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Western Heritage

Join the fun of Western Heritage! Western Heritage is an activity offered through the horse project to learn more about our western heritage including safety, sportsmanship and having fun. Western Heritage includes goat tying, roping, sorting and much more! The first meeting of Western Heritage will be on February 5th at 6:30 pm at BMW stables (29465 Rendova Street, Isanti, 55040). The meeting in February will be without horses. If you have questions or need more information please feel free to contact Lois or Wayne Boettcher at (763) 444-0420 or wlboettcher@gmail.com. We also do welcome youth from around the region to join us!

Federation/Ambassador Meeting

The February Federation/Ambassador meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, starting at 6:30 pm at the Carlton County Extension Office. We will do some planning for Winter Whoosh CSI and will review the DRAFT of our new bylaws that we worked on at the January meeting. All Carlton County 4-H members are invited to attend! Call Marna if you have any questions.

Need Some Kids (goats that is)

We received a call in the Extension Office about two goats for sale. They are Pygmy goats (not registered), that were born 11/5/12. One is black and white and the other is black, brown and white. These goats are very tame, they love attention and they need shelter. They don't like to be alone so it is best if you have two of them! The cost is $50 each. If you are interested please contact Joan at 218-384-3406.

Scholarships for 4-H Seniors Interested in Horticulture

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society, District 8, is offering 3 scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year. The application deadline is February 15, 2013. Please contact Marna for more information if you are interested in applying.

BBOP

Mark your calendar for the most fun 16½ hours in February! Take part in fun activities, hang out with fellow 4-H'ers from around the region and learn more about different animals all during BBOP! Isanti County 4-H Ambassadors are planning for BBOP which is an overnight adventure to learn about all of the various livestock projects. Mark your calendar for February 22nd from 6:00 pm until Saturday, February 23rd at 10:30 am. More information will be coming out shortly!

4-H Judges Training - Brainerd

Have you have ever considered becoming a 4-H judge? If you answered YES…come learn the 4-H Conference Judging System of non-livestock projects on Saturday, February 23, at Crow Wing County Land Services Building, 322 Laurel St., Brainerd! For additional information on how to register contact your county Extension office, or http://z.umn.edu/judgestrainingform. Registration deadline is February 15th!

Twin Lakes Starz Small Animal Club

The Twin Lakes Starz (poultry, rabbits, and goats) will be planning their next meeting sometime in February or March. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office.

Several of the club members attended a poultry meeting in Isanti County during January. Here are some of the things they learned:

"It was really fun. I learned about how to show and take care of pigeons. It is interesting how many breeds of pigeons there are and how much smaller they are than the pigeons in our barn."

"I didn't know much about birds and now I know a good bit about how to handle and show them. I enjoyed it alot. It was really fun listening to the important stuff they had to say about showmanship."

"I enjoyed it when we were learning about showmanship. I liked how they showed what not to do as well as what to do."

"I enjoyed the workshop. I learned something at each of the five sessions. The judging, showmanship, pigeon and state fair trip sessions were very well presented and full of useful information."

Photography and Science Trainings

Here's an opportunity to attend two awesome trainings in one day (or just pick one if that is more convenient)!

South St. Louis County 4-H has set up a photography training and a science training for Saturday, February 23rd at the Family of God Church in Duluth.

In the morning from 9 to 12:00 there will be a training on experiential learning called "Discovery." The workshop is loads of fun and involves lots of hands-on activities. It is open to high-school aged 4-H'ers as well as parents, volunteers and club leaders.

From 1:00 to 5:00 pm, two professionals from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will work with older youth and adults on how to teach basic photography skills to kids in an outdoor setting.

It is recommended that photography training participants bring digital cameras and laptops if they have them (there will be a few cameras and laptops on hand). One of the benefits of attending the photography training, is that you are then eligible to borrow kits from the DNR that will provide cameras for you to use with youth.

Please contact Valerie at 218-733-2873 or vcoit@umn.edu if you plan to attend either of these training activities. The trainings are free to attend, unless you take part in the lunch between training sessions which will cost $5.

4-H Beekeepers Project Meeting Dates

All Beekeepers meetings will be at the Thomson Town Hall in Esko (25 E Harney Rd). The February meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 1:00 pm and the March meeting will be held on March 24th at 1:00 pm. If you have any questions about the beekeeping project please contact Carol Waldorf at mnflemish@yahoo.com.

Rowdy Wranglers Club and Horse Project Update

At our January meeting we read through Carlton County 4-H Horse Project Guidelines and Rules. We now require Horse Project members to verify that they have read and understand the Horse Project Guidelines and Rules by signing a form. Copies of Guidelines and Rules and signature forms can be obtained from the Extension Office or contact a leader. Please return signed forms at a meeting as soon as this is completed. Next Rowdy Wrangler meeting will be February 24th. This will be our craft meeting.

Our March event will be Northland Horse Fair at Mariner Mall, March 23rd, 9 am-5 pm. Project members will work the booth for 1-2 hours; please plan to sign-up on the sheet at the

February meeting. Also mark your calendar for a Coggins clinic with Dr Skalko that is scheduled for April 6th at the fairgrounds. And start thinking about riding clinics that will be coming up this spring. Check out the MN 4-H Horse website for info.

PICCKM Food and Bread Show

This year's contest will be held at the Mains Street Church in North Branch (formerly known as the North Branch Methodist Church) on Saturday, March 9, from 10 am to noon. Mark your calendar for this fun day. Last year we had some wonderful decorated cakes, delicious breads, and some great food revue entries. State trips will be awarded in food revue and decorated foods. Find the information and registration here z.umn.edu/foodbreadshow, z.umn.edu/foodbreadregistration

A New Horticulture Project – Grafting Apple Trees

A new project to learn about apple trees is getting underway! It will involve pruning apple trees, saving the pruned branches and grafting those branches onto rootstock to make a new apple tree. The date for pruning the apple branches is Saturday, March 9th at 1:00 pm with the location to be determined. The date for the grafting is Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 at the Carlton County Fair Office in Barnum. If you would like to be involved with the apple project please email Carol Waldorf at mnflemish@yahoo.com to get more information.

Shooting Sports and Wildlife Project News

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to begin another Shooting Sports and Wildlife season. This year, we have decided to offer some wildlife/conservation events earlier in the year to avoid the summer rush that many of us have felt in trying to complete required hours for the State Shoot. New members are always welcome all you have to do is enroll in the shooting sports project!

Many of you have expressed an interest **in a wild game feed** in the past and we have an opportunity to make it happen. So, are you interested in participating and do you have some game to share? If so, please let us know what you have to share (deer, bear, goose, moose, duck, elk, pheasant, grouse, fish, tarantula, etc.). We would like to get it in advance so that we can get it to the wild game chef who has offered to make our mouth water! Please email Dona to let us know if you are interested, if you have some game to share and what it is. Depending on the response, we will set a date for the Feed and also get in touch about where to collect the meat from you.

Here are some upcoming events that you may want to attend:

Let's Talk Turkey! – Tuesday, March 19th (6-9 pm) Gander Mountain, Hermantown

The wild turkey range has steadily moved north over the last decade and now can be found in the Carlton County area. The MN DNR holds wild turkey clinics across the state each year prior to the spring turkey season for prospective hunters. We get to sit in and listen to Kent Fredeen and Shelley Patten, MN DNR Conservation Officer, discuss wild turkey habits, hunting techniques and laws. A manual on turkey's and turkey hunting is included for those interested.

Here are some other activities that we will be doing but we just need to figure out some dates so stay tuned!

Wood Duck Nest Box Spring Cleaning! – Hear retired MN DNR wildlife biologist Rich Staffon talk about wood duck conservation history and nesting habits and help clean out real boxes and

collect reproductive data from the 2012 nesting season (late Feb/early March).

Biathlon - Biathlon is the combination of two disciplines: cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship. The first skill requires strength and speed, while the second skill necessitates a calm presence and precision in target shooting. Hear Coach John Gould describe the sport and the exciting international success of NE MN/Duluth area biathletes (May).

Trapping 101 – Meet Shawn Johnson, President of the Minnesota Trapper's Association, and hear his lively presentation of trapping history, economics, ethics and safe trapping techniques. This will be an indoor session, with the possibility of a follow-up outdoor session. (spring/summer)

If you have any questions about the Shooting Sports/Wildlife project please contact: Mike Houser mike.house@potlatchcorp.com or Dona Carlson atinstitches@harbornet.net

Plan for Winter Whoosh CSI

The Ambassadors are brainstorming ideas for the 2013 Winter Whoosh retreat that will be held March 22-23 with the theme Crime Scene Investigation! All 4-H'ers and friends in grades 5-8 are invited to attend so mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more information!

Adult Staff Volunteers for PICCKMW Camp

Volunteer as an adult staff member at the 2013 PICCKMW Regional Summer Camp! Camp will be held Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26, 2013. There are so many benefits of volunteering at camp, but here are the top five:

- All your meals and snacks are provided
- You receive free lodging
- You get an awesome camp t-shirt
- Your kids can attend camp for FREE
- You are a superhero to all the campers and counselors

If becoming an adult staff member sounds interesting to you then contact Lorelei Finley, Pine County 4-H Program Coordinator, at swens451@umn.edu or 320-591-1650 for more details.

2013 NE 4-H Livestock Show Dates

The dates of the 2013 NE 4-H Livestock Show have been set for September 14 & 15, at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, Brainerd, MN.

Winter Cancellation Policy

Keep the winter cancellation policy in mind as you get ready for 4-H winter fun. 4-H events will be canceled if:

- schools closed for the day or are closing early
- freezing rain, ice or snow storm where travel is not advised
- temperature in excess of –20 degrees or wind chill conditions are extreme.

Please call the Extension Office (218-384-3511) to see whether or not an event will be held if the weather is questionable. If after 4:00 pm., call the Extension office and listen to the message on the answering machine to see if an event has been cancelled. Remember that this policy is for meetings and events that will be held indoors. If you or your club is planning an outdoor event please use your best judgment. The safety of the participants should always come first!

Dear 4-H families and volunteers:

Last month, 4-H youth and volunteers throughout Minnesota conducted the annual 4-H Thank You campaign to thank supporters of Extension 4-H and share their stories of how the learning opportunities 4-H provides have positively impacted youth, adults and communities across the state.

Telling your stories about the positive impact Extension 4-H has had in youth and communities is one of the most important things you can do to ensure continued investment and support for 4-H programming and events, especially during these times of economic uncertainty.

We have several important tools to support you in telling those stories, including Extension's Source magazine, which can be found at www.extension.umn.edu/source/. The new winter edition is out and includes a story about how Extension 4-H prepares youth to lead and succeed. I encourage you to use this story to help our stakeholders understand the impact and results of 4-H's research-based youth development model on the lives of Minnesota youth and communities.

Thank you again for your support of the Extension 4-H program. I look forward to hearing about some of the stories you shared during the Thank You campaign and the positive impact 4-H has made in the lives of youth and your communities!

Sincerely,

Dorothy M Freeman, Extension 4-H State Director

State 4-H Rabbit Workshop

Just starting in the rabbit project or an experienced veteran? Want to learn about Quiz Bowl or Rabbit Agility? Want to learn about the contests at the Minnesota State Fair? Join us on ***February 9th*** at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter, MN to find out more information!

Come and learn from ARBA Judges, 4-H State Committee members and leaders in the Rabbit project at this State Rabbit project workshop. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend.

Classes will be presented on: the judging contest, quiz bowl, reasons and questions, showmanship, general care, food and nutrition, rabbit agility, and more! You will have the chance to participate in four sessions.

Registration begins at 12:00 with classes from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. The cost is $2. There is an additional fee for the rabbit carrier building class.

For more information, please visit: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/rabbit-workshop.html.

Southwest 4-H Animal Science Challenge

February 16th, is a date to put on the calendar! The second annual Southwest 4-H Animal Science Challenge is a day-long event, held at the Redwood Falls High School. The day consists of a quiz bowl competition and a skill-a-thon contest and is open to participants of all ages, with two divisions: junior (grades 3-8) and senior (grades 9-13). Three separate competitions will focus on general livestock, horse, and dairy.

The "round robin" quiz bowl portion will provide a great practice contest for teams to prepare for the regional competitions in March. Meanwhile, the skill-a-thon section will introduce a wealth of hands-on animal science

information that will make learning relevant, practical and fun! Skill-a-thon stations will be designed to cover general knowledge of each specie area and the MN 4-H LQA&E curriculum; providing participants with renewed LQA&E certification!

The event is open to teams of 4-6 participants from across Minnesota. Individual registrations will also be accepted and additional multi-county teams may be formed accordingly. Questions can be directed to Mike Boersma atboers010@umn.edu or Jen Schoenfeld at john2310@umn.edu.

Are you looking for work experience in the youth development field?

Once again, there will be county-based 4-H summer intern positions throughout the State of Minnesota. The positions will be posted two different ways. Many will be advertised and hired through University of Minnesota Extension; however, some will be advertised and hired by local counties. Each internship position will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about University of Minnesota Extension and explore job opportunities in 4-H Youth Development. Most positions will be for ten or eleven weeks, with flexible starting dates.

Candidates must have a high school diploma, and at least two years of undergraduate study is preferred. University of Minnesota Extension hired candidates must apply on-line through the University of Minnesota job site. The application materials will include a standard application, résumé, cover letter, list of three references and a college transcript. The summer intern position is posted at www.4-H.umn.edu/about/employment/. The application deadline is ***February 22***.

For more information, please contact Michele VanDyke at mvandyke@umn.edu.

Minnesota 4-H Dog Project Judges Seminars

The MN 4-H Dog project will hold Judges Seminars for current and prospective judges. These are seminars for current judges and prospective judges in Agility, Rally, Obedience and Showmanship.

It is NOT a seminar designed for younger 4-H members (though a youth leader in a county leadership position with interest in future judging would be welcome). Two Obedience, Rally and Showmanship Judges Seminars will be held on:

- ***February 22–24***, Bloomington
- ***April 26–28***, Wadena.

The Agility Judges Seminar will be held ***March 23-24*** in St. Cloud. For more information, please visit: www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/dog/.

Animal Science 101 Webinar

All Animal Science Project Development Committee members (excluding horse) are invited to attend a one hour webinar on ***March 4***, 7:00-8:00 pm. The agenda will include:

- County PDC Roles
- Board of Animal Health – cattle ID expectations
- A discussion of the Cloverbud policy
- Leasing update
- Introduction of animal science project kits

Please contact your local Extension office for more information.

Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification

In order to run a county or multi-county shooting sports & wildlife program, instructors must be certified by Minnesota 4-H. The leader certification trainings are designed to cover the needed knowledge and rules to become a certified 4-H county instructor.

Mark your calendars now! Spring 2013 Training Dates:

- ***April 6-7***; Deep Portage ELC, Hackensack, MN
- ***April 13-14***; Faribault, MN

Information and registration forms are available at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification. Registration is due ***March 22***.

2013 Project Bowls

Project Bowls are just around the corner! It is that time of year again when project bowl teams will begin practicing for the Regional Contests in March. There are opportunities for teams to form in dairy, dog, general livestock, horse, poultry, rabbit and wildlife. Two team contests are held - junior (grades 3-8) and senior (grades 4-12+). Check out the 4-H Project Bowl website at: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/project-bowl for rules, resources, and more information for the 2013 bowls. If you would like to coach, help coach or participate on any of these teams, please call your Extension Office. Regional Bowl dates and locations are:

- ***March 2*** – Foley
- ***March 9*** – Farmington
- ***March 16*** – Grand Rapids
- ***March 16*** – Redwood Falls
- ***March 23*** – Snow Date
- ***April 20*** – State Bowl (Foley)

2013 State 4-H Meat Goat Conference

The conference will be held on ***March 23rd*** at the Jim Simon Arena in Cannon Falls and on ***April 13th*** at a Northern location that has yet to be determined. These programs are intended for 4-H Goat families. No registration is required. For more information, please visit www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/meat-goat/index.html.

Meat Goat Judges training will be held following the Meat Goat Conference on both dates/locations. This training is open to anyone over the age of 21. It will include judging meat breeding animals, market animals, showmanship and creating a state fair line-up. For more information, please visit: www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/meat-goat/index.html.

Save the Date for YELLO! 2013

Mark your calendars now for Youth Exploring Leadership & Learning Out Loud! (YELLO!) 2013! This year's event will be held ***June 10-13***, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Information from the 2012 event is available online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/ events/yello/. Additional information on the 2013 event will be available in the early spring.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Thousands of young people from across the United States come to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center every summer to participate in CWF, a citizenship and leadership program held in Washington, DC. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of citizenship and social responsibility and are given the opportunity to explore, develop, and

refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level.

- ***June 30-July 6*** (Does not include travel dates) – National 4-H Conference Center, Washington D.C.
- Be sure to check out any County specific requirements and deadlines.
- 2013 CWF application support form is now available online
- 2013 CWF Full application available online on ***February 13***
- Chaperone applications available online beginning ***February 13***

More information can be found at the following website: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus. Any questions can be directed to Judith Conway, conwa0076@umn.edu.

Wisconsin Dells Waterpark offers Reduced Rates for 4-H

Great Wolf Lodge Wisconsin Dells, WI is offering reduced rates on many rooms and suites for 4-H members during the months of May, September, October and December 2013. Visit their website at: http://www.greatwolf.com. Use promo code FOURH for hotel rooms and use promo code FOURH for condo rates. For more information, please call 888-458-1422.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BLU, North Minneapolis – Feb. 2-3
- Western Heritage Meeting – Feb. 5
- State 4-H Rabbit Workshop, St. Peter – Feb. 9
- BLU, Mankato – Feb. 9-10
- Federation/Ambassador Meeting – Feb. 11
- M4-HAVA Forum, St. Cloud – Feb. 14-16
- Market Beef ID Deadline – Feb. 15
- Scholarships for 4-H Seniors Interested in Horticulture Application Deadline – Feb. 15
- Southwest 4-H Animal Science Challenge, Redwood Falls – Feb. 16
- County Office Closed – President's Day – Feb. 18
- Summer Intern Application Deadline – Feb. 22
- BBOP – Feb. 22-23
- Camp Counselor Overnight – Feb. 22-23
- Dog Obedience, Rally and Showmanship Seminar, Bloomington – Feb. 22-24
- 4-H Judges Training – Feb. 23
- Photography & Science Trainings – Feb. 23
- Beekeepers Project Meeting – Feb. 24
- Rowdy Wranglers Club Meeting – Feb. 24
- Project Bowl, Foley – March 2
- BLU, Bemidji – March 2-3
- Animal Science 101 Webinar – March 4
- Pruning Apple Branches – March 9
- Food and Bread Show, Main Street Church 10 am – March 9
- Project Bowl, Farmington – March 9
- Project Bowl, Grand Rapids– March 16
- Project Bowl, Redwood Falls – March 16
- Let's Talk Turkey – March 19
- Shooting Sports Training Registration Due – March 22

- Winter Whoosh CSI – March 22-23
- 4-H Meat Goat Conference & Judges Training, Cannon Falls – March 23
- Dog Agility Seminar, St. Cloud – March 23-24
- Project Bowl, Snow Date – March 23
- Rowdy Wranglers March Event, Northland Horse Fair – March 23
- Beekeepers Project Meeting – March 24
- Shooting Sports Training, Hackensack – April 6-7
- National 4-H Conference – April 6-11
- Grafting Apple Trees – April 7
- Shooting Sports Training, Faribault – April 13-14
- 4-H Meat Goat Conference & Judges Training, location TBD – April 13
- Regional Horse Meeting – April 13
- State Project Bowl, Foley – April 20
- Dog Obedience, Rally and Showmanship Seminar, Wadena – April 26-28