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Taylor County 4-H Newsletter

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Mission of the Taylor County 4-H Program

Taylor County 4-H Program Will Provide Many Learning Experiences Through the Cooperation and Leadership of Both the Youth Members and Adult Leaders

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Happy 100th Anniversary 4-H

Dear 4-H Members and Leaders,

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Wisconsin. Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development has helped youth grow the leadership, critical thinking and communication skills necessary to be successful in a constantly changing world.

4-H has its roots in youth corn and agriculture clubs, which helped researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Extension share the latest agriculture developments with farmers teaching their children. Just seven youth attended the first 4-H club meeting in Walworth County on Oct. 30, 1914.

Today, more than 35,000 youth are enrolled as 4-H community club members and nearly 50,000 youth people are involved in 4-H through in-school and afterschool clubs, day camps, mentoring programs and other opportunities across the state.

Wisconsin 4-H programs continue to emphasize lifelong learning, a strong connection with the University of Wisconsin, and programs are available for all interests including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), arts and communications, leadership, healthy living, citizenship, family, agriculture and animal science, international exchange and more.

Throughout the next year watch for centennial news and events at the club, county and state level. Youth and adults will have the opportunity to share impacts of their 4-H involvement, participate in service projects and special events, and highlights from past and present 4-H programming will be showcased.

Michelle

Michelle Grimm,
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January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Office closed	*2*	*3*	*4*
5	*6* Art Lab registrations due	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*	*11*
12	*13* ArtBeat! North registrations due **STEM Night** 6-7:30 p.m. UWEX, Medford	*14* Registration deadline for Project Discovery Day	*15*	*16* Livestock Learning Webinar: General Overview	*17* Registration deadline for Large Animal Science Discovery Day	*18* **Taylor Co. 4-H Project Discovery Day & Leader Training** UWEX, Medford
19	*20* **Cultural Arts Festival Planning Meeting** 5-6 p.m. UWEX, Medford	*21*	*22*	*23*	*24* **Large Animal Science Discovery Day** UWEX, Medford	*25* Ag Truth Not Tails Conference Jan. 24-25 Beaver Creek Reserve Fall Creek
26 **Horse Project Meeting** 12 p.m., Happy Joe's, Medford *4-H Archery Starts in Medford*	*27*	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31* Wisconsin 4-H Art Lab Jan 31-Feb 1 Upham Woods, WI Dells	

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **Camp Staff & State Conference Applications Due** Contact Michelle for details
2 *4-H Archery in Medford*	*3* ArtBeat! South registrations due	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7* Badger Meats Judging Camp UW-River Falls	*8*
9 *4-H Archery in Medford*	*10* **STEM Night** 6-7:30 p.m. **Federation Meeting** 7:30 p.m., UWEX	*11*	*12*	*13*	*14* ArtBeat! North Feb 14-15 Beaver Creek Reserve Fall Creek	*15* Wisconsin 4-H Meats Judging Contest
16 *4-H Archery in Medford*	*17*	*18*	*19*	*20* Livestock Learning Webinar: Beef	*21*	*22*
23 *4-H Archery in Medford*	*24*	*25* *Newsletter Items Due*	*26*	*27*	*28*	**Reminder:** **March 1 is the last day to add/ change projects.**

Please join us for the first

Taylor County 4-H Project Discovery Day

Saturday, January 18

9 a.m.—Noon
UW-Extension Office, Medford

Open to all 4-H members in grades 3 and up

What is Project Discovery Day?

Project Discovery Day is a new event in Taylor County where 4-H members can learn about a project new to them or learn more skills in a project they have already joined. Members in grades 3 and up are invited to attend. (Cloverbud Days will be held in April and July for our younger members. Watch for invitations in the mail!)

To sign up, please complete the attached form and return it by **Tuesday, January 14.** We will do our best to give everyone their first choice of session, but some sessions may fill faster than others. We will place members in sessions based on the order registrations are received.

On Project Discovery Day, please arrive 8:30-8:45 a.m. to pick up your class schedule and settle in for the 9 a.m. start. Also, please bring cold weather clothes (hat, coat, gloves, boots) as some classes will go outside for part of their time blocks.

There is no cost to attend Project Discovery Day as all our materials have been donated or purchased by the Federation of Taylor County 4-H with funds from our fair food stand and plat book sales.

Classes are led by 4-H volunteers who have special knowledge in those areas. Thank you to these people who will be leading sessions at this year's Project Discovery Day:

- ★ Bonnie Romanowski
- ★ Deloris Larsen and Lucky Hills Leaders
- ★ Jeanine Renzoni
- ★ Karyn Eckert
- ★ Tim and Ana Green
- ★ Katrina Schirmer

A class schedule and registration form is located on page 19 of this newsletter.

All 4-H members in grades 3 and up received a registration form in the mail in late December. Extra forms are available at the UW-Extension Office and in the forms section of this newsletter. Questions? Call Michelle or Karyn at 715-748-3327.

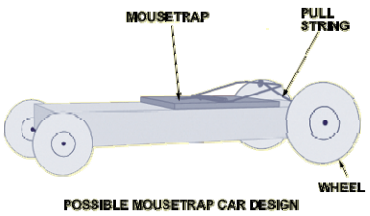
Registrations are due by Tuesday, January 14.

Attention Cloverbuds (Grades K-2): The Summer Cloverbud Day will be Wednesday, July 16. Also, we are tentatively planning a Spring Cloverbud Day on Monday, April 21. Invitations with details will be mailed to all Cloverbuds.

Breaking News

STEM Night: Mousetrap-Mobiles

Monday, January 13
6-7:30 p.m.
UW-Extension Office, Medford



POSSIBLE MOUSETRAP CAR DESIGN

Join us January 13 for the first STEM Night of 2014 where we will be building and testing mousetrap cars. A mousetrap car uses the force of a mousetrap to turn the wheels and power a small car. There are hundreds of ways to build one (just search "mousetrap car" on the internet to see a few examples).

Michelle will provide mousetraps, string and axles. Members should bring their own wheels—toy car wheels, CDs, spools, whatever you think will work! You are welcome to bring any of your own supplies you'd like to try on your mousetrap car.

Please RSVP to Karyn at 715-748-3327 ext. 8 by Friday, January 10 if you plan to attend so we can have plenty of materials. All members, leaders and parents are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

2014 Summer 4-H Camp

June 16-19
Trails End 4-H Camp, Bruce

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Summer 4-H Camp. All 4-H members in grades 3-8 are welcome to join us as campers! Watch for registration details in spring newsletters. The camper registration deadline is Friday, May 30.

Camp Staff

We are seeking adult leaders and youth in grades 9 and up to serve as chaperones and counselors. If you are interested, please contact Michelle no later than **February 1**. Camp counselor training is tentatively planned for the first weekend of March.

4-H Afterschool Cancellation Policy

4-H Afterschool programs will be cancelled anytime a school district cancels all other afterschool programs due to weather or other reasons. This includes early dismissal and full day cancellations.

4-H Volunteer Leader Training

There will be a 4-H volunteer leader training during Project Discovery Day on Saturday, January 18. The training will start at 10 a.m. at the UWEX Office in Medford. This training is required to be a certified 4-H volunteer. Wisconsin 4-H requires this training for volunteers to lead youth activities without accompaniment of another certified leader. It also allows leaders to be covered under our 4-H liability insurance.

Who should attend?

- New leaders who enrolled this fall.
- Adults who are interested in becoming a 4-H leader.
- Experienced leaders who have not completed this requirement or would like a refresher.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Michelle Grimm by Thursday, January 16. You can reach her at 715-748-3327 ext. 4 or michelle.grimm@ces.uwex.edu.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

June 23-26, 2014
UW Madison Campus

Approximately 600 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

Qualifications:

- Be in 7th-10th grade at the time of selection.
- Be a 4-H member or member of another Extension program;
- Carry county approval through time of award trip.

Costs: The registration cost for Wisconsin 4 H & Youth Conference will be approximately $230. The Federation of Taylor County 4-H will pay a portion of this according to the trips policy. Some 4-H clubs in our county also help pay a portion of the registration cost.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle to indicate your interest **by February 1** at 715-748-3327 ext. 4 or michelle.grimm@ces.uwex.edu.

Cultural Arts Festival Planning Meeting

Monday, January 20
5-6 p.m.
UW-Extension Office, Medford

Cultural Arts Festival is a county-wide event where 4-H members can showcase public speaking, music, drama and demonstration projects. This is one of the few opportunities for members of these projects to do so. In recent years, contests in art, photography, various crafts and posters have also been added to the festival.

All youth and adult leaders who would like to help plan the 2014 Cultural Arts Festival are invited to a meeting on January 20, 5-6 p.m. We will discuss the date, format, judging and other aspects of the day. Please contact Michelle if you have any questions or would like to help but can't make the meeting.

Large Animal Science Discovery Day

Friday, January 24
UW-Extension, Medford
11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Join us Friday, January 24, for the first ever Large Animal Science Discovery Day. This will be a day of learning in beef, swine, sheep and horse projects. Participants will rotate through sessions to learn about choosing and caring for your large animals. This event is open to all youth, 4-H members or not, so feel free to invite your friends. Project leaders and parents are also encouraged to attend. UW-Extension, Taylor County MASS Committee and Taylor County 4-H are sponsoring this educational program.

The schedule includes (choose one class from each session):

Morning Session:
Equine Skills
Sheep Skills

Lunch—Provided for all registered participants

Afternoon Session #1:
MAQA Training—required for MASS participants
Horse Leader Training—for adults and older youth

Afternoon Session #2:
Beef Skills
Swine Skills

Registrations for Large Animal Science Discovery Day event will be due **January 17.** *See the forms section of this newsletter for a flyer and registration form.*

Taylor County 4-H Centennial Display

The UW-Extension Office is seeking 4-H memorabilia and photos for a historical display to celebrate the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial in 2014. In addition to photos, items of interest would be old 4-H record books, project books and publications, T-shirts, hats and other 4-H logo clothing, 4-H logo ribbons, awards and trophies, etc. If you have any of these items to lend to the display, please contact the UW-Extension Office by **February 1**.

Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook!

http://www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty

Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with the latest news, announcements and reminders.

Friendly Reminders

Address Changes

If you move, please update your address in your 4HOnline family profile or notify the UW-Extension office. We often get mail returned due to changed and incorrect addresses and the post office charges us a fee for the service with our newsletters. If you or someone in your club has not received their 4-H newsletter in the mail, contact us so we can correct our mailing list.

Call us for help with 4HOnline

Did you forget your password? Want to add a project? Can't remember what email address you used to register? If you need any help using 4HOnline, please contact Karyn at 715-748-3327 ext. 8 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., M-F. Our office staff can also help you if you would like to stop in and show us what you are having trouble with.

Thank you for your patience with our transition to 4HOnline!

"Care to Share"

What do you like about 4-H? What would you like to change? The "Care to Share" form gives people the opportunity to identify what is going well, what needs to be improved and possible solutions. Copies are available in each newsletter, at the UW-Extension Office or online at http://taylor.uwex.edu.

UW-Extension Office Holiday Hours

The Taylor County UW-Extension Office will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays:

Easter Holiday — Friday, April 18 (closing at noon)

Memorial Day — Monday, May 26

Independence Day — Friday, July 4

Labor Day — Monday, September 1

Recognition

Awards Banquet & Day of Learning Wrap-Up

Taylor County 4-H held its annual awards banquet November 3 to honor members and leaders for their achievements in 2013. About 100 4-Hers, leaders and their family members attended. Thank you to all who came!

Benjamin Bolstad (pictured on the left) of Gilman, a member of Poplar Grove 4-H Club, received the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award. This prestigious award is one of the highest honors a 4-H member can receive. It is given to a select group of 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their club and their community. The Key Award program is sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Rural Mutual Insurance.

Heidi Bower of Eagle Eye Adventures was selected as the 2013 Friend of 4-H Award. Bower has been a long-time supporter of the 4-H shooting sports projects in Taylor and Clark counties.

4-H members who are high school seniors were recognized as graduating members. They included Bolstad, Marcy Bunkelman, Logan Denzine, Megan Frahm, Nicholas Hobl, Elizabeth Lemke, Kristen Lustila, Andrew Miller, Jacob Miller and Kylee Stahlbusch

Jack Krause (pictured on the right) of Dorchester, a member of Liberty 4-H Club, was the recipient of the Robbie Sanders Memorial Award for outstanding work in the rabbit project.

Leaders recognized

Lorraine Westaby (pictured on the left) of Stanley, a Poplar Grove 4-H Club leader, was selected as the 2013 Taylor County 4-H Leader of the Year. Westaby has been a leader for 33 years as her children and her grandchildren have participated in 4-H. She has been a long-time sheep project leader and is always willing to help youth with their projects. “Lorraine is always very supportive of the kids even if she doesn’t know who they are,” wrote a fellow leader who nominated Westaby for the award. “She treats everyone with respect and is always handing out helpful tips. She also is always finding the positive side of things no matter what it is.”

Susan Krug of Medford, a Lucky Hills 4-H Club leader, was recognized with the Bernice Brandner Memorial Award, presented by Lanice Szomi. 1. This is award intended to recognize leaders that demonstrate the same values and dedication to 4-H that Bernice Brandner did: participation in 4-H activities in addition to the club level and be an active ambassador for 4-H by involvement in community service projects and recruitment of new members and leaders.

Plat Book Making

Our plat book supply has been replenished and more paper has been ordered. Unfortunately we won’t be able to make anymore plat books until our paper order comes in (hopefully later in January). We will post a notice on our Facebook page when plat book making can resume.

Please call us at 715-748-3327 if your club would like to make plat books. UWEX staff needs at least two business days notice so book pages can be ready and the room is available. Clubs can request reimbursement of $3 per book made from the Federation—checks will only be written to clubs, not individuals.

Thank you to all who made plat books in November and December: Countrysiders 4-H Club, Poplar Grove 4-H Club, Thrifty-Go-Getters 4-H Club, Liberty 4-H Club, Little Farmers 4-H Club, Lucky Hills 4-H Club and the Taylor County 4-H Horse Project.

Send us your 4-H club activity photos, short articles and thank you’s and we’ll put them here! Submit them at the UWEX Office or e-mail karyn.eckert@ces.uwex.edu.

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Leadership

Leadership Opportunities in Taylor County 4-H

To be successful, 4-H needs leaders who are willing to donate their time and talents to making its programs and events success. Both youth and adults can serve in leadership roles. Here are some of the upcoming opportunities for youth and adults to grow their leadership skills and give back to Taylor County 4-H:

- ★ Project Discovery Day — Session assistants & registration
- ★ Cultural Arts Festival planning team and helpers
- ★ Summer Camp Counselors & Adult Chaperones
- ★ Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference — Youth delegates & adult chaperones
- ★ Cloverbud Day helpers

If you can help in any of these roles, please contact Michelle Grimm for more information.

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Federation of Taylor County 4-H
Adopted January 6, 1994

1. All reimbursements are dependent on availability of funds (advance request recommended).

2. All events with total cost to Federation in excess of $75.00 will require advanced written notice mailed to the Federation Treasurer, and be subject to #3 below. A pre-reimbursement form is required to be filled out advance and mailing it to the Federation Treasurer. A post-reimbursement form will be also filled out after the event and returned to the Federation Treasurer within two months of the event.

3. Events in excess of $75.00 (cost to Federation) will be paid on a scale of 0-5, dependent on Executive Boards' judgment of the benefit to 4-H program or needed support of outstanding youth. To be decided at closest Executive Board or annual meeting.

   0=0% 1=20% 2=40% 3=60% 4=80% 5=100%

4. The cost of gasoline plus an additional 50% of that cost will be the figure submitted as a reimbursement item. Mileage count will begin and end at local starting point.

5. All vouchers must be submitted to treasurer within two months of event, but no later than one week prior to the November Annual Meeting. A brief statement of benefit to the 4-H program must be written on the official voucher.

6. All 4-H Rules and Behavior Expectations must be honored by the youth and chaperones or you will forfeit the right for reimbursement.

Reimbursement form can be found in the Forms section of this newsletter

4-H Project Literature

4-H club leaders may call to schedule a time to pull literature for their club. Please allow us a day's notice so we can print your member list and make sure the conference room is available. Please have literature picked up and distributed by February 1.

Because of the cost of literature, the Federation allows each 4-H members to choose up to 6 project booklets. In our 4HOnline enrollments, we noticed some 4-H members selected all the project books for a project, leader books or requested literature for every project. If you made too many selections, 4-H staff and your leaders will work together to choose the correct unit for the member's grade level and narrow down your list to the literature you will likely find most helpful.

Please keep in mind we may not offer all the literature listed in 4HOnline in our library and not all projects have literature, but we can help you find other resources to help you succeed in your projects. If you need help, please stop in the UW-Extension Office or give us a call.

Natural Resources & Environmental Education

Medford 4-H Shooting Sports Update

Thank you to those who took our 4-H Shooting Sports Survey. There was strong interest so we are moving forward with organizing a program in Medford. This will include archery and air rifle disciplines. To participate, youth must be currently enrolled 4-H members in grades 3 and up.

The Taylor County 4-H Shooting Sports will be held on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at Shay Creek Sports, located just north of Medford on Hwy 13. Archery will be held for the first six weeks, January 26-March 2. Air rifle will begin on March 9 and go through April 13.

Archery Dates:

January 26
February 2
February 9
February 16
February 23
March 2

Air Rifle Dates:

March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30
April 6
April 13

The cost of the program will be $5 per youth per discipline ($10 per youth for both archery and air rifle). Fees will go toward the purchase of supplies and equipment for 4-H shooting sports. Please make checks payable to the Federation of Taylor County 4-H.

An "Introduction to 4-H Shooting Sports" will be held at part of Project Discovery Day on **Saturday, January 18** (see information on page 3 and above). There will also be a short organizational meeting following the session. Youth and parents are invited to attend. You will learn how a 4-H Shooting Sports program works including equipment, schedule and training for adults who would like to volunteer as shooting sports leaders. We will also discuss the process of becoming a chartered 4-H project group and get feedback from youth and parents. If you are interested in the program but cannot attend on January 18, please contact the UWEX office for more information.

To read more about Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports, including what you can expect in the project, goals, adult leader certification and competitive events throughout the state, visit: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm.

If you plan to participate and have not already enrolled in shooting sports projects, please update your 4HOnline profile to add the Archery and/or Air Rifle Projects.

2014 4-H Shooting Sports Classes in Withee

4-H Shooting Sports classes will be held Monday nights at Black River Sportsman Club in Withee. Classes start at 7 p.m.

Pellet Gun Classes (3rd grade*-12 years old)
Cost: $10 per person
January 6
January 13
January 20
January 27
February 3

Archery Classes (3rd grade*-18 years old)
Cost: $15 per person
February 10
February 17
February 24
March 3
March 10
March 17

*Must be at least 8 years old

A parent/guardian must be present the first night of class. For more information on either of the classes or to register, please contact Dick Hughes at 715-447-8702 or Heidi Bower at 715-678-2308.

The registration deadline is one week prior to the first class.

SAVE THE DATES

Spring 2014 Shooting Sports Certification Workshops

To serve as a Shooting Sports Leader, 4-H leaders must complete the Youth Protection process, be at least 21 years old, and participate in at least one state-level 4-H Leader Training Shooting Sports certification in the discipline in which they are providing supervision. If an adult leader is not certified, he/she cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a certified leader being present.

The 2014 Spring Shooting Sports Certification Workshops are now set:

Western Area Statewide Certification Workshop
April 4 & 5, 2014
Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club, Eau Claire
Disciplines: Archery, Rifle and Shotgun
Registration deadline: March 21, 2014

Eastern Area Statewide Certification Workshop
April 11 & 12, 2014
Brown County Extension Office, Green Bay and De Pere Sportsmen's Club, De Pere
Disciplines: Archery, Rifle and Shotgun
Registration deadline: March 28, 2014

Cost:
$70—Includes instructor manuals, equipment, ammunition, Friday pm snack, Saturday lunch, and Saturday am and pm snacks, **or**
$55—Saturday Discipline-Only—Leaders who completed a certification workshop in 2012 and 2013 may only need register for a Saturday discipline session of choice and pay a reduced $55 workshop fee.

Shooting Sports Certification workshops teach 4-H Leaders how to conduct safe, supervised shooting experiences for 4-H members. Leaders who have experience in safely handling archery equipment and/or firearms are encouraged to enroll in these certification workshops.

More information is available at
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2014_cert-training.cfm

For Your Information

Co-branding Wisconsin 4-H & UW-Extension

The University of Wisconsin-Extension recently released new guidelines for branding and logo use, including new guidelines for co-branding the UW-Extension logo and the 4-H Clover.

Our logo is the most powerful and visible symbol of our organization, and UW-Extension 4-H volunteers and families play a big role in using the logo and presenting 4-H Youth Development around the state. Proper logo use is an opportunity to strengthen and reinforce the relationship between Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development and UW-Extension. Strong, consistent logo use will help:

- Raise awareness of 4-H Youth Development programs and the connection to UW-Extension
- Maintain public support for Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development
- Identify 4-H clubs and groups as part of UW-Extension

The new UW-Extension co-branding guidelines require that the 4-H Clover always appear with the UW-Extension logo on printed materials, such as:

* T-shirts
* Pens and pencils
* Banners
* Yard signs
* Posters
* Newsletters
* And more

There are two versions of co-branded logo available here:

http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hmarketing/.

These versions are great for posters, newsletters, banners and other printed material.

• For things like t-shirts, pens and pencils, it's OK to use the 4-H Clover by itself as long as the UW-Extension logo or the words "University of Wisconsin-Extension" appear somewhere else on the item (for example, on a t-shirt the Clover may appear on the back, and the UW-Extension logo on the sleeve or breast, if that works better for your design).

• If you are printing t-shirts or products double check with your county-based educator to ensure you are using the logo correctly.

The 4-H Name and Emblem rules are available from the United States Department of Agriculture here: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/pdfs using_the_4h_name.pdf.

Arts & Communications

Wisconsin 4-H Art Lab

January 31-February 1
Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Take the challenge and join other 4-H youth and adult leaders from around Wisconsin for 4-H Art Lab! This statewide 4-H arts workshop is open to adults and teens in grades 9-12.

In Art Lab, you choose one track to go "in depth" and explore the art form that interests you most. Participants will also work together in large groups for team building and sharing. This year's tracks include:

- ★ Jewelry Making
- ★ Photography
- ★ Digital Storytelling
- ★ Theatre Arts
- ★ Tae Kwon Do
- ★ Basic Spinning
- ★ Print Making

The cost is $50 and the registration deadline is **January 6**. Visit http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm to download registration forms and view the schedule. For more info, contact Christina Rencontre, 4-H Youth Development Communication Arts Specialist, at 608-262-1536 or christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu.

Taylor County 4-H Trips Policies

To go on a trip and receive support from the Leaders Federation, you must interview for all trips with the Leaders Federation a month before the trip deadline. You will need to call the UWEX at 715-748-3327 to place yourself on the agenda.

Participants will need to write out two checks for their awarded trip. Both checks will be made payable to the Federation of Taylor County 4-H. The first check will be made payable for the 1/4 portion of the trip. This has not changed. The second check will be made payable for 3/4 portion of the trip. This check will be kept at the courthouse in the locked safe. After returning from the trip, if no disciplinary action has been taken towards your child, the check will be shredded.

Wisconsin 4-H ArtBeat!

4-H ArtBeat! North
February 14-15, 2014
The Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek
Registration Deadline: **January 13, 2014***

4-H ArtBeat! South
March 14-15, 2014
Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
Registration Deadline: **February 3, 2014***

It's time to break out to the new beat! The 4-H ArtBeat that is! Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! 4-H ArtBeat! North is Friday and Saturday, February 14-15, 2014, at the Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek in Eau Claire County. ArtBeat! South is March 14-15, 2014, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! Also the weekend will feature some surprise performances created just for this year's ArtBeat!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sights throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 p.m. and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The $50 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your club for some genuine 4-H bonding time? Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic) 4-H members!

For more information and applications, contact the UWEX Office or visit http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm.

Camp applications must be signed by the 4-H Agent. Please allow time to bring applications to UWEX so Michelle can sign them.

Family, Home & Health

Submit your work: Wisconsin 4-H Quilt & Fiber Arts Display

The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts will be Celebrating 100 Years of 4-H Fiber Arts in an exhibit called "From the Heart", on display in the museum gallery from April 9-June 22, 2014. We are looking for fiber art items that would come from projects such as clothing, knitting, crocheting, and macramé, needlepoint, counted cross-stitch, basketry, home environment and cultural arts. We are looking for high quality individual projects, generational families who have all participated in one fiber medium; and projects that show a beginning project and skills developed with a recent project. If you or family members have been a 4-H'er in the last 100 years we would like to hear from you! Be sure to spread this request to all 4-H alums.

Discover how you can participate in this celebration of 4-H creativity gathered from the four corners of Wisconsin. Due to space limitations WMQFA will be accepting photo submissions of individual, generational or group work. Selections made from these photos will be included in the special 4-H celebration exhibit. Kits used for any media are not acceptable.

Please submit a submission form and digital photo (preferred) labeled with title, date of completion, maker, and dimensions, if hanging work to curator@wiquiltmuseum.com or mail a printed submission form and photo of the fiber project with above information to Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts, Attn: Norma Klimpke, P.O. Box 562, Cedarburg, WI 53012. All information must be received by 4 p.m. on **February 1, 2014.** Photos will not be returned. Submission forms are available at the Taylor County UW-Extension Office or e-mail Karyn at karyn.eckert@ces.uwex.edu to request one.

WMQFA will provide all reasonable security and take all reasonable precautions to protect exhibited project work. Projects will be selected and everyone will be notified the week of February 17, 2014. Exhibitor will receive a WMQFA lender contractual agreement according to WMQFA policies.

Thank you for helping the museum "Celebrate 100 Years of 4-H Fiber Arts". Feel free to contact Norma Klimpke at (262) 546-3000 or email curator@wiquiltmuseum.com with any questions.

Plant & Soil Sciences

Community Garden Plots available in Medford

Would you like to plant a garden but just don't have a good place for it at your home? UW-Extension currently has community garden plots available for rent for the 2014 season. These plots are raised bed gardens planted using the square-foot method for maximum use of available space. They are located next to the former NTC building (north of the current UWEX building) in Medford.

The annual rental fee is $10 for a 4x8 bed. Smaller beds are $5 each. You are responsible for the planting and care of your bed. UW-Extension provides a water source (rain barrel), seeds for you to plant and answers to any of your garden questions.

Stop in the UW-Extension Office during regular hours (8:30 -4:30 p.m., M-F) to reserve your garden plot. For more information about the Community Garden program, contact Cathy at 715-748-3327 ext. 9 or visit http://taylor.uwex.edu/community-development/community-gardens/.

SAVE THE DATE

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Plant Science Day

Tuesday, July 8
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Waushara County Fairgrounds, Wautoma
Pre-Registration Deadline: June 20, 2014
Details coming in future 4-H newsletters

Animal Science

2014 Horse Project Organizational Meeting

The 2014 Taylor County 4-H Horse Project will kick off on **Sunday, January 26** at 12 p.m. at Happy Joe's in Medford. All current horse project members, those interested in joining the horse project and their parents are invited.

This will be the organizational meeting for the project in 2014. We highly encourage all horse and horseless horse project members to attend and participate in planning for the upcoming year.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Heidi Brandner, Taylor County 4-H Horse Project leader, at 715-678-6184 or e-mail bmbbuilders@dbwireless.net.

SAVE THE DATE

Area Animal Science Day

Northwest Region:
June 26, 2014
Hosted by Eau Claire County

Objectives

- ★ To increase the availability of educational opportunities in the 4-H Animal Science Projects.
- ★ To increase decision making skills through judging and grading experiences.
- ★ To increase the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information.

Information and county registration forms for 2014 Area Animal Science Days will be posted when the information becomes available.

The Rules are Black and White

The Holstein Foundation provides the booklet "The Rules are Black and White—And they apply to all breeds" free of charge. The booklet provides a tool kit for you to use when making ethical decisions in your dairy youth program. If you have not received one yet, contact the Extension Office for a copy.

Livestock Learning Webinars

University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a "Livestock Learning Webinar Series" this winter. This series is best suited for new families exhibiting livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats) however experienced families are encouraged and invited to attend as well. These sessions will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topics and dates are:

- ★ Jan. 16 – General Overview – Explore the general rules and policies of livestock exhibition, learn about program, resource and event opportunities and gain insight on why belonging to livestock projects is a great educational experience. This is an important session to have under your belt before the species orientated webinars.
- ★ Feb. 20 – Beef
- ★ March 27 – Swine
- ★ April 17 – Sheep
- ★ May 15 – Meat Goats

These seminars will focus more specifically of the general management of the species: nutrition, selection, well-being and more. Some tips for getting ready for the fair, in addition a panel of experts to answer questions.

It is possible for you to attend this webinar from home. Please register by going to this website https://uwex.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bIx33PC8T5gQzNX. An email address is required to receive materials and the connecting information. There are a limited number of lines available so please register early. The information for this program can be found at: http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/ Continue to visit the site as we confirm speakers.

If there is enough interest, we may be able to offer these webinars at the UW-Extension Office in Medford. Please call Sandy at 715-748-3327 ext. 1 at least three weeks before the program if you would like the attend the webinar from the Taylor County UW-Extension Office.

If you have any questions about this series please contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Ag Truths Not Tails Conference

January 24-25, 2014
Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek

Interested in learning and practicing skills to join the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin's livestock and dairy industry? Mark your calendar for the Ag Truths, Not Tails conference, coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Enrollment is open to youth ages 13 to one year past high school in dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goat project areas. The conference will be held January 24-25, 2014 (Friday night stay and social activities are optional) at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek.

Bring a team of youth and adults to these interactive networking sessions focused on animal welfare, led by leaders in the livestock and dairy industry.

Enrollment closes January 15, 2014. **This is a great opportunity for county educational credits.** For more information, visit the conference website at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/.

Registration info can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/registration-materials/. Contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, with

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarships

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award $1,000 scholarships to three students who will be third or fourth-year college students during the 2014-15 academic year. Two additional $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, who will be first-year college students during the 2014-15 academic year. Student studying in a two-year program are also encouraged to apply.

Any Wisconsin resident who will enroll in or is currently enrolled as a full-time student in a two or four-year Wisconsin school or short course program and is pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree is eligible for scholarship consideration. Previous recipients are not eligible to apply.

All applicants are required to submit an 2014 scholarship application electronically no later than March 28, 2014. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Visit http://www.wistatefair.com/wp/dairy-promotion-board/ to download complete scholarship criteria and the application. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

Badger Meats Judging Camp

February 7, 2014
UW-River Falls

Mark your calendars for the Badger Meats Judging Camp to be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls Meat Lab. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with retail identification, carcass and retail evaluation. "This is the first time we have offered a meats judging clinic; we hope to increase knowledge in the meat science area for youth and adults", said Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist.

There will be an additional activity in the afternoon at Sailor Meats for those that can attend. The cost of the camp is $5 per person which includes morning refreshments and materials. The camp is limited to the first 100 people. FFA chapters are limited to 5 youth. **Pre registration is required before Feb 3.**

This event is sponsored by UW Extension, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, University of Wisconsin-Madison and River Falls Animal Sciences Departments. Visit the Youth Livestock Website at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/badger-livestock-judging-camp/ for a registration form and additional information. Send registrations and $5 fee (checks payable to UWEX) to Lynn Pfeiffer, 430 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St. Madison, WI 53703. Send questions to Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at 1675 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53703. You may contact her by phone at 608-263-4304 and email at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

The date for the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest has been announced for February 15, 2014. For more information go to http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/

Check out 'Champions Guide to Youth Swine Exhibition'

Intended for youth pork producers and swine exhibitors, this brochure helps youth understand the importance of biosecurity before, during and after exhibitions. The brochure also talks about common swine diseases and reinforces the importance of consulting with a veterinarian to develop a biosecurity and health plan.

Visit http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/resources/swine/ to download a copy or contact the UW-Extension office at 715-748-3327 ext. 8 to request one.

TAYLOR COUNTY UW-EXTENSION INVITES AREA YOUTH TO

Large Animal Science *Discovery Day*

Friday, January 24

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
USDA Ag Service Center
925 Donald St., Medford

For youth ages 8 and up (3rd grade). Youth organization project leaders and parents are encouraged to register and attend with their children.

To register, return attached form by **Friday, January 17** to the Taylor County UW-Extension Office.
For more information, contact Sandy Stuttgen, Agriculture Agent at 715-748-3327 ext. 1 or e-mail sandy.stuttgen@ces.uwex.edu

11 a.m.-Noon	**Equine Skills** Open members of all youth organizations; meets workshop requirement for Taylor County 4-H Horse Project members.	**Sheep Skills** Meets species education requirement for Taylor County MASS sheep participants.
Noon-12:30 p.m.	**Lunch —** provided for all registered participants	
12:30-2 p.m.	**Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA)** Meets MAQA education requirement for Taylor County MASS participants.	**Horse Project Leaders Workshop** Recommended for adult and older youth (grades 8+) leaders in the horse project.
2-3 p.m.	**Beef Skills** Meets species education requirement for Taylor County MASS beef participants.	**Swine Skills** Meets species education requirement for Taylor County MASS swine participants.

Note to MASS participants: Please bring your booklets so presenters can sign your workshop verification forms.

Taylor County 4-H

This event is sponsored by:

UW Extension Taylor County

Taylor County Market Animal Show & Sale

UW Extension Taylor County

Large Animal Science Discovery Day

Registration Form

Choose only one class per session

Name of Participant	Youth (Y) or Adult (A)	Morning Session		Afternoon Session #1		Afternoon Session #2	
		Equine	Sheep	MAQA	Horse Leaders	Beef	Swine

Only one form needed per family

Parent/Guardian(s):_____

Youth Organization (if enrolled): _____

Address/City/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

❑ Please add my family to the Taylor County UW-Extension "Taylor'd Ag News" mailing list

*Return registration by **Friday, January 17** to:*

Taylor County UW-Extension
925 Donald St., Rm. 103
Medford, WI 54451.

Please mark

____Pre ____ Post

REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER

Federation of Taylor County 4-H

Club _____

From: _____Date of Event_____

Leader's Name

_____

Address City State Zip

Phone: _____Date Submitted_____

Name and Place of Event_____

Number of Participants _____

Youth Leaders

Number of Vehicles Used _____

			Per Unit	TOTAL
Cost/Participant (registration, materials, etc.)				
Total Miles_____÷_____ =____X_____=_____ (your vehicle mil./gal.) (cost of gas/gal.) plus 50% of Above Total	\	\		
Miscellaneous (Explain) -				
TOTAL				

Brief Description of Benefit to Individual(s) and Total 4-H Program

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4-H Board Decision on Percent of Reimbursement

0=0% 1=20% 2=40% 3=60% 4=80% 5=100%

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT

Be sure to fill out completely so our Treasurer knows who and where to send reimbursement to.

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H

"Care to Share Form"

This form has been designed to provide valuable input to the Taylor County 4-H program. Once completed, this form will be distributed to the appropriate individual or group to address the issue or concern. Please take a few moments and complete all three sections of this form and sign it. ***Forms without all three sections completed and a signature will be disregarded.***

SECTION #1: Describe the current situation:

SECTION #2: Describe the problem or concern with the current situation:

OVER

SECTION #3: Give your suggestion(s) for a possible solution:

Please Print:

Name of person completing form:_____

Address of person completing form:_____

Phone number of person completing form:_____

E-mail address of person completing form:_____

Signed:_____

Dated:_____

Please return completed forms to:

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H

925 Donald Street, Room 103

Medford, WI 54451

michelle.grimm@ces.uwex.edu

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Project Discovery Day Class Schedule

There will be a short 10-minute break between each round.

Round #1 9:00-9:50 a.m.	Round #2 10:00-10:50 a.m.	Round #3 11:00-11:50 a.m
A. Hop into the Rabbit Project What do I need to know to be successful in the Rabbit Project? How do I choose a rabbit? How do I show it at the fair? Come learn the answers to these questions and more so you can plan your rabbit project. We'll wrap up with fun games all about rabbits! 	**C. Games with Dogs** In the dog project there are many things you can do with your dog, but your dog needs to like and Want to do things with you. One of the best ways to teach them to like to do things with you is to play games they like and you like together. Today's project will be to give you some ideas and to make a toy and some treats to use with your dog.	**E. Intro to Shooting Sports*** Come learn about 4-H Shooting Sports and upcoming opportunities you have to learn skills in archery and air rifle, including the basics of the sport. **** Following the class, there will be a short organizational meeting for youth and parents to get ready for the 4-H shooting sports classes in Medford.***
B. Wildlife Ecology Explore the life of an owl through owl pellets! We'll also be learning about animal tracks in this interactive session.	**D. Basic Rules for Better Photos** Do you use the rule of thirds? Can you point out a leading line? We will view samples andtalk about easy techniques in photography that take a photo from dull to wow! Bring your camera if you'd like for guided practice on some interesting objects.	**F. Winter Ice Cream Making** Come learn a new way to play in the snow! We will be learning howto use snow to make tasty ice cream. It's so easy, you'll be able to teach your family how to make ice cream at home!

Taylor County 4-H

Project Discovery Day

Registration Form

Name: _____

Club: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Emergency Contact for 1/18/13:

_____

Name Relationship Phone Number

Please indicate your class choices. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Classes will be filled in the order registrations are received.

Round	First Choice *Write class letter*	Second Choice *Write class letter*
#1		
#2		
#3		

Return registration forms by **Tuesday, January 14** to: UW-Extension, 925 Donald St., Rm. 103, Medford, WI 54451.

Your county extension office

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