

## The Clover Line



SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER August / September 2016

#### GOODBYE.....FOR NOW!

It's time to retire from UW-Extension! Hard to believe that I've worked as a County Extension Agent for 35 years! The time just zoomed by because it's been so enjoyable. After starting work in Sawyer County as Interim 4-H and Agricultural Agent in 1979-80, I've had the privilege of working in Iowa, Waukesha and Shawano Counties. Serving 18 years as an Agriculture Agent, 16 as a 4-H Youth Development Agent and one year as both (in Sawyer County) make for a 35 year career! Also serving as Department Head for Shawano County UWEX turned into a 20 year experience that I never expected! However, the time has come to say farewell to this great career, begin down some other paths and spend more time with family and friends.

There have been many rewarding parts of the job: Seeing our 4-H youth graduate from high school and then maturing into competent, caring, productive leaders in their communities has been one reward. Working with farm operators to identify, test and evaluate profitable farming and business management practices was another reward. The opportunity to meet and work with thousands of highly motivated 4-H leaders, members, parents, farm families, community partners and UW-Extension colleagues has been a true blessing. I hope I was able to help as many as possible achieve their goals. Please know that I always learned as much or more from all of you than you learned from me. I learned what a sense of community is because all of you "lived it" and showed me. I know what caring volunteers and 4-H members can accomplish because you make so many good things happen in our communities. I learned how UW-Extension colleagues and community partners working together can make our communities better places to live and work.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> will be my last day in the office. Due to State Budget cuts, we do not know how long it will be until a new Agent is hired, but you should have a new and energetic 4-H Youth Development Agent (with lots of new ideas!) on board within 3 - 6 months. I plan to take a break for a while to get caught up on numerous projects around the home, then come back as a volunteer in some capacity. If anyone needs to get in touch with me for any reason, contact the Shawano County UWEX Office and they will have my contact information.

Thanks to all of you, 4-H members, leaders, parents, farm operators, community partners and colleagues for the privilege of working with you in Shawano County since 1992! It's nice to leave with enough memories to last the rest of my life! *Thank you for those memories!* 

Joe Stellato 4-H Youth Development Agent and Department Head Shawano County UW- Extension

To ensure equal access, please make requests for reasonable accommodations as soon as possible prior to the scheduled program, service or activity.

#### August

- 1<sup>st</sup> All 4-H and FFA Fair Entries are due
- 1 Annual 4-H Charter forms are due
- 1 All 4-H Leader "Activity Evaluations" due for potential free fair pass consideration
- 2 4-H Robotics Project Meeting, Room A at the Courthouse
- 5 Car & Tractor Show, 5:00 to 9:00pm at Pella

Mon & Wed Dog Training with Betty Kort, 7:00pm at the Fairgrounds

Tues/Thurs Dog Training, Complete Canine

- 9 Rabbit & Poultry Getting Ready for Fair, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 15 Cat Project Meeting, Courthouse, Room A at 6:30pm
- Dairy Key Committee Meeting, Room B at 8:00pm
- 20 County Fair Set-Up Day, 9:00 to Noon
- Visual Arts Fair set up 1:00-3:00pm
- 27 Pre-Fair Judging at the Fairgrounds, 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Cat project fair set up, 5pm, Junior Fair Building, fairgrounds
- 30 Dog Show set up at the Crawford Center, 6:00pm
- 31 Cat Show for County Fair, check in at 5, Judging at 6:00pm
- 31 Dog Show for County Fair, check in at 4:30, Judging at 5:00pm

#### September

#### Shawano County Fair, Aug. 31st -Sept. 5th

- 10 County Fair Clean-Up Day, 9:00am to noon
- 11 Grandparents Day
- 19 Record Books and Secretary Books due to UWEX office
- 19 County Record Book Tagging, 7:00pm at the Courthouse
- 20 County Record Book Evaluation, 7:00pm at the Courthouse
- 26 4-H Leaders & Older Youth Group Meetings, 7:30 at the Courthouse
- 29 Shawano County Judges Waupaca Record Books, 7:00pm
- 29 Outagamie Judges Shawano County Record Books

#### October

- 1 Youth In Action Scrapbooks due to the UWEX office
- 2-8 Shawano County and National 4-H Week
- 4 Lawn Display Contest photos are due to the UWEX office
- 11 Key Committee Work Night, 7:00pm at the Courthouse
- 23 Annual "4-H Experience"



#### Fair Entry Tags

Your Club Leader will contact you when your fair entry tags are ready (the middle of August). There are no fair tags printed for <u>large animal</u> entries, but everything you entered will be on a confirmation page printout - check this for correctness ASAP.

## Hats Off To...

The Leaders at Horse Camp: Many thanks to all those parents and leaders who helped ensure horse camp was a success this year: Dwayne & Yvonne Splan, Marti Riemer, Kelsie Krull, Diane Schnell and extra all around help by numerous parents.

The Youth Leaders who helped plan and run another outstanding horse camp! They were Anna Splan,

Haley Ferfecki, Melody & Harmony Riemer, Ashlyn & Breanna Schnell, Onalee Siegfried, and Ashlyn Ruen. Another awesome year with great clinicians. Our youth leaders chose well!



State Fair Dairy Cattle Exhibitors: Nathan Ferfecki,

Taylor Gracyalny, Jenifer Krull, Colin
Wussow, Mason Jauquet, Rory
Sarenich, Evan Jauquet, Emma
Gwidt, Carter Jauquet, Madelynn

Gwidt, and Bryce Stewart

Youth who are participants at State Fair in

non-animal opportunities:

Katieann Sievert: Drama Company

Project items were exhibited by:
Kaila Wussow, Sarah Hohn, Lindsey
Roloff, Alexia Folkman, and Zachary Fehrman.

To those who created a poster for the June Dairy Month poster contest.

All those who participated will receive a coupon for a



free ice cream cone at the 4-H food stand during the fair. Posters should be returned to you at your next club meeting. Thank you, too, to Mary Borley and Associated Bank for sponsoring the awards for this contest!

Those who helped make 4-H Summer Camp an Experience to Remember:

Junior Directors: Eric Bergsbaken, Casey Clark, Pauline Parrott Counselors: Emma Esch, Casey Clark, James Palmer, Evan Siahaan, Steven Aprill, Mason Jauquet, Rory Sarenich, Kaitlyn Durkey Colin Wussow, Nathaniel Huebner, Kayla Jung, Lacey Jung-Michonski, Harmony Riemer, Melody Riemer, Sarah Hohn, Tarah Malotky, Megan Gebert, Christopher Black, Crede Timm, Danny Damveld, Eli Magee, Elizabeth Esch, Missy Anderson, Olivia Davids, Counselors-In-Training: Austin Schmidt, Alexia Folkman, Allison Brown, Georgia Schultz, Hannah Schmidt, Kaela Kroening, Jetlyn Michonski, Lauren Bahr, and Whitney Ferfecki

**Lifeguards:** Shi Gracyalny and Dan Tauchen **Other Volunteers:** Katie Westfahl, Doug & Mary

Clark, Cortney Stilen, Jamie Patton, Brenda Krause, Ellie Borre, Marilyn Ebert, Blair Lewis & Paul Parrott.

Melody and Harmony Reimer participated in Hippology (testing of horse skills and knowledge) at Area Animal Science Day in Outagamie County on June 28th.



State Fair Livestock Exhibitors: Beef: Jarett Peebles Sheep: Lindsey, Lauren and Isabel Roloff, Dallas Seubert, and Luke Stern. Swine: Eli, Emma, and Ethan Magee, Trevor Stewart, Ashlyn and Breanna Schnell, Rachel Schnell, and Luiz Valenzuela.

## **News and Happenings**

## Pre-Fair Judging

4-H Members are reminded that many of their projects will be judged on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of the Fair.

All members need to check the blue "Fair Handbook" included with this newsletter. This handbook will detail what projects are to be judged the Saturday prior to the fair as well as what time slot your 4-H Club is assigned to bring the project for judging that day. All Saturday judging is done face-to-face.

## Re-enrolling for 2017?

FOR members AND leaders: Simply log on to <a href="http://wi.4honline.com">http://wi.4honline.com</a> and access your account. Basic information you input last year will remain. The years will automatically advance a year. All you will need to do is to physically delete any project you no longer want and/or add projects you wish to take next year. You will also need to recheck all the boxes for liability releases, photo, etc. And you can update your health form as well, if you wish. The enrollment window is set for Sept. 1-January 5.

## Changing Clubs?

With the new online enrollment process, this has become even easier. When in your 4hOnline account, you will simply need to change your club when you get to that screen. Make sure both the old and new club leaders know of your decision.

# Attention



Check the blue **JUNIOR FAIR HANDBOOK** for fair information, time schedules, etc. Keep it with you during the fair for a quick reference but, remember, **complete information is found in your Fair Premium Book.** The complete Shawano County Fair Premium Book is also found online at **www.shawanocountyfair.net**The blue Handbooks are included in this mailing of the Clover Line.

## Assist with Fair Judging

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help assist the fair superintendents on judging days, Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, Wed thru Sat. during the fair, and release night on Monday (Labor Day) at the County Fair. Contact Terri SOON if interested.

## Have fair or 4-H questions in general?

We know that especially if you are new to the program you will have LOTS of them. Feel free to talk to your club and/or project leader or call the UWEX office at: 715-526-6136 for answers.

## County Fair Season Wristband Sales

The Shawano County Agricultural Society would like the assistance of all 4-H clubs in selling season wristbands for the County Fair. Season wristbands allow fair entrance, including parking, into the fairgrounds as often as needed. Your club will get .50 cents commission for each wristband sold. The top selling club will also receive \$25.00.

Clubs will have to pay for any and all wristbands before getting them from the UWEX office. Once wristbands are sold to your club, they can NOT be returned for credit.

Encourage your friends to purchase their season wristband at the UWEX office before the fair. The UWEX office will give your club credit when the purchaser mentions your club when buying. You don't have to worry about losing bands or keeping track of money.

## Penny War Challenge

The <u>Penny War</u> club competition was started to raise funds for the Shawano County 4-H/Don & Bernice Schoedel Endowment Fund and has raised the most money to date in a single fundraising event. These monies help our members realize possibilities beyond the normal routine activities. The endowment fund is used for helping key committees and clubs provide project materials at considerable savings to members and do community service projects.

The Shawano County 4-H Executive Board is challenging you and your club to win the trophy (plus a \$25 gift card to DQ) and the 2016 Penny Wars Championship! Every year is another opportunity for a new club to become the leader of the pack and Penny War Champion!

As a reminder, all <u>pennies</u> and <u>paper money</u> count as a <u>positive</u> towards a club's total, while *all other coins count as a negative*. So start saving your change! You will again find the Penny War jugs in the Junior Fair Building right outside the Jr. office during the county fair. Results are announced at the 4-H Experience.

## Fair Judging - What to Expect

The fair is a great opportunity for youth to get feedback and evaluation on the projects on which they have chosen to work during the year. This experience can be both motivating and educational for 4-Hers. Critiques from judges can serve as a guide to further improvement. The judging process is probably more valuable than the award or recognition. To plan, practice, and present a finished product is to "learn by doing."

For more information on the types of judging (Faceto-Face, Danish and Conference) visit the Shawano County UWEX website at <a href="http://shawano.uwex.edu/4h/">http://shawano.uwex.edu/4h/</a>

and click on 4-H Youth Development and go to the Shawano County Fair information.

## County Fair Expectations

#### **Use Good Sportsmanship and Patience**

Fair Superintendents, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, UW-Extension staff, etc. cannot be at the fair 24 hours a day. If you need assistance immediately, go to the fair office and ask them to page someone who can help you.

The Shawano Area Ag Society, Shawano County 4-H Leaders, Inc., Shawano area FFA Chapters and other volunteers do their best to make the fair an enjoyable experience for all. If something does not work out the way you would have liked, please bring it to the attention of the appropriate person in a calm, businesslike manner and ask that fair volunteer if any options exist to rectify the situation. Then accept the decisions that are made.

Rules and procedures cannot be changed during the fair. If you believe that further action is necessary, then attend the appropriate committee meeting after the fair and bring your concerns forward.

Do not take things out on fair volunteers. If you want something changed, be willing to step up and become a volunteer yourself at next year's fair. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

#### **Illegal Activity**

Any Junior fair exhibitor who participates in underage drinking, use of tobacco, illegal drugs or controlled substance will be immediately suspended from participation in all remaining exhibitions and auctions in current, or following years, the Shawano County Fair.

#### **Disorderly Conduct**

Yelling, shouting or arguing with show judges, superintendents or helpers, other exhibitors or UWEX staff will not be tolerated.

Disorderly conduct will be reported to Sheriff's Department and may result in ejection from the fairgrounds and possible fines.

#### Passes For Animal Auction Buyers

Shawano Area Agricultural Society, the sponsors of our county fair, adopted a policy to distribute fair admission passes to animal auction buyers as a small "Thank You" to committed buyers and a way to invite them to return this year. All <u>BUYERS from last year</u> will receive a one-day fair pass that they can use for free admission to this year's fair on auction day (or any other day of the fair if they so choose).

#### Policy For Incorrect Fair Entries

Despite everyone's best efforts to catch them, some items are incorrectly entered in the fair. The

Shawano Agricultural Society (the people who run the county fair) asked the 4H Leaders, Inc. for a uniform recommendation on how to handle incorrect entries. The policy adopted says that all junior entries that are entered incorrectly, will be dropped by one placing. For example, entries that would have received a blue ribbon/ premium will receive a red ribbon/ premium if they are entered incorrectly. We recognize that there are a few departments where this system may not be possible. In those situations, Superintendent's discretion should be used.

## Food Stand Tips

Take a few moments to review the importance of good customer service. We all need to make sure that customers are given prompt and courteous attention. Some suggestions are:

- Assign members to certain windows, if possible (the front windows are generally more busy).
- Have at least one adult in front to make sure all customers are waited on and make change.
- Remember, while you can chat in front when you are not busy, <u>face the windows so you can see</u> when someone approaches.
- Speak loud and clear to the customers and people in the back filling orders.
- DO NOT talk, text or surf the Internet on your cell phone with customers waiting.
- Be polite to both the customers and those working with you. <u>ALWAYS THANK</u> <u>CUSTOMERS</u> for their purchases.
- Above all, enjoy yourself, smile and have fun.

#### Record Book Reminders

How well are you meeting the goals you set out to achieve at the beginning of the year? Now is the time to fill out your project record sheets and add optional pages, so that after the fair you only have to fill in the results. Record books are due to your club on the day they specify, sometime after the fair but before Sept. 19th.

Make sure your record book sheets are in the correct order. Refer to the Sample Record Book distributed in spring for a list of required record sheets and correct order. If you don't have one, get one from your general leader and/or the UW Extension office. Information about how to put together a 4-H record book is found inside. Families should save this booklet to refer to from year to year.

Record books are judged on a variety of criteria (*Involvement, Neat & Concise, Project Work and Leadership*). A list of possible awards and their requirements is found in the <u>Shawano Co. Awards and Trips</u> booklet, which you should have received earlier this year. Your club leader also has a copy.

## 4-H Softball Season Completed

Congratulations to all teams that participated this year. We hope you enjoyed the season. Clubs participating included: Belle Plaine, Pella Eagles, Maple Grove, Brener Youthful Workers and Caroline Aces. Thanks go out to Waukechon Wildcats and Wolf River for providing members to support these teams. "Special Thanks" to coaches, youth leaders, umpires, key committee members and parents who helped with softball. The Softball Tournament was held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate Brener for providing concessions at the tournament.

## Did you attend Summer Camp?

There are a number of Lost & Found items at the UWEX office. Stop by or give us a call to claim them. Unclaimed items will be taken to the Fair. Last chance to see and claim your missing things.

## 4-H Lawn Display Contest

4-H families and clubs are encouraged to make a lawn display promoting 4-H during National 4-H Week/Shawano County 4-H Week, October 2-8. Follow these rules to compete:

- 1. The display should tell a message about 4-H & include the following: Contact the UW Extension Office, Courthouse, Shawano 526-6136 for more info.
- 2. All displays must be outside for the public to see (front yards, club corners, etc.) the entire week.
- 3. A color photo of the display must be sent to the UW Extension Office by October 7<sup>th</sup> to be judged. Digital pictures are preferred and can be e-mailed. But, we'll take regular photos too. Be sure to indicate if it is a Family or Club entry.
- 4. Only one (1) display <u>per family</u> and/or <u>one per club</u> may be entered. Therefore, a family may do their own display, plus help their club make one.
- 5. Displays will be judged on eye appeal, neatness, conveying a clear message about 4-H and originality.
- Shawano County 4-H Leaders, Inc. Executive Board judges and places the promotional display photos.
- 7. Cash prizes:

Family Entry	<u>Club Entry</u>
1st - \$15	1st - \$25
2nd - \$10	2nd - \$15
3rd - \$ 5	3rd - \$10

8. Awards will be presented at the 4-H Experience.

#### Graduation Achievement Award

A reminder to graduating 4-H members that you are eligible to apply for this award. To do so, turn in a current, complete record book that has been nominated by club leaders for competition at the county level. Also submit record books for each year you were enrolled in 4-H, by Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Winners are selected by 4-H Leaders from another County during record book evaluation. The Award, sponsored by Helen Kallies, is presented at the 4-H Experience.

## 4-H Experience!

The tentative date for the 4-H Experience has been set for Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The location will be announced later. Brunch will be served with program after. Watch for details in the next Clover Line!

## **Adult and Youth Leaders**

## To all Key Committee members

In the wake of Joe's retirement, Terri would like to attend your fall planning meeting. Since it has appeared that many non-animal project committee members have not attended Key Committee Work Night, and many other committees have chosen to meet on different nights anyway, this work night will not be formally scheduled this year. Instead, if each current committee chair would contact Terri with your scheduled fall planning meeting date and time, she will make sure a room is reserved as well as attend the meeting. Remember that this Clover Line is for August and September, so it is suggested that you hold off until late September or October to schedule this meeting so that we can inform potential committee members about it in the next Clover Line.

## September Leaders Meeting

All leaders are invited to the September Leaders Meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7:30pm in the County Board Room of the courthouse. On the agenda is evaluation of the Shawano County Fair. This is your chance to say what went well and what needs improving. Food stand operations will be reviewed, and planning for next year's 4-H Super Saturday will begin.

## Older Youth Group to Meet

September 26, 7:30pm, at the Courthouse. Agenda items include:

- Discuss and evaluate fair
- Plan promotion during 4-H Week, Oct. 2-8.
- Begin putting together slate of officers & discussion of By-Laws.

(Election held at November meeting)

- Volunteers needed for 4-H experience
- Discuss and evaluate Softball
- Discuss and evaluate summer outings Carpool and bring all the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older from your club!

## Volunteers Needed for County Fair

\* Set-Up: Sat. August 20<sup>th</sup> \*Take-Down: Sat. September 10<sup>th</sup>

It's fair time again! YOUR help is needed to set up all display buildings and barns at the fairgrounds, for both animals and non-animal exhibits. At your next 4-H or FFA meeting, please discuss our fair workdays and volunteer to help on either day. Help on both days if you can!

Please report to the fairgrounds by 9 am on both workdays (or as soon as you can after 9 am). During the past several years, we've been getting the work done by noon or earlier, but that depends, of course, on how many workers show up. All adults and youth in grades 3 and up are welcome....we will assign jobs appropriate to age and size. When you arrive at the fairgrounds, go to the building or barn where you'd like to help and report to the person in charge. If your chosen building has enough workers, you may be asked to help in another building.

It would be a good idea to pack drinks and snacks for your family. Helpful items to bring along include work gloves, dust masks, shovels, forks and rakes to move bedding in barns. Bring work gloves, a bucket and cleaning rags or sponges, plus paint brushes if working in non-animal buildings.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## Fall Forum & Hall of Fame Celebration

**November 4-6** (registration at 6:00pm on Friday and ending at 10:30am on Sunday) at the Green Lake Conference Center.

Friday night offers 15 interactive sessions while Saturday offers 25+ workshops to choose from. Help celebrate the induction of Hall of Famers Saturday evening.

Network with others and share your ideas. Bring home projects ideas to use in clubs, schools and community settings.

Each county is encouraged to send youth & adults. Register through 4HOnline early in September.

#### Record Book Reminders

September 19 – Tag record books & prelim evaluation September 20 – review Shawano County 4-H Record Books September 29 – evaluate Waupaca County 4-H Record Books

All start at 7:00pm at the courthouse. You'll have a chance to look through record books from another club and/or another county, which can give you ideas to pass on to your club members.

#### Endowment Interest Income Available

The Don & Bernice Schoedel/Shawano County 4-H Endowment Fund Committee reminds Key Committees and 4-H Clubs that each year there is interest income available from the endowment. Contact Joe for more information and a form. Deadline for requests is October 31. Clubs looking for a good cause to donate monies to should also consider donations to our endowment fund.

## Want to Get Anywhere This Year? How to Apply for 4-H Award Trips!

If you have given any thought to attending State 4-H Conference, Citizenship-Washington Focus, Space Camp, American Road Trip, or any other trips, you need to start thinking about filling out a resume and portfolio. Since record book time is just around the corner, why not pick up a resume guide to start working on? Those of you who have already filled one out, you are a step ahead. Now it becomes simply an updating process of your past resume. We



had some quality forms returned in the past, so if you would like to see some for ideas, you can check those out. Just stop in our office for a peek.

ALL resumes and portfolios for ALL trips are **due** to the UW-Extension office by **November 14.** Interviews will be November 28 during the OYG meeting.

#### New Family Corner...

The blue Junior Fair Handbook (included in the envelope with this Clover Line) will be very helpful with most of your Fair questions. Please note that many projects are judged before the fair, on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Also ask for a gold copy of "Fair Tips for First Time Fair Exhibitors" from your club leader or the UWEX office. You can also find this at <a href="http://shawano.uwex.edu/4h/">http://shawano.uwex.edu/4h/</a> and click on 4-H Youth Development and go to the Shawano County Fair information.

Most non-animal departments are judged face-to-face with the judge. Be prepared to answer questions about how you made your item.

Remember to complete your record books and turn them in to your general leader in early September. This is required to receive your fair premium check.

## **Arts and Communication**

## Visual Arts Project Members

Anyone enrolled in Visual Arts and/or all other non-animal projects is invited to come to the Junior Fair Building on **Saturday, August 20** (Fair Set-Up Day) from 9:00am to noon, to assist with cleaning and set-up in the area where the Visual Arts projects will be on display. **Monday, August 22th**, from 1-4pm we will putting the fine tuning on the Visual Art display area so if you can come that day to assist, your assistance would be much appreciated!

## **Natural Resources**

# Fair Shoot Saturday, August 27 Crawford Center at the Fairgrounds

We are going to bring the pot luck meal back for this year. More information to come via email to our shooting sports members.

Shooting sports project members that met the minimum requirements for this year, are invited to participate in the annual Fair Shoot held the same day as the pre-fair judging. All Shooting Sports project members will receive a mailing late in July listing those eligible members. The event will run from 8:30 to 4:30 with no new shooting after 3:30. You can come either before or after your other projects are judged. Eligible members are reminded to sign up for this shoot when filling out your fair entry form. Please read the fair book carefully when deciding on your correct lot number and enter only those lots. Extra entries cause more paperwork and confusion at the fair office and on the day of the shoot. There is a list of "archery class definitions" on page 85 that will help you determine the correct lot. Check with a key committee member if you have any further questions. (Doug Clark 715-851-0156) (Mary Clark 715-851-3545) 0r (Troy Edwards 715-304-6191)

## National Shooting Sports Event

Casey Clark and Sarah Hohn represented Shawano County and Team Wisconsin on the Hunting Skills Team. They have returned from the National Competition which is held at Grand Island, Nebraska. Congratulations to both of them! Wisconsin has sent a team to nationals for the past 9 years. This has turned into an exciting and rewarding experience for participants. When you see them, be sure to ask them about this event.

#### Shooting Sports Graduate Award

The Shooting Sports Key Committee is offering a special award for a Shooting Sports project member who is graduating from 4-H this year. An award of \$100.00 goes to the recipient. Pick up an application form at the UWEX office. **Applications due Oct. 1**.

## **Plant & Soil Sciences**

### Contest for Alfalfa Exhibitors -

Are you planning to exhibit alfalfa haylage at the fair this year? Would you like to win \$50 or \$75 or even \$100? If so, be sure to enter the forage contest at the fair. Just bring your alfalfa haylage sample to the Farmers Building on entry day. When you enter the sample, ask to enter the contest. Then plan to take about 15 minutes for a short quiz. (For a head start on the quiz, review the article on forage production that will be mailed to members enrolled in crops early in August.) Contestants will be ranked on the quality of the alfalfa and their response to the quiz. The contest is again sponsored by the Shawano County Forage Council. For more information contact: Tony Wagner at 920-373-2260.

## Family, Home and Health

## **Entering the Decorated Cake Auction?**

All those planning on entering a cake in the auction must bring their **completed** Cake Decorating Project Record Sheet with them to

the face-to-face judging. It is understood that you will not know your results of judging but the rest must be completed and shown at judging time so that you will be

eligible to sell your cake. You will be able to take this form back home with you after judging. As part of the judging process, you will also be asked to demonstrate one of the tips you used in making your cake. (All supplies will be provided.)

## **Mechanical Science**

#### Lego Robotics Members

If you need practice, you may check out the robotics kits available at the UW-Extension office. These kits require pre and post inventory and may be checked out for up to 1 week. All kits must be returned by August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Animal Sciences**

## Showing Animals at the Fair?

A Premise Registration number will need to be included on your Fair Entry Form. ALL animals except rabbits, dogs and cats are included. Whether your animal(s) are kept at your property, or are housed elsewhere, the owner should have applied for and received a premise number. If you are still in need of receiving a premise number, go to <a href="www.wiid.org">www.wiid.org</a> and click on the link for WLIC Premise Registration.

## Sunday Night Fair Exhibitor Dance

YOU ARE INVITED to the annual Sunday night Fair Exhibitor Dance. It is scheduled 6:00-10pm. Hosted by the OYG again this year, they have requested that each club bring in at least one item or basket for the raffle. Your club is encouraged to simply bring it to the coliseum about 5:00pm. If there are any key committees that would like to donate a raffle item you are more than welcome to do so. These raffle items are sometimes the only reason some of the kids come! As usual, admission will be only \$1 and your family is asked to bring a snack to share. From experience, I can tell you that fresh fruit and veggies are a hit! By Sunday night, fair food has lost some of its appeal! © Last year the snacks were few and gone within minutes of arriving. The group will continue the tradition of giving at least 1/2 of the amount raised to individuals in our 4-H family who are in need. Contact Terri at 715.526.6136 with questions.

## **August Cat Meeting**

There will be an informational and fun cat project meeting on Monday August 15th at 6:30 –



8:30 PM at the Shawano County Courthouse, in room A. At this meeting Diane will be checking your cat project books and you will be making cat toys. Please check your email for further information on the requirements of the cat project and information about showing at the fair. Hope to see you all there! If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Diane Schnell at 715-853-6139.

#### Dairy & Meat Goat Event

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3:00pm at Qualheim's True Value in Shawano, members will be working on making a scrapbook for the Shawano County Fair. All members are to take pictures of their goat project throughout the year to use in the scrapbook. Every member will be making at least one page for the book. Pizza will be provided for lunch. If you have additional questions, please contact Roxanne Allender at 715-526-5245. A **Key Committee Meeting** will be held at the same time.

- \* <u>All members</u> are reminded they need to work either Fair Set-Up on August 20<sup>th</sup> or Fair Clean-Up on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to earn one of the <u>three required</u> <u>credits</u> to show at the 2017 Fair.
- \* There will be "Barn Duty" happening at the County Fair this year. Attend this meeting or contact Jamie or Bobbie Jo for information you need to know.



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## Rabbit & Poultry Exhibitors

The LAST Rabbit and Poultry meeting for members to attend and still be eligible to show at the fair, is going to be held on Aug. 9th at 6:30 pm. The topic will be "Getting Ready for the Fair", with a market meeting to follow. This is the last opportunity to attend your required meetings.

A meeting is required to show at the fair and a market meeting is required to sell in the Small Animal Auction. The August 9th meeting will be held in the poultry/rabbit building at the fairgrounds. Information will be provided on what to expect at the fair, barn duties, what to bring for your project needs, decorating tips and showmanship help, etc.

Also, you must have poultry blood testing and rabbit tattooing done in advance of the fair! Please get that taken care of if you have not already done so. If you need assistance, contact Betty Gast at <a href="mailto:bettygast@yahoo.com">bettygast@yahoo.com</a>

#### Additional Reminders:

- \* All market animal members -turn in a copy of your market expense worksheet on entry day, Thursday Sept 1st.
- \* Barn setup for Poultry and Rabbit shows at the county fair will be on Saturday, August 27nd from 9:00 am until approximately noon. All families exhibiting poultry and/or rabbits are asked to come and help with either this building setup date or building take-down on Labor Day, Monday on Sept. 5 starting at approximately 4:30pm. Your family's contribution to this effort will be greatly appreciated!
- \* All market members must help with Setup and Take Down of the Coliseum on Monday, Sept 5 of the county fair. This is a big job so everyone is asked to contribute.
- \* All interested leaders, members and parents are invited to attend Poultry & Rabbit Key Committee Meetings. Your Key Committee will advise families of the next meeting date, at which you'll plan for County Fair activities.

#### **Livestock Exhibitor Notes:**

#### Reminder for Final Weigh-In

For exhibitors that need to **Weigh-In** their animals during the County Fair..... We ask that all trailers come from the Waukechon Street entrance (by the Crawford Center) and go around to the weigh in location at the livestock barns.

#### Exhibitor Auction Checks

When exhibitor <u>livestock</u> checks are received from the Shawano Area Ag Society, the UWEX office will e-mail 4-H General Leaders and FFA Advisors to come to the UWEX office to pick up checks. They will make arrangements with members to distribute the checks in person. The UWEX office, 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors will NOT mail checks.

## Country Of Origin Labeling (COOL) (Sheep and Meat Goat Exhibitors)

If you have not yet done so, remember that C.O.O.L. affidavits (MUST be turned in to the UWEX office by August 1<sup>st</sup> to show/sell at the County Fair.

## County Fair Hog Exhibitors

On Monday, the last day of the fair, from 4:00 to 4:30pm, there will be a limited amount of people allowed in the hog barn to allow for group penning of hogs going to packing plants. After that is complete, we should be able to start taking down empty pens and getting the sawdust pushed to the center alley of the hog barn for about two-thirds of the building. This will hopefully alleviate the problem of only a few people doing all the necessary clean-up work. We ask for your cooperation on this matter since it has worked very well for us the last several years.

## Dairy Key Committee

The next Dairy Key Committee meeting will be held on Monday evening, August 15, at 8:00 pm in Meeting Room B of the Courthouse in Shawano. A review of State Fair and final preparations for County Fair will be discussed. All interested dairy project leaders, older youth and parents are invited to attend.

#### **Attention Dairy Exhibitors**

Health forms are not required for your dairy animal. BUT you must have your animal's Identification Number on your entry form. Registered animals must use registration number and grade animals must use the metal ear tag number. Incomplete forms will be returned! Registration papers are still required at check in as well as verification of metal ear tag number.

With no health forms required, it becomes even more important that you check your animals before loading for signs of ringworm, warts, pinkeye, nasal discharge, etc. These animals may not be exhibited. If in doubt, leave the animal home. That is why we have alternates. We have had excellent cooperation from everyone in the past – let's keep it that way!

<u>Remember</u>, for the colored breeds, we will show registered and grade animals together.

#### **Dairy Fundraising Auction**

The first 10 items received for the auction will be sold in the Live Auction. Any additional donations are very welcome and will be put into the Silent Auction. We are trying this as a way to be appreciative of our donors and have fun bidding, yet keep within our time frame. Contact Jeff Styczynski with questions and/or donations at 715-853-5554.

## **Attention Dairy Exhibitors**

Due to declining numbers in some of the colored breeds, some breeds may be combined with the "any other" class. There needs to be a minimum of 3 animals in each class. Example: if there are only 1 or 2 Shorthorns in a class, they would show with the any other breed class, three or more Shorthorns, and they would show in their own class. The superintendent will notify you on Friday if your breed has insufficient numbers. Any questions can be directed to Pat Brusky at 715-853-2864.

#### Attention Senior 4-H Dairy Exhibitors

The Dairy Key Committee is offering a \$250 Scholarship to a current 4-H member or 4-H graduate who has <u>completed</u> at least one semester of tech school or college. The scholarship will be awarded according to contributions to a 4-H club &/or program, quality of application, community service, etc. The application is available at the UWEX office. The deadline is August 15. The committee will award the scholarship at the Fair on Sunday, during the Open Class Dairy Show.

**Note:** There are new overhead display boards in the stalls of the center of the barn. Check on or after August 20 for your stall assignments to determine how your club displays can be hung. Ask Pat B or Jeff S for more information.

#### **Congratulations Dairy Teams!**

Shawano County 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Teams had another outstanding year, and it's not over vet! Our Senior Judging Team of Kaila Wussow, Maddie Gwidt, Jen Krull and Colin Wussow won 2nd place out of 10 at the Northeast Area Animal Science Day in Outagamie County on June 28. Their total score was just six points behind 1st place Manitowoc County. They now qualify for the State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest to be held later this summer. Congratulations to our team for this outstanding accomplishment! Special mention to Kaila Wussow, who was the second-highest scoring individual in the Senior Division. Maddie Gwidt was the ninth-highest individual. We also congratulate Emma Gwidt, who participated in an Alternate Judging Contest at Portage and was the highest scoring Senior Individual at that event. Other seniors who participated that day were Mason Jauguet, Jacob Viergutz, Carter Jauguet and Whitney Ferfecki. Our 4-H Junior Dairy Cattle Judging Team had another solid year at Area Animal Science Day, placing 5th out of 13 teams. This group consisted of Hailey Zernicke, Sydney Gwidt, Jacob Harbaugh and Kaylee Ferfecki. Other participants included Evan Jauquet, Abigail Ard, Lydia Gwidt, Cooper Uelmen, Alex Ard, Thea Tauchen and Erin Viergutz. Thanks coaches Heather & Jay Jauguet!