



# 4-H Forecast

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February  
March  
2018

Waupaca County

**2018 WAUPACA COUNTY FAIR DATES:** While planning for 2018, please note the Waupaca County Fair dates are **August 22-26, 2018**. Check out the Waupaca County Fair website at <http://waupacacountyfair.org/> for more information.

**ELECTIONS FOR THE 4-H LEADERS' BOARD** will be held at the March Association meeting. If any leaders are interested in learning more about this rewarding experience have them contact a current board member or the UW-Extension Office. The positions the board is looking to fill are Vice President, Secretary, District Representatives (one from each District each year), and two Youth Representatives.

## TOP 10 REASONS TO BE A PART OF THE 4-H LEADERS' BOARD

- Learn about other 4-H clubs in the county and how they work.
- Work closely with other leaders who are committed to making the Waupaca County 4-H Program the best it can be.
- There is food and a \$10.00 drawing at each meeting (to help reimburse travel)!!
- You meet a lot of fantastic people and develop life-long friendships.
- You learn and/or practice the proper way to run a meeting following Robert's Rules of Order.
- You have the opportunity to help shape our 4-H program.
- You meet some pretty impressive youth (who may someday be your boss) and learn about things they have participated in and value about 4-H.
- Get the scoop on the latest 4-H opportunities and news.
- Ensure funds are budgeted for items most important to the membership.
- **We NEED you to fill some vacancies on the Board!!**

Thank you for considering this important role in our 4-H Program!

*Penny Tank*

Penny Tank, 4-H Program Advisor



**WELCOME** to the more than 80 new 4-H members in Waupaca County 4-H and welcome back to the returning 4-H members! We look forward to a great year of 4-H opportunities and experiences. I encourage everybody, returning members and new members, to ask questions, try new things, set goals for yourself, make new friends, work together, learn, and have fun.

**SUPER SATURDAY** will be held on February 24, 2018, at the High School in Manawa. Super Saturday is a project exploration event where members, leaders, and parents can sign up for a variety of sessions. Registrations are due February 9, 2018 and were mailed to every family.

### **4-H Broadcast Emails from 4-H Online**

One way the UW-Extension Office has been trying to communicate information to a majority of families in the 4-H program is through sending emails from the 4-H Online system. We understand for some, these emails have been pushed to junk email folders. Please add **no-reply@4honline.com** to your list of email addresses that are ok to be accepted emails

### **New enrollments after Feb. 1**

Reminder: New 4-H members who join after the February 1<sup>st</sup> new enrollment deadline pay a reduced enrollment fee of \$3.00 and cannot exhibit in the junior fair under 4-H.

### **4-H Forecast**

Please remember the **4-H Forecast** is the primary way to keep 4-H families up to date on what is happening in Waupaca County, as well as on the district, state, and national levels. The newsletter contains information about upcoming workshops, programs, contests, and registration information. In **many** cases, this is the only way you will receive information about activities and events at the county level. Please read each issue and make note of events your family is interested in.

Each **4-H Forecast** includes county and state level 4-H opportunities and deadlines. *These are in addition to your own club's meetings.* You are expected to attend 4-H club meetings; however, you are *invited* to take part in as many county activities as your family schedule will allow. **Enclosed is a 2018 Waupaca County 4-H Calendar.**

Please honor the deadlines listed. They are established so planning committees can prepare for you. If we do not know you are coming, we can not buy supplies for you, send you more information you may need, or events could be cancelled due to low registration. Every time someone misses a deadline, it may result in a missed opportunity or more work for someone else. If you need more information about any of the items in the Forecast or about 4-H, call the University of Wisconsin Extension Office at 715-258-6230. Office hours are 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our address is: Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981. You can also find more at <http://waupaca.uwex.edu/>. Email Penny at [penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu)

### **Music, Drama, Talent, and Speaking Contest**

NEW in 2018, this countywide 4-H contest will be held on a Sunday afternoon. The date is Sunday, April 22 starting at 1:00 p.m. See the inserts for more details and registration forms.



This is a great opportunity to practice speaking in front of a group, perfect one of your talents, and work with others by performing a group skit or musical number. You will also learn by watching other youth perform and talking with the judges. We hope to see you there!

### **Record Book Pages**

Record book pages will be available later this month for General Leaders to pick up at the UW-Extension Office. For members, record books are a valuable part of the 4-H experience. They are intended to help you develop lifelong skills such as:

- ⇒ Setting goals
- ⇒ Planning and organizing
- ⇒ Communicating in writing
- ⇒ Evaluating effort and progress



Once completed, members experience personal satisfaction from completing a worthwhile task. You also have a valuable record of accomplishments that can be used when applying for awards, scholarships, college or a job! Remember to begin saving information for your record books throughout the year and to start filling out the record book pages early. Refer to the guidelines you receive with the record book pages for details about completing your record book.

### **Record Book Workshops Offered**

If you have questions or would like some help starting on your record book contact leaders in your club or the UW-Extension Office at (715) 258-6230. Members of the 4-H Education Committee or Penny Tank would be happy to conduct individual club trainings or a countywide workshop depending on interest. Call to let us know of your interest.

## **MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **National 4-H Day of Service – April 28**

Just announced: 2nd annual True Leaders in Service / National 4-H Day of Service initiative. 4-H'ers from around the nation will register for and engage in service projects throughout April 2018. The month of

service will culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Planning and promotional resources and information is available at [www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service](http://www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service) for all the information and resources.



### **Interested in a trip to the EAA Museum?**

We have a 4-H project leader interested in organizing a tour for 4-H youth at the EAA Museum and would love to hear from those wishing to participate. Contact Megan at 715-467-1918 to let her know of your interest and some possible dates you would prefer. This would be a guided tour of the museum and 1 adult is admitted free with every 8 children.

### **2018 Farm Safety & Equipment Operation for Youth ages 12 & Older**

Tractor and Machinery Certification is mandated by Federal legislation for any youth 14-15 years old working on a farm not owned or operated by the youth's parents or legal guardians and who are operating tractors over 20 PTO horsepower and/or certain farm equipment. In Wisconsin, any farm youth under the age of 16 are prohibited from operating agricultural machinery on public roads unless they have completed a Tractor and Machinery Certification Course. A law signed by the Governor in 1998 sets a lower age limit at youth 12 years of age to become certified in tractor and machinery operation.

The registration fee is \$159.40. Farm Safety & Equipment Operation for ages 12 & older will take place at the following locations:



- FVTC Clintonville Regional Center, March 12 to April 9, 4:30—7:30 p.m. [March 12-26 and April 2-9, (M&Th); March 28 (W)]. Registration deadline is March 6 or when the class is full. Call 715-823-1555 for more information or to register.
- FVTC Appleton Agriculture Center, June 18-22, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., (M-Th), 9:00 to noon (F), (920) 735-5600
- FVTC Chilton Regional Center, July 9-13, 2018, **OR** July 23-27, 2018, 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. (M-Th), 9:00 a.m. to noon (F), (920) 849-4416
- FVTC Waupaca Regional Center, June 18-22, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (M-Th), 9:00 a.m. to noon (F)

### **Summer Camp**

Waupaca, Portage, Lincoln and Taylor Counties will once again be camping together for summer camp.

The dates are as follows:

Junior Camp: June 8-9, 2018

Intermediate Camp: June 13-15, 2018

If you are in 9th grade or above and wish to be a **summer camp counselor** for junior or intermediate camp please fill out the application included in the last Forecast. Applications were due to the UW-Extension Office by February 2, 2018. If you are still interested in applying, please contact Penny at the Extension Office.



Local Camp Counselor Training will be held on Saturday, April 14 in Waupaca. More information to follow to counselors.

**Camper registrations will be in the next Forecast, along with information about financial scholarships to attend camp and chaperone details**

### **State Camp Counselor Training Weekend**

Register NOW for Camp Counselor Training !  
March 10-11, 2018 OR April 21-22, 2018

This weekend is offered to both beginning and experienced counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff. Counselors will participate in training that builds confidence and provides youth development strategies to be successful with campers. Note: All Open Enrollment Camp Counselors are required to attend a camp counselor training session. Cost per counselor will be \$25. Meals are part of the conference fee and start at lunch on Saturday through lunch on Sunday. Lodging is available Friday night at no additional cost.

Registration is now open in 4-H Online for Camp Counselor Training. For more information, visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/public-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>

### **How will you spend your summer at Upham?**

In addition to the Waupaca County summer camp opportunity, Upham Woods will be providing a variety of camp programming this summer open to participants state wide. Programs are available to 4-H and non 4-H youth and adults. Whether this is the first



Parents are not required to attend the camp. All adults attending the camp will be considered adult advisors (chaperones) and will be responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers not just their own child. As such, all adults who want to attend the camp must complete the requirements to become an active 4-H volunteer before camp.

The \$50.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

**REGISTER EARLY!** This camp fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration Deadline: February 15, 2018. For additional information check out: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Pfeiffer, WI 4-H Arts and Animal Science Assistant, at (608) 262-1222 or [lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu).



### Shooting Sports

All youth registered in shooting sports **MUST** work with a STATE CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER.

#### 2018 4-H Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots:

- 8th Annual Lafayette County Archery Invitational April 14, 2018, *Archery*
  - Tri-County Tournament—Washington County Fair Park, West Bend, April 20-21, *Archery, Air Rifle, Team Competition, Wildlife WHEP Art Contest*
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 31**



For more information visit, <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingssports/2018-competitive-shoots/>

### Interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader?

4-H Shooting Sports projects are successful when adults volunteer to



work with youth and when youth are given the opportunity to develop safe shooting skills and a better understanding of wildlife ecology.



To serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, volunteers must be enrolled in 4-H, complete their county's Youth Protection process, be at least 21 years old and successfully complete at least one state-level 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop.



Certifications Workshops are designed to teach adults how to conduct safe, supervised, shooting experiences for 4-H members enrolled in the project. Adults who are looking for an opportunity to mentor youth and be a positive role model in safely handling archery equipment or

firearms are encouraged to enroll in these certification workshops. If an adult leader is not certified, he or she cannot provide hands on or safety instruction without a certified leader being present.

A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a certified leader supervising the range.

#### 2018 Certification Workshops:

- Eastern Workshop—April 20-21, New Franken Sportsmen's Club, *Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun*
- Western Workshop—April 27-28, Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club, Eau Claire, *Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun*
- Central Workshop—(September date TBA) Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, Marshfield, *Archery, Coordinator, Rifle/Air Rifle, Muzzleloader, Pistol & Shotgun*



For questions and concerns please contact Doug Thompson at 920-391-4657, [Thompson\\_DA@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:Thompson_DA@co.brown.wi.us) or Lejia Dongzhu at

608-262-5020, Lejia.Dongzhu@ces.uwex.edu. For more info visit, [fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/)

Partial financial reimbursement is available from the 4-H Leaders' Association for adult training registration.

### **Dog Project**



The Waupaca County 4-H Dog Project will be having their organizational and educational meetings on Tuesday, March 20 and Tuesday, April 17 respectively. The meetings are mandatory. If there are circumstances which prevent you from attending, there will be an activity for you to complete in place of attending. However, please note that these meetings are where most of the project information is presented and distributed, please make every effort to attend. Please contact Dana Nelson for details.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. will be the ORGANIZATIONAL meeting. It will be at the Weyauwega Community Center (City Hall). Paperwork, information about the project and schedules will be discussed and handed out. This meeting will also be a great opportunity to meet other project members and be introduced to the team of dog project leaders. NO DOGS COME TO THIS MEETING!

Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. will be the mandatory EDUCATIONAL meeting for all dog project members. It will be held at Manawa High School in the Multipurpose -Cafeteria. In addition to educational activities, forms and fees will be collected. NO DOGS COME TO THIS MEETING!

Training will begin at the end of May (schedule available at the organizational meeting). The Cloverbuds dog class (with stuffed toy dog) will take place again this year. It will begin in late June. Information and registration will be available at a later date.



Some new changes are coming in obedience over the next two years and will be presented at both meetings. These changes were recently adopted at a State 4-H Dog Project Leaders meeting in January.

The BEST way to stay in the loop for this project is by finding us on Facebook (Our group is called Waupaca County 4-H Dog Project) and requesting to join our group.

Questions about the project can be directed to Dana Nelson at 715-256-9922 (hm), 715-258-6231 (work) or by email [rdjjj@charter.net](mailto:rdjjj@charter.net) or [dana.nelson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:dana.nelson@ces.uwex.edu).



### **SMALL ANIMAL EVENTS**

#### **Fox Valley Rabbit Club Small Animal Swap**

The Fox Valley Rabbit Club will be hosting a *Small Animal Swap* on **March 31** at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega. The swap will run from 6:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. The cost is \$2 per person 14 and older to attend. If you wish to use a table for selling there is an additional \$5 fee. Anybody is welcome to attend. Questions??? Call Dennis at 715-467-2272 or email at [rexbest@gmail.com](mailto:rexbest@gmail.com).

#### **Small Market Animal Committee Swap**

The small market animal committee is hosting a swap on Saturday, **April 7**, at the fairgrounds in Weyauwega. The swap will be open from 6–10 a.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person and under 12 are free. Call Kari at 715-258-2892 with questions.

#### **Door County Small Animal Sale & Swap**

Saturday, **April 21**, at the Door County Cooperative Country Store in Sturgeon Bay. The swap will be open 7:00 a.m. Call Mike at 920-825-7693 with questions.

### ***Small Market Animal*** ***(rabbit, poultry, goat)***



Small Market Animal  
**Mandatory Meetings will be held on:**

**March 1**  
Elementary School  
Manawa

**OR**

**March 12**  
Courthouse  
Waupaca

**7:00 p.m.**

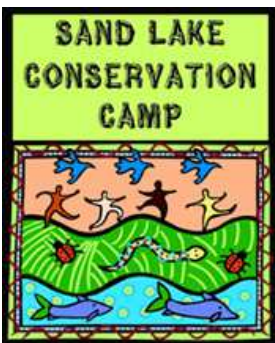
(registration begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Members or a parent/guardian **MUST** attend one of the above meetings in order to sell an animal in the Small Market Animal Sale.

time or part of a long tradition make this summer a chance for an amazing Upham Woods camp experience. For details on all of our 2018 Summer programs go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/>

- ⇒ Upham Woods Summer Camp – grades 3-6  
Session 1: June 15-18, 2018
- ⇒ Upham Woods Family Camp: July 1-3, 2018
- ⇒ Upham Woods Summer Camp – grades 3-6  
Session 2: August 5-11, 2018

### Sand Lake Conservation Camp



Sand Lake Conservation Camp – Wed.-Fri., June 20-22, 2018 at Camp Bird Youth Camp, Crivitz, WI

The 13th annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp will be held June 20-22 at Camp Bird Youth Camp, near Crivitz, WI. This camp is for Wisconsin & Upper Michigan youth attending grades

6-8 in September. It provides positive outdoor experiences, fosters an appreciation for nature, and introduces a variety of conservation & natural resources careers. Topics include wildlife ecology, water quality, fisheries, outdoor skills, and general summer camp activities. \$100 fee until May 18; after May 18 is \$150. Cut-off date is June 1 and space is limited; registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration packet will be available by the end of February. For more information, call 715-732-7784 or visit: <http://www.marinettecounty.com> & search for “Sand Lake” or “Sand Lake Conservation Camp”.

### Host a 4-H International Teen Next Summer or School Year!

Add excitement to your home next summer by hosting an Argentine, Mexican, Japanese, Norwegian, or South Korean young person for one month! You could be a host! If you are between 10-18 years old and want to take part in a two to four week program that will stay with you for a lifetime, apply now! Chaperone hosts also needed for two week periods during July-August. Applications are accepted until all delegates are assigned. For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at <http://>



[wi4hinternational.org/](http://wi4hinternational.org/); County 4-H Office, or call WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or (608) 262-1557 (e-mail [wi4hinternational@gmail.com](mailto:wi4hinternational@gmail.com)).

## LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next *Leaders' Board Meeting* will be on **Thursday, March 8 at Manawa City Hall. The Leaders Board starts at 6:30 p.m. The next Leaders' Association Meeting will be Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 pm at Manawa City Hall.** Clubs in District V (Sandy Knoll, Tri-County, Wolf River Rascals) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing and to serve a light snack.

### **Elections in March 4-H Leaders' Board Members Needed**

*Youth and Adult Positions Available!*

*\*Meet 6x per year \*Learn together*

*\*Great Opportunities \*Have fun & Do good*

**All 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend! Plan to attend, vote on issues and be informed, have fun!**

At each Leaders' Association meeting, one district is asked to report what their 4-H club is doing and serve a light snack. These **club reports** are great for others to hear and a nice way to share ideas. The clubs that are to report are listed on each meeting notice mailed to all registered leaders. The report can be given by a youth or adult. In the past, most clubs have shared information like the size of their club, projects their members are involved in, and activities their club plans throughout the year. *We encourage youth and adults from each club to attend and participate in the Association meetings*

### 4-H Leaders' Board Treasurer Position

Every two years, the 4-H Leaders' Association accepts applications for the treasurer position. The general purpose of the position is to maintain, prepare and submit financial records for the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association. The financial oversight of the committees and clubs is foundational to the chartering of our 4-H organization as a non-profit. The treasurer, as a 4-H



leader, would be a voting association member, but not a voting board member. If you are interested in this position call the UW-Extension Office for a copy of the more detailed position description and an application. Applications are due to the office March 1, 2018.

## **VOLUNTEER LEADER NEWS**

### **What is Expected of 4-H Project Leaders?**

- ♣ First, make sure you're a certified 4-H leader!
- ♣ Get started now. Member enthusiasm for a project is highest at the time of enrollment. Find out who is enrolled in the project and set up your meeting now.
- ♣ At one of the first meetings of the year, help members set their goals for the project. Be sure members bring their 4-H member's record sheet with them to the meeting.
- ♣ Help members keep a record of what they did or made in the project for the year.
- ♣ Review progress toward the year's goals at your final meeting of the year.
- ♣ Try to organize and conduct at least three to six project meetings per year. Remember project tours or smaller work sessions can be offered to members in addition to group meetings.
- ♣ Involve youth leaders in meaningful ways. They are capable of helping in planning and teaching—not just being the helper or the clean up crew!
- ♣ Set an example in being prepared, organized, and flexible in working with youth.
- ♣ Seek out additional resources for project meetings.
- ♣ Keep your club's General Leader informed about meetings and other announcements.
- ♣ Call the UW-Extension Office if you have any questions.

### **Club and/or Project Printouts**

With the switch to 4-H Online, club managers have the capability to print club reports/member information for their club. If you need any reports run for your club or a specific project area the Extension Office will gladly print them by request. Please look these reports over as soon as you receive them and get back to Annette with discrepancies. It's much easier to fix now than when fair entries are due!

### **Applications Available for Adult Advisors and Group Coordinators**

Applications are available for Adult Advisors and Group Coordinators for the national and international 4-H Educational Experiences for 2018. National opportunities include: U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in Washington D.C.; and National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. All group leaders must be over 21 and be certified 4-H Leaders. You may apply for one or more on a single form. These are available from the UW-Extension Office or visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/>. Applications are due by February 15, 2018.



### **VIP (Volunteers In Preparation)**

#### **New Leader Training**

Waupaca County is committed to safeguarding all young people associated with our program. Thus, we will be joining other counties in the state in continuing the New Leader Orientation. **ALL first year adults** wishing to serve as volunteers (organizational, project and activity leaders, chaperons, etc.) will be required to attend a two hour orientation / training session, sign a list of volunteer behavior guidelines, and authorize a confidential records check through the Department of Justice. New Leader Orientation will be offered during Super Saturday, February 24. Other times will be offered in the spring.

## **PROJECT NEWS**

### **2018 4-H ArtBEAT!**

4-H ArtBEAT! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBEAT! will be held March 16 and 17, 2018, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more!



**Goat Project and Small Market Animal Meetings**

- ▶ **Small Market Animal Committee Meeting – February 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Waupaca Courthouse—Room 1037**
- ▶ **Goat Project Organizational Meeting – February 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Waupaca County Courthouse, room LL42**

## ***Large Market Animal (beef, sheep, swine)***



Large Market Animal  
Mandatory Meetings will be held on:

**February 6, 7:30 p.m.,** Manawa Elementary

**February 10, 8:00 a.m.,** Dairyland Animal Health Vet Clinic

**February 15, 7:30 p.m.,** Waupaca High School  
For the evening meetings, registration begins at 7:00 p.m.

Members or a parent/guardian **MUST attend one of the above meetings** in order to sell an animal in the Large Market Animal Sale.

**If you are not present at 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 a.m., your attendance will not be counted.**

**Large Market Animal**

The date for the next Large Market Animal Committee Meeting is **Thursday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Weyauwega/Fremont Middle School Library.**

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

Starting in 2018, Wisconsin will replace the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals), which is an online program with modules geared to age groups. Modules include animal welfare, food safety and life skill development, and it is estimated that youth will spend roundly 60 minutes completing the modules each year. There are also in person class opportunities. Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for participation in 2018 events. **This is for livestock, dairy, goat, poultry and rabbit youth exhibitors.** Additional information will be forthcoming.



Two in person trainings will be held in Waupaca County for YQCA—mark your calendars and watch for more information about how to register.

- ▶ April 10, 6:00 p.m. at Manawa High School
- ▶ June 9, 10:00 a.m. at Manawa High School

**Youth Livestock Website and Social Media**

Subscribe to get email notifications of new information on <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock>, it's on the right, enter in your email address and hit submit. **Bookmark this website!** On the site are links to like the Facebook, twitter and Google+ accounts for more information and resources.

- **4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest** will be held together on Saturday, March 3 at UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building. **Deadline for registration is February 23. Only emailed registrations will be accepted, mailed registrations will NOT be accepted.** Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations. For more information and registration information, please contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist and contest coordinator at (608) 263-4304, [borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu)

**State Fair Updates**

In order to help coordinate efforts for showing at State Fair, please fill out the enclosed **State Fair Interest Form** and return it to the UW-Extension Office by **March 1, 2018** if you have an interest in showing at the 2018 State Fair. Dates for the fair this year are August 2-12.

**2018 Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID Animal Identification**

Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep, swine,



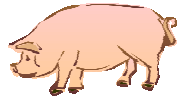
OR breeding stock commercial heifers/crossbred gilts/wether type ewes at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show will need to have their animal projects DNA and RFID identified by the State Fair eligibility deadlines listed below. This identification system allows animals which are DNA and RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) County and State Fair program to meet State Fair Identification requirements if the process is completed (all forms returned and samples on file) by the Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmarks listed.

Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine DNA and RFID identification deadlines (postmark):

Beef: Tuesday - February 13, 2018

Sheep: Tuesday - May 8, 2018

Swine: Tuesday - May 8, 2018



\*Breeding stock: commercial heifers/crossbred gilts/wether type ewes or any purebred animal being shown in the commercial, crossbred or wether type divisions DNA and RFID identification deadline (postmark):

Wednesday - June 6, 2018 (postmark)

### **Wisconsin State Fair Performance Steer Division**

Those who wish to exhibit in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Performance Steer Division must have their steers weighed at one of the following locations:

#### **March 3rd**

Equity Livestock, Richland Center: 9 to 10 am

Tietz Livestock, New London: 9 to 10 am

Contact: Neal Anderson, 608.585.3092

Contact: Diane Jarvais, 715.630.0811

#### **March 10th**

Polk County Fairgrounds, St. Croix Falls: 9 to 10 am

Milwaukee Stockyards, Reeseville: 9 to 10am

Contact: Dale Woods, 715.491.4778

Contact: Brian Bolan, 608.576.7312

\*\*Please contact a Performance site coordinator in advance to confirm participation.

### **Wisconsin State Fair Junior Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Exhibitors**

**NEW FOR 2018!** Wisconsin State Fair is pleased to announce implementation of a new national certification program available for youth. Completion of this informative and educational program, "Youth

for the Quality Care of Animals" (YQCA), will be required for all youth who exhibit animal projects (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows. This interactive program will reinforce current animal industry best practices and awareness of critically important animal messaging. This special program features interspecies information designed to supplement project education for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors. For more information visit the State Fair website at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>

### **2018 PDPW (Professional Dairy Producers)**

#### **Youth Leadership Derby**

Join 100 farm and non-farm 15-18-year-olds for the 2018 PDPW Youth Leadership Derby (YLD) on April 7-8, 2018. The two-day overnight educational and career-building experience will be held at Oregon High School and will include travel to UW-Madison for hands-on labs and workshops as well as a tour of Sassy Cow Farm and Creamery.

Registration is \$89 and open to 15-18-year-olds and includes training, meals and tour transportations. For additional information call 800-947-7379 or email [mail@pdpw.org](mailto:mail@pdpw.org). Registration is due April 1.

### **Waupaca County Dairy Judging**

Dairy judging is an excellent opportunity to increase your knowledge of dairy cattle and practice life skills such as communication, critical thinking, and decision making. Members have the opportunity to participate locally in practice sessions and then compete at Area Animal Science Day (June 22, 2018, Clark County).

**Please contact Penny at the UWEX office to let us know of your interest in participating in Dairy Judging and your availability or suggestions for practices.** There is interest this year to have some practices and we want to be sure we are including all who are interested. We can then review this



information and plan accordingly. Future correspondence / information will only be sent to the individuals who expressed interest in participating.

### Waupaca County Horse and Pony

Horse and Pony Project News  
The Waupaca County Horse & Pony Project (WH&PP) is very excited to get started for 2018!



We are very excited for the return of old members as well as to welcome new members to the project. Tamara Fabisiak will lead the project for 2018, with the help of the rest of the Horse and Pony Project leaders to create a fun, exciting and safe atmosphere for the members of this project. We look forward to a great project year. Our next meeting is on February 26th. It will be held at Manawa Elementary at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us to see what the Horse Project has to offer.

### 4-H Horse Association Handbook



The 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2018! The Horse Handbook is located at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>. For more information contact Pam Hobson, 4-H Youth Development Ag/Animal Science Specialist, 608-262-9605, [pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu)

## AGRICULTURE PROJECT CONTESTS/STARTER PROGRAMS

### Targhee Sheep Association

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will be awarding a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2018 to a lucky Wisconsin youth age 9-17. Applications are available on-line at the US Targhee Sheep Association website <http://www.Ustargheesheep.org/> and are due no later than April 1, 2018.



### Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association

#### Share-a-Kid Contest

The contest is open to Wisconsin youth ages 10-17. The youth write an essay about why they would like a goat and how they are going to take care of her. They give away 4-6 goats per year. Complete contest details can be found at the following link: <http://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/>



### WGBA Sponsors essay calf contest

One fortunate Wisconsin youth will be the recipient of a registered Guernsey calf during the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders' Association (WGBA) annual convention on March 9-10th at the Cranberry Country Lodge in Tomah. This calf will be awarded to the youth who writes the best essay on their choice of two topics: (1) "What a Guernsey calf would mean to me" or (2) "The Guernsey cow is important to me because..." Essays are currently being accepted for this 20th annual contest. Entrants do not need to have a Guernsey background or be from a Guernsey farm. Contest is open to Wisconsin youth ages 10-17. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 16, 2018. For additional information, applicants can call (608) 484-0416 or e-mail [wisgba@yahoo.com](mailto:wisgba@yahoo.com).



## HAPPENINGS IN YOUR CLUB

**Baldwin's Mill**—The club gave to the Miracle Tree, had a Christmas party potluck, a candy bar fundraiser and their community project was the warming shelter.

**Casey Lake**—The club held its annual 4-H club achievement night, club officers were installed, they rang bells for the Salvation Army, had a Christmas party, played bingo at Bethany Home, and are planning a Valentine's dance.

**Chain O' Lakes**—Younger members made a painted garden stone. The club played basketball at Waupaca Recreation Center and made Christmas wreaths for Adopt a Family Members.

**Country Pride**—The club decorated a tree for Thern Farm, rang bells at the IGA, participated in the Christmas parade, donated items to the Humane Society, and chose a person off the giving tree.

**Dayton Community**—The club planned a swimming trip, went to the Waupaca Humane Society and delivered the cat toys they made at their December meeting, and made ceramic bowls at Blessings and Friends.

**Krossing Creeks**—The club went tubing at Navarino, went bowling, made valentine cards for

the veterans, and went caroling at Aster, Greentree and Care Partners nursing homes.

**Lebanon Cedars**—The club rang bells, did a winter wonderland activity at Navarino, and purchased educational toys for B.A.B.E.S. in New London, They are planning a family afternoon/evening at the YMCA, and getting a guest speaker from GreenStone FCS.

**Peterson Mill**—The club installed new officers, went to Trzebiatowski Corn Maze, rang bells for the Salvation Army, had a potluck and made Christmas cards for nursing home residents.

**Sandy Knoll**—Club members went shopping for adopt-a-family, went to the craft make n'take, made cards for the troops, rang bells, and had a Christmas party.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Arnie Heise, drawing winner at the January Board & Association Meeting.
- Youth selected to be Ambassadors and participating in state organized Educational Experiences:

Ambassadors: Twyla Alix, Lora Korth, Grace Peterson

Citizenship Washington Focus: Keyara Berrig and Everlah Riley

Leadership Washington Focus: Taya Alix

State 4-H & Youth Conference: Taya Alix and Nicole Kirchner

National Congress: Alison Acker and Twyla Alix

Space Camp: Brooklyn Butzin, Elizabeth Enoch, Jessica Flocker, and Alison Knoespel



## THANK YOU

- ☺ All youth who turned in Ambassador and Educational Experience applications and adults who helped with interviews, Deb Desens, Gloria Bigalke, Dawn Nelson, Deb Schneider.
- ☺ All of the county committees who have been working on many Waupaca County activities.

Don't forget to say THANKS....please remember to acknowledge all awards received whether at the County Fair, Achievement Night, Leaders' Banquet or during the year. Call the UW-Extension Office or your general leader if you have a question about who sponsored your award. Sponsors give because they believe in 4-H and YOU! Show them how much their support is appreciated by sending them a thank you note.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Check out the new Wisconsin 4-H website at <http://4h.uwex.edu/> Updates continue to be made.

Waupaca County 4-H Website  
<https://waupaca.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

## **4-H in a Nutshell**

### 4-H SYMBOL



4-H MOTTO  
"To make the best better"

### PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world.

### The 4-H's

Head  
Heart  
Hands  
Health

### SLOGAN

"Learning by doing"

COLORS  
Green and White





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