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Dear 4-H Member,
Wow! You've worked hard this year attending meetings as well as learning and practicing skills for your 4-H projects. Perhaps you're putting the finishing touches on a woodworking project or spending countless hours caring for and training your pigs, and keeping their pens clean and "fly free".

In a few weeks, most members will exhibit their entries at the Rock County 4-H Fair. Although exhibitors hope that they'll earn blue ribbons and grand champion status for their entries, the reality is that not every member will have that experience this year. At times it's difficult to understand why your entry didn't place higher. However, whether you place first or last in a class, remember good manners matter. Remember to thank the judge, congratulate the grand champion exhibitor, and if you're exhibiting the grand champion entry, be humble. During any competition, the most important thing for you to exhibit is good sportsmanship!

Sincerely,
Laura Vander Veen
4-H Program Coordinator

Dear 4-H Animal Project Exhibitor,
Sometimes the excitement of exhibiting at the Rock County 4-H Fair is overwhelming! Once you and your animal(s) are safely at the fair, it's time to enjoy spending time with friends, working shifts, eating great-tasting "fair food" and riding rides!

It's also a time to show others that you're responsible. Take pride in properly feeding, watering, and grooming your animals. Clean your animals' pens/habitats/spaces daily, and keep them clean during the entire time the fair is in session. Help other members, especially younger members, with chores. Keep all aisles, walkways, and areas where animals may be (or may have been) free of animal waste. Choose to be "on time" for feeding time, work shifts, etc. Make sure you wash your hands with soap and water before eating and never eat or drink in barns. Answer fairgoers' questions, and if you don't know the answer, find a 4-H leader or trusted adult to answer the questions. Thank those individuals who help you, and at times, a written thank you note is essential. Remember to be kind and patient (even when you haven't had enough sleep and it's really hot)!

I look forward to meeting you, your animals, your families, your 4-H leaders, and your friends at the Rock County 4-H Fair!

See you soon,
Laura Vander Veen
4-H Program Coordinator

"4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills."



**Next Deadline for
Cloverpatch Submissions**

September deadline = August 5
Please send articles to
cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com.

New issues will be posted by the fourth Friday of the month at
fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter.

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Club Happenings

River Valley 4-H News

In April, River Valley celebrated Youth Service Day by volunteering at Janesville Community Day Care Center. Members did spring yard cleaning, painted, and moved gravel at the center. At our monthly meeting the following members were crowned to the River Valley 4-H Royalty: Princess Jacinda Koehn; Lord Liam MacPherson; and Cloverbud Court Charlyze Allen, Evelyn Ray, Ben Schaaf, Rowan MacPherson, Hannah Spiegelhoff; Madyson Miller, Zoey Miller and David Villarello.

In May, our club honored our Cloverbuds by naming May "Cloverbud Appreciation Month." Cloverbuds assisted in running the club meeting and our activity, "Cupcake Wars." Members decorated their cupcakes, and prizes were given out by the judges for their favorite cupcakes. Congratulations to our winners: Anastasia Schaaf, David Villarello, and Liam MacPherson. Later this month the Cloverbuds will volunteer at their own community service project at Rotary Gardens.

Submitted by Ben Janke

Newark-Beloit 4-H News

In the past month, Newark-Beloit 4-H has a new princess and prince for this 4-H year. The princess is Alexis Swanson, and the prince is Thomas Peters. The princess and prince will also attend the Dairy Breakfast.

Our club members have decorated a window this year for June Dairy Month at Ace Hardware in Beloit. Newark-Beloit is also giving back to the community by having a roadside cleanup.

We have also joined with La Prairie 4-H for this year's softball games. The members who have joined have had an excellent time and have really improved from when they first started.

Alexis Swanson, Newark-Beloit 4-H reporter

Did You Know?



Welcome Back, Kendra!

Hi! My name is Kendra Holte, and I am a second-year seasonal employee for the UW-Extension Office. I'm currently a senior at Ripon College, where I am a member of the volleyball team and an Exercise Science major.

Here is a little background about myself. I was a Clinton 4-H and FFA member and am currently an assistant superintendent for the Rabbit project. During my years in 4-H, I served on my club's executive board, was a 2016 Rock County Royalty Court member, a junior project leader, and a member of the Ambassador Team. In my 14 years of being an exhibitor, I was fortunate enough to participate in various projects including Rabbits, Poultry, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Beef, Photography, Home Environment, Youth Leadership, Visual Arts, Knitting, Foods, Shooting Sports, and Archery.

I am excited to be spending another summer in the Extension Office. Also, I look forward to meeting more members, leaders, and volunteers while learning about their 4-H experiences.

Rock County 4-H Calendar

Remember to check the Rock County 4-H calendar at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ for the most up-to-date deadlines and activities.

Club Secretaries and Historians

Club secretaries are to provide a copy of the minutes of their club meetings to the Extension Office every month. Email Tara at tara.hanley@co.rock.wi.us or bring or mail them to the UWEX office. Club Secretary Books and Historian Books are to be submitted to the UWEX Office in hard copy format by Monday, October 1.



Club Reporters and Photographers

WANTED: Club and county photos for the 2018 Junior Council Historian slide show. If you have any photos of your club doing activities or other projects from this year, please submit them to

Sara Kronberg at becky.kronberg@gmail.com so she can create a slide for your club.



Leadership

Junior Council Meeting

The next 4-H Junior Council meeting will be Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. There will NOT be a Junior Council meeting in July. The August agenda will include 2018-2019 officer elections and going over the annual budget. 4-H members in grades 7 and older are welcome to attend Junior Council meetings. Plan to attend August 27 to vote and get to know other 4-Hers around the county. We **MUST** have representation from your club for voting, so please send a junior voter.

Seeking Junior Council Officer Candidates Election Process for 2018-2019



Have you enjoyed your job as a club officer?
Do you like working with youth and adults?
Would you like to help shape the future direction of the Rock County 4-H program?
If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider running for a Junior Council office!

Each candidate for all offices must have been a Junior Council member for at least one year and must complete an officer application form that designates which office or offices you are interested in. Nominations will only be taken from the floor IF there is no one running in that position during the August Junior Council Meeting.

Officer applications are due to the UWEX office by Monday, **August 20**. Officer application forms will be available at the UWEX Office and online at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ under the Forms & Applications tab. Elections and installation of officers will be during the August 27th Junior Council meeting.

The following positions are available:

- President-Elect (2-year term)
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parliamentarian
- Historian
- 4-H Ambassador Liaisons (2 positions available)
- Fair Board Representatives (2 positions available)

Senior Council Meeting

The next Senior Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. There will be no meeting in July. The agenda for the August meeting will include the 2018-19 budget proposal and the election of officers for 2018-19. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact the UWEX Office. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the August 27th meeting. Please be sure your club is represented at this meeting!

Senior Council Exec Board Candidates Needed

Are you interested in helping to determine the direction of the Rock County 4-H program? Sign up as a candidate for a Senior Council Executive Board position for 2018-19! Just call the UWEX Office at 757-5696. Position descriptions are available on the Rock County 4-H website at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/club-leaders/4-h-senior-leaders-council-and-exec-board/ for the positions up for election in August: President, Treasurer, and Fair Board Representative. Don't miss this opportunity to play a key role in the Rock County 4-H program!

Special Projects & Activities

Cloverbud Fair Judges Needed

Youth 8th grade and up can apply to be a Cloverbud judge at the fair on Tuesday, July 24. (Grades are determined by 4-H grade or the 2017-18 calendar year.) Younger youth who are interested can serve as an assistant. Please check the 4-H website for an application form. Applications are due **Friday, June 29**.

Mark your calendars for the required orientation/scheduling session for ALL judges and assistants, new and seasoned, at the Courthouse on Thursday, July 5 at 6:00 to 6:50 p.m.

Attention, 4-H Campers!

In August, all campers will receive an informational letter and various forms for 4-H Camp. The letter will explain transportation details and include a list of what to pack and what not to pack. Outpost campers will receive a separate letter explaining their camping experience in more detail. Watch for those letters in August!

Scavenger Hunt at the Fair

The Fair Activity Planning Committee would like to invite you and all fair attendees to a Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, July 28 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Sale Arena. Cash prizes will be awarded!



Communication & Cultural Arts

If you are in the Photography project, see the Fair Facts section for info about photo boards.

Congratulations, Lexi!

Congratulations to Lexi Farrey, Turtle 4-H Club, on the selection of her 2017 Rock County 4-H Fair Visual Arts Entry that will be exhibited at the Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison. "Arthur the Rooster" is a welded life-size rooster, made of forks and scrap metal that is designed to be an outdoor yard ornament.

Drawing & Painting Project

Volunteers Needed



Judging for Drawing & Painting is Wednesday, July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Projects will be judged (face to face) and displayed in the Blackhawk Building. Be sure paint is dry and projects are ready to be displayed with appropriate hangers. Check your fair book for more information.

Volunteers are needed to help out on judging day. Adults and older youth are needed for checking in projects. Younger members may help hand out ribbons, and anyone can help with hanging up and displaying projects. If you have a couple of hours that you can give, please contact Sondra Austin through Facebook or leave a message at 751-3858. Make sure you leave your name, phone number, address, and when you can help. Thank you!

HeatWave Would Love to See YOU!

HeatWave is excited to share a fun-filled performance season with you! Our show, "The American Tour", brings you many favorites from around the country! There is something for everyone. Come see us at the Rock County 4-H Fair in the Food Fair Tent on Thursday through Saturday at 11:00 and 1:00 and on Sunday at 2:00. We'd love to see you!



Everyone is invited to our "Catch the Wave Raffle and FUNdraiser" on Saturday, July 14 from noon to 3:00 at Voigt Music Center in downtown Janesville. The event will have basket raffles, a big prize raffle, door prizes, ice cream, and a HeatWave show. Watch for more info on the Rock County 4-H Facebook page and on the HeatWave website at www.heatwave4h.org.

Music & Drama Festival Results

Thank you to the Music & Drama Committee and everyone who put on the 2018 Music & Drama Festival. It was once again a marvelous day filled with Theatre and Music. Special thanks go to our judges, Molly Markly and Bruno Tort Tabeira; UW-Rock County for the facility; Daryl Hansen and HeatWave for sound; emcees Zea Becker and Stormy Staskal; Renegades 4-H Club for concessions; and all the parents and volunteers who made the day happen!

Musical Performances

"All American Girl" - Badger Showstoppers (**Top Musical**)

"Disney Movie Magic" - Renegades Rockstars (**2nd Place Musical**)

Theatrical Performances

"Alien Research" - Badger Drama Team (**Top Theatrical**)

"The Gingerbread Girl" - Talented Turtles (**2nd Place Theatrical**)

"4-H Alert" - River Valley Players

"Cinderella Outgrows the Glass Slipper" - Fulton 4-H

"Click Clack Moo – Cows That Type" - Renegades 4-H Drama

Mini-Show - Emma Seblom, Renegades 4-H

Special Awards

Best Actress – Maddie Rankin, Talented Turtles

Best Actor – Alex Doane, Badger Drama Team

Best Supporting Actress – Lexi Farrey, Talented Turtles

Best Supporting Actor – Carson Scanlon, Badger Drama Team

Best Costumes – Renegades 4-H Drama

Best Script Interpretation – Fulton Drama

Best Original Play – River Valley 4-H Players

Best Use of Stage – Renegades Rockstars

Best Use of Props – Renegades 4-H Drama

Best Theatrical Cast – River Valley Players

Best Vocals – Sophie Andersen, Badger Showstoppers

Best Song – "Disney Movie Magic", Renegades Rockstars

Best Choreography – Badger Showstoppers

Best Team Work – Fulton Drama

Most Efficient Youth Stage Crew – Badger Drama Team

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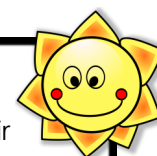
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Cloverbud judging at the fair will be on Tuesday, July 24, 10 a.m. – noon and 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Your judges will be friendly, older 4-H youth! 😊

When judging is done, your projects will be displayed in the Blackhawk Building.

Exact location on the fairgrounds where judging will be held TBD. Please check the online 4-H calendar at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ for updates.





Animal Science

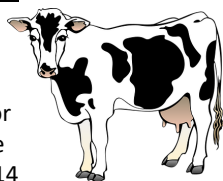
REMEMBER to check the Fair Facts section on pages 7-8 for information about fair-related items!

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. It's free!

4-H Dairy Fitting Clinic

Discover how to prepare a dairy animal to look her best for show! Whether it's your first or tenth year showing dairy, it's important to brush up on your skills or learn new techniques. Plan to attend the 4-H Dairy Fitting Clinic on Saturday, July 14 starting at 10:00 a.m. The location is Hobby-Hill Holsteins, 3703 Nelson Rd., Orfordville. To register, contact Nicole at 608-289-0411 (call/text) or e-mail speich.hobbyhillholsteins@gmail.com.



Steak Cookout July 6

The Rock County Beef Producers Steak Cookout will be Friday, July 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds. See the Rock County Beef Producers Facebook page for more information.

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Training

YQCA training is required by the Rock County 4-H Fair for Swine project members. There will be no more face-to-face YQCA trainings, but you can still take the 60-minute training online. To register, go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> and pay the \$12.00 registration fee. For a fact sheet detailing the program, see fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca.

Horse & Pony Project Arena Set-Up on July 5th!!!

PLEASE JOIN US on Thursday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m. (or at whatever time you can make it!) at Shotliff Farm, 9402 N. Berg Road, Evansville, to set up the arena for the 4-H Fair Horse & Pony shows. Additional help is needed at 5:00 p.m. at the Quinn farm to load the trail arena. Call Jenna Elliott with questions. **Remember: This is your fair event, and we need help to make it happen!** Arena set-up will be followed by the monthly Horse & Pony Project Steering Committee meeting, also at Shotliff's.

Hope to see you there!

4-H Horse & Pony Project Fair Shows

Just a reminder that the Rock County 4-H Fair Horse Show will be held on Saturday, July 7, starting at 9:00 a.m. All horses must be checked in prior to the first lot number entered. The show will be held at Shotliff Farm, Evansville, and will be held rain or shine. Contact Jenna Elliott at 608-751-3065 or Brenda Uhe at 608-931-4694 with questions.

Horseless Horse projects will also be judged on Saturday, July 7 at Shotliff Farm. Check-in deadline for Horseless Horse projects is 11:00 a.m., and they will be judged during the lunch break of the horse show. Contact Sheila Martin at 608-289-4313 or Brenda Uhe at 608-931-4694 with questions.

The 4-H Fair Pony Show will be held on Sunday, July 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. This show is for all equines 56" and under.

There will be a food stand available both days. Also remember that you need to clean up around your trailer and the show grounds, so come prepared to stay and help out!

State 4-H Horse Expo Exhibitors Meeting

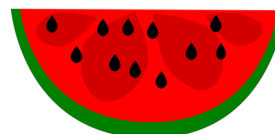
There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all State 4-H Horse Expo exhibitors on Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse. The Horse Expo is September 14-16. ALL entry forms and fees will be due at this meeting, including entry forms for educational events. If you are exhibiting a horse or pony, please remember that a copy of a negative Coggins test within the 2018 calendar year will be required with your entry, and you **MUST** have a premise ID number.

Horse & Pony Project Committee

Horse & Pony Project Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. The next meeting at the Courthouse will be Thursday, September 6 (evaluation meeting). There will be no meeting in August. Topics for discussion include planning of upcoming events and clinics. All Horse & Pony project and Horseless Horse project leaders and parents are invited to attend all project committee meetings! We need your input, so please join us!

State 4-H Gymkhana

The State 4-H Gymkhana will be held September 8-9 at State Fair Park in West Allis. Any Horse & Pony project member in grade 6 and up is eligible to participate. Entries are due by Wednesday, August 15. Information, rules, and the entry form can be found at fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook; scroll down to "Gymkhana". PLEASE NOTE: The entry form must be signed by a 4-H Educator, so please PLAN AHEAD!





Dairy Goat Project Meeting

Plan to attend the county Dairy Goat meeting on Friday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sale Arena at the fairgrounds. Topics to be covered include Scrapies I.D and identification needed to show goats at the fair, general rules and guidelines, show order, wether auction, new barn layout, and pen assignments. The Milk-a-Goat Promotion and participation will be covered. There will be demonstrations on fitting/clipping animals for the fair and basic showmanship. Animals will be provided to practice with. "Fun with Goat" events will be discussed, and we will be looking for sign up. Show Clothes - Sell, Swap, Donate: If anyone has extra white show clothes, please bring to the meeting.

Any questions, contact Kristie Dooley at 608-879-2216 or Tracy Held at 608-295-6912.

Poultry Project Barn Setup

Poultry barn setup will be Saturday, July 14 at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Ray Reilly at 884-3013 with questions.

Cavy & Hamster Project Meeting

There will be a Cavy & Hamster meeting Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds. We meet in the Craig Avenue Pavilion to go over showmanship and any last-minute questions for the fair. We will also take photos of all the exhibitors with their animals for a fair display, so please bring all the animals you plan to show at the fair. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Farrey at 608-754-0139 or kfarrey@ticon.net.

Cavy & Hamster Fair Judging

Cavy & Hamster fair judging will be on Sunday, July 29, in the Sale Arena. Vet check will be 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. There will be NO VET CHECKS AFTER 9:00 A.M.! Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. starting with showmanship. All Displays and Posters in Class E MUST be entered in the Block Building on MONDAY, July 23 between noon and 6:00 p.m. See pages 37-38 of the Fair Premium Book for more info. Exhibitors should plan to enter and exit Gate 4 with your animals. Animals are not allowed outside of the barn areas. Please take them home after the show. Bring your animal in a well-ventilated carrier/cage! Contact Mike/Kathy Farrey at 608-754-0139 or kfarrey@ticon.net if you have questions.



Check the Fair Book for Info and Rules!

See pages 54-56 of your Fair Premium Book for additional info and RULES for all of the following events. Be sure to refer to the Mechanical Science project calendars on the UWEX website at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/4-h-projects as well.

Spot Landing Rockets

This year's Spot Landing Rocket can be the Alpha, Viking, Wizard, or Comet Chaser! One rocket and three A8-3 engines cost \$10.00 and will be available at the Fair Office on the fairgrounds. Don't wait...get your rockets right away!

4-H Fair Rocket Launch

The officially-judged 4-H Fair rocket launch and spot landing contest will be held on Saturday, July 14 at Thresherman's Park near Edgerton. Registration will be from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Judging and the spot landing contest will be from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Please use the Cox Road entrance to Thresherman's Park. The rain date (only in case of storms) is Sunday, July 15.

4-H Fair Small Engine Judging

The Rock County 4-H Fair Small Engine judging will be held on Saturday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Thresherman's Park, the same location as the 4-H Fair Rocket Launch. PLEASE NOTE: All engines must be present and registered by 12:30 p.m. Please use the Cox Road entrance to Thresherman's Park. The engines must be returned to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 24 for exhibit and can have no gasoline in them at that time.

4-H Fair Bicycle Tour de 4-H

Note new time and route for 2018! The 4-H Fair Bicycle Tour will be on Saturday, July 21 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., rain or shine. As in the past, the race will begin at the Lions Beach Boat Landing in Janesville (next to Lions Beach), but this year the route will make use of the paved bike trails rather than the country roads. All tours will leave at 8:30 a.m. All riders must wear ANSA or Snell approved safety helmets.

4-H Fair Model Aircraft Judging

- The mini aircraft/drone fly is Tuesday, July 24 from 9:00 to noon in the Stock Pavilion at the fairgrounds.
- Spot landing for aircraft is Tuesday, July 24 from noon to 1:30 at the fairgrounds in front of the grandstand.



Environmental Education



Upham Woods "Woods Writings"

Much is happening at the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center! Find out all the news at

fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/woods-writings-newsletters/.

4-H Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots

A number of competitive shoots are open to Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports members across the state. Check out the remaining opportunities for 2018 at fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/events.

Plant & Soil Science

State 4-H Plant Science Day

A fun way to learn about Horticulture Science!

Plan now to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event to be held Tuesday, July 10 at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster, and floral arranging contests. For more info about this event, visit fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/plant-soil-science/.

Registrations were due June 22, but walk-ins are welcome!

Fair Facts

Photo Boards

The required photo boards for the Photography project are available to purchase at the Fair Office for \$5.00 each.

Pre-Printed Entry Tags

Your pre-printed entry tags are available from your club chairperson or FFA advisor. All exhibitors must use the pre-printed entry tags for all your exhibits. Handwritten entry tags will not be accepted. There will be a \$2.00 per tag fee for any tags that need to be reprinted.

Exhibitor Wristbands

Exhibitor wristbands will be available the following hours:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday, July 21 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| Sunday, July 22 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| Monday, July 23 | 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. |

BANDS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND MUST BE PURCHASED NO LATER THAN 8:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 23. After that date you will have to purchase a regular-priced ticket at the gate. We understand that, in rare cases, some will be unable to wear the band due to work restrictions where you must operate machinery. In those cases your option is to bring in a current year's school picture (no larger than 2" X 3") that has been laminated into a luggage tag (with heavy laminate) at an office supply store. Pictures that have been taped or self-laminated will **not** be accepted.

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.

2018 Fair Ticket Prices

Exhibitor Wristband - \$7.00
Leader/Supt. Season Pass - \$7.00

Adult Single Daily - \$8.00 thru July 13,
\$10.00 starting July 14
Adult Season - \$25.00 thru July 13,
\$35.00 starting July 14
Youth Daily - \$5.00
Youth Season - \$15.00



Parking pass (parking on the grounds) \$10.00 -
for Superintendents, Extension Agents,
and Fair Board Officers and Directors.

Ag Experts Wanted

The Rock County 4-H Fair is looking for Ag Experts who are interested in serving on a committee for the Ag Adventure Land. The committee members will be asked to oversee Ag Adventure Land on a daily basis during the week of the fair and assist with displays to make sure the Adventure Land is looking its best. Please let Jenna Broege at the Fair Office know at info@rockcounty4hfair.com or 755-1470 if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

Rock County 4-H Fair Museum Fundraiser

The Rock County 4-H Fair Museum will be selling handmade baskets this year as a fundraiser. The baskets will be a two-handle honey-colored basket with a Rock County 4-H Fair name plate on the front of the basket. They are available for purchase at the Fair Office.



Rock County 4-H Fair

Poultry, Rabbit, and Dairy Goat Departments Scholarship

The Rock County 4-H Fair Fur & Feather Committee is pleased to offer up to (6) \$500 scholarships (2 in each department – Poultry, Rabbits, and Dairy Goats) to 4-H and FFA members who currently are high-school seniors or in the first year of post-secondary education. The scholarship is due on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. The scholarship application is available at www.rockcounty4hfair.com and at the Fair Office.

Planter/Container Decorating Contest

The Rock County 4-H Fair is sponsoring a Floral Planter/Container Decorating Contest. Each participating club/chapter will receive a donation of \$20.00 per club/chapter (not per planter) from the Fair Board. You may enter more than one planter for your club or chapter. We will have a limited number of planters available at the Fair Office, or you may use a container of your own choice (old chairs, small wheelbarrows, water tanks, watering cans, pails, etc.).



Decorated floral planters/containers must be delivered to the fairgrounds the following dates: after 9:00 a.m. on July 20th and by noon on July 23rd. Be sure to check in at the Fair Office when you drop off your planter. Late arrivals can be displayed but will not be judged and will not receive a club/chapter donation.

Each planter/container will be judged on creativity. Your club/chapter name must appear in/on the planter/container. Your club/chapter name must appear in/on the planter/container.

Rock County 4-H Fair

Faircrow (Scarecrow) Contest

We would like to invite you to take a part in our Faircrow Contest at the 2018 Rock County 4-H Fair!! Entry forms are due to the Fair Office by Friday, July 20. Faircrow entries must be brought to the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 23 OR Monday, July 24 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Winners will be decided by ballot totals. For complete rules and entry forms, please go to www.rockcounty4hfair.com.

Barn Decorating Hours

The fairgrounds will be open for barn decorating on Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **ONLY** (see page 15 of the 2018 premium book). Please schedule your club or chapter decorating during these hours.



Purchase Farm & Fleet Shavings at the Fair

Farm & Fleet of Janesville will be selling pine shavings at the 2018 Rock County 4-H Fair for \$4.25 plus tax, per bag. The Farm & Fleet truck will be located by Gate 5 at the end of the Swine Barn. The shavings will be on sale the following hours during fair week:

- Sunday, July 22 – 10:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 23 – 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 24 – 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – July 25-27
7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 28 – 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Attention ALL Livestock Exhibitors

It is your responsibility to keep the barn aisles, walkways, courtyard, and roadways between the barns clean, especially of manure, at all times during the fair. Fair patrons should not have to walk through or around a mess that was made by your animals. So grab a shovel or broom and clean up after your animals, and help keep the barn area looking nice and clean.

Sunday Parking for Livestock Trailers

Trailer parking on Randall Avenue will start at 11:30 a.m., after church services. At that time the street will be closed, and parking will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone parking in this area must be at their vehicle by 6:45 p.m. on Sunday for release.

EXHIBIT RELEASE

SECTION 1. Exhibits will be released the last day of the fair at 7:00 p.m. or as approved by the Fair Board.

SECTION 2. Any exhibits, including equipment (ex: all tack including show box, pails, feed etc.) being removed from the barns, buildings, and fair grounds prior to the scheduled release will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Fair Board may order. Failure to comply may result in award(s) and premium(s) forfeiture, and/or dismissal from the fairground, and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from the departments entered, and/or in the future competition in the Rock County Fair. All barn decorations must stay in place until 6 p.m. Sunday. **ONLY Swine tack** (ex: all tack including show box, pails, feed etc.) can be removed 6-8 a.m. on Sunday. **BARN DECORATIONS CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM ANY BARN UNTIL 6 P.M. SUNDAY.**

ATTENTION ALL MEAT ANIMAL SALE EXHIBITORS AND FUR AND FEATHER EXHIBITORS

Please remember that before you can receive your sale check on clean-up day, August 1, you must bring your completed buyer thank-you notes, in a sealed envelope with the buyer mailing address and postage stamp on the front, to clean-up day. Please read this rule in the premium book on pages 21 and 34.



ROCK COUNTY 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Rock County 4-H Awards process is a great way to be recognized for all you have accomplished this year by applying for a chance to win awards and trips! There is something for everyone from first year Cloverbuds, to high school graduates, to leader recognition.

Project/Activity Award Forms:

Members in K – 7th grades can complete a Project/Activity Award Form to be eligible for project and activity awards.

Members in 8th – 13th grades can complete the Project/Activity Award Form to be eligible for project and activity awards, as well as special awards in the areas of Agriculture, Dairy, Woodworking, Horticulture, Home & Family, Companion Animal, and Community Service.

The **Junior Award Form** for 5th – 7th grade members is a simple two-page form. Applicants are eligible to win trips and awards for Space Camp, Outstanding Junior Member, Day Trip, and the Challenge Award depending on their grade.

The **Resume and Cover Letter** process continues for youth grades 8 and up! Everything you need to know is in the guide, available on the Rock County 4-H website. Award interviews will be scheduled for a date in September TBA. In the event that there is a scheduling conflict, a make-up interview date will also be scheduled and must be asked for in the cover letter.

By following the guide, depending on grade, members are eligible for:

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| Wis. 4-H Youth Conference | Achievement Award | Wisconsin Key Award |
| Citizenship Washington Focus | Leadership Award | Memorial Scholarships |
| Junior Council Scholarships | National 4-H Congress | Rotary Award |
| Space Camp (6 th – 8 th grades) | State Selection for National 4-H Conference | |

The **4-H Clover Award** is our only award based solely on participation. Everyone who applies can win a Clover Award! It is available for Cloverbuds through last year in 4-H.

The **Outstanding Leader Award** is available for anyone to nominate someone who is an outstanding leader. At least one leader will be selected in each of the four groups based on their years of 4-H leadership: 1-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, and 16 and more!

- ◆ ALL Rock County 4-H Award forms and the helpful guide will be found at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/awards-recognition.
- ◆ ALL award forms will be due to the UW-Extension Office in the Courthouse on a September date TBA.
- ◆ Dates will be announced on the Rock County 4-H Facebook page and on the 4-H website at the above link.
- ◆ Don't wait until the last minute to apply for awards!

Two Photography Contests

See rules for both contests in the May Cloverpatch at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter on page 10.

Entries for both contests are due July 25.

But don't wait!

Start snapping your photos right away!



...one for Dairy project members!



...one for Poultry project members!



DESCRIPTION OF JUDGING METHODS
Check the 2018 Rock County 4-H Fair Premium Book
to see which judging method will be used for each of your projects.
 The Fair Premium Book is also online at www.rockcounty4hfair.com.



Danish Judging Method

This judging method is the traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same lot number are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each exhibit but is permitted to give a maximum 25% ribbons within each group (blue, red, white, and pink). Exhibitors do not need to be present for this type of judging.

Conference Judging Method

All exhibits within a lot number are presented simultaneously, evaluated, and awarded ribbons as in Danish judging, but the exhibitor or his/her representative (see below under Additional Information) must be available to present the exhibit. The judge asks questions pertaining to the exhibit and awards ribbons accordingly, without regard to Danish system percentages.

Face-to-Face Judging Method

This type of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors will enter all of their exhibits in each department at the time and date specified in the Fair Premium Book and will talk directly to the judge about the exhibits at the time and date specified for judging in the Fair Premium Book; often this occurs on the same date but not always. Be sure to check the Fair Premium Book. Exhibits are not compared with other exhibits in the same lot number but are judged on their own merit. The judge may award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate without regard to Danish system percentages.

Additional Information on Face-to-Face/Conference Judging

What if an exhibitor cannot be present at his/her face-to-face or conference judging?

Exhibitors must exhibit their own entries and be present at the time of judging. If a member must be absent because he/she is exhibiting in another area at the same time or for a reason such as illness, the superintendent of the department must be notified and permission received. Only another exhibitor may take his/her place with the exhibit, not a parent or leader. There is no automatic penalty for exhibitors who are not present for their judging. It is up to each judge to determine how the exhibitor's absence will affect the placing awarded.

What happens to the exhibits after they are judged?

All exhibits remain at the fair until the scheduled pick-up time on Sunday.

When are State Fair and Merit Award selections made?

During pre-fair judging, judges will set aside some of the blue ribbon exhibits for further consideration. After all exhibits have been judged, the judges will select the State Fair and Merit Awards from those exhibits that have been set aside.

General Questions You May Be Asked During Face-to-Face Judging


- What do you like most about this project?
- What do you like least about this project?
- What have you learned in this project?
- What would you like to learn more about in this project?
- Where did you get the idea for this exhibit?
- Where/how did you learn to make this exhibit? Who helped you?
- What was the easiest part of making this exhibit?
- What was the most difficult or challenging part of making this exhibit?
- What would you do differently if you were to make a similar exhibit again?

The Child Development Department lists specific information the exhibitor will need to know about his/her exhibit. If you are exhibiting in this department, check page 70 of the Fair Premium Book for this information.


Other Face-to-Face Judging Tips for Exhibitors

- When talking with the judge, sit up straight and speak with confidence. You are talking about yourself and your exhibit, so you should know your stuff! Look the judge in the eye when talking with him/her. Eye contact is a very important part of effective communication.
- If you don't know the answer to a judge's question, it's better to admit it than to make up an answer.
- Face-to-face judging is meant to be an educational experience, so don't be afraid to ask the judge some questions about the exhibit or project.
- Be courteous and polite at all times. At the end of your discussion with the judge, be sure to thank him/her for his/her comments.



|  | JULY 2018 CALENDAR <i>If you need more info about these events, visit fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ and click on "4-H Calendar".</i> |
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| 3 | Cavy & Hamster project meeting, Craig Avenue Pavilion, Fairgrounds – 7:00 p.m. |
| 4 | UWEX Office closed – Holiday |
| 5 | Horse & Pony project arena setup, Quinn farm and Shotliff farm – 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Cloverbud judges orientation/scheduling session, Courthouse – 6:00 p.m. Dog project training Thursdays, Craig Center – 6:30 p.m. Horse & Pony project committee meeting, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Rock County Beef Producers Steak Cookout, Fairgrounds – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. |
| 7 | 4-H Fair Horse Show, Shotliff Farm, Evansville – 9:00 a.m. 4-H Fair Horseless Horse exhibit entry deadline, Shotliff Farm, Evansville – 11:00 a.m. |
| 8 | 4-H Fair Pony Show, Shotliff Farm, Evansville – 9:00 a.m. |
| 10 | State 4-H Plant Science Day, Waushara Co. Fairgrounds, Wautoma – 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome! |
| 11 | State 4-H Horse Expo exhibitors mandatory meeting, Courthouse – 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 | 4-H Dairy Goat project meeting, Sale Arena, Fairgrounds – 7:00 p.m. |
| 14 | 4-H Fair Rocket Launch and Spot Landing, Thresherman's Park, Edgerton – 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. Poultry barn set-up – 8:00 a.m. 4-H Dairy Fitting Clinic, Hobby-Hill Holsteins farm, Orfordville – 10:00 a.m. <i>HeatWave's "Catch the Wave Raffle and FUNdraiser"</i> , Voigt Music Center, Janesville – noon to 3:00 p.m. 4-H Fair Small Engines Judging, Thresherman's Park, Edgerton – register 12:30 p.m.; judging 1:00 p.m. |
| 17 | 4-H Camp Staff Team training session, Courthouse – 6:30 p.m. |
| 21 | 4-H Fair Bicycle Tour de 4-H, Lions Beach Boat Landing, Janesville – 8:00 a.m. |
| 21-22 | Barn decorating, Fairgrounds – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| 21-23 | Rock County 4-H Fair exhibitor wristbands on sale at fairgrounds – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (until 8 p.m. on the 23 rd) |
| 23 | Cavy & Hamster entries for Class E due to Block Building – noon to 6:00 p.m. |
| 24 | DEADLINE: Fur & Feather Scholarship applications due to project superintendents DEADLINE: Rock Co. Dairy Project Photography Contest entries due by 9:00 p.m. to Dairy Trailer DEADLINE: Rock Co. Poultry Project Photography Contest entries due between 6:00 a.m. and noon 4-H Fair mini aircraft/drone fly, Stock Pavilion, Fairgrounds – 9:00 to noon Cloverbud judging, location on fairgrounds TBD – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 4-H Fair spot landing for aircraft, Grandstand, Fairgrounds – noon to 1:30 p.m. |
| 24-29 | Rock County 4-H Fair – see the 2018 Fair Premium Book for judging times! |
| 26-29 | <i>HeatWave</i> performs at Rock County 4-H Fair, Food Fair Stage – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Sunday at 2:00 |
| 28 | Fair Scavenger Hunt, Sale Arena, Fairgrounds – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. |
| 29 | Cavy & Hamster vet check and judging, Sale Arena – 8:00 a.m. |

See
page 1 in the
2018 fair book
for the
Fair Judging
Schedule.

|  | AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR <i>If you need more info about these events, visit fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ and click on "4-H Calendar".</i> |
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| 1 | DEADLINE: Meat Animal Sale and Fur & Feather Sale thank-you notes due at Fairgrounds Clean-up Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds Clean-up – 9:30 a.m. |
| 2-12 | Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis |
| 5 | DEADLINE: September Cloverpatch submissions due to cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com |
| 7 | 4-H Camp Staff Team training session, Courthouse – 6:30 p.m. |
| 12-15 | 4-H Cabin Camp and Outpost Camp, Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells |
| 15 | DEADLINE: Entries for State 4-H Horse Gymkhana due to State 4-H Horse Association |
| 20 | DEADLINE: Junior Council officer application forms due to UWEX Office 4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse – 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Executive Board meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m. |
| 24 | September Cloverpatch will be posted to 4-H website at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter |
| 27 | Junior & Senior Council meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m. |



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