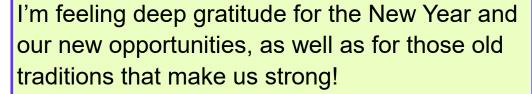
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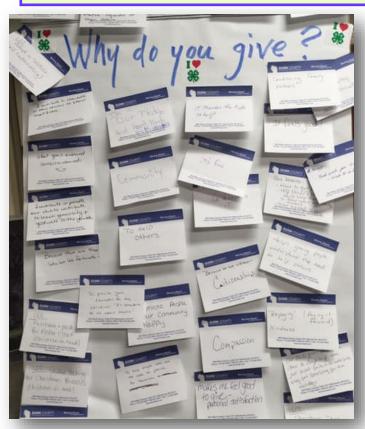
Happy New Year!

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

— Oprah Winfrey



Thank you Dunn County 4-H for an amazing first year here. My 4-H colleagues tell me that it takes a full year to even begin to understand 4-H at the county level. So, here's to another chance to get things right in 2019. I am looking forward to working with you this year!



The last Leaders Council
Meeting included a short
activity on the topic of
generosity. Why do you
give? Did you know

GENEROSITY IS 1 OF 4 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF

4-H? Our club leaders are very generous in their time and they make our clubs and our projects stronger.

Be sure to thank
your leaders
this month!
#BeAGoodHuman



HIGHLIGHTS:

- > Music and Speaking Tri-County Festival in Augusta January 12th
- > Drama, Arts and Photography Tri-County Festival in Menomonie on March 9th
- > Upcoming volunteer trainings in February
- >Battle of the Clubs
- > Introducing Jessica Schoen, Soil and Water Quality & 4-H alumna

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Leadership Meetings









Leaders Council:

Tues. February 12th, 6:45 PM at the CSB - Room 60

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 that impact 4-H members and leaders. All are welcome.

2018 - 2019 Leaders Council Board Members

President — Deric Wolf: deric_wolf@yahoo.com

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Treasurer— Donna Hakes: hakesdchh@hotmail.com

Secretary— Amy Zuber Sequin: azuberseguin@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. The next meeting will be in April or May.



REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING: "All

Together, Not All the Same" (see next page) State required training for one volunteer from each club. Most clubs still need this!

Look for the registration form here!

Do you want to be a volunteer? Sign up for a VIP training Feb 8th or 9th.

Look for the VIP Registration form here

4-H. Volunteers - TRAININGS UPDATES!

Dear Parents, youth leaders, and volunteers: There are several 4-H trainings we would love you to take.

There will be just *one more chance* to take the **Annual Volunteer Training** ("All Together, Not the Same"). April 6th at 6 PM. An annual training has been a requirement for the past 6 or 7 years. This one is <u>required for one volunteer</u> from each club but is open to all. <u>Sign up here!</u>

VIP training is still needed for 16 of our adults to finish their volunteer requirements. Not sure if this is you? I handed out lists at the last Leaders meeting or, just call us and we can check your status! The next VIP training sessions will be on Friday Feb 8th, 5-6 PM or Saturday the 9th, 11 AM-Noon. **Sign up here!**

Are you into it?

22 of our folks still need to take the **Mandated Reporter Training** to get certified. Could this be you? Click the link here: How to find the Mandated Reporter Training at 4H Online. It is easy - do it today!

New suggestion this year for adults and senior 4-H youth: 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.

4-TH Project Chubs

Meat Animal Project

MAP Committee Meeting: January 10th at 6:45, Room 60 in the Community Service Building.

Next **Rules Meeting** will be on January 10th, 7pm at the DCCSB. **Weigh in** for Sheep and Goats is set for morning of Saturday, April 14th. 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.





Horse and Horseless Horse Projects

Horse Meetings: contact the Extension Office if you are interested and we will connect you!

The project plans to meet during the winter months with schedule to be announced soon.

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 Leaders: Keith Quast, keith.quast@hti.htch.com and Brandi Utphall, scoobie54612@gmail.com



Meat Animal Project—YQCA Trainings

If you are in the Meat Animal Project you MUST get a Youth for the Quality Care of Animal (YQCA) Certificate. There are 3 ways to do this:

- 1. Go to <u>yqca.org</u> and register for a course, or sign up for a profile, if you do not have one from last year. 4-H members can use their 4H Online profile. I have set up one training so far, on **February 28th at 6:45 PM**. This training costs \$3 but we will have a coupon to cover that available sometime next month. For now, you can **mark your calendar.** One more will be offered on or around April 10th. Once we have the coupons I will send directions on how to use them when you register.
- 2. You can take care of this right now by signing up to take the online course and quiz for \$12 (there are no coupons for this, but it has the advantage of easy scheduling and being designed just for you instead of a broad spread of ages).
- 3. NEW THIS YEAR: some of you can TEST OUT! Test outs can only happen at age 12, 15 and 19. If you don't pass you <u>are</u> not charged any fees, and you can go back into the system and either do it online or sign up to go to our trainings either in February or April. If you pass the test, you will be charged a fee depending on your age bracket.

NOTE: Step by step direction directions for youth on how to log in and locate the YQCA account can be found here https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/. There are also directions for printing or downloading your certificate—we will need these turned in to Extension this Spring so don't forget that step!

2019 Tri-County (hosted by Dunn County)

Drama, Arts, Crafts and Photography Festival

Saturday, March 9th at the Menomonie Middle School

The Drama, Photography and 4-H Arts & Crafts program is open to all 4-H members.

Registrations are due to Dunn Co. Extension Office by

Friday, February 22nd! Click on the <u>link</u> for the entry forms.

Exhibits can be any original, creative art or craft project that is the result of a 4-H program. NO SCHOOL PROJECTS ALLOWED! Any member can exhibit as many exhibits as they wish.

Only current work, done by the 4-H member since the 2018 Cultural Arts Festival, will be allowed.

Definitions: Art – any original work. Craft – items from a kit or that followed or used a pattern, directions, mold, commercial mold, picture, or example

To be in the program, all exhibits MUST be pre-registered by Friday, February 22 on the club/member pre-entry form.

SIGN UP FORMS and rules for all entries CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Any special accessories needed for display of an individual member's exhibit are to be supplied by the exhibitor. Same goes for skits, mini-dramas, and plays.

These tri-county festivals rely on the hosting county's cooperation. We need teen and adult volunteers to host, assist with tasks before, during and after the festival. Please contact the Dunn Co. Extension Office if you can help us find judges, help set up the day of, host, or help with take-down.



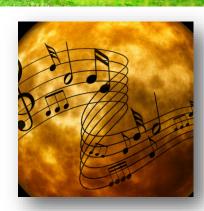
2019 Tri-County Festivals

Music/Speaking in Augusta: Sat. Jan. 12th

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 sent in an entry for this event (due December 28th—see December Courier for details). Parents, grand parents and aunts and uncles and friends are all welcome. Part of the speaking contest includes 4-H presentations that recreate the atmosphere of a public demonstration. These activities need audience participation to be successful. Please help our youth "show their stuff "by volunteering to try something new at an activity demonstration on January 12th. Judges will be looking for how well the exhibitor taught their hands-on activity.



Music Judges Look For

Overall appearance --- enthusiasm --- SMILES --- pitch and tone quality --- dynamics --- a bit of harmony in your music --- movement during your presentation --- SMILES --- costumes and special effects --- audience appeal --- variety --- kids who are having fun --- and MORE SMILES. More practice = better show.

ALSO. . .

Dunn County will be hosting the Drama and Arts Tri-County Festival on March 9th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM (at the Menomonie Middle 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!





Welcome 4-H Alum Jessica!

New Educational Resource for 4-H Clubs in Dunn County

My name is Jessica Schoen. I am the Soil Health Specialist for Dunn County, and one of my main objectives is promoting conservation within the Red Cedar River basin. A huge part of that mission involves our community, especially the amazing 4-H community! I grew up loving 4-H in Kenosha County as a proud member of the Paris Happy Workers. Some of my best friends and favorite memories were made during County Fair time, at monthly 4-H club meetings, and when I had the opportunity to attend the State Fair for the clothing project in 2010.



Above: Jessica Schoen giving a presentation on native pollinators to the Missouri Valley 4-H Club in September.

Some of the partners I work with on conservation projects are:

- UW-Extension
- Natural Resources
 Conservation Service
- Dunn County Land & Water Conservation Division
- Pheasants Forever
- Wisconsin
 Department of
 Natural Resources

As the Soil Health Specialist, I work with farmers on a regular basis. I assist farmers by providing information and resources to those who are interested in using conservation practices that improve soil health and water quality. I am also available to community members and groups who are interested in helping wildlife, pollinators, wetlands, or any of our other natural resources. Last fall, I worked with the Missouri Valley 4-H Club to prepare a field to be planted into long-term pollinator habitat (native flowers and grasses).

Two additional community groups that I have the pleasure of working with are the farmer-led watershed councils. The Hay River Watershed Farmers, based out of the Boyceville area, and the Red Cedar Conservation Farmers, based out of the

Colfax area, are farmer-led groups that work to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and host educational events for farmers and the public. To learn more about either of these groups, contact Dan Prestebak at (715) 231-6535.

I am excited to partner with Dunn County 4-H and act as an educational resource. If any 4-H club is interested in getting involved with conservation projects, events, or would like to have a conservation-related guest speaker, please contact me at jschoen@co.dunn.wi.us or at (715) 231-6532.

Upcoming Youth Activity Council Events

Monday, January 7, 2019 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm +/-Empty Bowls Project – Create Bowls Menomonie High School Art Room



Hands on project where we will turn clay into bowls. The bowls will be painted and sold at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Stepping Stones of Dunn County.

This event is for youth 6th grade and older. Younger members may join the fun if accompanied by an adult who can assist with bowl making.

RSVP by text or email to Mary Zukowski: amzukow@wwt.net; 715.664.9126 Include # youth # adults and 4-H Club name

Monday, January 14, 2019 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm +/-Empty Bowls Project – Paint Bowls Menomonie High School Art Room

We'll paint the clay bowls that we made the previous week. All creations will be sold at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Stepping Stones of Dunn County.



RSVP by text or email to Mary Zukowski: amzukow@wwt.net; 715.664.9126 Include # youth # adults and 4-H Club name

Monday, January 21, 2019 6:30 – 7:30 pm YAC Meeting @ CSB Finalizing details for Battle of the Clubs







4-H Battle of the Clubs Team Registration Form

Saturday, February 2^{nd,} 9am Start at the Community Service Building

Cost per team: \$20 for the first team, \$15 for additional teams from one club

Club/Team Name _____

Adult Leader: _____Adult Leader Phone Number:____

Number of Members Participating	
Number of Teen Leaders helping (If participating with the club versus helping to plan the event)	
Number of Other Parents/Leaders Attending	

(recommended team size is 10-12 members)

If you have any members with allergies, or in need of other accommodations, please specify that here. Thank you!



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. Winter 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	
January	YOUR CLUB??	??	
February	YOUR CLUB??	??	

Find Dunn County 4-H ONLINE!!

Find more information on our website:

http://dunn.uwex.edu/



https:// www.facebook.com/ DunnCounty4H/



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 FACEBOOK PAGE



Dunn County 4-H 2018-2019

Club Meeting Schedule & Contact Information

Clubs	Meeting Day	Time	Location	General Leader(s)	
22ers	3rd Sunday	6:00pm	Grapevine Senior Center	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	6:30pm/ 7:00 pm	Elk Mound Middle School	Kay Gilbertson, 715-879-5472	
Hay River Helpers	2nd Sunday	5:00 pm	Boyceville Commu- nity Center	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	
Continued on following page					

^{*}Times and meeting locations are subject to change. Please contact the general leader for more information.



Dunn County 4-H 2018-2019

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	

^{*}Times and meeting locations are subject to change. Please contact the general leader for more information.

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

January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 office closed for NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	36:45 PM MAP Committee	4	5
6	7 6-8pm Empty Bowls Project, create bowls	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 6-8pm Empty Bowls Project, paint bowls	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		26
27	28	29	30	31	I have decided to stick with lov Hate is too gr a burden to b	ear.

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

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.



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Battle of the Clubs, 9am Community Service Building
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					VIP training	VIP training
					5-6 PM	II AM-Noon
10	П	12	13	14	15	16
		Leaders Council 6:45PM	Volunteer Annual Training 6 PM			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		
				YQCA		
				training		
				6:45 PM		

Please note that most of these meeting take place at the Dunn County Community Services Building which is located at 3001 State Highway 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751. Look for signs when you enter the building and if you ever find the front door locked (after business hours or on weekends) please try the lower entrance door.



DUNN COUNTY CLOVER COURIER

The newsletter for 4-H Families and Friends!

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4-H Club
had a fast
and furious
gift exchange. Or
at least that
is the rumor I
heard. :)



Need more information or access to forms? Check out the Dunn County UW-Extension website: <u>dunn.uwex.edu</u> or the 4-H Re-

sources page:

Can't find it? Call us!

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