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Congratulations to All 4-H Exhibitors

Congratulations to all 4-H’ers on their successful general and livestock exhibits the Lyon County Fair the Minnesota State Fair! Thanks 4-H’ers for putting the work in to make your project a success and for the contributions you made to others. Each year at the fair, I am reminded of the talent and promise of our 4-H’ers! It would’ve been easier for you to just sit on the couch, we are glad you took the more rewarding option of engaging in your learning. With such an amazing group of youth comes optimism for our communities’ futures! Great job!
Fair Thank Yous

Thank you club leaders for your help and guidance to get all 4-H'ers and their projects to the fair! *Your volunteer hours are priceless!!!*

Thank you Livestock Superintendents for your guidance and leadership, preparations before the fair, finding trophy sponsors, running things smoothly in the livestock barns and running successful shows! Your commitment to 4-H is critical to the success of livestock projects.

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Thank you to the Ribbon Auction Committee for their contributions to make the Ribbon Auction such a success! Kelly Hanson, Pat Verly, Cathryn Sleiter, Kris Bossuyt, Bruce Van Keulen, Eric Guttormsson, Rick Anderson, Brian Hicks and Scott Josephson.

Thanks to all volunteers for the variety of ways you helped at the fair and your work throughout the year!

Thanks to all who worked in the Food Stand and Snack Shack!

Thank you to Food Stand Manager, Mary Beth Sinclair and her right hand women Kelly Lingbeek and Molly Sinclair.

Thanks to all who helped with organizing and running the Interstate Exchange popcorn fundraiser especially Sue Ann Moyars. Also thanks to the 4-H'ers and their families for helping operate the stand to make the fundraiser a success.

Thank you to Federation Adult Treasurer, Vince Wambke, for shepherding the Federation finances and taking an active role during the fair.

Thanks to Ambassadors for your help as pre-fair judging helpers and show announcers.

Thanks to State Fair Chaperones – Charlie Olson, Greg Moore, Barb Knutson, Kelly Kimpe, Sonia Mattison, Molly Sinclair, and Janelle Verschelde.

Thanks to Denise Kluess for providing judges gift bags! They were a hit again.

Many thanks to the Lyon County Fair Board and for all of their assistance and dedication to making sure all goes well for the County Fair and Lyon County 4-H each and every year!

Thanks to everyone who helped on pre-fair clean up and post-fair clean up! We sure get a lot done when we all work together!

Thanks to Earl Skaar for spearheading the effort for capital improvements to the Show Arena and to all those that helped out!

The list goes on...but we prove every year that we are our greatest resource!

Fair Premiums

County Fair premium checks will be given to the club leaders towards the end of September. They will be available at your October meeting.

Ribbon Auction Checks

Ribbon Auction checks will be picked up at the Extension office again this year. A notice will be e-mailed to all families when they are ready.
Federation and Livestock Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, September 15**  
**Federation at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Livestock at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Extension Office**

Please make sure you have club representation at these important meetings.

Lyon County 4-H Scholarship Application

**Due: October 19**

**Scholarship Guidelines:**

Two $200 scholarships will be awarded to youth who have been a Lyon County Ambassador and have shown particular dedication and excellence in the Lyon County 4-H Program. High School juniors and seniors may apply for this scholarship. DUE to the Lyon County Extension Office: October 19, 2015.

Budget Committee Members Needed

The Budget Committee makes recommendations to the Federation for the upcoming 4-H year. This is an excellent opportunity to help set our fiscal priorities. The committee will begin its work through e-mail correspondence and, depending on perspectives, may be able to convene a conference call in lieu of a meeting to make the official budget recommendation to the Federation for approval on September 15. Youth are strongly encouraged to join this committee but adults are also welcome 😊. Contact Grant if you have interest at 507-532-8219 or gmwill@umn.edu.

Record Books

**Record Books**

Record books are available at the Extension office. Please call or stop in Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Records judging will occur October 19, so they are due by judging time on that day. We also need records judges. If each club could provide at least one and preferably two judges, that would make the task brief. Please discuss who would be willing to come from your club at your September meeting. [http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/lyon/4-h/downloads/](http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/lyon/4-h/downloads/)

Federation Officer Applications

Federation Officer Applications are available online. The applications will be circulated to the electorate at the September meeting in addition to the candidate having a chance to introduce themselves and field questions. Voting will occur at the September 15 meeting. Each club will have two votes. A youth and adult vote.

Ambassador applications are available online at: [http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/lyon/4-h/downloads/](http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/lyon/4-h/downloads/). There is a special application for returning ambassadors. Applicants should plan to attend the September meeting to introduce themselves and field questions.

Fall Volunteer Training

**Monday, November 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Lyon County Extension Office**

This year's training is "All Together - Not All the Same." Training activities are designed to help youth and adult volunteers recognize their cultural lens and how they relate to others. Participants will take home tools and strategies to implement when working across differences in the 4-H program, helping us ensure an inclusive environment.
Super-Sitter Clinic

**Thursdays**
**October 22, October 29, November 5 & November 12**
**Cost:** $20 Marshall Resident  
$25 non-resident

The Super-Sitter Training Course can help you learn what you need to know to be the best and most responsible babysitter you can be. Designed for 11-15 year olds, this course teaches you what every parent wants in a safe and responsible babysitter. Topics covered will include the business of babysitting; ways to entertain children of all ages; first aid and emergency procedures; infant/toddler care. Guest speakers could include law and emergency personnel as well as Early Childhood experts. Will meet on Thursday afternoons in MMS Room F1.

Register through MCS  

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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/](http://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**.

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Express Yourself

**September 28, November 30, January 25, February 29 & April 4**
**3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**
**Park Side Elementary, Marshall**

Lyon County 4-H is excited to offer "Express Yourself" afterschool programming. Participants will engage in hands-on learning as they explore various forms of expression through food, the arts and face-to-face communication skills.

Register by calling the Lyon County Extension office at 507-532-8219 or by e-mailing akestelo@umn.edu.

Cost is $10 for the 5 sessions - 4-H members are free!!

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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](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.
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

Get the Free 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair App

If you have a smart phone and you’re going to the State Fair - or you know a 4-H’er who will be showing a project – download our free app before you leave home! It combines all this:

- Judging results
- Public schedule linked to an interactive map
- For exhibitors – switch on the alerts so you’ll know where to be and when
- New: Stalling announcements for beef exhibitors on Tuesday night!
- 4-H live cam 12 hours a day
- Photo sharing
- More!

Download it now:
For iphone: http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairiapp
For android: http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairaapp

Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show

September 18-21
Minnesota State Fairgrounds

Mark your calendar: The annual Minnesota 4-H Horse Show will be held September 18-21. Watch the Minnesota 4-H horse website for more information at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse.
Minnesota 4-H Dog Show

September 26-27
Minnesota State Fairgrounds

Mark your calendar: The Minnesota 4-H Dog Show will be held September 26-27. Watch the Minnesota 4-H dog website for more details at: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/state-dog-show.html.

Minnesota 4-H on Facebook

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

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.

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.

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/.
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.

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/

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!
As Always:

**Enroll, Add/Drop Projects, Change Contact Info:**
https://mn.4honline.com

**MN 4-H Website & 4-H Project Information:**
www.fourh.umn.edu

**Weather Cancellations:**
Text @remindaler to 81010 for alerts to your smartphone. Also tune to the stations of Marshall Radio

**Send .jpg Club Photos To:**
gmwill@umn.edu

**Extension Office Hours:**
Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday - Closed

Grant does work most Fridays, so call or e-mail ahead to be sure he can accommodate you at 507-532-8219 or gmwill@umn.edu.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **September 5-7** – General Encampment – Minnesota State Fair
- **September 7** – Extension office closed for Labor Day holiday
- **September 11-13** – State Shoot, Alexandria
- **September 15** – Ambassador applications/Federation Officer applications due by 6:30 p.m.
- **September 15** – Federation Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **September 15** – Livestock Committee Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- **September 16** – Enrollment for new 2015-2016 4-H year opens on 4HOnline
- **September 18** – Deadline to register for Fall Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification Training
- **September 18-21** – State Horse Show
- **September 19** – Celebrate Ag & Food Day at Minnesota Gopher Football Game, TCF Stadium
- **September 25-27** – State Dog Show
- **September 28** – Express Yourself, Park Side Elementary, Marshall
- **October 1** – Enrollment opens for 2015-2016 4-H year
- **October 3-4** – Fall Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification Training, Perham
- **October 4-10** – National 4-H Week
- **October 19** – Record Judging
- **October 19** – Secretary and Treasurer’s books due
- **October 19** – Lyon County 4-H Scholarship applications due
- **October 22** – Super Sitter Clinic, Marshall
- **October 29** – Super Sitter Clinic, Marshall
- **November 5** – Super Sitter Clinic, Marshall
- **November 12** – Super Sitter Clinic, Marshall
- **November 30** – Express Yourself, Park Side Elementary, Marshall
- **November 30** – Club Charters due to Extension office
- **November 30** – Fall Volunteer Training