............................. Fair Clean-Up Day: starting at 2:00 P.M. going until completed

Tuesday, August 4
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ................. Judging of ALL 4-H Non-Livestock Exhibits
1:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Horse Show
3:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Dog Fun Show

Wednesday, August 5
9:00 a.m. ................................................. 4-H Horse Show
5:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Fashion Revue
6:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Dog Fun Show

Thursday, August 6
8:00 a.m. ................................................. 4-H Market followed by 4-H Breeding Beef
11:00 a.m. ................................................. Open Dairy - Colored Breeds
4:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Sheep Show
6:00 p.m. ................................................. Open Sheep Show
8:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Llama Show

Friday, August 7
8:00 a.m. ................................................. 4-H Swine Show
9:00 a.m. ................................................. Little Tots Horse Show
10:00 a.m. ................................................. 4-H & Open Rabbit Show
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. ............................................. 4-H Demonstrations (Stage in the Pines)
7:00 p.m. ................................................. Pail Calf Show

Saturday, August 8
8:00 a.m. ................................................. 4-H & Open Goat Show
9:00 a.m. ................................................. Open Horse Show
10:00 a.m. ................................................. Open Beef Pen Classes
10:00 a.m. ................................................. Open Class Dairy - Registered Holsteins
1:00 p.m. ................................................. Open Beef - Halter Classes followed by Open Beef Market Show

Sunday, August 9
8:00 a.m. ................................................. Open Swine/Jackpot
9:00 a.m. ................................................. Draft Horse Show
10:30 a.m. ................................................. Open Dog Show
12:30 p.m. ................................................. Premier Showmanship
2:00 p.m. ................................................. 4-H Awards Program
3:30 p.m. ................................................. Premier 4-H Livestock Auction
TBT....................................................... 4-H STATE FAIR NON-LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR MEETING

**NO EXHIBITS RELEASED EARLY OR PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED.**

***ANIMAL ID’S WILL BE CHECKED AT THE FAIR***