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Many Thanks!

I experienced the huge heart of Lincoln County 4-H this summer when I needed to be with my parents. Thank you isn’t enough to every single person who stepped in and helped make this year’s county fair a success!! I’m humbled by your dedication to 4-H. Plus your concern, thoughtfulness, and understanding for me and my family is an overwhelming blessing. It’s been so hard…but I know things will be better. I sincerely thank you!
Thank You to Livestock Superintendents

These adult leaders work all year long assisting members, parents, and staff with the details of our livestock project areas...especially with County Fair! Thank you for your leadership you are the success behind our livestock programs.

Beef  Doug Possail
Dairy  Michael Berger
Horse  Steph DeKruyter
Goat  Nancy Krog
Rabbit  Eldonna Hillard
Sheep  Laura Krog
Swine  Howard Christensen

Lincoln County Goes to State Fair!

This year Lincoln County has 44 members going to the great MN State Fair to compete in General, Livestock, and Livestock Judging. Good Luck to all of our members!!!

General Exhibitors:

General Livestock Judging:

Cody Gifford

Livestock Exhibitors:

Jesse Busselman  Breeding Goat
Wade Busselman  Market Goat
Jared Christensen  Yearling Ewe
Caitey Drietz  Yearling Dairy
Colyn Drietz  Yearling Dairy
Morgyn Drietz  Fall Calf Dairy
Tanner Drietz  Winter Calf Dairy
Kyle Fischer  Market Gilt
Grace Klumper  Rabbit
Hannah Krog  Beef Steer
Nick Krog  Breeding Goat
Alex Lacek  Dairy Steer
Tyler Lacek  Beef Heifer
Johannah Nielsen  Dairy 2 Year Old
Bailey Possail  Beef Steer
Justine Possail  Beef Steer
Emily Rybinski  Beef Fall Calf
Joseph Rybinski  Beef Fall Calf
Bryson Sik  Breeding Goat
Maria Weber  Breeding Beef
Sara Weber  Breeding Beef
Allison Citterman  Foods & Nutrition
Jacob Citterman  Foods & Nutrition
Cody Gifford  Performing Arts
Kira Gifford  Global Connections
Cameron Jorgensen  Wildlife Biology
Anna Krier  Citizenship
Ethan Krier  Lawn & Landscape
Jennifer Krog  Illustrated Presentation
Molly Krog  Fine Arts and Illustrated Presentation
Michelle Kuhlman  Child Development
Stephanie Kuhlman  Quilting
Katie Landrus  Photography
Courtney Mulder  Performing Arts
Harley Nielsen  Fine Arts
Johannah Nielsen  Fine Arts
Lacey Popowski  Child Development
Leah Popowski  Needle Arts
Abigail Rost  Home Environment
Mitchell Rost  Corn
Ashley Sovell  Flower Gardening
Taylor Veire  Photography
Gabryelle Wieme  Safety

Thank You State Fair Chaperons

Mark Kay Lacek, Kyle Krier and Susan Krier traveled with and chaperoned our 4-H'ers at the Minnesota State Fair for the Livestock and General Encampments. We were very fortunate to have their willingness and commitment to our 4-H'ers so they can stay in the 4-H Dorms during State Fair. They get this year’s “Golden Sleeping Bag” award!
Thank You to Chad & Pam Olsen

Thanks to Olsen Custom Farms for transporting our champion livestock to the Minnesota State Fair. Our 4-H livestock travels safely to and from which is nothing to be taken for granted, and very much appreciated.

Thank You to Laura Krog & Brent Thooft

How do you get a herd of animals and kids to the State Fair and back? These two. They organized and trucked our prize 4-H animals for State Fair livestock weekend. Thank you for taking care of some very important details for our 4-H'ers and their livestock.

Good Idea!!!

Keeping your 2015 County Fair 4-H Premium Book is a good idea, as it will help you plan 4-H projects for next year.

State Shoot

Nate Baatz, Jared Christensen, Jared Hauswedell, Brad Hillard, Carter Peake and Riley Williams will be representing Lincoln County at the Minnesota 4-H State Shoot competition September 11-13 in Alexandria. They will be competing in Senior and Intermediate Trap shooting.

State Horse Show

Sierra DeRuyter, Greta Johnson, Katilynn Jorgensen, Claire Olsen and Josie Olsen will be representing Lincoln County and competing at the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show September 17-20 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. They will be competing in games - Poles, Jumping 8, Barrels, Keyhole. Good luck girls!!

County Records

Due: September 21

It’s that time of the year to work on your 4-H records. The purpose of 4-H records is for members to summarize their accomplishments and reflect on what was learned through project work. The 4-H records are also used for rewarding project awards to the members for their record keeping. You can download the records and judging criteria forms online at: http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/lincoln/4-h. They can be found under the “Downloads” section.

Members’ records are judged at the club level, then nominated to the county level for awards. Check with your club leader for club record judging deadlines. Call the Extension office if you have any questions on completing your records. Club nominated records must be submitted to be judged by September 21. County record judging will be September 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m., and September 24, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

County 4-H Awards

As you are working on finishing up your 4-H year and your records it’s also a good time to look at some of the Lincoln County 4-H Awards.

For 4-H members we have:

Guerts Safety Award, Kris Kitchen Award, Farmer’s Union Citizenship, Farm Bureau Achievement, Key Award, Go Getter Award.

For adult leaders and volunteers we have:

Alumni Award, Honorary 4-Her, and Friend of 4-H Award.

You can download the award applications online at www.extension.umn.edu/lincoln/4-h. They are listed under “Downloads”. All award applications are due September 21, to the Extension office.
Executive Council Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room

Agenda items will include:

- Review 2015 Budget
- Establish 2016 Leader’s Council Budget
- Assess Need for Fundraising

Each club is expected to have one adult and one youth leader attend. The new 4-H year runs from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. This meeting is your opportunity to ask questions and make the decisions for the upcoming 4-H year. Contact your adult leaders and coaches to make requests for using Leader’s Council funding for programs, events, projects. Requests must be presented to Executive Council on Tuesday, September 15.

Leader’s Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.
(Immediately after Executive Council)
Courthouse Assembly Room

Agenda to include:

- County & State Fair Review
- 2016 Budget
- Set Goals for 2016
- Award & Officer Nominations

Each club is expected to have one adult and one youth leader attend Leader’s Council meetings.

Livestock Superintendent Meeting

Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room

Agenda will include:

- County & State Fair Review
- Improvements for 2016
- Auction Disbursements finalized

Minnesota 4-H on Facebook

Keep up with what is happening in Minnesota 4-H on Facebook. Like us at Minnesota 4-H!!

Minnesota 4-H Club Chartering Process

It is hard to believe it is time for clubs to renew their annual charter! The chartering documents are now up on the Minnesota 4-H website (www.4-H.umn.edu/leading-a-club/) and have a whole new face lift. The forms have been streamlined to make the process easier for clubs to complete.

New in 2015, is a club chartering training video that can also be found on the Minnesota 4-H website. This video is approximately 19 minutes in length and gives step by step directions on how to fill in each form, and the purpose of annual club chartering. Clubs/leaders can watch this video on their own, or the program coordinator can bring leaders together to watch the video as a group and answer questions.

Remember all club charters must be in the county Extension office on or before November 30.

Celebrate Ag & Food Day

Saturday, September 19
Golden Gopher Football Game, TCF Stadium

4-H families and alumni are invited to join a celebration of Minnesota agriculture and food at a special University of Minnesota Gopher football game on September 19. Discounted tickets can be purchased at http://www.cfans.umn.edu/ag-food-day-15.

Join us before the game from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. for activities outside the stadium including a tailgate party featuring Minnesota brats and cheese. To RSVP or with questions, contact Erin Kelly-Collins at erinkc@umn.edu.
Online Enrollment for 4-H Families

Enrollment for the new 4-H year opens up on September 16 and Minnesota 4-H families are reminded and encouraged to visit mn.4HOnline.com to enroll/re-enroll both youth members and adult volunteers. The process is quick and easy; even families with multiple youth should be done in 10 minutes or less. Re-enrolling early ensures that critical communications will be received, especially as it relates to deadlines and project specific information. Detailed information about online enrollment and re-enrollment is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline.

As part of enrolling or re-enrolling, youth, their parents and adult volunteers will all be agreeing to the Minnesota 4-H Code of Conduct, which is available for review in its entirety, along with other policy and authorization statements at www.4-H.umn.edu/policy or by contacting your local Extension office.

If you are not yet an adult volunteer but are willing to share your time and talents to make a difference, 4-H needs you! The first step to becoming an adult 4-H volunteer is to complete the volunteer application process. Learn more at www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/#application.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers:

Due to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health’s ban on live birds at public events to help limit the spread of avian flu, 4-H had to adjust its 4-H Poultry Project events and activities at county and state fairs this summer. Our state poultry committee leapt into action, got creative and came up with plans that made it possible for our 4-H Poultry Project youth to participate in fairs this summer and share their learning.

One adjustment was to use photos of poultry or plush stuffed birds for showmanship judging, so youth would have something in place of their live birds to help facilitate their conversations with judges. We also gave youth an option to create and bring a poultry exhibit in the areas of biosecurity, animal health, nutrition, production, and careers, which gave them an opportunity to dig deeper and learn more about a specific topic related to the poultry industry. Some county fairs also offered a chicken bbq contest, carcass judging and other poultry-related learning events. And at the Minnesota State Fair, we held a Science of Poultry ½ day learning event, where 4-H poultry youth could hear from a panel of experts from Jennie-O, Cargill, Rembrandt Enterprises, Minnesota Turkey, Midwest Poultry Federation, Minnesota Chicken and Egg, and Extension; work in roundtables with the experts learning about an issue; and apply their new knowledge by creating a poster on the topic and presenting it to the group.

Though some of our 4-H’ers were disappointed they could not bring the birds they spent months raising and caring for to fairs, they rose to the occasion and had wonderful learning experiences as a result.

I’d like to congratulate all of our 4-H poultry youth, and poultry families and volunteers for all of your extra effort this summer, and making 4-H poultry experiences at the fair rich and rewarding!

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director
Safety of Minors Training: A Big Thank You!

On behalf of the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development, please accept our sincere gratitude for your timely completion of the University-sponsored “Safety of Minors” training and compliance with the policy. Getting 7,000 adult volunteers through training in two months is no small task, but we are proud to share that we accomplished this task due to the timeliness and commitment of our volunteers and the diligence of our staff. We greatly appreciate your service to Minnesota 4-H and dedication to ensuring that all Minnesota youth are engaged in safe, fun, and positive experiential learning.

New Online Version of the Consumer Decision-Making Project

How do you decide which entrée to order? What shoes to buy? What vacation to plan? It’s a tough job, but someone needs to make the decision! And pay the bills. The media, peer pressure, the need to fit in – all these factors play major roles in the decisions that youth make.

Minnesota 4-H is recruiting members interested in learning to make wise consumer decisions in a new online version of our Consumer Decision-Making Project. The online nature of this project means you can work review challenges, post your decisions and share with other youth from anywhere and at any time, through the convenience of your mobile device or home internet connection.

How does it work? Each week for up to 1 to 2 hours for a 12 week period, youth will learn about finances and consumerism, review a scenario, and compare products to make informed decisions. Youth post their decision process and decisions while also reflecting on their values and giving feedback to their peers. Volunteer mentors respond to questions and provide feedback.

If you are interested in learning more about this online opportunity in becoming savvy consumers and building financial intelligence, contact Carrie Olson (320-589-1711, olson166@umn.edu) today.

Fall 2015 Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification Training

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program Development Committee invites you to attend a 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification! The committee recommends that leaders attend the entire certification weekend every five years. Now is your chance to attend!

The training is designed for adults and youth (grade nine and older) that lead or would like to lead training in shooting sports or wildlife. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of coordinator, archery, rifle/pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, and wildlife. This training meets the 4-H project leaders’ requirements for certification and recertification. Although there is range time allocated in the schedule, the majority of the training is classroom work to become an effective instructor, not to practice your own shooting skills.

The training will take place October 3-4, at the Perham Middle School and Fort Thunder Gun Club in Perham.

Registration materials are available at 4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/. The deadline to register is September 18, 2015. Disciplines fill quickly, so make sure registration forms are sent in early!
SS&W Ambassador Program
Seeking Applications for New Ambassadors!

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for youth leaders, grades 9-13, to promote and enhance Minnesota 4-H shooting sports. Ambassadors positively represent the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program at state, regional, and local levels. Youth must be starting grade 9-13 in the fall and be able to attend the October 3-4 training in Perham.

Program information, application, and reference forms can be found at: 4-H.umn.edu/projects/shooting-sports/shooting-sports/

4-H Volunteer Corner

Managing 4-H Clubs: A Guide for Club Leaders

October marks the beginning of a new 4-H year and a new volunteer opportunity for individuals who are moving into a club leadership position. 4-H volunteers who are taking on club leadership responsibilities have several important roles. A leader is a mentor, a motivator for young people, an organizer and coordinator with other adults in the club, and a liaison with the larger 4-H organization in your area.

An excellent training resource and online learning module for new and existing 4-H club leaders is Managing 4-H Clubs: A guide for club leaders. Extension staff designed this module to help with some of the typical management issues in 4-H clubs and bring all these pieces together to build an environment where young people thrive and grow.

Take advantage of the resource to get your 4-H club off to a great start this fall. To view this training module and other 4-H online training opportunities visit: www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/online-training/.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 5-7** – General Encampment at Minnesota State Fair
- **September 11-13** – State Shoot, Alexandria
- **September 15** – Executive Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- **September 15** – Leader’s Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 16** – Enrollment open on 4HOnline for new 2015-2016 4-H year
- **September 18** – Deadline to register for Shootings Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification Training
- **September 18-21** – State Horse Show
- **September 19** – Celebrate Ag & Food Day at Minnesota Gopher Football Game
- **September 21** – Records due to Extension office for County Judging
- **September 21** – Award Applications due to Extension office
- **September 22** – County Record Judging, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- **September 22** – Livestock Superintendents Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 24** – County Record Judging, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **October 3-4** – Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification Training, Perham