### February 2019

What's your area of

month I mentioned

generosity as a fun-

month I want to re-

mind you of **MAS**-**TERY**. Winter is a

great time to work

on your projects those hours of work

help you master im-

portant skills!

damental of 4-H. This

expertise? Last

## Dunn County 4-H Clover Courier

"In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer." -Albert Camus



Show your 4-H pride!

Now available at the DMV for an extra \$25 donation to support



the state and your county 4-H programs. When you renew your plates, please consider this option. Our county will get half the funds generated! More information is <u>available here.</u> Makes a great gift for a graduate or spouse!

#### Dunn Co. UW-Extension HIGHLIGHTS:

> Battle of the Clubs POSTPONED

> Drama, Arts and
 Photography Tri County Festival in
 Menomonie Saturday,
 March 9th

> Volunteer trainings in February

> Shooting Sports and Dog updates

> TACK SALE AND SWAP for Horse Project—Feb. 10th

#### In this issue:

Leaders Meetings	2
Volunteer Training	3
4-H Project Clubs	4
Dog Project	5
2019 Tri-County Festivals	6-7
MAP and YQCA	8
Shooting Sports	9
4-H Opportunities	10-12
Meetings/Calendars	13-17
UW Ext./Clover Corner	18





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
- VP— Troy Steinmeyer: tsteinmeyer@altagenetics.com
- 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



Your club must send one adult volunteer in order to get chartered next fall! REQUIRED ANNUAL

**TRAINING:** "All Together, Not All the Same" (see next page) is the State required training for 2019. (Most clubs still need this). More info on next page or call Extension to register.

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



## 4-H Volunteers - TRAININGS UPDATES for adults and youth!

Dear Parents, Youth Leaders, and Volunteers:

There will be just *one more chance* to take the **Annual Volunteer Training** ("All Together, Not the Same"). **Saturday, April 6th at 6 PM.** An annual training has been a requirement for the past 6 or 7 years. This one is <u>required</u> for one volunteer from each club but is open to all teens and adults. <u>Sign up</u> <u>here!</u> Leaders, if you cannot attend, please find a substitute volunteer to represent your club as **your annual charter requires this training.** 

VIP training is still needed for 15 of our adults to finish their volunteer requirements. Not sure if this is you? I handed out lists at the last Leaders meeting and sent lists out to leaders several times in January. 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. <u>Sign up here!</u> If you need this training and absolutely cannot attend one of these, please call Luisa to arrange a one -on-one.

Mandated Reporter Training is required if you want to volunteer as an adult in 4-H. Click the link here: <u>How to find the Mandated Reporter Training at 4H Online.</u> It is easy , you do it right from 4H Online. Do it today! New suggestion this year for adults and senior 4-H youth: <u>Essential Elements</u> 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.



#### **Meat Animal Project**

MAP Committee Meeting: April 4th at 6:45 PM,
SKILLATHON: Feb. 19th at 6:45 PM
YQCA will be on Feb. 28th , 6:45pm at the DCCSB.
Weigh in for Sheep and Goats is set for morning of Saturday, April 13th.

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 <u>4-H resource page.</u>





Horse and Horseless Horse Projects

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

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

Interested in studying horses in depth? Hippology group is forming now, call Luisa for contact information. 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, <u>keith.quast@hti.htch.com</u> and Brandi Utphall, <u>scoobie54612@gmail.com</u>

## Dog Project—Who let the dogs out??



DOG PROJECT 2019

Hey! Do you know someone that really, really loves working with our canine friends? Maybe they should join this project and learn the ins and outs of good dog-people relationships.

Join us for Agility, Rally and Showmanship during these dates at **Smarty Paws** with Chippewa and Eau Claire County 4-H.

Sunday, February 10th 1:00 to 3:00 Saturday, March 16th 1:00 to 3:00 Saturday, April 13th 1:00 to 3:00



For more info, contact:

Sandy Miller: <a href="mailto:slmiller8528@gmail.com">slmiller8528@gmail.com</a>



## Tri-County Music (Jan. Fest RESULTS! Congress Missouri Valley

#### **Speaking Contest:**

#### <u>Cloverbud (K-2) - Interpretive Reading</u> Paige Anderson, Country Cousins, Eau Claire County

#### Novice (3-4) – Interpretive Reading

Lane Porter, Otter Creek Ramblers, Chippewa County

Intermediate (5-6) – Interpretive Reading Rachel Lokkesmore, Truax Eagles, Eau Claire County

Junior (7-8) - Interpretive Reading Abi Hill, Truax Eagles, Eau Claire County

Senior (9 & Up) – Interpretive Reading

Jack Porter, Otter Creek Ramblers, Chippewa County

Intermediate (5-6) – Original Speech

Gianna Sedlacek, Otter Creek Ramblers, Chippewa County

#### **Demonstrations (WI State Fair)**

Jessica Sikora, Otter Creek Ramblers, Chippewa County

Samantha Michaels, Truax Eagles, Eau Claire County

#### Music Festival:

#### **Vocal Performance**

\*Edson Hilltop 4-H, Chippewa County, Award of Merit for "Most Original"

Borderline Rebels 4-H, Chippewa County, Award of Merit for "Best Props"

Sunny Valley 4-H, Chippewa County, Award of Merit for "Best Use of Younger Members"

Wissota Raptors 4-H, Chippewa County, Award

#### **Dance**

\*Missouri Valley 4-H, Dunn County, Award of Merit for "Best Theme" (see video posts from Jan. 12th on our Facebook page)!

\*Maple Drive Boosters 4-H, Eau Claire County, Award of Merit for "Best Choreography"

6

\* - designates State Fair Selection



Missouri Valley 4-H Club was Selected for STATE FAIR! Congratulations!



## 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 link for the entry forms.

Clubs are encourage to perform a skit or short play or puppet play. Exhibits can be any original, photography, creative art or craft project that is the result of a 4-H program. NO SCHOOL PROJECTS ALLOWED!

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. Each club should be represented, so we can do a good job hosting. As soon as we get applications in, we will set up a sign-up sheet for shifts. If you know what you want to help with now, just give us a call. THANK YOU!



### **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 any day now. 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> <u>not</u> 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 <u>https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/</u><u>yqca</u>/. 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!



### Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

#### <u>About Us</u>

Our program is a county-wide 4-H project run by our county-wide team of certified 4-H shooting sports leaders. Our trained adult 4 -H certified volunteer leaders (21 years old min.) have undergone state certification in their respective shooting disciplines. 4-H Assistant Volunteer Leaders are under the supervision of 4-H Certified Leaders. All of the disciplines are taught using materials prepared by the <u>National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation</u> and the Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Central Committee. Also, 4-H youth leaders are sharing their skills with everyone.

#### Our Mission

We are dedicated to teaching firearm/archery safety and responsibility along with wildlife to all, while allowing kids to experience the fun and excitement of shooting sports and the outdoors. The goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports project is to <u>promote youth development</u> by instilling safe habits, self-discipline, teamwork, youth leadership, and knowledge in a safe, family-oriented, and encouraging environment. Shooting disciplines that are taught to 4-H members (ages 8 {and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade} to one year following high school graduation) include: archery, air rifle, shotgun, and wildlife ecology.

Dunn County 4-H members must be 12 years old and have completed the DNR WI Hunter Safety Program and received their Hunter Safety Certificate before participating in the shotgun program.

#### **Our Philosophy**

**WE BELIEVE**: Human Growth and development is the primary goal of the 4-H shooting sports program.

**WE BELIEVE**: Shooting Sports is an outstanding way to provide human growth and development opportunities.

**WE BELIEVE**: Introducing safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment opens valuable vocational and life-long recreational education.

- Competition can teach many valuable lessons; however competitive shooting at the local, district, state, or even national level is <u>NOT</u> the primary goal of the Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.
- Shooting Sports is part of the overall "Natural Sciences" program. Thus all Shooting Sports projects should incorporate aspects of ecological thinking, wildlife and conservation found in "4-H Natural Sciences."
- Shooting Sports is an active, exciting, fun way to promote all of the basic goals of 4-H. It has tremendous potential for family involvement and personal growth. The safe use of firearms and archery equipment is paramount.

DETAILS can be found at this link or at Dunn Co. Extension Website under 4-H>Resources.

## Ella Tells Us!

#### My National 4-H Congress Experience By Ella Syth Ivens - Cedarlings 4-H Club



National 4-H Congress is a trip everyone should go on. I first heard about it last year when a friend of mine came back and told me how amazing it was. I signed up with hopes that I would get as good of an experience as her. As I look back I think my experience was even better than I expected.

Because we are from Wisconsin, we travel by plane to get to Atlanta. My group flew out of Minneapolis. At the airport you meet the other people who live near you. I thought that was really

cool because it would be easier to keep contact with them.

During my time in Atlanta five things really stood out to me about why this trip is so amazing. One of the top reasons I loved this trip is making new friends. You will meet a ton of people from almost every state and even Puerto Rico. Some of the first people you meet usually are the people

you end up hanging out with the most. So I encourage you to be very open and try to talk to every-



one. Included with this experience are some incredible speakers. They change each year but I promise all are going to be amazing. My favorite speakers were Miss America and Manny Ohonme. You also have some time to yourself to explore Atlanta. Atlanta is a beautiful city and there are endless possibilities on what to do in your free time.

Another part of the experience is service projects. When I heard about them I didn't expect them to be very fun. I was proven wrong. Everyone is assigned a service group. Some go to schools and others work out-

side. I got put in a school, and it was one of the highlights of my trip. To see all the curiosity of the kids really brightened up my day.

Lastly, the part almost everyone is looking forward to are the dances. There are two dances and both are really fun. There is time to meet so many people and no one is left out. On the nights of the dances you stay up quite late and get to party with all the other states. I found those nights very fun.





## Are you interested in Rug Hooking?

Traditional rug hooking started in New England in the early 1800's (although some attribute it to the Vikings!) and it's making a comeback in America today. Rugmakers around the world, connected by social media, have embraced the time tested techniques that Grandma might have used, but with a twist.

Rugmakers are experimenting with new fibers, new colors, and are being even more clever in creating their own rug designs. For that reason, there's debate as to whether rug hooking is an art, or a craft. The process used for creating a hooked rug has not changed much in over 150 years. Quarter inch wide loops (noodles) cut from cotton or wool fabric are pulled through a stiff backing using a crochet-type hook with a wooden handle. The designs can be as simple as a line drawing from a child's coloring book,



or as complex as recreating something from a photo you might have taken.

Do you like working with your hands? Do you love color and texture? Do you like creating something unique? Then rugmaking may be for you.

A rug hooking demonstration, rug throw-down and a chance to pickup a hook and pull a few loops can be planned for Dunn County if there is enough interest. And, a mini class may be planned for anyone who wants further instruction or to hook as a group. Art is for everyone!

Would your group like to host a rug hooking demo or class? Call Luisa or contact rughook artist Patricia Boesel at <u>pcboesel@gmail.com</u>.

A Tacky Event for Horsey Folks





## Sunday, Feb. 10 • 10:30 - 1:30

## VETERANS DAV CENTER

E4710 Co. Road BB, Menomonie, WI (2 Miles North of I-94 -- Corner of Hwy 25 and Co. BB)

Proceeds help fund our educational horse events for the year!

Raffles

Food Stand Springbrook Meats' Hot Dogs, Carolyn's Famous Sloppy Joe's, Desserts, Coffee, Soda, Attached Foxhole Bar

Consignment Area

We Accept Cash, Check, & Credit Card (For a Small Fee) Lots of items! Saddles • Saddle Pads • Turnout Blankets • Halters • Bridles • Bits 
Boots 
Show & Riding Attire • Horse Accessories

\*10% fee up to \$50 per item, on items sold only \*Items not picked up by 2:00 become property of the Dunn County Horse Project \*Not responsible for injuries from item purchases

### Vendor Area

Vendors have included: Hutch LeatherWorks • Norwex Simply Said • Thirty-One Bags doTERRA Oils • Music Lessons Wrangler Jeans 

Diamond D Ranch Forco Supplements • WIHA Homemade Crafts

"Registration and pre-payment required to reserve a table. \$25 for 1 table, \$40 for 2 tables



A B Horses Contact Stephanie Solberg for a consignor # or more information: AB Horses 715-456-5538, DunnCountyHorseProject@gmail.com, Dunn County 4H Youth Fouine Project "YEP"



## 4-H is everywhere

#### 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!** We got a few other months filled recently but we NEED your club this winter!

Shows air the 4th Saturday of the Month at 6 AM, on WAXX 104.5 FM—this is free advertising!

#### 4-H On The Air Schedule

DATE	CLUB	Club Leader
February	YOUR CLUB??	??
March	YOUR CLUB??	??

#### Find Dunn County 4-H ONLINE!!

Find more information on our website:

#### http://dunn.uwex.edu/



### 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.

See you at the rescheduled Battle of the Clubs!





## 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

## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Happy Val	entine's	Day!	I	2 No Battle of Clubs today Sorry!
3	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b> VIP training 5-6 PM Plat Book Mtg. 6:30 PM	<b>9</b> VIP training I I AM-Noon
10	11	Leaders Council 6:45PM	13		<b>I 5</b> Luisa on	l 6 vacay
I 7 Luisa on vaca	<b>18 YAC</b> 6:30 PM	I 9 MAP Skillathon 6:45 PM office for assistance	<b>20</b> : 715-232-1636	21	22 Apps due for our Tri- County Festival	23
24	25	26	27	28 YQCA training 6:45 PM		

Please note that most of these meetings 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 by Public health.

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4-H S GROWS H					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 MAP Com- mittee 6:45 PM	8 Reg. form due for March 30th event	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Happy St. Pat's Day	18 YAC 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 * *	28	29	30 Clothing, Fashion Day at UWRF
31	JO	IN T	HE	CLU	B	

Please note that most of these meetings 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 by Public health.

Feb.

2019

### **DUNN COUNTY CLOVER COURIER**

Extension

DUNN COUNTY

catherine.emmanuelle@ces.uwex.edu

Catherine Emmanuelle

Area Extension Director

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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

### **Extension Dunn County Staff**

Luisa Gerasimo 4-H Program Coordinator Igerasimo@co.dunn.wi.us

Stephanie Hintz Human Development & Relationships Educator smhintz@co.dunn.wi.us

Sandy Tarter FoodWIse Coordinator sandy.tarter@ces.uwex.edu

Joseph Malual Community Educator Joseph.malual@ces.uwex.edu Katie Wantoch Agriculture Agent katie.wantoch@ces.uwex.edu

#### Michelle Bachand & Bethany Peterson Support Specialists

mbachand@co.dunn.wi.us bpeterson@co.dunn.wi.us





This could be you! Be sure to send me a pic of you or your club for March!



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

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

Can't find it? Call us!