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Organizing and Managing Time



Whoa, one-third of 2018 is over! How can that be? If you think time flew by since January 1, think about how quickly time will pass during the next four months... May, June, July, August....

Summer is certainly a fast-paced time of year. How can you accomplish your goals and have enough time to relax and smell the roses?

Make sure you use a calendar—it doesn't matter if it's a wall calendar, pocket calendar, or online. Take some time out of your busy schedule to write down all of your commitments. Just think how organized your life will be when you know what time and where meetings, appointments, and other events are taking place! Share your calendar with family members so everyone is aware of your schedule. For some families, a Google Calendar is the perfect choice because everyone in the family can share their schedules and immediately see schedule changes.

Take time to write down shopping lists—groceries, household items, animal feed and care products, etc. Place your lists in a central area and invite everyone in your house to add items. That way, even children will take responsibility for remembering what to consider purchasing.

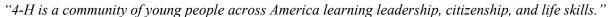
Consolidate trips to save time and energy. Just think how much time (and money) you'll save if you remember everything in a few trips a week rather than forgetting items and going back repeatedly.

Of course, multi-tasking saves time when running the dishwasher, washer, and dryer, and maybe working on one or two other tasks like baking a cake and sweeping the floor. Sometimes making a game out of "racing the clock" or cleaning something before a song finishes can help make mundane tasks a little more enjoyable.

Organizing and managing time is an art and will take time to perfect, but all of your time-saving techniques will help reduce stress and allow more time for you to accomplish your goals, enjoy life, and smell the roses!

-Laura Vander Veen









Next Cloverpatch Submission Deadline

June deadline = May 5
All deadlines are the 5th of the preceding month.
Send articles to <u>cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com</u>.
New issues will be posted by the 4th Friday of the month at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter.

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Remember the Pre-Fair Judging Changes

Please remember to carefully read the fair book to find the check-in time, check-in location, judging time, and type of judging for each of your projects. Many projects that at one time were pre-fair judged are now scheduled during the fair. If you have questions, please contact the club leader for your project or the superintendent listed in the fair book.

Report Contact Information Changes

We know that change happens all the time! If your email address, home address, or phone number changes during the course of the year, please take a moment to update your account in 4HOnline. This will help ensure that you are receiving all communication from the 4-H program.

Rock County 4-H Calendar

Be sure to check the most up-to-date deadlines and activities on the Rock County 4-H calendar, available at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/. If you find an error or have an addition, please contact Tara Hanley at 757-5696 or tara.hanley@co.rock.wi.us.



Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council

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 UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county, and local levels. Three WLC members come from Rock County:

Jasmine Brown member of Renegades 4-H,
Ben Kronberg member of Milton 4-H, and
Lynn Galbraith-Wilson leader of River Valley 4-H.
Congratulations to these dedicated Rock County 4-Hers!

WLC helps to plan annual events like Fall Forum, Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, and the UW-Extension Day and

Governor's Blue Ribbon Product Auction at the Wisconsin State Fair. WLC members also act as ambassadors for Wisconsin 4-H throughout the state. WLC members serve a 1- or 2-year term, and elections for new members take place in the fall. Youth members may be in grades 9-11 at time of election. For more info about WLC, go to fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/.

Youth Conference 2018 Delegates Named

Congratulations to the 2018 Rock County 4-H delegates to Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference!

Carson Burdick, La Prairie 4-H
Baylin Crull, Evansville 4-H
Emilie Curtis, Consolidated 4-H
Quincee Johnson, Evansville 4-H
Julia Kasprzak, Badger 4-H
Jenna Mosley, Newark-Beloit 4-H
Grace Newcomb, Renegades 4-H
Jonathan North Herden, Consolidated 4-H

Youth Conference takes place over four fun-packed days, June 25-28, on the UW-Madison campus. Delegates are Wisconsin 4-H and Extension members in grades 7-10 who look to participate in hands-on learning and service projects, experience life on campus, and meet new friends. The Wisconsin 4-H State Teams (Wisconsin Leadership Council, Art Team, Communications Team, and Drama Company) are all heavily involved in making the conference possible. See fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/ to learn more!

Congratulations to our State Arts Team Members!

Steffi Farrey, Turtle 4-H Club, has been selected for the 4-H Communications Team whose mission is to tell the story of Wisconsin 4-H while learning problem solving, writing, photography, and leadership skills. The Team participates in Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, State Fair, and Fall Forum by writing press releases, creating video clips and slide shows, and supporting 4-H communication efforts.

Lexi Farrey, Turtle 4-H Club, has been selected for the 4-H Drama Company, a group of statewide youth leaders who are actors, assistants to the director, and technicians working together to create a show of acting, song, and dance to be performed at Youth Conference and at State Fair. Each member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem solve issues on the set and in the script.

The Wisconsin 4-H State Arts Teams include Art Team, Drama Company, and Communications Team and are open to 4-H youth in grades 9-13. Explore fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/ to learn all about them! Applications are due at the end of January each year.





Newark-Beloit 4-H News

In March Newark-Beloit 4-H went and played at the volleyball tournament! The junior and senior team both did excellent, with the senior team getting 2nd place! The members really enjoyed the few hours they played volleyball with their fellow club members. In April we decided to go to the movie theater to see a movie. At the April meeting we are having *HeatWave* come in and sing for us and talk about what they do as a chorus group! By Alexis Swanson - Newark Beloit reporter

Badger 4-H News

Badger 4-H has an exciting month planned! We will be having a swim day at the Whitewater Aquatic Center. We will also be cleaning up the area behind Craig High School for Youth Service Day. We will have a cake walk at our meeting. Come and see our drama and music teams at the Music and Drama Festival on May 12. By Lauren Adams, Badger 4-H Reporter



Junior Council Meeting

Plan to attend the **May 21**st Junior Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual due to Memorial Day! Challenge yourself and get involved in what's happening in 4-H on the county level!

Senior Council Meeting

The Senior Council will meet on **Monday, May 21st**, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. The officers of Rock County 4-H Senior Council are here to serve you - the adult leaders and club chairmen! At our May meeting, we will set aside time for any questions on the Rock County 4-H Fair entry process.

Please invite all interested adults from your club to attend these meetings so that we can build a cohesive group of Rock County adult leadership. Every club should be represented at all Senior Council meetings! We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

Club Secretaries and Historians

Club secretaries are to e-mail the minutes of their club meetings to Tara at the UW-Extension Office every month (tara.hanley@co.rock.wi.us). Club Secretary Books and Historian Books need to be submitted to the Extension Office in hard copy format by October 1.



Visual Arts Department

There will be a County Visual Arts meeting on Thursday, **May 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room. This will give a chance for members to ask questions and hear about the great new activities that will be happening this year. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

4-H Music & Drama Festival May 12

Come out and support your 4-H friends at the 2018 4-H Music & Drama Festival on May 12 on the UW-Rock County campus! Rock County 4-H clubs will stage theatrical and musical productions in the Kirk Denmark Theatre for your enjoyment, and *HeatWave* will present their all-new 2018 show while the judges deliberate. Bring your family and friends! Admission is free, and concessions will be available. The day will begin mid-morning with awards presented around 2:00. Look for the schedule at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/4hactivities/.



Rock County 4-H Dog Project's Fun Match

Saturday, May 19th is the date for the Dog project's 3rd annual Fun Match. This show is open to the public (you do not need to be a Dog project member or 4-H member to participate) but will adhere to 4-H judging guidelines. The show will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds. Watch for updates and entry info at <u>rockcounty4hdogproject.com</u>.

If you have ever thought of showing your dog, here's your chance! Or just come and watch. Hope to see you there!

4-H Camp Information!

Rock County 4-H Cabin Camp and Outpost Camp will be held Sunday, August 12 to Wednesday, August 15. Cabin Camp is for campers in 3rd - 6th grades (ALL 6th grade campers will go to Cabin Camp), and each 4-H camper may bring one non 4-H friend! Outpost Camp is for 7th AND 8th grade campers. All grades are as of spring 2018 or as of the time of registration.

An informational flyer and registration form can be found at the end of the April Cloverpatch, available on the UWEX website. Don't delay! **Registrations are due June 8**. After that date, campers will be placed on a waiting list. Questions? Contact Deb at dgegare@gmail.com.



4-H Alums: Raise Your Hand!

The Raise Your Hand campaign has returned this spring and will run until May 15, 2018. By encouraging your 4-H alumni friends to raise their hands, our state could win cash prizes up to \$20K! Go to 4-h.org/raise-your-hand/to sign up. Do it today!

Youth Opportunities at State Fair

If you would like to develop communication and leadership and skills, network with new people, build self-confidence, develop new friendships, and have fun at Wisconsin State Fair, you can apply to help at activity stations or do a demonstration or mini-performance at State Fair this summer. Check out wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/ for info and deadline dates.



International Opportunities in 4-H

The Wisconsin 4-H International Programs emphasize the 4-H values of belonging and understanding through international exchange. Help the youth in your

community build bridges and connect with others from around the world! Host a youth ages 12-18 for the summer or an academic year. Applications are due June 1 but can still be submitted until all students are placed. Please see wi4hinternational.org/ for information and forms. Homestay Abroad, the program for U.S. 4-H members to travel to another county, has a fall application deadline.



REMEMBER: Check the Fair Facts section on page 9 for important reminders about fair-related items including entry information!

Market Steers, Barrows, & Lambs ID

The deadline to turn in RFID tags and DNA samples is **May 4** to the Fair Office. See the April Cloverpatch for complete information.

Area Animal Science Days

The deadline for Area Animal Science Days is **June 1** to the county where you will participate. Dates are June 14 (Kewaunee County), June 22 (Clark County), and June 29 (Lafayette County). Registration materials are available online at fvj.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animalscience-days. Please look for additional information on the UWEX website and on Facebook.

Premise ID

You will need a Premise ID if you wish to exhibit livestock at the fair. If you do not have one, go to www.wiid.org and register.

2018 Wisconsin State Fair

Youth ages 12 to 19 years of age are encouraged to exhibit the following species in the junior livestock competition at State Fair: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. Please see wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock for details and deadlines. Entries and Youth Center reservations are due June 6 for both mailed and online entries.

Be aware that completion of the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) training will be required by **June 6** for all youth who exhibit in any animal project at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows. Please see the below article and http://yqca.org/ for info about YQCA and enrolling in the \$12.00 online training.

For State Fair updates, sign up for "eblasts" at <u>wistatefair.com/competitions/email-updates</u> and join the Wisconsin State Fair Exhibitor Facebook page. Questions about Wisconsin State Fair should be directed to <u>entryoffice@wistatefair.com</u> or call 414-266-7000.

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Training

YQCA training is required by the Rock County 4-H Fair for only Swine project members. To attend the face-to-face YQCA training on Tuesday, June 12 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., at the Jury Assembly Room on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse, register online at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login and pay the \$3.00 registration fee prior to face-to-face training. Exhibitors also have the option of completing a 60-minute online YQCA training. Register online at the link above and pay the \$12.00 registration fee.

Just a reminder that Wisconsin State Fair Junior Exhibitors in Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects need to complete the YQCA training before the entry deadline of June 6.

Showing & Grooming Demonstrations May 12 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Groups and individuals showing Goats, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Swine are invited to the Nasco Retail Store in Fort Atkinson for demonstrations that will include discussion about animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment, and showmanship. Questions may be freely asked during the demonstrations. There is no cost to attend, a free lunch will be provided, and each attendee will receive a Nasco discount coupon. Registration is requested by May 7, but you can also register the day of the event. Call 920-568-5600 to register or see https://tinyurl.com/y8fcn2qd for more info.





June Dairy Month Activities



June Dairy Month Window Display Contest

In honor of the Wisconsin dairy industry, the Rock County Dairy Promotion Council is extending an invitation to local 4-H clubs to participate in a "June Dairy Month Window Display Contest." Wisconsin boasts a rich heritage of more than 150 years of dairy quality and craftsmanship handed down from generation to generation.

To participate in the contest, simply find a window at a local business and obtain the owner's permission to decorate it. Then, use your creativity to promote Wisconsin's dairy products and alert the public to the importance of the dairy industry using the new theme this year:

DISCO DAIRY!

Windows can be decorated any time but must be in place by **Friday, June 1**. Windows will be judged and must remain in place until June 30. They will be judged on neatness, originality, creative design, message conveyed, and overall effectiveness. Remember that you must follow the new theme!

Please note: All displays must be on an outside window to be seen from the outside sidewalk or street. The 4-H club selected as the top winner will receive a cash award of \$100, second place is \$75, and third \$50. All 4-H clubs that participate will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Country Quality Dairy for dairy products for their club meeting. Winners will be announced in the Cloverpatch, and checks will be mailed to "window contact persons".

To participate, call OR email Lyn Wellnitz (608-884-9377, lynettewellnitz@hotmail.com) by **Friday, June 1**, with:

- 1) name of club;
- 2) name and phone # of contact person;
- location of window display (business name and address);
- 4) directions on how to get there.

Rock County Dairy Breakfast

The Rock County Dairy Breakfast will be held June 9 at the Dennis and Barbara Kersten Farm, 4522 W. Mineral Point Rd., Janesville, from 6:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tickets are only \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast also includes yogurt, cheese sticks, ham patties, applesauce, milk or coffee, and ice cream. Your fun-filled day on the farm will include crafters, small animal display, tractor wagon rides, kids games, live music, farm tour, Crafty Cow Contest, and much more. For more info, check out the Rock County Dairy Promotion Council Facebook page or go to www.dairydaysofsummer.com/.

Rock County Dairy Breakfast Looking for Volunteers

The Dairy Breakfast needs your help! Any 4-H members or parents who would like to help in the dining room should contact Nicole Speich at speich.hobbyhillholsteins@gmail.com or 289-0411 OR Phyllis Broege at 289-6113. Shifts on June 9th are 6:00 to 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., or any time available is appreciated! THANK YOU for your continued support of the Rock County Dairy Breakfast.

<u>Crafty Cow Contest</u> at the Rock County Dairy Breakfast again!

Calling all artists young and old, acclaimed to amateur: Be a part of our "herd"! There are 25 cow cut-outs waiting to be painted, costumed, or whimsically transformed for our Annual Crafty Cow Contest! Contact Sandy Larson at sandy@arsonacres.com or 608-290-5545 to get yours today! Cows are available for a small fee of \$25 to individuals and clubs and \$50 to businesses.

This "moovelous" opportunity is being brought to you by the Rock County Dairy Promotion Council. All you need to do is pick up your plywood cow cut-out and return it all decorated to the Rock County Dairy Breakfast host farm on Thursday, June 7.

The "herd" will be "grazing" during the June 9th breakfast and votes placed for their favorite cow by those attending. Prizes will be awarded. Your cow may then be displayed during the month of June at a location you desire.

<u>Dairy Day Cattle Show</u> <u>Saturday, June 16</u> <u>Green County Fairgrounds, Monroe</u>

This year the Dairy Day Cattle Show is open to all youth (not only those in Green County) who are 3rd grade to 20 years of age in 4-H, FFA, or other organizations. For complete info, please see https://green.uwex.edu/files/2018/03/Dairy-Day-Cattle-Show-Letter-2018.pdf. Deadline to enter is **June 1**.



4-H Dairy Judging

This is a great way to fine-tune your judging skills and meet Dairy project members from throughout the county. You do NOT need to be in the Dairy project to participate! Our first practice will be Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Hass Acres, 1807 N. Hwy 213, Evansville. The rest of the practice schedule will be emailed out to interested participants, but we usually meet on Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons from May to mid-June. Practices will be held at farms throughout the county. If you are interested in being part of a team, contact Kristin Paul at kpaul@usjersey.com.



4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest

Four Rock County 4-H junior members participated on the "skill only" level of the 2018 Livestock Bowl held at UW-Madison on March 3: MacKenna Slater, Carli Slater, Kaela George, and Jillian Hoesly, all of Evansville 4-H. The Livestock Bowl is an educational contest that encourages both project members and non-project members to develop a more complete knowledge of livestock and helps develop self-confidence. To learn more about the contest, visit fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/.

Horse & Pony Project Committee

The Horse & Pony Project Committee meets the first Thursday



of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. The next meetings are Thursday, May 3 and Thursday, June 7. All Horse & Pony and Horseless Horse project leaders and parents are invited to attend all Horse & Pony Project Committee meetings. We need your input and assistance to provide learning

opportunities for our youth!

Dressage and Jumping Clinics May 5 and 6

Whether you're brand new to dressage and jumping or have experience with either, come learn about both disciplines! These clinics are free to 4-H youth, and you are welcome to come without your horse or pony to audit as well. The Dressage Clinic will be held Sat., May 5 at 1:00 p.m. and the Jumping Clinic will be held Sun., May 6 at 1:00 p.m. Both will be held at Shotliff's Arena, 9402 N. Berg Road, Evansville. Questions? Contact Autumn Quinn at 608-290-3387.

Trail & Western Clinic

Saturday, May 12, members can bring their horse or pony to Gibson Training Center, N6920 Cty. E, Albany, for a hands-on trail clinic! There will be instruction in Trail class starting at 9:00 a.m. Trail can be ridden in both English or Western disciplines. Contact Sheila Martin if you have questions.

Fair Entries and Pony Measurement

If you have any questions about fair entries, due online by June 1st, please contact one of your leaders or the steering committee members. If you are uncertain if your animal is considered a pony or horse, and your animal has not been measured by one of our superintendents, then you need your animal measured ASAP. Please contact Jenna Elliott at 608-751-3065. Do not wait until the last minute to have this done. You must have your animal signed up for the correct classes in order to be able to show at the fair show.

Rock County Sheep Producers Events

The annual RCSP Lamb Brat and Lamb Burger Stand fundraiser will be May 4 and 5 at Country Pride Meats in Clinton. Please turn to page 11 for a poster with details.

The RCSP will host a fitting/showing clinic at the Rock Co. 4-H Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration will begin at 12:45 with the business meeting at 1:00. The educational program will follow with the Taylor family from Arlington as the speakers. Todd Taylor is a UW Shepherd, and his sons Hayden and Justin are accomplished fitters and showmen. Topics to be covered as stations so participants can move around are:

- Selection/Feeding of Market Lambs for fair
- Showing/fitting market lambs
- Showing/trimming breeding sheep
- Preparation of fleeces for new fair class for exhibition.

A snack and refreshments will be provided. We will wrap up by 3 p.m. sharp for anyone attending the 4-H/FFA Royalty Ceremony. Please contact Brandon Knutson at 608-732-4955 or diamondk.clublambs@yahoo.com or Tim Miller at 608-289-1686 or tailwindfarm@gmail.com with questions.

Poultry Project Meetings

Poultry project meeting – Monday, May 7, at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Courthouse.



Saturday, July 14 at 8:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Ray Reilly at 884-3013.

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Dog Project Reminders

Practices continue to take place every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Craig Center. Remember, project members, you must attend at least nine of these meetings in order to show at the fair show on June 30th.

Cat Project Fair Show

Set up for the Fair Cat Show is Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. We will be setting up tables, chairs, and cages, so the more help the better.

The Fair Cat Show is Saturday, May 5 in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. Check in is from $8:00\ a.m.-9:30\ a.m.$ with the show starting at $9:45\ a.m.$

Any questions or concerns, please contact:

Angie at amscvt20@yahoo.com or 931-7143, or

Ariel at arielstefanczyk@gmail.com or 774-5075.





Rabbit Fun Day

Saturday, June 23

Mark your calendars, bring your rabbits, and join us for a fun-filled **ROCK COUNTY RABBIT FUN DAY** on **Saturday, June 23** at the Craig Center on the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds. THIS SHOW IS OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS and FFA MEMBERS INTERESTED IN RABBITS.

Come learn about rabbits and HAVE FUN!!

Agenda for Rabbit Fun Day:

DOORS WILL BE OPEN BY 7 a.m.

<u>7:30 - 8:00 a.m.</u>: Entries for show and contests taken at registration table.

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.: Classes will be provided on grooming, parts of the rabbit, tattooing, showmanship, general care of your rabbit, understanding your rabbit pedigree, and selecting a quality show rabbit.

10:00 a.m.: Rabbit Fun Show, Showmanship Contest, and Breed Identification Contest start.

Rabbit Fun Show Details:

The cost to enter the rabbit show is \$2.50 per rabbit. At the time of entry, each exhibitor will complete a show entry form and remark cards. Assistance will be provided to exhibitors in this process. The breeds of rabbits eligible to be shown are those breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. This is a non-cooped show. Exhibitors must furnish their own carrier/cage, and each cage/carrier must have a solid leak-proof bottom. All animals must be permanently earmarked in the left ear. Awards will be given out for Best in Show, Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and class placing from first to third; and participation ribbons.

Showmanship and Breed Identification Contest Details: *These contests are free.* Awards will be given out to the winners.

A food counter will be available throughout the day. All proceeds will be used to fund future Rabbit Fun Day events. We will be having a raffle at the show, so we encourage all exhibitors and interested persons to donate items for the raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help cover the costs of hosting this FUN DAY and to fund future RABBIT FUN DAYS AND CLASSES.

For further info, please contact Lynn Galbraith-Wilson at 608-758-0866.

Two Upcoming Rabbit Project Meetings

For Rabbit project members who missed the January meeting and for new members:

Wednesday, May 16 @6:30 p.m. in the Craig Center

At this meeting we will be going over changes in the fair book and talk about possible fundraising for the Rabbit project. An alumni or senior Rabbit project member will go through a showmanship presentation along with having a judge asking questions. This meeting will help new members know what to expect at the fair.

Thursday, June 21 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Stock pavilion

This meeting is to go over last minute info before the fair. Any rabbits that need to be tattooed can be brought to this meeting. Please try to have all rabbits tattooed before the fair.

For information, contact Robin Heath at 608-289-2720.



Cloverbud Day Camp

All Cloverbuds are invited to attend Cloverbud Day Camp on June 20 at Camp Rotamer! Cloverbuds are invited to bring one non-4-H friend with them to camp. Camp will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.

Each camper will need to bring his/her own sack lunch.

A mid-morning snack will be provided.

Watch for registration details in the June Cloverpatch and on the Rock County 4-H Facebook page!

Hope to see you there!

Cloverbud Farm Tour

Hey, Cloverbuds! The annual farm tour has moved to June in honor of June Dairy Month! Brooke Trustem, a former member and current leader in the Dairy project, is planning a tour of her family dairy farm!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 23, 10:00 to noon, to visit Larson Acres at 18218 W. St. Rd 59, Evansville.

Come and see tractors, big cows, and baby calves, and find out what cows eat, where they sleep, and how they are milked in a "real milking parlor"!

Please send the registration form on page 11 to Brooke by June 20. If you have any questions, call her at 608-490-0429.





Important Update: Fair Book Correction

There is an error in the Fair Premium Book where two lot number 40's are listed. The online premium book has been updated with the needed corrections. Please visit this link www.rockcounty4hfair.com/p/exhibitors/272 when finalizing your project selections, and let your project leaders know if you have any questions!

Practice Rocket Launch and Painting Workshop

A practice launch will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 8:00 a.m. at Thresherman's Park, north of Janesville on Highway 51 and Cox Road. **Bring your show rockets!** Launch safety and use of launch equipment will be highlighted. In addition, there will be a painting workshop for rockets AND models! All Mechanical Science members, parents, and leaders are encouraged to attend. Please use the entrance on Cox Road.

4-H Fair Mountain Bike Ride and Hill Climb

These events will be held on Saturday, June 2 at Rockport Park in Janesville. Registration and practice is at 8:00 a.m., and the events begin at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine.

Bring your ANSA or Snell approved helmet

(required) and be prepared for off-road riding! See page 55 of the Fair Premium Book for more info.

Upcoming Mechanical Science Events

Watch next month's Cloverpatch for information on the 4-H Fair Bicycle Rodeo and Time Trials (June 19) as well as the 4-H Fair Aircraft Fly (June 23). You can access the Mechanical Science calendars on the Rock County 4-H website at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/4-h-projects/mechanical-sciences/.

Spot Landing Rockets and Gliders

This year's Spot Landing Rocket is the Alpha! One rocket and three A8-3 engines cost \$10.00 and will be available at the Fair Secretary's Office on the fairgrounds. The 4-H gliders for the Aircraft Spot Landing Contest are also available there for \$1.00 each.

Don't wait...get your rockets and gliders right away!

Environmental Education

Upham Woods "Woods Writings"

Keep up on the latest news from Upham Woods! Follow this link to the latest edition of the "Woods Writings" newsletter! fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/woods-writings-newsletters/

Attention Shooting Sports Gun Participants

All those participating in the 4-H Fair Shooting Sports Gun Competition are required to attend ONE safety class regardless of hunter safety status. If you have taken the class in previous years, you do NOT have to take it again. Classes, which will take about 30 minutes, will be offered at the Courthouse at **7:30 p.m.** on:

Tuesday, May 22 Thursday, May 24 Wednesday, May 30 Friday, June 1

All classes will be held in ETN-B room. Please use the front entrance of the Courthouse. ETN-B is located on the second floor, down the hallway into the stairwell.

Remember, if you have taken the class in a previous year, there is no need to take it again. However, everyone who is new to the project MUST attend ONE class in order to participate in the June 16th 4-H Fair event.

This year's 4-H Fair Shooting Sports Gun Competition will be Saturday, June 16. If you are interested in helping the day of the shoot or becoming a Shooting Sports leader, please contact the superintendent listed on page 46 of the Fair Premium Book. Please join our Rock County 4-H Gun Facebook page to get updates on practice opportunities.

Archery Project Updates

Fair competition is Saturday, June 9th, 2018. Times are according to your Lot number. Please refer to the fair book or feel free to call Carrie at 608-743-4327 for help or clarification.

There are still some bows available to use for this project. We have been meeting every other Tuesday and beginning in May will switch to every Tuesday at Hunt-N-Gear at 4336 Milton Ave. Suite 140, Janesville. Check out the Rock County Archery Facebook page for all the happenings!

4-H Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots

There are a number of competitive shoots open to Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports members across the state! Check them out at fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/events.





Royalty Candidates Information

May 20, 2018 – The Rock County 4-H Fair Royalty Coronation Ceremony will be at 4:00 p.m. in Craig Center at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Online Fair Entries

All fair entries need to be entered through the online entry link on the fair website (www.rockcounty4hfair.com). Click on the Exhibitor tab and then click Online Entry. The online entry site opened on April 4th and will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2018. All pen and stall fees, the recycle fee, and Beef bedding fee needs to be paid online at the time you confirm/checkout your entries. These fees are automatically added to your check-out screen when you select lot numbers that require a fee. Remember: All pre-fair judged events must be entered online as well. Account information created in 2017 has all been removed so you need to create a new account for fair entries for 2018.

Please contact the Fair Office, 755-1470, with any questions regarding fair online entries and/or the Fair Premium Book.

PROJECT FORMS

If you are participating in the Fur & Feather Sale, you will need to go to the fair website (www.rockcounty4hfair.com) and download the sale forms. The forms and the fee must be turned in to the Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2018. Several other forms and recipes are also available under the Project Forms tab on the website.

Meat Animal Sale

Meat Animal Sale exhibitors can sell 3 animals in the sale. Exhibitors will still be limited to exhibit only 2 animals per species (i.e. 2 Barrows, 2 Steers, 2 Lambs) but can sell 3 of the animals they have entered.

All exhibitors exhibiting in an animal project...

If you are planning on participating in Showmanship for the animal project you are entered in you need to be sure to include your showmanship entry on your entry form.

If you do not enter it through the Rock County 4-H Fair online entries, you will not be able to participate in Showmanship.

Photo Boards

Photo boards for the 2018 Photography project will on sale at the Fair Office. The cost of the boards will be \$5.00 each. Photo boards will be available to purchase at the Fair Office starting in May.

Attention Department Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents

Once again we would like to remind all Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents that a \$7.00 discount season pass will be available to those who help in a department at the fair. You may purchase your pass at the Fair Office starting May 30.

Time to Start Planning your Container Garden

The Rock County 4-H Fair Board will once again sponsor a Container Garden Contest. Start planning your club's container garden for the 2018 fair. Each club that participates will receive a donation of \$20.00 from the Fair Board. Please watch for more information in the June Cloverpatch.

Summer Job

The Rock County 4-H Fair Board would like to hire 3-5 individuals for the summer grounds crew on the fairgrounds. Applications are available on the Rock County 4-H Fair website at www.rockcounty4hfair.com, click on the Connect tab, or contact the Fair Office at 755-1470.

Thank You

Thank you, Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni Association

We would like to thank the Alumni Association for their generous donation to the Rock County 4-H Fair. We appreciate your support of the Rock County 4-H Fair and the youth of Rock County.



Tractor and Machinery Safety Course

The Tractor and Machinery Safety Course alternates year to year between Dane and Rock counties. This year, the course will be 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., June 19-22 at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds. Youth must attend all

24 hours of class to be legally eligible for the tractor safety certificate at the conclusion of the course. Registration details will be posted on the UWEX website beginning May 1. If you would like registration materials sent to you, email Tara Hanley at tara.hanley@co.rock.wi.us. For questions about the tractor safety course, contact Nick Baker at nick.baker@ces.uwex.edu. There is a maximum class capacity of 24 students on a first-come-first-serve basis.





Rock County Dairy Project Photography Contest



Rules and Guidelines for the Contest

- 1. You may enter up to three photos, with no entry fee.
- The prizes will go to different people so no one person wins all of the prizes for that age division.
- The photos must be taken of domesticated bovine only!
- Photos should be 5" x 7", with cropping allowed to a 4" x 6".
- All photos will be judged on quality, storytelling ability, and composition. The dairy animal should be the main subject.
- All entries must have your name, address, phone number, and grade just completed. This information must be attached to the back of the photo. Please include club name, too!
- Entries may be handed in by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24. 2018, in the Dairy Trailer. Photos will be judged on the 25th.
- Entries may also be mailed before July 23rd to the address below.

Lynette Wellnitz 7517 West County Road M Edgerton, WI 53534

Home Phone: 608-884-9377

Do you enjoy snapping photos of your bovine beauties? If so, here is your chance to display your photography skills and those beauties. If you are a 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled in the Rock County Dairy Project, you may enter up to three photos of domesticated bovines, with no entry fee!





Grade Divisions: Beginner - Grades 3rd - 6th Iunior – Grades 7th – 9th Senior - Grades 10th and up



10th Annual **Rock County**

Poultry Project Photography Contest



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Do you enjoy snapping shots of your fowl friends? If so, here is your chance to display your photography skills and your poultry friends. If you are a 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled in the Rock County Poultry Project, you may enter the maximum of six domesticated poultry photos, with no entry fee!

Rules and Guidelines for the Contest

- You may enter a maximum of six photos, with no entry fee.
- The prizes will go to different people so no one person wins all of the prizes for that age division. 2.
- 3. The photos must be taken of domesticated show poultry only!
- 4. All photos submitted must be 8" x 10" and unframed/unmatted.
- 5. All photos will be judged on quality, clarity and composition. The birds should be the main subject.
- 6. All entries must have your name, address, phone number, and grade just completed attached to the back of the photo.
- 7. Entries may be handed in during poultry check in on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, from 6 a.m. to noon. Look for the signs!
- Photo pick jup will be Sunday, July 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Prizes may include:

- Chicken feed
- Incubators
- Feeders
- Watering cans
- And more!

Grade Division

Beginner - Grades 3rd - 6th Junior – Grades 7th – 9th Senior - Grades 10th and up

Contact Information

Adult chairmen:

Dee Lipke-Marshall 608-931-3974 Tricia Stilen: 608-728-4581

Youth Chairmen:

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Extension	MAY 2018 CALENDAR If you need more info about these events, visit fvi.uwex.edu/4hrock and click on "4-H Calendar".			
1	Tractor and Machinery Safety Course details to be posted to UWEX website 4-H Dairy Judging first practice, Hass Acres, Evansville – 7:30 p.m.			
3	4-H Dog project training; continues every Thursday, Craig Center – 6:30 p.m. Horse & Pony project committee meeting, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.			
4	DEADLINE: Market steer, barrow, and lamb ID forms and samples due to Fair Office, Fairgrounds 4-H Fair Cat Show set up, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 6:00 p.m.			
4, 5	Rock Co. Sheep Producers lamb brat & burger stand fundraiser, Country Pride Meats, Clinton – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.			
5	DEADLINE: June Cloverpatch submissions due to <u>cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com</u> 4-H Fair Cat Show, Craig Center, Fairgrounds Horse & Pony Dressage Clinic, Shotliff's Arena, Evansville—1:00 p.m.			
6	Horse & Pony Jumping Clinic, Shotliff's Arena, Evansville—1:00 p.m.			
7	Poultry project meeting, Courthouse Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.			
10	County Visual Arts meeting, Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.			
12	4-H Music & Drama Festival, UW-Rock County Campus, Janesville Nasco Showing & Grooming Demonstrations, Fort Atkinson – 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Horse & Pony Trail & Western Clinic, Gibson Training Center, Albany – 9:00 a.m.			
14	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse – 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Executive Board meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.			
15	DEADLINE: Raise Your Hand! campaign votes due to 4-h.org/raise-your-hand/ 4-H camp staff team training session, Courthouse – 6:30 p.m.			
16	Rabbit project meeting, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 6:30 p.m.			
19	Practice rocket launch and painting workshop, Thresherman's Park – 8:00 a.m. 3 rd Annual Fun Match fundraiser for Rock County 4-H Dog Project, Craig Center, Fairgrounds Cloverbud Field Trip to Olbrich Gardens in Madison and McKee Farm Park in Fitchburg – 9:00 a.m.			
20	Rock County Sheep Producers fitting/showing clinic, Fairgrounds – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Rock County 4-H Fair Royalty Coronation Ceremony, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 4:00 p.m.			
21	Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.			
22	Safety class for Gun project members, ETN-B room, Courthouse – 7:30 p.m.			
24	Safety class for Gun project members, ETN-B room, Courthouse – 7:30 p.m.			
25	June Cloverpatch available at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter			
28	UWEX Office closed – Holiday			
30	Safety class for Gun project members, ETN-B room, Courthouse – 7:30 p.m.			



FRI. & SAT., MAY 4 & 5, 2018 = 11am-2pm **COUNTRY PRIDE MEATS**

109 Church St. (Hwy. 140), Clinton, WI **GET A GREAT MEAL FOR ONLY \$5!**

Meal Includes: Lamb Brat or Lamb Burger, Chips, Cookie, Milk, Soda or Bottled Water

Funds Help Support: Rock County Youth Sheep Scholarship, 4-H/FFA Sheep Judge Fee, Meat Animal Sale, and Youth Educational Programs



Questions:

Beth Miller: (608) 289-1686 (chair) Jeoff Stevens: (608) 751-2539 (past chair)
Brandon Knutson: (608) 732-4955
Tim Miller: (608) 289-1686
Email Aaron Bennet: DairyMusic5@gmail.com

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Cloverbud Farm Tour				
The	family will attend			
the Larson's Farm Tour on June 23. The following				
children & ages will be	present with parent(s):			
Our contact information	on is:			
Address:				
City:				
Phone:				
4-H Club:				
Mail by June 20 to:	Cloverbud Farm Tour, Attn: Brooke Trustem 18218 W. State Rd. 59,			

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