

Dunn County 4-H Clover Courier

Happy Holidays!

"December's wintery breath is already clouding the pond, frosting the pane, obscuring summer's memory..." — John Geddes, A Familiar Rain



The Holiday Season is a great time to consider your 4-H pledge. Dunn County has many families in need. Maybe you can pledge your **hands to larger service** this month and volunteer to help out locally? It is also a good time to remember your own **health**— are you getting good food, sleep, exercise?

HIGHLIGHTS:

- > Annual Training for Volunteers first days of December—one volunteer from each club must attend!
- > Music and Speaking Festival in August January 12th
- > WAXX Radio-wants YOU to volunteer!

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Re-Enrollment Reminder! The deadline for re-enrollment in 4-H Online was set for early last month, but we know we are STILL MISSING SOME OF YOU! All youth, adult volunteers, and club leaders must complete the re-enrollment process each year. We use the information from 4H Online to communicate with you about upcoming events and **project specific information**, and want to ensure we are not missing anyone! There are instructions available under 4-H Resources on our website, dunn.uwex.edu or if you have questions, please call the office at 715-232-1636.

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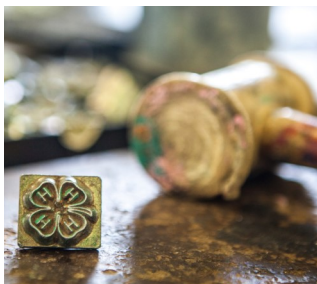


The Youth Activities Council

...is helping our community during the holiday. Be sure to let Mary Zukowski know if you want to join them for an afternoon of blanket tying this Sunday, December 2 from 1-3:30!



Leadership Meetings



Leaders Council :

**PIZZA PARTY! Tues. December 11th, 6:45 PM
at the CSB - Room 60**

Deric and Troy are planning to make meeting a lot more fun this year. Come for **pizza and convo Dec. 11**. The Leaders Council is the organization that makes leadership and programming decisions in Dunn County 4-H and handles fundraising and awards. Every club and major program is represented at their meetings. Decisions are made about policies and programs affecting 4-H members and leaders.

2018 - 2019 Leaders Council Board Members

President — Deric Wolf: deric_wolf@yahoo.com
VP— Troy Steinmeyer: tsteinmeyer@altagenetics.com
Treasurer— Donna Hakes: hakesdchh@hotmail.com
Secretary— Amy Zuber Sequin: azubersequin@msn.com
At Large— Tom Kaufman: kaufmanntl@gmail.com
At Large— Steve Russell: steve@art-of-oomph.com

General Leaders :

General Leaders meet twice a year once in the fall and once in the spring. They are the organizational leaders for their 4-H club. They coordinate meetings, programs, and activities as planned by the group.



REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING:

Clubs must send one volunteer to an annual vol. training each year. We also want to invite you all! This year, State 4-H worked with Minnesota 4-H to create a training that is super fun and will surely lead to club growth. Please join us Sat. 12/1 12:30, or Monday 12/3 5:30. This is a 90 minute interactive workshop:

“All Together, Not All the Same.”

[Look for the registration form here!](#)

I will offer one make-up date in the Spring or late Winter.

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4-H Project Clubs

Meat Animal Project

MAP Committee Meeting: December 6th at 6:45, Room 60 in the Community Service Building.

The Beef Weigh-In this year will be earlier, December 8th. This change will mean the animals will be smaller, easier to manage for the weigh-in and hopefully the weather will cooperate nicely. Be sure to dig in to those rules this year as we have made some changes! Up to date forms and docs for MAP can be found on the 4-H resource page. Please get to know the new rules.



Horse and Horseless Horse Projects

Horse Meetings: Contact Stephanie Solberg , 3solbergs@gmail.com, if you are interested!

The project will begin regular meetings again in November. Contact Stephanie for current events, meetings and activities.

Horseless Horse gives those without a horse the chance to learn more about and work with these magnificent creatures.

Small Animal Project

The Small Animal Project helps youth learn how to develop a strong project that includes goal setting, breeding, genetics, and project growth through possible sale of animals including poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and turkeys.

Next meeting: TBD | Project Leader: Keith Quast, keith.quast@hti.htch.com



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4-H Parents and Volunteers - Please READ!

Dear Parents, youth leaders, and volunteers: there are several 4-H trainings we would love you to take. There will be another chance to take the **Annual Volunteer Training** (“All Together, Not the Same”) after the holidays, or maybe early Spring—this is required for one volunteer from each club but is open to all.

Contact me directly if you need **VIP training** to finish your volunteer requirements (or to become a volunteer if you are 18 or older). I am happy to come to your club to do this. Not sure if you are done with all the requirements for being a 4-H Volunteer? Just call us and we can check!

Do you still need to take the **Mandated Reporter Training** to get your certificate? Click the link here: [How to find the Mandated Reporter Training at 4H Online](#). It is easy - do it today!

New this year: you can also take an **Essential Elements of Youth Development training via 4H Online**. Just follow the directions in the link above, but select *Essential Elements* training instead of the Mandated Reporter Training.

2019 Tri-County Festival Awards



Tri-County 4-H Music, Speaking, and Demo Festival Saturday, January 12, 2019 Augusta Community Center, Augusta

- WHEN** Saturday, January 12, 2019
- WHERE** Augusta Community Center, Augusta
- TIME** **Speaking/Demonstration:** Action Centers and Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. All registering are strongly encouraged to participate in Action Centers-they need youth to participate to be judged! The remaining speaking events will start at 9:00 a.m. and hope to be completed by 11:30 a.m. A break for all participants will be held from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.
Music: 12:30 p.m. registration, performances start at 1:00 p.m.
- WHO** All current 4-H members are eligible to participate, including Cloverbuds. Clubs with a limited number of musicians may combine with another club(s) to form a "music performance group". At least five or more members are required for a Musical Performance. All ages are welcome to participate in Speaking/Demos and may combine any ages for Dynamic Duos and other team presentations.
- ENTRIES** Entries are due to the Eau Claire County Extension Office by **December 28, 2018. Return to:** 4-H Communication Arts Festival, 227 1st street W, Altoona, WI 54720
- RULES** Rules for the events and a sample evaluation form are enclosed.
- HELPERS** Helpers from all counties would be appreciated! Tasks include ushering, emceeing, etc.

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Drama and Arts: Sat. March 9th (Dunn Co. hosts!)

Consider It . . .

The Tri-County Music Festival is coming up FAST. We are hoping your club will consider preparing an entry for this event. Your participation will make the afternoon a great one for members, families and friends! Parents, grand parents and aunts and uncles and friend are all welcome.

ALSO. . .

Dunn County will be hosting the Drama and Arts Tri-County Festival on March 9th (probably at Elk Mound High School). Would you be willing to volunteer to help us plan and put on this important event? We need your input—call the Extension Office today. 715-232-1636. Let's show the region our stuff!

Points to Ponder . . .

A music entry consists of 5 or more 4-H club members. Clubs may combine members to present a musical performance. Clubs may also have more than one entry in the Music Festival. Entries may be vocal, instrumental, dance, novelty, or any combination of these. Groups may use pianists, instrumentalists, or recorded music for accompaniment. Groups may choose to perform without any accompaniment (a capella). Performance time is 10 minutes with an additional 5 minutes allowed for set-up and removal of props. We will post the whole packet which includes sample evaluation forms on our website under Resources. Or just call the front office if you need one emailed to you. 715-232-1636.

Helpful Hints . . .

If you don't have someone who works with music in your club, find a musical helper within your community. Have one adult leader supervise the music preparations and another adult leader organize props and costumes, etc. Plan ahead. Plan to get started in right away as enrollment begins now. Begin practice about a month before the festival. It helps to prepare audio tapes and give them to group members to listen to and sing to – this reduces practice time considerably. Remember to turn in your music festival registration form on time. Use a theme. Use narration or speaking parts/dialog to transition between musical selections. Several shorter songs are better than one longer one.

Possible Themes . . .

Music from tv or motion pictures --- patriotic music saluting America --- ethnic music --- a salute to a famous person or character --- music around the world --- a salute to 4-H --- school days --- animals --- the zoo --- Disney music --- rock 'n' roll --- square dancing --- traveling --- clowns --- the circus --- the railroad --- dancing from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s --- music from long ago --- cowboys --- country western music --- families --- children's songs --- nursery rhymes --- a salute to the armed forces --- a salute to a special day/event in history --- magical things --- sweet things --- sacred music --- etc. etc. etc. Be creative, involve the members Have fun!

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RULES FOR 4-H MUSIC FESTIVAL and INFORMATION ON HELPER ROLES AT THE FESTIVAL

Each 4-H music group must contain at least five 4-H members. Clubs may have more than one entry. Members may participate as a performance group. Clubs may combine to form a group.

TYPES OF ENTRIES:

- Vocal** **Five** or more vocalists with or without accompaniment. Emphasis is on the vocal quality of the music. Minimal costuming (if any) and no props or choreography. Accompaniment can be taped, BUT IT MUST BE INSTRUMENTAL. NO VOCAL.
- Instrumental** **Five** or more instrumentalists with standard musical instruments. Emphasis is on **2018** instrumental music. Minimal costuming and no props or choreography.
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- Novelty** **Five** or more performers. Emphasis is on total production. Should include choreography*, costumes and props. General topical theme or focus. Pantomiming to records is not permitted. Accompaniment can be taped, BUT IT MUST BE INSTRUMENTAL ONLY, NO VOCAL. ***Choreography** is the composition and arrangement of vocalists/dancers.

MUSIC FESTIVAL RULES:

- (1) Accompaniments and direction can be by 4-H members or adults. Adult accompanists or directors will not be allowed to sing or play instruments during the group's presentation. Taped INSTRUMENTAL accompaniment is acceptable. Each category will be judged independently; the instrumental will be judged against dance, vocal against vocal, etc., and rated as follows:

All groups: Gold Silver

Special certificates will be given according to the discretion of the judge(s) (as in costuming, use of young members, audience appeal, etc.).

- (2) All performances must be no longer than **15 minutes** in length, **including set up and take down**. Make sure that your performance includes the music, singing, etc., but EVERYTHING you do on stage fits within the 15-minute time limit! If you go over the 15-minute limit, you will be dropped a placing, at the discretion of the judge(s).
- (3) Groups must supply any props, except piano and folding chairs.
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- (4) Two judges will share the responsibility of evaluating the music presentations and will talk to the performers on stage **after the group completes its take-down**. Written critiques will be given at the end of the evening to each group.
- (5) No hay bales, straw bales, candles or real fire on stage.
- (6) There will be no practices allowed on the stage the day of the festival.
- (8) Each county can select one music group to perform at State Fair.

A schedule for workers will be set up at the final music committee meeting and will be sent out with the final performance schedule.



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ENTRY FORM 2019

TRI-COUNTY 4-H MUSIC FESTIVAL

4-H Club _____

Club Advisor _____ Music Director _____

Full Address _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Work _____ (hours) _____

Accompanist _____

Selections _____

Emcee _____

(name of youth)

Category - Please check one: Vocal _____ Instrumental _____ Dance _____ Novelty _____

Number of members in club _____ Number in music group _____

Names of Participants: Please list members alphabetically last name 1st on back of this page, or download the lined form from the Resources page under 4-H at our website.

Entries are due to the Eau Claire County Extension Office, 4-H Communication Arts Festival, 2271st Street W, Altoona, WI 54720 on December 28, 2018.

Thank you for your entry!



FOSTER CARE SERVICES

CHANGING THE WORLD FOR CHILDREN

Foster care can make a tremendously positive difference in the life of a child, and of that child's entire family.

What it Takes

The main requirement is the desire to open your heart and home to a child in need of comfort and stability until they can return home.

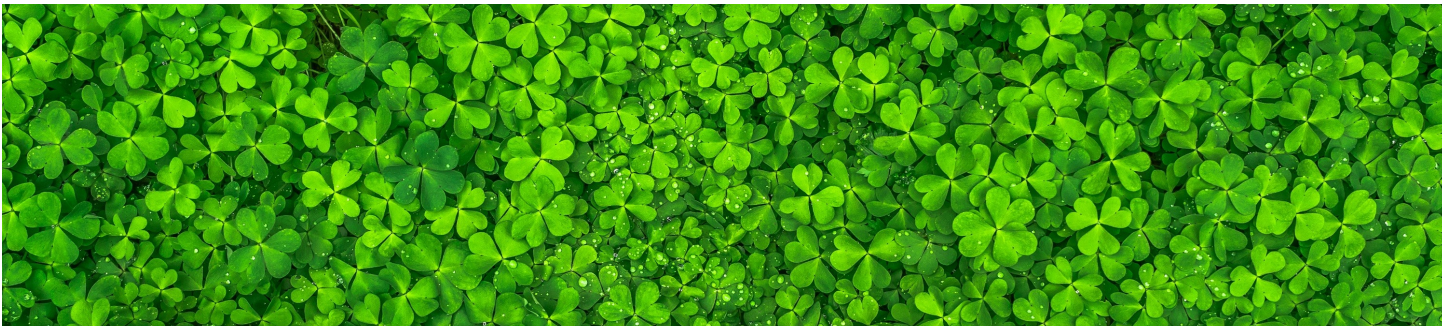
What it Gives

It takes a special person to provide foster care, and the rewards are special, too. The gift of love between foster parent and foster child goes both ways.

More Information

Call 888-746-2850 or visit [lsswis.org/foster care](http://lsswis.org/foster-care).





4-H On the Air!

So easy! You do NOT do the radio show live - it's pre-taped, usually the week prior to airing. **Contact Luisa at the Extension Office TODAY to reserve your month. Fall months are open!** Bob will contact you to set up a time and place for recording. Still left to go: 22rs, CC, County Liners, HRH, Ideal, KV, MR, MV, SCP. *(Shows air the 4th Saturday of the Month at 6 AM, on WAXX 104.5 FM)*

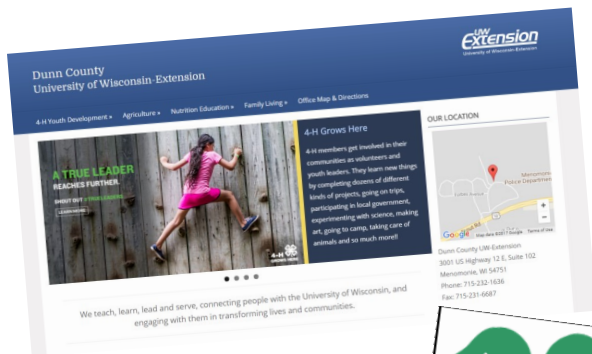
4-H On The Air Schedule

DATE	CLUB	Club Leader
November	YOUR CLUB??	??
December	YOUR CLUB??	??

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Find more information on our website:

<http://dunn.uwex.edu/>



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YOUTH ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

(aka: YAC!)



A group of teens who come together to help plan fun activities and service opportunities for all of Dunn County 4-H. Contact Mary Z (715-664-9126) for more information. All are welcome.

We meet usually meet on 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 PM in the DCCSB, room 101.





Dunn County 4-H 2018-2019

Club Meeting Schedule & Contact Information

Clubs	Meeting Day	Time	Location	General Leader(s)
22ers	4th Monday	7:30 pm	Grant Town Hall	Melissa Larson, 715-962-9175 Becky Paulron, 715-568-5111 Sara Lisowski, 715-495-0687
Cedarlings	1st Monday	6:30 pm	Community Services Building (CSB)	Jay Ivens, 715-308-7165 Amy Zuber, 715-309-2326
Colfax Comets	2nd Monday	6:30 pm	Colfax High School	Keith Quast, 715-962-2510 Tina Edwards, 715-309-3166 Jennifer Dressel, 715-962-4132
Connorsville Comets	2nd Monday	6:30 pm	New Haven Town Hall	Sonya Zebro, 715-308-8435 Brandi Utphall, 715-702-1575
Countyliners	4th Sunday	6:30pm	Ridgeland Community Center	Jeni Greenwell, 715-642-1733
Elk Meadow	1st Monday	7:00 pm	Elk Mound Middle School	Kay Gilbertson, 715-879-5472
Hay River Helpers	2nd Monday	6:30 pm	Tiffany Creek School	Larinda Hessler, 715-308-1660 Amy Thorson, 715-556-2130 Missy Holden, 715-556-1910
Ideal	1st Sunday	2:00 PM	TBD—please call	Gianna Bessert, 414-687-8077
Knapp Valley	2nd Monday	7:00 pm	Knapp Town Hall	Tom Kaufmann, 715-495-0516
Little Elk Creek	1st Sunday	7:00 pm	Little Elk Creek Church	Paula Powers, 715-505-0987
Menomin Helping Hands	2nd Monday	7:00 pm	Community Service Building (CSB)	Wendy Maves, 715-665-2117
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*Times and meeting locations are subject to change. Please contact the general leader for more information.



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Club Meeting Schedule & Contact Information

Clubs Continued	Meeting Day	Time	Location	General Leader(s)
Millroad Rockets	Varies—Call for next meeting		Lucas Town Hall	Vickie Larson, 715-235-8656
Missouri Valley	2nd Sunday	11:00 am	Eau Galle Civic Center	Corinne Breidung, 715-672-8225 Missy Weiss, 715-672-3134
Rock Falls Rockets	1st Sunday	6:00 pm	Rock Falls Town Hall	Missy Hazen, 715-495-3326 Paula Biesterveld, 715-579-5723 Theresa Strand, 715-495-4513
Sand Creek Pipers	TBD	TBD	TBD—Please call	Staci Martinson, 715-658-1961
Willing Workers	2nd Sunday	7:00 pm	The Clubhouse—Irvington	Deric Wolf, 715-664-8860 Troy Steinmeyer, 715-772-4445

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Dunn County Wide Projects and Activity Leaders

Meat Animal Project: Troy Steinmeyer, 715-772-4445

Small Animal Project: Keith Quast, 715-704-9395 & Brandi Utphall, 715-702-1575

Horse & Horseless Horse Project : Stephanie Solberg, 715-456-5538

Dairy Judging Project: Jim Powers, 715-232-9207 & Karen Styer, 715-505-8163

Youth Activities Council: Mary Zukowski, 715-664-9126

Dog Project: Sandy Miller, 715-233-3074

Shooting Sports: Tim Holmstadt, 715-556-7202

4-H Softball: Troy Steinmeyer, 715-772-4445

4-H Food Stand: Gwen Quilling, 715-308-1111

December 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 12:30 PM Annual Volunteer Training
2 YAC Blankets For United Way 1-3:30 DCCSB	3 5:30 PM Annual Volunteer Training	4 5 6 State –Wide Extension Meeting in Madison for the Extension office.			7	8 Beef Weigh In 9-11 AM
9	10	11 Pizza! 6:45 PM Leaders Council Mtg.	12	13	14	15
16	17 6:30 PM Youth Activities Council	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Holiday Week for Luisa who may be travelling and not available. The Extension office will be open. :)						
30	31 New Year's Eve.					

Most the meetings listed here will be in the Dunn County Community Services Building. If you find the front doors locked please use the lower lever entrance which stays open until 7 PM normally.



January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 office closed for NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 6:45 PM MAP Committee	4	5
6	7	8 6:45 PM Leaders Council	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 MLK, Jr. Day (State of WI Holiday so Luisa is off but Ext. Office will be open)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



“The arc of history is long but it bends towards justice.” - MLK, Jr.

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DUNN COUNTY CLOVER COURIER

The newsletter for 4-H Families and Friends!

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*We teach, learn, lead and serve,
connecting people with the
University of Wisconsin, and
engaging with them in transforming
lives and communities.*



Clover Corner

Cloverbud+ Kids did some great self-portraits while learning a science and social science lesson from: [new state curriculum for Cloverbuds.](#)



Need more information or access to forms?

Check out the Dunn County UW-Extension website: dunn.uwex.edu or the 4-H Resources page:

<https://dunn.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-documents/>

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