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County Fair – Thanks!!!

A big “thank you” to everyone for making the 2015 Pipestone County Fair so successful. If you were a 4-H exhibitor, proud parent, food stand worker, ring help, judges assistant, livestock superintendent, Extension board member, volunteer or observer give yourself a big pat on the back. Fair would not be possible if it were not for all of you. Thank you all again and congratulations on a job well done!

Also want to take a second to thank Carol Scotting, Melissa Runck and Matti Boomgaard for all their time and hard work. They do a great job and make all the shows, exhibits among many other things go smoothly.

Thank you all again for your hard work and dedication to the Pipestone County Fair!

Good luck at State Fair!

Want to wish all State Fair participants good luck in the next few weeks! I know you will all represent Pipestone County 4-H to your best ability. Whether showing livestock, exhibiting your general projects or competing on a team, you all will make us proud. Congrats again and good luck!
Join the Pipestone County 4-H Ambassadors

The Pipestone County Ambassadors is a group of 4-Hers who works hard to promote 4-H, build a stronger community and have a lot of fun while doing it! If you think this is something you would be interested in, we would love to have you! The 4-H Ambassadors help keep your club strong and support local functions. Please take the time and consider how you can become a vital asset to your club, community, country and world! The Ambassador kick off meeting will be held September 16.

Leaders’ Council

Your Leaders’ Council Officers for 2015-2016 are:

- President: Eric Pietz
- Vice President: Gavin Viland
- Secretary: Emily Blom
- Treasurer: Jasmine Jensen

There will be a meeting on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse Community Room. Installation of officers will be held.

Good luck at State Shoot

The Minnesota 4-H State Shoot will be help, September 11-13 in Douglas County (Alexandria) Minnesota. This year we have 2 youth participating. Youth will be participating in trap, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery and BB gun. Good luck to everyone!

4-H Cloverbuds NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

4-H Cloverbuds are the future of Pipestone County 4-H. Our members grow each year and we are excited to watch them learn and discover 4-H! What we need is willing volunteers to help lead this group. Cloverbuds meet the first Wednesday of the month from 3:30- 5:00, beginning in October until May, at the National Guard Armory. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer or would be willing to lead a project area for a month, please call the Pipestone County Extension Office at 825-6715.

Fall Volunteer Training

The yearly Volunteer Training will be held Monday, November 9th at 7:00 pm at the Pipestone Pizza Ranch. ALL newly elected club officers, Leader’s Council officers and Club Leaders are asked to attend. This meeting is open to youth leaders (9th grade & up) Ambassadors, volunteers and parents. A Pizza Ranch buffet supper will be provided.

Club Calendars

ALL Clubs are encouraged to fill out a club calendar. This should be turned into the office. Club calendars need to be present in the office as a way to track your club events in case of an accident or any other unforeseen circumstance as well as so we can promote your meetings and other activities. We are also willing to print them off for you to give to all club members.
Give her a round of applause

Wow, the summer has come and gone. Cannot believe that three months ago Matti started her summer internship at the Extension office. If you see her around be sure to tell her thank you for a job well done this summer. Matti had the experience to truly see how Pipestone County 4-H operates and she did a great job making the summer the best it could be. Want to wish you the best of luck at SDSU!

National 4-H Week

Clubs, Pipestone County 4-H needs to show pride this week. Clubs are encouraged to make posters, do radio spots, fill store windows, hang banners, wear 4-H t-shirts and promote 4-H in any way possible. Please take some time to plan ahead what you can do to promote 4-H. National 4-H week is October 4 - 10.

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
Associate dean and state 4-H director

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 Oct. 30, 2105.

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

If you already have this app from last year, be sure to update it for new features.

Online enrollment for 4-H families

Enrollment for the new 4-H year opens up on Sept. 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 (www.extension.umn.edu/county/).

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.

Celebrate Ag & Food Day

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 Sept. 19. Discounted tickets can be purchased at z.umn.edu/umafd2015. Join us before the game from 9 - 11a.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.

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.

2015 Fall Volunteer Training: All Together, Yet Not All the Same

We are excited to announce this year’s topic for our annual fall volunteer training: cultural competency and inclusion. The training, titled “All Together, Yet Not All the Same,” is designed to help prepare 4-H volunteers to build youths’ global citizenship skills and give them the tools needed to ensure that 4-H is a program where youth from all backgrounds, cultures, beliefs, and abilities feel welcome and safe. It is our responsibility to young people to prepare them for global citizenship and to work constructively across areas of difference. As we strive in Minnesota 4-H Youth Development to make our programs relevant and accessible to all youth, we must consider areas where we might encounter different values, backgrounds, beliefs, abilities, and goals. By preparing adult volunteers who are essential to 4-H program delivery to be aware of and respectful of these differences, we will not only create an environment where all individuals feel safe and welcome, but also ensure that we model valuable 21st century global citizenship skills to youth that will prove critical now and in their future. Activities are designed to be hands-on and encourage active discussion. Participants will be given at least one activity to take back to their clubs as well as have access to the WeConnect curriculum from their county library of available curricula. All 4-H volunteers are encouraged to attend the annual training in their county. Activities are also appropriate for youth who are interested in this topic.

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.

Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show

Mark your calendar: The annual Minnesota 4-H Horse Show will be held Sept. 18-21, 2015.
Watch the Minnesota 4-H horse website for more information at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse

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 Oct. 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, muzzle loading, 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 Oct. 3-4, 2015 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!

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/.

5 Young Shepherd’s Scholarships to be awarded

The Minnesota Hampshire Sheep Association will award five $200 - Young Shepherd’s
Scholarships to Minnesota youth interested in beginning or expanding a sheep project.

The scholarships are to be applied toward the purchase of a registered Hampshire breeding ewe or ewe lamb at the Minnesota Bred Ewe Sale at Rochester, MN, Saturday, November 28, 2015.

Any interested youth between 6 to 18 years of age may apply for a $200 scholarship by sending a one-page entry that contains the following information:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Age
4. Phone Number

Written answers to the following questions:
5. Tell about yourself and why you want to raise a Hampshire sheep.
6. How will you take care of your Hampshire sheep?
7. What will you do to improve and promote Hampshire sheep and help the sheep industry?

Applications are due on or before October 15, 2015. Applicants will be notified by awards committee.

Send completed application to Awards Committee Chairman
By mail or by e-mail to:
Tom Bobendrier
1351 U.S. Hwy 75
Pipestone, MN  56164
tom.pgc@svtv.com

For additional information contact:
Tom Bobendrier (H) 507-825-2364, (C) 507-215-0334 e-mail: tom.pgc@svtv.com or Art Frame
507-376-4928, e-mail: aframe@nobleswildblue.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

August
Radio Spot – Trosky Peppy Pebbles
• 27 MN State Fair Begins
• 27 – 30 Livestock Encampment

September
Radio Spot – Troy Toilers
• 5 – 7 General Encampment
• 7 MN State Fair Ends
• 11-13  Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational
• 13 Prairie Grangers Club Meeting
• 14 Sweet Strivers Club Meeting
• 14 Trosky Peppy Pebbles Club Meeting
• 14 Troy Toilers Club Meeting
• 16 Online enrollment for the new 4-H year begins
• 16 Ambassadors Meeting
• 18-21 Minnesota 4-H Horse Show
• 24 – 27 AK-SAR-BEN
• 26-27 Minnesota 4-H Dog Show
• 27-30 National 4-H Dairy Conference
• 28 Leaders Council Meeting

OCTOBER
• 3-4 Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Ambassador training, Perham
• 4-10 National 4-H Week
• 4 Prairie Grangers Club Meeting
• 5 Sweet Strivers Club Meeting
• 5 Trosky Peppy Pebbles Club Meeting
• 5 Troy Toilers Club Meeting
• 6 Edgerton Adventures
• 7 Cloverbuds
• 27 First Year 4-H Member Meeting
• 30 Club Charters due to Extension Office
November

- 1 Prairie Grangers Club Meeting
- 2 Sweet Strivers Club Meeting
- 2 Trosky Peppy Pebbles Club Meeting
- 2 Troy Toilers Club Meeting
- 3 Edgerton Adventures
- 4 Cloverbuds
- 9 Fall Volunteer Training
- 23 Leaders Council Meeting
- 23 Ambassadors Meeting