March 2019

Dunn County 4-H Clover Courier

"In march winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too. " - Jean Hersey



Look what we found in our barn yesterday! His name is Snowey and he is here to wish you a happy Spring (it <u>will</u> get here, promise)!



Hey! Battle of the Clubs is BACK on the menu: Sunday, April 7th 11:30-1:00 At the Dunn Co. Community Services Building.

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HIGHLIGHTS

> Battle of the Clubs

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

> Volunteer trainings

> YQCA and MAP Rules Meetings

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Leadership Meetings



Leaders Council : Tues. April 9th, 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

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- At Large— Steve Russell: steve@art-of-oomph.com



General Leaders:

General Leaders are the volunteers who provide leadership and management of our community clubs. They usually meet as a group twice a year, once in the fall and once in spring for a training and general meeting. The next meeting will be in May, where we will discuss Softball and the Fair.

Please refer to the contact information pages near the end of the newsletter if you want to get a hold of a club leader.



4-HVolunteers - TRAINING UPDATES for adults and youth!

Dear Parents, Youth Leaders, and Volunteers:

The Annual Volunteer Training ("All Together, Not the Same"). Saturday, April 6th at 6 PM has been cancelled because I will be taking two 4-H youth from Wisconsin to the national 4-H conference center to attend a special training called True Leaders in Equity. A new date will be offered later this spring. The annual charter requires this training for one adult in each club and these clubs still need to sign up: Connorsville Comets, Countyliners, Little Elk Creek, and Menomin Helping Hands.

VIP training is still needed for 12 of our adults to finish their volunteer requirements. Not sure if this is you? Just call us and we can check your status! The next VIP training sessions will be held at Sand Creek on Monday, March 19th in the evening. Time is TBD at the time of this writing. Contact the office if you would like to find out the time and RSVP.

If you need this training and cannot attend the one at Sand Creek, 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. We have 18 people missing this! Click the link here: <u>How to</u> find the Mandated Reporter Training at 4H Online. It is easy , you do it right from 4H Online. Do it today! You are not allowed to volunteer without this.

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.



Meat Animal Project SAVE the DATES

MAP Committee Meeting: April 11th at 6:45 PM during the YQCA training
LAST YQCA will be on Thursday April 11th 6:45pm at the DCCSB. Be sure to sign up ahead—see page 7.
Weigh in for Sheep and Goats 9-11 AM Saturday, April 13th at the Small Animal Building, Dunn Co. Fair Sailer's educational event will be on Saturday, April 27th with a tri-county potluck—more details soon.





Horse and Horseless Horse Projects

Horse Meetings: March 7th at 6:30 PM at the DCCSB.

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. 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.

Small Animal Project

Next meeting: coming up in May. Project Leaders: Keith Quast,



keith.quast@hti.htch.com and Brandi Utphall, scoobie54612@gmail.com

> March 2019

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.

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

We may be moving dog workout



dates to Mondays this spring, if the softball schedule can accommodate this. More on this soon!

For more info, contact:

Sandy Miller: slmiller8528@gmail.com



and Photography: Saturday March 9th at Menomonie Middle School!

ri-County Drama, Art. Crafts

Hosted by Dunn County: TRI-COUNTY DRAMA, ARTS, CRAFTS AND PHOTO FESTIVAL! You should have received a program via email on the 4th of March.



TIPS IF YOU PLAN TO COME:

- Plan to arrive and park before 9:00 AM at the Menomonie Middle School (920 21st St SE, Menomonie, WI 54751) if you have art to set up and are in the early part of the drama schedule, please arrive by 8:30.
- There will be a table near the entrance of the cafeteria with programs and a welcome crew to direct you.
- We will have a clearly marked "green room" set up in a classroom near the gym where the skits and plays will be performed. Each group gets a segment of time ahead of their performance to run through their program or prep costumes- please refer to the schedule which will be on the door.
- If your schedule allows, folks may want to have lunch at Culver's or the Golden Leaf Cafe, both of which are on Highway 12/29 (also called Stout Road) just a few blocks from the Menomonie Middle School. We will have directions at the front table or suggestions for other local options. Our amazing food coop also has a great hot and cold lunch bar and is within a few miles of the school.
- If you prefer or your schedule is just too tight to go out for lunch, please feel free to bring a lunch and eat it in the cafeteria away from the displayed art.
- There will be a snack bar thanks to Ideal 4-H. Bring a water bottle –reduce waste.

M.A.P. / Y.Q.C.A. April 11th State Fair beef weigh in March 9th

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! Options are nice, right?

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 our next training, on April 11th at 6:45 PM. This training costs \$3 but we can give you a coupon to cover that. Request via email: <u>mbachand@co.dunn.wi.us</u> and <u>bpeterson@co.dunn.wi.us</u>.

• 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).

• 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 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> 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!

Got beef? Those in the Wisconsin State Fair Performance Steer Division: Local State Weigh In: March 9th Polk County Fairgrounds, St. Croix Falls, 9 to 10 am







Marinette County

Land & Water Conservation Division

Courthouse, 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette, WI 54143-1717

Ph. 715-732-7780 Fax 715-732-7547

Contact:: Anne Bartels, 715-732-7784 or abartels@marinettecounty.com

2019 Wisconsin Youth Conservation Camp Opportunities

Two unique conservation summer camp opportunities are available for middle and high school students this summer in northern Wisconsin. Upper Peninsula youth are also welcome.

Middle school youth (entering 6-8th grade in fall) are invited to attend **Sand Lake Conservation Camp** at Camp Bird near Crivitz (Marinette County) from June 19-21, 2019. The fee is \$100 (\$150 after May 22nd) and includes room, board, t-shirt, and all activities/programs. Visit <u>www.marinettecounty.com</u> (search for "Sand Lake" or "Conservation Camp") for more information. Registrations not accepted after June 3rd and are first-come, first-served; space is limited. The registration packet is available online, or you can request it via mail/email. For more information or to request registration materials, please call Anne Bartels, Education Specialist/Camp Director, at 715-732-7784 or email <u>abar-tels@marinettecounty.com</u>.

High school youth (entering 9-12th grade in fall; must be 17 or under) are invited to participate in the **Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association Youth Conservation Camp**, June 17-20 at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters (Vilas County). Wildlife programs, habitat restoration projects, daily field trips, teambuilding activities, and hands-on activities provide an in-depth look at natural resources management and careers. Registration fee is \$250 and covers all programs, meals, snacks, lodging, and a t-shirt. The deadline is June 1. Register online at: <u>http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps</u> or contact Kim Warkentin at the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association at 608-441-2677 or email <u>kim@wisconsinlandwater.org</u>.

These camps provide fun outdoor experiences, help foster an appreciation for nature, and introduce a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Natural resource professionals present programs on wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, outdoor skills, and more. Engaging speakers and interesting topics give campers an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities, learn outdoor skills, make friends, participate in typical 'summer camp' experiences, and enjoy Wisconsin's beautiful Northwoods. Contact your local county Land & Water Conservation or UW-Extension



4-H HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED!



student!

"This experience was... off the **charts!**" -2016 Host Family

"At first, with our busy family schedule, I didn't think we would have enough time to spend with the student. However, looking back, we made time and it was so worth it!" We visited sites around our home that we, as a family, never took the time to see. We learned so much about Japanese culture that my children now enjoy the cuisine! The experience changed our lives for the better and now we have family friends in Japan!"

- Kevin, Host Father

https://wi4hinternational.org/

Are you wondering what is required of summer host families?

First and foremost, we require that families be enthusiastic about opening up their homes, hearts, and lives with a young person from a different country, as well as...

-Complete a host family application

-Have a "host sibling" (son or daughter) who is the same gender and is similar in age to the exchange student.

-Provide 3 meals per day to the exchange student

-Provide the exchange student with a separate bed (doesn't need to be a separate bedroom)

Start your application today! <u>https://</u> www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/



\$100 SCHOLARSHIPS for 1st and 2nd year

Swine Project members...

(MADISON) The University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club is announcing the annual **Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards**. Up to five awards of \$100 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members.

The Swine Project Awards were introduced to help beginning 4-H or FFA members get started in the swine industry. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first or second year swine project member, 9-18 years old, and a Wisconsin resident. The completed application is due postmarked on or before April 19th, 2019. Applications must be <u>submitted by mail</u>; no applications submitted via email will be accepted.

The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Madison students interested in the livestock industry. The club serves to provide leadership and learning experiences for these students. The club's main activities include sponsoring a variety of livestock shows, including the Badger Kick-Off Classic Steer and Heifer Show, The Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, the Little International Horse Show, and Bucky's Spectacular Pig Show. The group also sponsors a national meat animal evaluation contest and the Club 101 Livestock Show for college students as well as service activities. Proceeds from Saddle & Sirloin activities are used for member scholarships, travel grants, and to fund other club activities.

Contact Cassidy with any questions you might have: Cassidy Dabbs UW-Madison | *Dairy Science* <u>cdabbs@wisc.edu</u> | (262) 220-4381



Wisconsin State Youth Conference for grades 7-10—so much fun—don't miss out!

What if you could get away for a while and see what it is like to meet hundreds of people from all over the state, stay in a dorm, take classes and seminars by day, and go to fun events each evening? If you are in grade 7-10 this opportunity is open to YOU!

Use this link to learn more: <u>https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/</u> <u>wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-</u> <u>conference/</u>





Registration for Youth Delegates is open from April 2-15, 2019

Registration for Adult Advisors is open from April 18-May 1, 2019 (We always need adults—please let me know if you might be interested!

Be sure to check out the registration information at the link above. You will sign up in 4H Online.







We Need Your Input!

A Community Health Assessment is underway to assess the health needs of Dunn County. By taking this survey, you will:

1. Share your thoughts and opinions on the top health needs of Dunn County

2. Help inform the upcoming three-year Dunn County Community Health Improvement Plan

Please complete this <u>survey</u> from now to April 1. Depending on how much information you input, the survey could take up to 20 minutes. All responses are completely anonymous and no identifying information is collected.

Printed surveys also will be available from the Dunn County Health Department; call 715-232-2388 and press zero to request a paper copy.

Information gathered from the survey will be used to help determine how to best address the needs of Dunn County. By taking this survey you will shape the priorities in Dunn County. Let your voice be heard!

Thank you.



Are you interested in STEAM?

Check out this local UW Stout opportunity

June 16-20, 2019





Interior Design Track Leader: Shelley Pecha Classical Drawing Techniques & 'Zine Making Track Leader: Tamara Brantmeier Sculpture Design Track Leader: Molly Uravitch Industrial Design Track Leader: Jennifer Astwood 3D Modeling in Maya: Robot Design Track Leader: Nathan Clark Wood is Good Track Leader: Jerry Johnson Industrial Design Track Leader: Jennifer Astwood The Infinite World of Plastics: Materials, Molds and Processing Track Leader: Wei Zheng Becoming a Teacher in a STEAM Field Track Leader: Todd Hayden Technology Engineering Track Leaders: Paul Craig and David Ding Board Game Workshop Track Leader: Jay Little 3D Printing & Jewelry Track Leader: Vincent Pontillo-Verrastro For More Information Regarding Human Anatomy Exploration Track Leader: Alexandra Hall "Summer STEAM Experience" Camp: For students going into 8th - 12th grades

Register now to secure a spot! Day Camp | \$300 Full Overnight Camp | \$450 Stay in the dorms, enjoy all meals in cafeteria dining, and experience living on-campus! Scholarships may be available on a very limited basis. Inquire for more information. Professional Education Programs and Services

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www.uwstout.edu/steam

4-H is everywhere

4-H On the Air!

Club leaders—I am worried we are going to get ourselves dropped off the WAXX schedule if we do not fill it ASAP. We have missed Nov., Dec., March and maybe April ! Please contact Luisa TODAY to reserve your month. All months are open except May, Nov., and Dec., in 2019. 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		
March	YOUR CLUB??	??		
April	YOUR CLUB??	??		
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Find Dunn County 4-H ONLINE!!

Find more information on our website:

http://dunn.uwex.edu/



YOUTH ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

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 on Sunday April 7th!

Sunday 11:30 to 1:00





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	
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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	

*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



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4-H C	RE ERE				1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Horse project	8 Reg. form due for March 30th event	9 Tri-County Fest 9-2 Menom. Middle School
10	11	12	13 Office Closed for Area Ext. Training	14 Farmer's Night Out	15	16 Dogs at Smarty Paws at 1:00
17 Happy St. Pat's Day	18 YAC 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Luisa at prof. dev training in Merril	27	28	29	30 Clothing, Fashion Day at UWRF
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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.

April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dog Meeting 6 PM DCCSB	2	3	4 Luisa at nation	5 nal 4-H training th	G nru Sunday
7 Battle of the Clubs !! 11:30 AM	8	9 Leaders Mtg. 6:45 PM	10	11	12	13 Sheep & Goats Weigh In 9 Am @ Fair Dogs at Smarty Paws at 1:00
14	15	16 Extension: Civil Rights Review	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Extension Profe	25 MAP Rules Mtg. 7 PM essional Meeting	26	27
28	29	30				

DUNN COUNTY CLOVER COURIER

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

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Big thanks to the Awards Committee and the volunteers who helped interview candidates for awards and scholarships. Where would we be without people willing to step up and help?



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!