

The Cloverleaf Crier

The Official Publication of Sheboygan County 4-H

Youth and families in Sheboygan County now have TWO options for 4-H membership!

Sheboygan County youth have TWO MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS to join 4-H program. As always youth may enroll in one of 29 strong "multi-project clubs" our program supports OR they may join through a Special Interest(SPIN) Membership.

SPIN Membership allows youth to belong to 4-H, build friendships, master new skills, practice independence, and give back to their community through one of our strong county-wide projects. As a SPIN Member, a young person will enroll andselect one (or more) of the county-wide projects to participate in. SPIN members will meet their needs for belonging and leadership through the county-wide project experiences rather than with a year-long club.

In addition to participating and completing all of the required countywide project experiences, 4-H SPIN Members must also:

- 1. Complete a 4-H Project Record Page and submit it to the UW-Extension Staff before September 30th of the program year. Failure to complete this record will prohibit re-enrollment as a SPIN member.
- 2. Participate in a show, competition, demonstration or other event showcasing the content or skills learned throughout participation in the project. This may or may not be the Sheboygan County Fair.
- 3. 4-H SPIN Membership costs \$20 per member or \$50 per family payable to the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association. These funds will be allocated to the 4-H Leaders Association General Fund in lieu of countywide fundraising (i.e. Pizza Sale and Fair Foodstand). This fee is in addition to any specific project fees paid to the chartered project.
- 4. Agree to and follow all expectations and policies of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

During this pilot year of the program, Special Interest (SPIN) Membership is only available for the following projects/groups in Sheboygan County:

SPIN Membership is only available for the following projects/groups:

4-H Cat Project4-H Dairy Project

• 4-H Horse and Pony Project

• 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Project

• 4-H Youth Association/Youth Leadership (grades 7 and up only)

• 4-H Cloverbud Program (grades K-2 only)

4-H Dog Project

4-H Goat Project

4-H Livestock Project

4-H Shooting Sports

4-H Concert Band

4-H Poultry Project

There are definitely pros and cons for both of these membership options. Both options provide young people an opportunity for belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. Families need options and Sheboygan County 4-H will deliver! For more information regarding SPIN Membership please visit us online at https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-spin-membership/ A HUGE thank you to our 4-H Club and Project Leadership for their dedication and ongoing commitment to the youth in our program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UWGB - SHEBOYGAN

4-H is heating up (even if the rest of the state is frigid) and that means that there are many opportunities taking place on any given night. We are doing our best to accommodate project, club and other countywide meetings here at the Division of Extension – Sheboygan County as well as being good neighbors to other campus programs. Please make sure you read your meeting notices carefully. As rooms fill up we may spread to other spaces here on campus. When participating in rooms like 2223, 2114 (The Wombat Room) or 1202, your closest parking option is near the Acuity Technology Center entrance, which is the main entrance on campus. Rooms that your groups have grown accustomed to using may be changed depending on all of the reservations we have to accommodate. We apologize for any inconvenience but are confident that the great work that happens during these opportunities will not be hindered by the space that you are using, and in many cases the environment will be improved. JUST A REMINDER TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THIS SPACE! Clean up after your group, if you need a vacuum please let us know, be quiet in the halls and respectful of students and teachers. Cleaning supplies can always be found in Room 5018!

SNOW/ICE & 4-H MEETINGS



So far this winter has been pretty mild, but you never know what is around the corner! We don't want anyone to be stuck out in the cold and snow, so there may be times when it is advisable to cancel county level 4-H meetings. The Extension Office has a meeting information line to keep you updated on any meeting cancellations due to weather! By calling 459-5908 you will hear a recorded message in regards to the latest meeting cancellations or you can check out our website at https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/2019/01/29/sheboygan-county-uw-extension-cancellations/. Please note: If classes are cancelled at UW Sheboygan, 4-H night meetings will also be cancelled.

ATTENTION!! Project Leaders and Committee Chairs...if you are planning on canceling a meeting, please call the Extension Office by 3:00 p.m. Our staff will be able to support you by sending out an e-mail to project members, updating the meeting information line and the website, if called by 3:00 p.m. Thank you! Our policy is safety first!

CLOVERLEAF CRIER

The 4-H Cloverleaf Crier is published 10-12 times each year for 4-H families in Sheboygan County. It is full of important information about 4-H policies, county-wide activities and educational offerings. It is also posted on the Sheboygan County 4-H website each month. To locate the current issue or a back issue go to: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/cloverleaf-crier/.

PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE

In order to receive fair premiums, Junior Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or another youth organization and the projects in which they are exhibiting by the following Deadlines:

ANIMAL, BLACKSMITHING & SHOOTING PROJECTS

March 1st of the Exhibit Year

ALL NON- ANIMAL PROJECTS

May 1st of the Exhibit Year

To do this go online to: https://wi.4honline.com. Go to your family account and change your projects under "participation". Please let your General Leader know that you have changed projects.

YEAR ROUND 4-H GOOGLE CALENDAR

Please check out the Sheboygan County 4-H Google calendar at: http://tinyurl.com/4HGOOGLECALENDAR

This calendar includes the most up to date year round dates and details. To add your club, committee, or project dates to this calendar, please contact nancy.brown@wisc.edu. She can share the login info that will help you gain access or enter the dates for you.



4-H GRANT PROGRAMS AND FUNDRAISING



There are lots of amazing opportunities to travel and experience new things in our 4-H Youth Development Program. If you're like me you want your young people to take advantage of as many of them as you can and yet the funds are just not always there. In trying to be creative and responsible in providing these opportunities, I'd like everyone to be aware of a few things:

1. **The Kohler Foundation** provides us with some limited funds to support youth in financial need with grants to supplement the costs of these programs. If you family ever finds itself in this situation you should not hesitate to apply for these funds by completing the form found at: https://sheboygan.uwex.edu/grant-applications/. This Sheboygan County 4-H

Grant Application is reviewed confidentially by 4-H Youth Development Staff who then work with you to determine the need and the amount funded through the grant. All that is expected is that a thank-you be sent to the Kohler Foundation for their support of our members.

- 2. The Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association has been gifted monies from a donor to be used for youth needing some financial support that are wanting to attend state and national trips or project support. To access the grant please visit our webpage at: https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/grant-applications/
- 3. In addition, all money raised in the name of 4-H, whether they are to support your child or not, must be publically accountable. This means that **you may not engage in raising funds on your own**. When your child is in need of funds to support a 4-H trip or other experience, either your club, the 4-H Leaders Association, or another chartered group must sponsor the fundraiser. This must be approved of prior to any fundraising efforts. Even if you are the only one doing any of the fundraising work, the money (cash, check or other) must be run through a chartered group. This means that all money must be deposited into the groups account and then a check can be written out to the individual or, better yet, to the entity that is hosting the experience.

Fundraising groups properly authorized to use the 4-H Name and Emblem are to be held accountable to the 4-H program granting authorization. There must be a definite plan to account for funds raised prior to authorization. Therefore, if it is known that funds being raised will support an individual member scholarship, this information must accompany any fundraising efforts that are made. It is not ethical to raise money under the guise of supporting a whole club, committee, or program and then allocate a large amount of funds to one individual. This changes the purpose that most donors would understand 4-H to be.

4. Finally, in the case of all 4-H fundraising efforts, the 4-H Name and Emblem shall not be used to imply endorsement of commercial firms, products or services. The following disclaimer must be used on products or services offered for sale: "A portion of the sales price of this product or service will be used to promote 4-H educational programs. No endorsement of the product or service by 4-H is implied or intended."

If you have more questions or need to share any concerns regarding this information, please call on Sarah at anytime at 920-459-5915!

PROTECTING YOU AND OUR YOUTH THROUGH INSURANCE

Liability and accident insurance are important parts of a risk management plan.

Liability Insurance

University of Wisconsin – Madison provides liability coverage for 4-H programs and activities. A certificate of liability insurance can be obtained by working through your Extension staff. Important to note: Extension staff and volunteers should allow three weeks for processing.

Accident Insurance

The 4-H Leaders Association has purchased accident insurance through American Income Life for all of our certified volunteer leaders and members and can be purchased for specific events to supplement health insurance. In addition, accident insurance is available for purchase for events where non-enrolled 4-H members may be present. The year-round accident policy does not cover injuries sustained while sledding, tobogganing, snowboarding, downhill skiing and other downhill winter sports. There is an options to purchase one of three low cost Special Activities Coverage when sponsoring these activities.



Liability and Waivers

The University/State of Wisconsin will respond for staff and volunteers if acting within the scope of employment or position description. The State can:

- Pay claims for injury or property damage to others based on the negligent acts of employees or agents, and
- Defend employees or agents against allegations of negligence

Volunteers do not need personal representation unless advised by the University that they were operating outside the scope of the volunteer expectations or violating either the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development policies or the *Volunteer Behavior Expectations*.

Volunteers are not immune from lawsuits.

- Primary coverage is the volunteer's homeowner/automobile insurance when having activities on their property or driving personal vehicles for 4-H approved purposes.
- The State of Wisconsin requires personal auto insurance coverage.
- Suggested minimum insurance is a minimum limit of \$500,000 combined single limit, or limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000.

Volunteer Protection Statutes

As of July 1, 2019, the following State Statutes protect volunteers as agents of the university when acting within the scope of their agency. They also provide liability protection for the counties, the UW System, and the State of Wisconsin.

- <u>Wis. Stats. s. 893.80</u> affords protection for claims against governmental bodies or officers, agents or employees; notice of injury; limitation of damages and suits.
- <u>Wis. Stats. s. 893.82</u> affords protection for claims against state employees; notice of claim; limitation of damages.
- Wis. Stats s. 895.46 State and political subdivision thereof to pay judgments taken against officers.

Insurance & 4-H Leader's Organizations

The Sheboygan County 4-H Leader's Association puchases insurance to bond the treasurer and all individuals who handle money (i.e. food stand manager, fundraiser chairs). Insurance is also purchased for property and equipment owned by the 4-H Leaders Association.

Assumption of Risk Waivers are encouraged if a 4-H Club/Group is hosting a higher risk event where the general public may participate. In this case, use a UW-Madison approved waiver for participants who have not completed a waiver via 4HOnline. Examples of high-risk events can include shooting sports, horse show/clinics, camps, etc. Contact the Wisconsin 4-H Assistant Program Manager with questions.

FAIR EXHIBITOR LIST

The 2019 Sheboygan County Fair Premium List Is still available on line at: http://www.shebcofair.com/exhibitors.html. This is last year's list and is just to give you some ideas of what you may enter in the fair for your projects.

FAIR BOOK CHANGES

If anyone has suggestions for the fair book, please submit them by March 1st. We will take your suggestions and present them to the fair. Email them to nancy.brown@wisc.edu.



SERVICE AND FUND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

Purpose:

To receive memorials, gifts and bequests, for the support, expansion and promotion of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

Why an Endowment Fund?

To provide long-range support for the Sheboygan County 4-H Program. The earnings of this fund will not be used for current operating expenses of the 4-H Leaders Association. Through the



establishment of this fund, the Sheboygan County 4-H program is able to accept special gifts and memorials.

How does the Fund Work?

The Endowment Fund is a depository of gifts and donations for the Sheboygan County 4-H Program. Only the interest earned will be used to fund innovative and educational programs that support the strengthening and expanding of the 4-H program in Sheboygan County. The Endowment Committee will annually invite grant proposals from 4-H committees, 4-H Leaders Association and Division of Extension staff. The Endowment Fund Committee will then select which of those programs to fund.

Who can contribute?

Anybody and any size gift is accepted. Cash gifts, memorials, bequests, and property, including stock, real estate and land are appreciated. All contributions and gifts are tax deductible as provided in Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.

Want to apply for a grant?

https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/files/2017/11/EndowmentFundGrantApplication-2019.pdf Want to donate?

https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/files/2010/10/Sheboygan-County-4-H-Endowment-Fund-Donation-Form.pdf

4-H MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR

The Sheboygan County 4-H Clubs have a Memorial Wall of Honor. This Wall of Honor is celebrating its 18th year. The wall is a triangular shape made out of oak and is located in the 4-H Youth Building at the Sheboygan County Fair. It was created by the 4-H Leaders Association in 2002 in memory of Roland Nohl, whose name was synonymous with 4-H and its members. The purpose of the wall is to show recognition to all of those special people who felt 4-H was important and held a spot in their hearts.

If your club or family would like to put a loved one's name on the wall, just fill out the form located on the 4-H website with the information necessary and a minimum of \$100 that can be designated to any part of the 4-H program – example: Camp Riversite, scholarships, trips, awards, alumni, etc. It is a great way to remember love ones and their love of 4-H. It is never too late to honor someone. Former leaders, parents or anyone who has influenced 4-H or young people about 4-H.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICANISM MONTH!



Americanism means love of one's country however, it is more than just a word; it is a way of life that perpetuates the values, traditions and love of our country and freedoms. Individuals can show Americanism in numerous ways such as displaying the American Flag properly, saying the Pledge of Allegiance (hat removed and hand over the heart), showing respect for American veterans, helping veterans, showing respect and remembering those soldiers who paid the ultimate price, teaching today's youth to respect our nation's values and showing respect to our flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, and sharing with others the price of freedom.

This February please take the time to appreciate the freedoms we have been privileged to experience in our country. Honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting American values by supporting organizations and programs that pay tribute to those soldiers and to current veterans. Teach children to respect the flag and the government. Be a role model for all those in your life by showing your love and respect for these United States of America.

4H members and clubs could make cards for veterans and soldiers this month as part of celebrating Americanism. Cards may be dropped off at Camo Quilts in Plymouth or contact Kathy Doebert at jdkathy@hotmail.com

We all say the Pledge of allegiance at our meetings but, Did you know: "The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is an expression of allegiance to the flag of the United States and the republic of the United States of America. It was originally composed by Captain George Thatcher Balch, a Union Army Officer during the Civil War and later a teacher of patriotism in New York City schools. The form of the pledge used today was largely devised by Francis Bellamy in 1892, and formally adopted by Congress as the pledge in 1942. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945. The most recent alteration of its wording came on Flag Day in 1954, when the words "under God" were added (Wikpedia)."

SHEBOYGAN SHOOTING STARS SOCK DRIVE DANCE @ THE EXTENSION

The Sheboygan Shooting Stars 4-H Club is holding a sock fundraiser for the Salvation Army of Friday, January 31st. The theme for this event is the Hollywood Red Carpet. If you feel like dressing up as though you're attending the Oscars, please do. Admission is a package of new socks per person ranging from child to adult. This is open to the public, so please spread the word. There will be snacks, beverages and music to dance to! 6pm -8pm.



TRASH-ION SHOW



Plymouth Art Center and GFWC Plymouth Woman's Club are pleased to announce the second annual Trashion Show on April 25. Outfits need to be made of at least 75% recycled materials to be modeled at the show. This year, we have added an art category that will also need to be made of at least 75% recycled materials. Items will need to be transported to the Art Center on Friday, April 24 to be judged and displayed at the show. Please be judicious in the size and weight of the object made. Last year we were amazed at what people could do with recycled materials and a little imagination!

Models are invited to a dress rehearsal on Friday, April 24. Teams of up to 3 people are allowed and there is a youth category for both outfits and art. Club members are very willing to help collect recycled items needed for participants.

Proceeds will fund Plymouth High School leadership scholarships. Please contact Deb Klock at 920 912-5268 if you have any questions. This Earth Day, we hope to see you as a participant or audience member at our Trashion Fashion and Art Show in April. Reduce! Reuse! Refashion!

WOOD-WORKERS...MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Meals On Wheels' upcoming June-A-Palooza fundraiser (an adult-only event being held June 27 – see www.juneapalooza.com for details) is a wood-themed event and they are wondering if any members of Sheboygan County 4-H would be interested in making something that we could auction off at the event. Cutting boards, bowls, benches, anything would work. They would, of course, have a note with the item recognizing the creator(s).

Allison Thompson Executive Director Fresh Meals On Wheels Sheboygan County, Inc. 1004 S. Taylor Drive Sheboygan, WI 53081 920.451.7011 Driving Wellness Home!



COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS

4-H CAMP RIVERSITE FUN

Join the "Camp Riversite, Sheboygan County 4-H" Facebook Page to sign up for these events. 4-H Camp Riversite educational programming is free and open to everyone. Donations accepted and reservations are recommended.

February 15th 10 am-12 pm - Build Your Own Bat House! Bats are so beneficial for your yard, your garden, and the environment; they should be welcome guests everywhere but in your attic! Come to this family event to build a bat house for your own yard or to donate to 4-H Camp Riversite. Suggested donation of \$10/house.

March 7th 6 - 8 pm - Snowshoe Hike - Snowshoeing is a family favorite! The trails will be white with snow and lit with tiki torches! Explore the beauty of 4-H Camp Riversite at night. Listen for an owl or watch for a raccoon scurrying to his winter den. A campfire and refreshments will warm you at the end of the hike.

April 25th 10 am - 12 pm - Earth Day Celebration - Come celebrate the beauty of nature at this family event. A nature hike will be the highlight of this springtime celebration and we will make a flower craft to take with you.

May 16th 10 am - 12 pm - Spring Wildflower Hike - In May, the forest comes alive with thousands of wildflowers! You won't want to miss our amazing guest speaker as he guides us down the trail at this family-friendly event.

4-H MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

Mark your family calendar now and plan on attending the 2020 4-H Movie & Pizza Night on Friday, February 28th. The 4-H Youth Association is planning a wonderful evening of 4-H family fun that you won't want to miss! There will be pizza, beverages and popcorn, get to know each other activities and a super fun movie for all of the family to enjoy! All of this and the cost is just \$5.00 per person, or \$10 for the whole family! It's a great deal you can't beat, so...mark your calendars now. Please complete the registration in this Crier. Times of dinner and movies are:

5:30 pm Pizza5:45 pm Get to know each other activities6:00 pm Hotel for Dogs8:00 pm A Dog's Journey



4-H PROJECT DAY

Don't miss this year's 4-H Project Day! Registrations are available online at https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/2020-Project-Day-Brochure.pdf! This year's 4-H Project Day will be held on Saturday, March 7th at the Extension. From arts and crafts to club fun, there are project workshops for everyone! Registrations are due on or before February 14. Adults and older youth are needed to volunteer to set-up, food prep and clean-up. If you are available to help, please contact Manda Schwartz at manda3m@yahoo.com or 920-917-0066 or Sarah Britt at ozzy.britt@gmail.com or call 920-226-9027.



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU!



The Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association is open to former 4-H members, past or present 4-H parents, 4-H leaders or any other person interested in supporting the Sheboygan County 4-H program. The Alumni Association supports the on-going Sheboygan County 4-H program, with financial help and man power when needed. Alumni news and updates are distributed through a newsletter. There is an annual Alumni Association meeting and banquet held in May where we award Alumni

scholarships to past members. Annual membership dues are \$10/year or \$175/lifetime and our year runs from October 1-September 30. Help us "make the best better" by joining the 4-H Alumni Association! Membership dues can be sent to the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan WI, 53081.

FEBRUARY CLOVERBUDS

Come join us at the Extension office from 6:30-7:30 on February 25th. We will be reading *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, making a story themed craft and having delicious snack. It will be loads of fun and we hope to see you there.

Cloverbuds meet every fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the Extension – Sheboygan County.

The theme this year is 'Jordin's Favorite Books':
February 25th – The Mitten by Jan Brett
March 24th – Skippyjon Jones by Judith Byron Schachner
April 28th – Henry & the Buccaneer Bunnies by Carolyn Crimi
May 26th – Walter the Farting Dog by William Kotzwinkle and Glenn Murray



DISTRICT, STATE, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

RACINE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR RETREAT!

The Racine County 4-H Ambassadors would like to invite youth 7th grade and up to their leadership retreat, themed Pirates in the Caribbean. At this fun and engaging overnight:

-Meet 4-H teens from throughout the state - Join in leadership seminars - Play games - Enjoy a campfire - Weather permitting sledding and outdoor fun - Watch a movie



Date: Saturday, February 22nd to February 23rd

Location:

Trefoil Oaks Program Center 3901 First Street (County Road KR) Kenosha, WI 53144

Cost: The cost of participation is \$45.00 per participant - due Thurs, Feb 13

https://racine.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-documents/

WISCONSIN 4-H LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (WLC)

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance Division of Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels. WLC members:

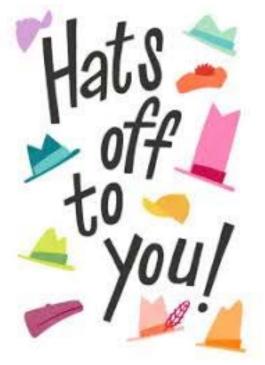
- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan that annual event, along with the State Youth Leader Conference and Division of Extension Day and Meat Products Auction at Wisconsin State Fair. Find out more information about this group of leaders at http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/

RECOGNITION

HATS OFF TO:

- Thank you to all of those who helped at this year's Pizza Fundraiser. A big thank you to those that helped all of the clubs pick up their goods! Connie, Carl and Jovianne Schwibinger, Sandy and Tim Krahn, Dan Sippel, Larry Menting and Sherry Zittel. A BIG thank you to all of the club representatives who were responsible to pick up the pizzas! It was another successful year.
- Thank you to Julie Kummer, Angela Albrecht, Megan Hansen and Darcie Eggert for helping brand new Horse & Pony members get off to a great start!
- ALL of our NEW and CERTIFIED 4-H Volunteer Leaders! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to become certified Sheboygan County 4-H volunteer leaders. With your leadership and support, Sheboygan County 4-H Members will have a richer youth development experience.
- A giant thank you to Kandy Huiras, Chelsea and Ariana Adair and Ellis Robson for helping to welcome and teach at the 4-H New Family Welcome! It was a great night with lots of smiling faces!
- Our fabulous County-wide and Club Project leaders who are incredibly busy providing hands-on learning for our members and even some parents!
- Our new 4-H Leaders Association youth Representatives: Mollie Parrish, Emily Oppenheimer, Luke Oppenheimer, & Aubrey Schwonek. Your input and perspective is a very valuable contribution to our program!
- President, Owen Beumler; Vice President, Aubrey Schwonek; and Treasurer, Paige Schwonek- the officer team for the Sheboygan County 4-H Youth Association. We are fortunate for your leadership and enthusiasm!
- Hannah Schleicher for receiving the Oscar G. and Mary M. Woelfel Memorial Scholarship, a 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- Our 4-H Horse and Pony Project co-chairs Tracy Harmeyer and Cheryl Beltran. Thank you for taking on this very important role and helping this large project get off to a great start!



SCHOLARSHIPS

EASTERN WI DHIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Eastern WI DHIC will be offering scholarships to eligible youth for the upcoming school year. Scholarships available are: \$500 scholarship- which is offered to a high school senior enrolling in a one-year Ag-related program (i.e. short course, technical school, etc) and \$1000 scholarships- which are awarded to a post-high school student currently enrolled in their first, second or third year of higher education in an Ag related program. The applicant's family does not have to be a member of EWDHIC; however applicants will need at least one recommendation from an EWDHIC member.

Scholarship applications are available at the Eastern Wisconsin DHI Lab and at the Division of Extension - Sheboygan County Office. Application forms are also available on the web at: <a href="http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-http:

4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders' Association will be offering at least five scholarships this year. The Suhrke Memorial Scholarship is a \$750 scholarship. In addition to the Suhrke Memorial Scholarship they will also be awarding other various scholarships. The scholarships are available for any type of educational experience equal to at least one full school year in length. Requirements include being a current 4-H member or 4-H graduate with a minimum of five years as a club member. All high school seniors and post high school students through their junior year of college are eligible to apply.

Applications are available at the Division of Extension office or on the Sheboygan County 4-H website. All scholarship application forms and letters of recommendation must be received at the Division of Extension office; 4-H Scholarship, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by March 1.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Holstein Association is offering a scholarship valued at up to \$500 to a Sheboygan County high school senior enrolling in a post high school agricultural related program. Applicant must be a senior in high school planning to enroll in a four-year college, one or two year technical school or college short course program in an agricultural-related field. Applicant must have been a member of the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association and the Sheboygan County Junior Holstein Association for at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship. Scholarship forms are available at the Extension Office or online at:

http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications and are due March 1st. Questions about this scholarship, contact Kara Abraham at 920-892-7602.

Also available, the Wisconsin Holstein Association Scholarship. Located at the same website location.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY DAIRY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Dairy Committee is offering up to 4 Scholarships to a Sheboygan County high school senior or post secondary student in their first or second year of education. The amount of scholarship is variable. Applicant needs to be involved in the Sheboygan County Dairy project for at least 4 years. Applicant must have been involved in 4-H or FFA for a minimum of 4 years. (It may be a combination of both). Scholarship forms are available at the Extension Office or online at:

http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications and are due March 1st. Questions about this scholarship, contact Katie Reineking at kingsvue@hotmail.com

FARM PROGRESS/FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS SCHOLARSHIP

Two or more Farm Technology Days Scholarships may be awarded. The scholarship application can be found at http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/ and are due March 15th. The scholarship will be awarded after the recipient has completed his/her first semester in college. The recipient must show proof of completing the first semester of college in good standing (2.0 or better). Scholarship funds must be claimed by March 15th of the year the awardee is eligible to receive the monies. Not doing so forfeits the scholarship award.

Applicants must be a Sheboygan County resident enrolled in post high school agriculture related training, long or short course, from a University of Wisconsin System (Platteville, Madison or River Falls institutions). (Areas of study may include: Agricultural Journalism, Agronomy, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Dairy Science/Herd Management, Environmental Sciences, Food Industry, Genetics, Horticulture/Landscape Architecture and any other Agriculture Related Field of Study.) The legal agreement with the UW-Foundation states the recipient must be enrolling in a UW system school (and specifically an agricultural program)

Applications and three letters of recommendation need to be submitted to the Division of Extension Office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by March 15. Stop in or call the Extension Office (920) 459-5900 for an application. Final selection and awarding of the scholarships is made by the Sheboygan County Farm Progress/Farm Technology Days Scholarship Committee.

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 16 at 5 p.m.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-h Foundation scholarships, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2020-2021 academic school year. Applications are available from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Website at: http://www.wis4hfoundation.org.

Important:

All documents must be attachments to the email; Google docs or any similar cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted. Applications must be <u>received</u> by <u>March 16</u> or they will not be considered. Names of individuals who are awarded a scholarship will be posted on the WI 4-H Foundation's Website: <u>www.wis4hfoundation.org</u> and correspondence will be conveyed to each awardee.

Recipients of Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships will be selected based upon their 4-H involvement, scholastic achievement and future educational and career goals. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at 608-262-1597 or info@wis4hfoundation.org.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association will be awarding two \$1000 and a minimum of two \$500 scholarships to a 4-H Member or Alumni. Applicants must be a 4-H Alumni member or currently a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program; all post high school students planning on attending a college or technical school for the upcoming school year; recipients will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H Alumni Association. Applications are available at the Division of Extension – Sheboygan County office or online at: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/

All scholarship application forms and letters of recommendation must be received at the Division of Extension – Sheboygan County Office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by April 1.

MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Meat Animal Sale Committee will be offering up to five \$1500 Scholarships. Applicants must be current or past 4-H or FFA members with at least 4 years enrollment in the Beef, Sheep and/or Swine Projects. Applications are due **March 2** and interviews will be held on Saturday, April 4. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office or can be found at: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Jeske at tjeske@rocketmail.com.

BLUE RIBBON SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

The Blue Ribbon Small Animal Auction Scholarship will once again be available to qualifying members. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up at the Extension Office, at poultry rabbit and goat project meetings or on the 4-H website. Scholarships are available for any high school senior who has been in any of the forenamed projects for at least two years.

Applications must be RECEIVED BY APRIL 10. Send to Extension, 5 University Drive, Attn. BRSA, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at the Extension in room 5018. Applicants will be notified of their interview time by letter. If you have any questions, call Warren Clemens at 920-467-4183.

COMPETITIVE EDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Competitive Edge Scholarship Application If you have any questions, please contact the Competitive Edge Scholarship Program Coordinator, Gaelan Combs at gcombs@wisc.edu or (608) 293-3726. The Competitive Edge Scholarship Program offers 2-\$1,000 and 2-\$500 scholarships to incoming students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Finalist for the scholarships can interview on campus on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The Competitive Edge Scholarship Program offers a one-day program that gathers resources from across campus by current students specifically for incoming students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Competitive Edge Scholarship Program Coordinator, Gaelan Combs at gcombs@wisc.edu or (608) 293-3726.

LEADERSHIP

NEW 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, February 25th - 6-8 p.m. OR Thursday, February 27th 10 am-12pm



Remember that all NEW 4-H Leaders must attend a New 4-H Volunteer Leader Orientation in order to be certified as Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders. All new 4-H Leaders, as well as those who missed the orientation last year and still desire to be certified 4-H Leaders, should mark their calendars for the upcoming workshop sessions.*Tuesday, Feb 25th – 6-8 p.m. OR Thursday, Feb 27th 10 am-12pm Please RSVP one week in advance.

Contact Nancy at the Extension office at 459-5903 or fill out the form at the back of this month's CRIER to register. Registration is due at least one week prior to the workshop. If you cannot attend these sessions, but still desire to be a Certified 4-H Leader, please contact Linda at the Extension office.

4-H CLUB SECRETARIES

Just a friendly reminder that you should be sending your monthly minutes to the Extension office. Having 28 clubs in the county, this really is the quickest and best way for us to know what is going on with your club. You can drop them off at the Extension or e-mail them to Linda at linda.robson@wisc.edu. Thanks to those clubs who have been current with their minutes this fall! Keep up the great work...we enjoy reading what your clubs are up to!



4-H TEENAGERS! (grades 7 and up)



... To Make the Best Better.

Starting on February 18th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sheboygan County 4-H is CALLING ALL TEENAGERS to join us for a <u>NEW and EXCITING</u> transition in our *teen*

programming. Our 4-H Ambassador and 4-H Youth Association groups are combining for one SUPERCHARGED night a month of fun, leadership and hands-on projects!

That's **right each "meeting" will include a hands-on project** like building something, making a snack, creating art or another brief experience. These are great projects for these youth leaders to share with their clubs or other 4-H groups.

IN ADDITION, youth will participate in a 15-minute leadership lesson that might include games, discussion, or other work to develop your personal leadership skills.

Of course there is more fun to be had with our Youth Association Executive Board leading the way in

planning recreational, social, service, fundraising and other great activities throughout the year- all geared for youth grades 7 and up.

Those who have come to know and love the 4-H Ambassador program – do not fear – EVERY youth who participates in at least three teen leader meetings and three 4-H promotional events will still receive recognition with <u>a 4-H Ambassador Award</u> at our Annual 4-H Awards and Recognition Program and will rock new 4-H promotional gear.

4-H Teen Leaders Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Extension Office, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. DRAFT AGENDA

6:30-6:45 p.m. Welcome and Leadership Game

6:45-7:00 p.m. Naming this Group

7:00-7:45 p.m. Business of the Youth: Day Trip, Movie & Pizza Night, \$, Brewers etc.

7:45-8:00 p.m. Basic Cupcake Decorating Technique – and of course eating cupcakes!

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF 4-H PROJECT LEADERS?

- * First, make sure you're an enrolled 4-H leader or enrolled as a youth 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 meetings.
- * Help members keep a record of what they did or made in the project during the year.
- * Review progress toward the year's goals at your final meeting of the year.
- * Organize and conduct at least three to six project meetings per year. Remember project tours and individual 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.



4-H ALL LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th AT 7:00 P.M. @ EXTENSION SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

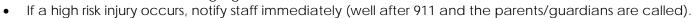


Don't miss the February ALL 4-H Parent and Leaders' Association Meeting on Monday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension. We need you and your ideas and input, so join us if you're able. As always we encourage each club to send at least one parent and/or adult leader. We will be discussing the Pizza Sale and the Lakeview Badgers will be sharing some highlights from their club. Please check out the minutes and agenda at: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/leaders-association/.

The Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association is the policy-making organization for the Sheboygan County 4-H program. 4-H leaders, volunteers, parents and any other interested individuals are enthusiastically invited to participate. If you have any questions about the meeting or would like to have a topic discussed at the meeting, feel free to call Sarah Tarjeson, at 459-5915.

NEW and IMPROVED POLICIES FROM UW MADISON and the DIVISION of EXTENSION:

- Volunteers and Staff cannot sign contracts. We need to send them through the proper channels. This may take 3-4 weeks, so please plan ahead. Examples include:
 - o Memorandum of Understanding
 - o Memorandum of Agreement
 - o Membership Agreement
 - o Partnership Agreement
 - o Internship Agreement
 - o Consulting Agreement
 - o Other Non-Purchasing Agreements





2020 CLUB SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

Each 4-H Leaders Association meeting is an opportunity for clubs to feature what makes their club special. Members are asked to attend the meeting and plan a 10 minute presentation about their club. What projects do members enroll in? What service projects do you participate in? What county and community events are important to your membership? How old are your members? What makes your club unique? Please make a note of your clubs scheduled opportunity and be sure to prepare ahead of time.



2020

Feb - Lakeview Badgers

Apr - Ourtown Orioles

July - Lima Lites

Nov - Sheboygan Shooting Stars

4-H SUMMER INTERN APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting applications for our 2020 Sheboygan County 4-H Summer Intern. Our 4-H Summer Intern is responsible for helping plan, promote and facilitate summer 4-H youth development experiences and opportunities. NEW THIS YEAR...there has been a significant increase in the salary this year including a \$6,000 total salary/scholarship. If you know a college student looking for experience in positive youth development...this internship is for them. Applications are due March 15. You can get a copy from your general leader or from the links below. If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Summer Intern Position, please contact Sarah at 459-5915.



Summer Intern Application

Summer Intern Job Description

2019-2020 4-H KEY LEADERS

Let's say you're a 4-H parent, leader or member and you need some 4-H project information. Maybe someone from your family signed-up for the Swine Project, and you don't know the first thing about pigs! Not to worry! Pick up the phone and contact one of Sheboygan County's Key Leaders. They'll answer your questions, help you find the answers, maybe even come to your club and give a workshop (It never hurts to ask!) If there is not a Key Leader listed for a project you need assistance, with, please contact the Extension Office at 459.5903 and we will assist you in finding support.

Archery: Warren Bohrmueller	838-0930
Cats: Jen Potter	207-8147
Dairy: Katie Reineking	287-8780
Dogs: Barb Peronne	565-3760
Goats: Brenda Bachmann	980-1027
Horse & Pony 1st Year and HHG Memb	ers:
Angela Albrecht	226-1709
Horse and Pony Committee Co-Chairs	: :
Tracy Harmeyer	377-6053
Cheryl Beltran	838-4061

Livestock Committee Representatives:	
Chairperson: Therese Bartz	627-2687
Beef: Michelle Klemme	901-7373
Sara Knoflicek	988-6908
Sheep: Nicole Bulin	946-3909
Becky Klahn-Schwartz	207-4595
Swine: Mary Jo Schleicher	838-2727
Therese Bartz	627-2687
Llamas: Althea Smith	893.1102
Poultry: Warren Clemens	467-4183
Rabbits: Barb Scholten	980-4219

ANIMAL SCIENCES



ATTENTION POULTRY PROJECT MEMBERS

Our second project meeting will be held on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. We require you attend at least one meeting to be eligible to show at the fair. The last meeting will be held June 18. At our March meeting we will review the rules and play some games about poultry facts. If you have any questions, call Warren at 920-467-4183. See you there!

CAT PROJECT "MEWS"

Our February meeting is scheduled for Feb. 24th. We have a very exciting meeting planned, so we are asking everyone to arrive by 6:30pm so we can start on time. We will be practicing our 'Cat Knowledge' while playing Jeopardy! Here's the fun exciting part--We will be recording the game to use at the County Fair this Summer! You will be a Cat Project Star!

We will discuss the upcoming April 26th annual cat show. By now all of you should have received an email with show entry, sponsorship and vendor forms attached. Please share these forms with anyone you know who might be interested in some aspect of our show. We need a large number of sponsors, entrants, vendors and

spectators to make this yearly event a success. Remember, this is the only fundraising event we hold for our project to run our program for the year. It's success is up to our members. See you at the meeting.

If you have donations for the April Cat Show please bring those with you.

Please bring your handbook and project binders along with you. This will help you stay organized. We hope to see you all there.

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. The board members' names and phone numbers are in your handbook



Wisconsin State Fair 2020 840 Eartag and DNA Identification Program Updates

Wisconsin State Fair and various county fairs throughout Wisconsin have been utilizing 840 eartag and DNA technology to identify potential Fair animals in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine project for the last 15 years. The requirements of these Identification technologies have proven to be instrumental in safeguarding the reputation and integrity of our States Youth livestock programs. For the past few years the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) has handled the entire Wisconsin State Fair 840 eartag and DNA Identification program. With WLIC's switch to utilize DNA tissue sampling and the higher costs associated with it, Wisconsin State Fair will provide an additional option for 840 eartag and DNA hair identification.

For 2020: All Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification requirements for Beef, Sheep and Swine (market and non-registered breeding stock) must be submitted by May 21st to Wisconsin State Fair (DNA Hair).



DNA Hair Samples: return to Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214 Tissue (TSU) Samples: return to Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, 135 Enterprise Dr, Suite ID, Verona WI 53593

840 Eartag Identification: Wisconsin State Fair requires an official 840 eartag for identification. The 840 eartag Identification does not have to have RFID technology and may come from any source. The last 4 digits of the 15-digit number sequence will be the numbers to record for individual animal identification. 840 eartags do NOT need to be purchased through Wisconsin State Fair; however, Wisconsin State Fair will offer individual 840 eartags for sale.

DNA Hair Identification: Wisconsin State Fair's preferred method of DNA submission is hair samples. DNA hair kits will be offered for sale by Wisconsin State Fair https://wismis.fairmanager.com/ online with payment by credit card.

Cost: DNA hair kit and 840 tag: \$11

DNA hair kit (envelope only): \$6 840 eartag (only - no envelope): \$5

Online sales of 840 ear tags or DNA hair kits from Wisconsin State Fair will close May 15 at 5 pm. Only walk up orders (paid with a credit card) will be accepted from May 18th – 21st. Wisconsin State Fair office hours for walk up orders are weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm in the Administrative Office located in the basement of the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center (640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214).

ALL DNA HAIR samples must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair (Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214) postmarked May 17th or before. Please plan accordingly.

WLIC DNA Program: Wisconsin State Fair will accept WLIC County Fair identification programs (eartag and DNA) for meeting Wisconsin State Fair identification requirements. WLIC will provide Wisconsin State Fair identification information for those participating in their program who wish to be eligible for Wisconsin State Fair.

Purchasing and submission of 840 eartags and/or DNA kits is NOT your entry in the 2019 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show. Exhibitors MUST enter the Junior Show online on wistatefair.com in the beginning of April in a separate database.

Please contact Wisconsin State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com with any further DNA Identification questions. Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214

DOG PROJECT NEWS, FEBRUARY 2020



We are excited to have Tracey Harmeyer of Krystal Creek Kennel in Cedar Grove come to teach about how to properly groom your dog. February 11, at 7 PM. This will count towards attendance for the training season. Please join us for this fun, educational seminar. Extension – Sheboygan County room 5020-5022 Remember to register for the 4-H Dog Project if you haven't already. Orientation packets and email reminders are sent to families based on this information. We don't want to miss anyone! That being said, if you have a friend who is interested, please give them a personal invitation to join us. We love having new members. VERY IMPORTANT: Orientation

meetings for members and parents will be on March 17 OR April 9. Members and parents are REQUIRED to attend ONE of the meetings to participate in training. The meetings will begin at 6:30PM at the UWGB – Sheboygan campus in the Wombat room. If you do not attend one of these meetings you will NOT be allowed to train this season. More information and a registration packet will be mailed to registered kids in late February. Please complete the necessary paperwork to turn in at the orientation meeting. NOTE the Veterinarian forms and requirements, fecal samples can't be tested until within 30 days of April 23rd!! Looking ahead, training sessions at the fairgrounds will start on April 23rd for obedience, rally and showmanship. Agility will begin April 28th.

Dates to remember: Grooming workshop on February 11th. See above. Board meeting on February 17th @ the Extension, 7:15pm

BROWN SWISS YOUTH HEIFER PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Youth looking for support to purchase their first Brown Swiss should consider applying for the Nelson McCammon Youth Heifer Program offered by the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Association. The organization is accepting applications between now and February 7, 2020.

"The Nelson McCammon Youth Heifer Program helps youth interested in working with dairy cattle gain handson experience with high-quality Registered Brown Swiss, explains committee chairperson Josh Hushon. "By working with Brown Swiss through this program, our hope is that they will learn to appreciate the many outstanding qualities the Brown Swiss breed offers as the well as the camaraderie of those who own them."

Award recipients will receive a grant for 50% (up to a \$1,000 total) towards the purchase price of a Registered Brown Swiss female of any age. The program is intended to run for two years with the applicants being between the ages of 9 and 18 for cows and 9 to 19 for heifers as of January 1, 2020. Applicants must be residents of Wisconsin and become members of the Wisconsin Junior and the National Junior Brown Swiss Associations.

Since the project started in 2013, 18 youth have purchased Registered Brown Swiss heifers thanks to the generosity of long-time Brown Swiss breeder and youth supporter Nelson McCammon, who generously donated the funding for the program via his estate when he passed. Mr. McCammon was a mentor to many, and a past winner of the Klussendorf Trophy.

Winners will be presented at the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Annual Meeting, March 7, 2020, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Appleton, WI.

Applications and more information about this and other programs can be found at the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Association website at www.wibrownswiss.com or by contacting Josh Hushon at josh2632@yahoo.com or 920-342-0611.



MANURE REMOVAL AT SHEBOYGAN CO. FAIRGROUNDS



The Sheboygan County Fair Association updated their contract for facilities use in 2018 to account for the cost of manure removal. Please note that for events at the fairgrounds that result in the removal of manure, groups will be charged \$35 per load to recover the costs of labor and equipment use. Thank you!

HORSE & PONY NEWS

Welcome to a new and exciting year! We have a fun year planned and can't wait to get started. While some changes are highlighted below, everything is listed the Horse & Pony website. If anyone has questions regarding the project or events please contact Tracy Harmeyer 920-377-6053 or Cheryl Beltran 920-838-4061.

Remdiners For 2020:

Mandatory volunteer hours – changed to 2 hours per member County Project fee needs to be paid by Final Mandatory Orientation. Youth need to obtain minimum of two sponsorships Clothing order forms – to be posted on the website Remind Texts



While this does not indicate all the changes this is a highlight of some of the changes for the upcoming year. You will get all the changes for the year when attending one of the mandatory orientations. Mandatory Handbook Orientations have begun. To be a member in good standing all Horse & Pony and Horseless Horse Grooms (HHGs) must attend one of the mandatory orientations. All post graduates planning on being active in the project need to contact a chairperson to let us know if you are not able to attend one of these meetings.

- March 6, 2020 at Laack's Hall Starting at 7:00 pm following the spaghetti dinner and auction
- March 19, 2020 at UWEX in the Wombat room Starting at 6:00 pm

Project Fee - A \$20 individual/\$50 family max project fee will be collect at the mandatory meeting. If you have questions regarding the fee please contact Tracy Harmeyer or Cheryl Beltran.

Sponsorships – When submitting your sponsorships please be sure to NOT send cash – checks only.

Remind Text - We are starting a new form of communication to keep you informed and up to date. If you received the text and deleted it or did not receive it please contact the chairpersons or the Extension office to get on the list for receiving text messages. We will be using this for last minute changes and reminders. Feel free to include additional family members if they will be bringing your kid or horse to events.

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction – come have a spaghetti dinner stay for the silent and live auction. We are currently accepting donations for the auctions. Items do not have to be horse related. We are also looking for bakers to bring dessert items for dinner. Please find a flyer on the horse & pony website and share with family and friends. Contact Angie Albrecht for tickets to the dinner at 920-226-1709 or Lynn Boenisch at 920-627-5565. Midwest Horse Fair, Madison, Wisconsin, April 16-19, 2020. Support your State 4-H Horse Association at their annual used tack sale in the lower level of the Coliseum. If you are attending the horse fair, consider volunteering at the tack sale. Contact Nancy Kissel, 920-458-2910 for details.

American Youth Horse Council Symposium: What a great opportunity to attend a national conference in Massachusetts. Sheboygan County has always been well represented at this phenomenal conference. For more information please visit the AYHC website http://www.ayhc.com/schedule-and-results

Horse Project Scholarship: Seniors...it's scholarship season! Don't forget upcoming deadlines for scholarships! Wisconsin Horse Council Scholarship (for WHC members) at:

http://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/index.php?page=detail&post_id=141

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation-Horse Scholarships (and others you may qualify for) at: http://wis4hfoundation.org Sheboygan County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Scholarship at: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/files/2010/08/Horse-Pony-Scholarship-Application.doc due March 1st

And other Sheboygan County 4-H Scholarship Applications for eligible members are at: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/

WISCONSIN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION SHARE-A-KID CONTEST

The Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association Share-a-Kid Contest 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. Four to Six goats are given away per year. Contest details can be found at: http://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/

GOAT PROJECT

4-H exhibitors must attend two of the following meetings/events to be eligible to show at the Sheboygan County Fair:

February 20th at 7:00pm – Extension office room 5020-5022. The focus will be on club rules and opportunities expectations. Recommend first year members attend.

March Date and Time TBD - Extension Office - Speaker Sarah Adamson, Dairy Goat Specialist at Vita Plus. https://www.vitaplus.com/blog/articles/adamson-named-vita-plus-dairy-goat-specialist-january-

2018#.XiW3BshKjlU focusing on nutrition and management.



JUNE 20th - JUNE FUN SHOW in Plymouth at the Fairground
July 23rd - Time and Location to be determined - Boer/Dairy Goat

Any questions, please call Leaders Lori Knutson (414) 640-6387 or Nicole Ziemer (920) 889-7119



ATTENTION RABBIT & CAVY MEMBERS

fitting clinic and showmanship practice.

The first Rabbit/Cavy meeting will be Feb. 25 at the Extension Office. Cavies will meet from 6-7pm and rabbits from 7-8pm. Handbooks will be handed out & reviewed. Questions, please call Barb Scholten at 980-4219.

Please put the following dates on your calendars for 2020 Rabbit & Cavy Meetings at the Extension office:

Feb. 25 th	6:00 pm Cavy Mtg.	7:00 pm Rabbit Mtg.
Mar. 24th	6:00 pm Cavy Mtg.	7:00 pm Rabbit Mtg.
Apr. 21st	6:00 pm Cavy Mtg.	7:00 pm Rabbit Mtg.
May 19th	6:00 pm Cavy Mtg.	7:00 pm Rabbit Mtg.
June 23rd	6:00 pm Cavy Mtg.	7:00 pm Rabbit Mtg.
July 21st	6:00 pm Cavy Mtg.	7:00 pm Rabbit Mtg.



4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep up to date on all of the Livestock Project on their web page here:

https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/beef-sheep-swine-projects/

February 15th 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM Chula Vista Resort - **SWINE Workshop - WI Show Pig Association Symposium February 22nd** Registration: 8:30 AM (Please look at flier for specie times) Fond du Lac County Fair Grounds: Cow/Dairy Palace - ALL SPECIES: Honor Show Chow Clinic

March 14th 10:00 AM Plymouth HS Agriscience building - BEEF Workshop

March 16th - First session 4:00 PM & second session 6:00 PM Plymouth HS room C119 (AG room) YQCA Training: THIS IS REQUIRED TO SELL AT THE MEAT ANIMAL SALE! Note: Pre-registration is required on YQCA website by 3/13/2020, register Individual through 4H account, NOT Family account, Cost \$3 in-person training; \$12 online training, ages 19-21 are required to complete online training. This can either be completed in attendance to the meeting or the online version. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER

The Livestock committee has a facebook page where you can obtain all updates. Like us on Facebook @ https://www.facebook.com/groups/1250744121733280/

NEW TO LIVESTOCK PROJECT in 2020?

If this is your first year involved in Swine, Beef or Sheep, then this meeting is for you. Chad Kohlman, Chairperson of The Meat Animal Sale Committee and Therese Bartz, Chairperson of Sheboygan County General Livestock committee will be providing new parents and youth an opportunity to meet in a small setting to ask questions and get answers. Again, this is just for 1st year participants.

Please register by 2/14/20 to Therese Bartz at bartzie46@gmail.com

When: 2/20/20 from 6-7pm Where: Plymouth High School



HONOR SHOW CHOW CLINIC



Join us for our 2020 Honor Show Chow Clinic on February 22 at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds-Cow Palace (520 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935). We have an excellent group of speakers that are looking forward to helping you get your animal projects off to a great start. This year's clinic will focus on animal selection/type.

8:30 am Registration Opens 8:50 am Cattle Session 9:45 am Sheep Session 10:40 am Swine Session

**Please note session times and arrive 10-15 minutes before.

This clinic is open to anyone and is free of charge. Please be sure to bring your out of county meeting forms to get credit for attending. Please pre-register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/honor-show-chow-clinic-tickets-90796802681

Questions? Contact Sarah Breuer (920-418-2173) or Abby Remillard (920-905-0829)

2020 SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE RULES

The SCMAS rules have been updates and are available on the Extension website. Please read through them thoroughly and contact a member of the committee or email shebco.mas@gmail.com with any questions. If you are new to the beef, sheep or swine projects and would like to receive emails from the Meat Animal Sale Committee please email your email address to shebco.mas@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list.

BEEF, SHEEP AND SWINE DNA INFORMATION AND DEADLINES:

Individuals wishing to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale must submit DNA and the signed rules/registration form with a post mark deadline of May 21st. DNA kits must be purchased through the Wisconsin State Fair this year. Once details are received from the Wisconsin State Fair information will be shared with youth signed up in the beef, sheep and swine projects.

MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM



Applications are available on the UW Extension website for both the SCMAS Scholarship and Youth Livestock Grant. Please see the applications for additional information. Applications are due March 2, 2020. Interviews will be Saturday April 4, 2020 with times and location to be announced.



Dairy, Livestock, Rabbits, Goats and Poultry members.... Please Read Below! YQCA (YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) National Program is a new and interactive program providing youth a number of options for an annual quality assurance certification. YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects. This program gives families more flexibility in acquiring this much needed information which trains youth in improving the care of food animals and promoting a higher level of consumer food safety. The livestock industry and businesses are constantly striving for high quality, wholesome products; therefore, youth in food animal projects should assist in this effort.

Sheboygan County will be offering instructor led opportunities to be certified through YQCA. The opportunity for this will be held at Plymouth High School on March 16th from 4-5:30 or 6-7:30 p.m. Whether you complete the online modules or participate in the instructor led program you must register online. Upon completion of courses, an identification number will be provided to you and you must carry it with you and show proof at any/all contests in which you will participate.

The cost is \$12/person/year (pd online) for the online modules that are different each year. Members at college will need to complete the online modules. Face to face trainings are \$3/person/year (pd online). Please communicate with 4-H Project Leadership regarding whether these costs are covered by your project. Login and account directions for can be found at https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/. An email will be sent out to youth members that are enrolled in 4-H on how to navigate the system. Ag instructors, please communicate this website to your youth. Online preregistration is **REQUIRED**, participants MUST do this PRIOR to the workshop, money is collected when participants register online. Registration cannot be done at the event and if you are not registered you will not show up in the system to approve participation. Anyone ages 19-21 may ONLY complete online modules.

Please go to https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login in order to register for either online or instructor led courses. If you are a 4-H member, please log in through the 4-H Online system on the leftof the YQCA page. If you are an FFA member or other organization affiliate, please sign in through the independent system on the right. You will create an account followed by either completing a sign up for an instructor led meeting or online/web based modules. Upon signing up for a course, you will then pay for that course with a credit card. Please email help@yqca.org for any assistance you need in creating or signing up in the YQCA system.

2020 "TEST OUT" OPTION FOR YQCA

The newest change comes in the form of the *online test out option* for youth in the *intermediate, senior, and* young adult categories. This *will* be an accepted form of certification for Wisconsin 4-H and FFA members. This is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12), senior (age 15) and young adult (age 19). Juniors may not test out. The test-out options are located at the bottom of the "Course List" page.

- The test consists of 50 questions and requires a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.
- If passed, the certification will last through the end of a user's age level (intermediate ages 12, 13 and 14; senior ages 15, 16, 17 and 18; and young adult ages 19, 20 and 21.)
- The intermediate and young adult test-out course will cost \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and the senior test-out course will cost \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification.) If passed, users will receive access to online modules that correspond with the age levels indicated above, found on the user's "My Library" page.

- Users will have one chance to take the test-out option. If they fail, they will not be provided another
 opportunity for that level of certification. If the youth passes, payment for the completed test out course will
 be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test.
- Participants attempting and not passing will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually.

Reminder, Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for participation for 2019 events and beyond. This will be the case for <u>ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS at the Wisconsin State Fair including dairy, goats, rabbits, and poultry!</u> Wisconsin State Fair will be in contact sometime in January.

Continue to monitor the Wisconsin YQCA website for helpful information: https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/ and the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media channels; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

WI STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4, 2020 (MADISON)

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday April 4, 2020 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner. Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of Jan.1, 2020. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2020. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division. The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges. The cost is \$20 per team due at the time of registration. Registration starts at 9 a.m., competitions start at 9:30 a.m. Deadline for registration is March 14, 2020, 5 p.m. Please register at this link: https://tinyurl.com/20204HDairyBowl For more information and registration information, please contact Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Outreach Specialist at (608) 262-9605, joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu or at

https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/dairy/ You can also "like" Wisconsin Dairy Youth on Facebook as well.

DAIRY PROJECT UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 - 4-H State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Madison

February 18 - Hoards' Dairyman Judging Night, 7:30 pm, @ Extension

April TBD - Dairy Management Tour - TBD

April 23-25 - Spring Show, Madison

April-June 4-H Dairy Judging Team, Practices to be announced. For more information please contact Erica Helmer at 920-946-0824



PUPPETRY MEETING!



Have you ever wanted to try your hand at making a puppet come to life? Join us on Friday, Feb. 7th to give it a try. We will meet from 6:30 to 7:30pm to try out some puppets and make your own stick puppet. You don't have to be in the puppet project - just come for some fun. Feel free to bring along any puppets you have. If you have guestions, call Kelley at 920-912-6795.

COPPERSMITHING

4-H COPPERSMITH AND WIRE SCULPTURE PROJECTS



It's never too early to start copper projects for the 4-H year, and with an enthusiastic leader and your creativity, the options are endless. Adults are more than welcome to join, learn and help. Contact the Extension to get started! Meetings will be held at the Extension Office and for safety reasons; parents need to stay for the session. Please plan for multiple sessions to complete this type of large project. Call Bill Schlink now at 920-400-7474 to schedule a time to get started!

INTRODUCING... THE 4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, COMMUNICATION, MUSIC & DRAMA

On Saturday, April 4, the 4-H Fine Arts Festival will be held at Sheboygan Falls High School. This new event will combine the Communication Arts Festival and the Music & Drama Festival into one day of creativity and fun. The results of our recent survey showed that respondents found both festivals to be beneficial to the participating youth and wanted them to continue. The 4-H Fine Arts Festival will conclude with a joint ceremony to recognize excellence in art and the 4-H youth that participated. The Music & Drama portion will continue to have club musicals and skits, solos & duets and the 4-H Concert Band. Judges will meet with the performers and offer their feedback following each performance. The Communication Arts portion will have face to face judging similar to the Sheboygan County Fair. 4-Hers will bring their art the day of and we will utilize judging assistants to help things run smoothly. Categories of Communication Arts include creative writing, photography, speeches & demonstrations, painting, drawing, computer graphics, song composition and 3-D art. Creative writing entries will still need to be submitted a few weeks prior to the event to be judged. In addition to the April 4 Festival, there will be workshops offered February 18th & March 17 to help clubs and individuals prepare their art. Initial plans include a workshop on how to write a script for a club performance and on how to create costumes or sets on a shoestring budget. The third will be focused on the visual arts. Your assistance in planning and executing the details of this new exciting event are needed! You can put your talents to work in the following areas:

- 1. Fine Arts Festival committee help us finalize the plans for the big event and the workshops; help create an incentive program to encourage participation; obtain judges; make the schedule for the day
- 2. Publicity help spread the word about the Fine Arts Festival in the Crier, in person and on social media
- 3. Day of Event be a greeter, a judging assistant, a door monitor or a stagehand.

For more information on the 4-H Fine Arts Festival or to join the committee, please contact Kelly Rauch at rauchkelly@gmail.com or Linda at the office linda.robson@wisc.edu or 920-459-5914.

Find the registration forms at https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/things-to-do-in-4-h/

NATURAL SCIENCES

4-H CAMP FUN FOR EVERYONE: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Don't miss this year's 4-H camping opportunities! We will be heading to Base Camp July 12-16 and Outpost Camp July 23-26; learning, friendship and fun are at the heart of both Sheboygan County 4-H Camps. Take a look at the brief descriptions below and decide which one best fits you. <u>Parents, please register and send fees</u> by the deadlines noted!

Outpost Camp, Wyalusing State Park Grades 7-10, July 23-26

The wilderness is calling...are you up to the challenge of **three** nights and **four** days of outdoor adventure and fun! Tent camping, fire cooking, canoeing, rock climbing and hiking are just a few of the

exciting experiences that await campers at Outpost Camp. There will also be team building and leadership development along with fun and games throughout camp...don't miss out! Outpost Camp is open to the first 30 campers grades 7-10. First priority will be given to 4-H members. Transportation to and from camp is provided. Cost: \$200. Sign up before May 1st and receive a \$15 'early bird' discount!



Base Camp, Upham Woods, WI Dells Grades 3-7, July 12-16

Travel to beautiful Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells for **four** nights and **five** days of adventure, fun and learning. Upham Woods features cozy cabins, a quality nature center, archery, main lodge, craft center and more! Programs in recreation, crafts, canoeing, nature exploration and swimming are offered for all youth. Base Camp is open to the first 100 campers in grades 3-7. Transportation to and from camp is provided. Cost: \$200. Sign up before May 1st and receive a \$15 'early bird' discount!

Details for camp (packing lists, health forms and behavior expectation forms) will be sent at about two weeks after the registration deadline. For more information on camp or 4-H in Sheboygan County, contact the Sheboygan County Extension Office at 459.5903.

"THE IMPACT OF CAMP LASTS FOREVER"

Thursday, April 23, 2020 6:30-8:00 pm

Join 4-H Youth Development Educator and 4-H Camp Director, Sarah Tarjeson to learn all about 4-H Summer Camp and how you can get involved!

Who should come? This Program Is For EVERYONE!

- · Past and future hopeful camp counselors
- · Experienced and new campers
- · Parents who are thinking about sending their child to camp
- · Campers who aren't sure if they'd like to come to camp
- · Experienced and new adult staff and volunteers

What Is It?

- · Learn about the impact of camping programs
- · Play camp games that teach living in the moment and creativity
- · Gauge your child's readiness
- · Sing songs and learn how campfire teaches responsibility and independence
- · Learn how every family can afford camp
- · Make a camp craft and learn how camp teaches an appreciation of differences
- · Learn how to deal with separation and homesickness (for parents and children)





Camp will be here before you know it and we're looking for youth and adult leaders to help plan and carryout a valuable and enriching camping experience for our 4-H youth.

The camp fun begins with selections of our **adult camp staff**. If you are interested in joining us for five days, unlike you will ever experience anywhere else please complete the Adult Camp Staff Application at https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/member-parent-information/4-h-summer-camps/ and submit it to **Extension by Feb. 1st.** A committee of

educators, past camp staff and adults will extend invitations and help to place adults according to their strengths. Our 1st adult staff meeting will be on **Tues.**, **Feb. 18th from 5:30-6:15 p.m.** at the Extension Office.

Youth staff applications are also available online at https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/member-parent-information/4-h-summer-camps/ and are due on Feb. 15th. These applications require a letter of



recommendation...ask early! Interviews have been scheduled for **Thursday**, **Feb. 27th from 6:00-8:30 pm**. Applicants must be available throughout the entire interview.

Other Important Dates for Staff:

- March 19 6:30-8:30 pm Base Camp Staff Kick-off
- April 16, May 21, & June 18 (3rd Thurs) 6:30-8:30 pm Planning and Training
- Youth Staff MUST attend 1 of 3 trainings at Upham Woods this spring: March 28-29; April 25-26; or May 2-3
- July 31 6:00-9:00 pm 4-H Camp Staff Bust-up Party @ Sarah's House





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Our first planning meeting is Tues., Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

RIVEREDGE NATURE CENTER MAPLE SUGARIN' DAY!

Saturday, February 29th

No one does maple sugaring like Riveredge! They see maple sugarin' as a time to celebrate the changing of the seasons, teach about the wonders of the forest and trees around us, and experience the pure magic of turning a byproduct of nature into a delicious treat.

Maple sugarin' season has something for everyone. Check out their website to learn about all of the great opportunities available. https://www.riveredgenaturecenter.org/maple-sugarin/



SAND LAKE CONSERVATION CAMP

June 17-19 at Camp Bird Youth Camp, Crivitz



The annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp will be held June 17-19 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, helps foster an appreciation for nature, and introduces a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Topics include wildlife ecology, water quality, fisheries, outdoor skills, and more. \$100 fee until May 20; after May 20 is \$150. Cut-off date is June 3 and space is limited; registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms will be available by 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".

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

It's almost time for Archery and Air Rifle! If you haven't signed up...run, don't walk to a computer and add those projects in 4-H Online! Below are some important dates to mark on your calendar.

February 3rd @ 7 pm - Leader Meeting

March 19th @ 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) - Riverview Middle School in Plymouth

April 13-16th – Set-up at Fairgrounds

April 17-18th - Tri-County Shoot

April 27-June 4th – Shooting at the Fairgrounds

VOLUNTEER In PREPARATION – NEW LEADER ORIENTATION Tuesday, February 25th – 6-8 p.m.

OR

Thursday, February 27th 10 am-12pm (Circle One)

Name:	 	
4-H Club:		
 Phone:		
E-mail:		

Please return (one week prior to the date of the meeting) to Sheboygan County 4-H Youth Development, 5 University Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT Friday, February 28th 5:30-10:00 pm \$5 per person, \$10 per family

Family Name:	
Number Attending:	
Favorite Type of Pizza:	
Favorite type of soda/pop/lemonade/etc:	



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The Cloverleaf Crier

THE CLOVERLEAF CRIER is published monthly for members, leaders and friends of 4-H to inform them of coming events and activities.

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