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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

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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.

Federation/Ambassador Meeting

The February Federation/Ambassador meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Carlton County Transportation Building. We will finish the planning to the 2013 Winter Whoosh CSI. All 4-H members in grade 7 and above are invited to attend! Call Marna if you have any questions.

Plan for Winter Whoosh CSI

The Ambassadors are busy planning the 2013 Winter Whoosh retreat March 22-23 with the theme Crime Scene Investigation and all 4-H'ers and friends in grades 5-8 are invited to attend. A highlight of Winter Whoosh C.S.I. will be a presentation by a local K-9 law enforcement team! Flyers about Winter Whoosh C.S.I. are being mailed to eligible participants. The cost is $25.00 (chaperones, however, attend for free). The deadline to register is March 15.

Sew with 4-H

Anyone interested in learning to sew is invited to this workshop on Saturday, March 16th, at the Carlton County Transportation Building from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The project for the day is sewing gift bags. Please bring 1 yard of colorful fabric or ½ yard of 2 different colorful fabrics (if you desire different bags) and 2 yards of colorful ribbon ¾ inch to 1 inch wide. If you have a sewing machine that you prefer to use, please bring it along or you may share with 4-H machines. Snack will be provided. Please RSVP by calling or texting Sara Platt (218-591-7272).

Another Shooting Sports Learning Opportunity

Let's Talk Turkey on Tuesday, March 19th (6-9 p.m.) 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.

Rowdy Wranglers Club and Horse Project Update

Our March event will be Northland Horse Fair at Mariner Mall, March 23rd, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Project members will work booth for 1-2 hours; please plan to sign-up sheet at the February meeting. Also mark your calander for a Coggins clinic with Dr Skalko that is scheduled for April 6th at the Fair Grounds. And start thinking about riding clinics that will be coming up this spring. Check out the MN 4-H Horse website for info.

4-H Beekeepers Meeting

The March Beekeepers meeting will be at the Thomson Town Hall in Esko (25 E Harney Rd) on March 24th at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the beekeeping project please contact Carol Waldorf at mnflemish@yahoo.com.

Attention Beef & Dairy Exhibitors… New MN Board of Animal Health Rule!!

ALL cattle must be officially identified according to MN Board of Animal Health rules. For complete 2013 Exhibition Entry Requirements and acceptable official ID, visit this link: www.mn.gov/bah/board/rules/exhibition-rules.html. A MN 4-H ear tag does NOT qualify as an official form of ID for the MN Board of Animal Health; visit the link for a list of acceptable official IDs.

- Official acceptable ID tags are available from your veterinarian or the MN Board of Animal Health (651-296-2942 or 800-627-3529).
- An official breed registry tattoo is also acceptable IF accompanied by a breed registration paper. Original registration papers will be required at your county fair, the NE 4-H Livestock show and State Fair.

Share-the-Fun

Get all you're acts, skits, solos and jokes ready for the 4-H Share-the-fun program! The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12th at the Barnum High School Auditorium. Club skits and individual acts are encouraged (the winning club skit goes on to perform in the 4-H building at the State Fair). Registration materials have been mailed out. And please remember to bring your admission - a couple of non-perishable food items for local food shelves.

Esko Cloverleafs to Host Woodworking Event

The Esko Cloverleafs 4-H club is planning a county wide project meeting for Saturday April 20th with a woodworking theme at the Esko Fire Hall. Mark your calendars - details to follow!

Upcoming Shooting Sports/Wildlife Events

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)

New Meat Goat Show Circuit

We are excited to announce the creation of Minnesota's first youth show goat circuit! The purpose of this not for profit circuit is to promote an environment to allow young meat goat exhibitors to participate in a competitive yet ethical show series in order to develop their showmanship and meat goat management skills while earning points by their show ring performance. The summer's circuit will conclude with an awards program (hopefully at

the Minnesota State Fair) and recognition of the performance of youth exhibitors. We are hoping that a show circuit aka "point chase" would increase youths' interest in raising meat goats, increase demand for quality market goats kids and increase awareness for the meat goat industry.

More information can be found at www.minnesotayouthshowgoatcircuit.org

2013 NE 4-H Livestock Show

September 14 & 15 has been chosen for the 2013 Northeast 4-H Livestock Show in Brainerd. This is also the 79th year of this show!

Blue ribbon winners, in grades 3 and up, at the county fair in beef, sheep, swine, market goat, poultry, rabbit & dairy steers are eligible to participate (animal/lot may not be exhibited at the State Fair). All participants must also be current in their LQA&E certification.

To participate, you must complete the registration forms and pay your fees at your county fair.

Be sure to check with your county to see if scholarships are available!

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:

One of 4-H's mission priorities is to provide citizenship and leadership learning experiences that guide youth in building relationships, developing communication techniques, and strengthening organizational skills. As a result of these experiences, 4-H youth find the leader within themselves and make a positive impact in their club, home, school or community.

In February and March, several hundred youth from across Minnesota will gather to participate in our annual 4-H Building Leadership and Understanding (BLU) youth leadership conferences. Developed and led by 4-H State Ambassadors, these three regional two-day events are filled with exciting and fun activities that help participants learn and practice valuable skills that they will be able to take back with them to their counties and communities and use throughout their lives.

This year, the 4-H ambassadors chose the theme of "respect" to explore with youth who participate at BLU. They chose this topic because they believe respect is a big issue for youth today, and that to respect others, youth need to learn to respect themselves. They also believe that understanding respect is important to be able to succeed in college and careers.

The ambassadors participated in train-the-trainer planning retreats to prepare for leading the "BLU" youth leadership experience. Their plan for the youth conference includes facilitating exercises to explore how youth define and understand respect, reflecting on when they felt respected/disrespected, learning what respect means with others - "walking in

their shoes" - and discussing what skills may be useful in order to learn how to treat themselves and others with respect (mindfulness, listening with empathy, etc.)

These unique opportunities for youth to learn and lead as they explore such important topics are essential for their positive development. If you know a youth who participated in a 4-H youth conference, I encourage you to ask them about their experiences and how it is making a difference in their life. If you don't know a young person who participated, I would ask you to promote and encourage youth you know to attend next year.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M Freeman,
Extension 4-H State Director

Apply to Become a 2012-2013 Minnesota State 4-H Ambassador

Ambassadors are a team of 30 diverse youth leaders from across the state that represent and serve the youth involved in Minnesota's 4-H programs. The Ambassadors work together promoting inclusion in 4-H's programs and encourage youth to become actively involved in their communities. Throughout the year-long term of service, they teach youth and adults about important topics such as leadership, diversity, and teamwork. Ambassadors also plan and facilitate several statewide 4-H youth leadership events and assist 4-H youth, staff, volunteers, and other groups with workshops, training sessions, celebrations, and activities.

Any Minnesota 4-H member who has completed 10th grade by summer 2013 and has at least one year of 4-H eligibility remaining in the 2013-2014 school year is eligible to apply. Five ambassadors will be selected to serve a second year.

Selection of State 4-H Ambassadors will be done by the State Ambassador PDC leaders in late April/early May at designated sites. These sites will be determined and sent to applying youth. Selected Ambassadors must be available for State 4-H Ambassador Orientation ***June 25-27, 2013***.

Application information and additional details will be available at: www.4-h.umn.edu/projects/leadership/ambassadors.

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***.

Minnesota 4-H Dog Project Judges Seminars

The MN 4-H Dog Project will hold Judges Seminars for current and prospective Judges in the areas of 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).

- ***March 23-24***: Agility Training, St. Cloud
- ***April 26–28***: Obedience, Rally and Showmanship Training, Wadena

For more information, please visit: www.4-h.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/dog/.

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 27th*** at R & J Horse Arena in Verndale. These programs are intended for 4-H Goat families. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please visit www.4-h.umn.edu/events/goat-meat-workshop.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/events/goat-meat-judges-workshop.html.

Announcing the Spring 4-H Science Trainings – Registration now open!

Photography/ Digital Media and Engineering Design
Offered in or near Annandale/Annandale at Camp Courage
Dates: ***April 26-27, 2013***

Robotics and Aquatic Robotics
Offered in Bemidji at the Hampton Inn
Dates: ***May 3-4, 2013***

Time: Friday evening, 5 pm through Saturday, 4 pm

Who is the training for?

Photography/Digital Media and Engineering Design offer training for a team of two to four people: two adults, who can be joined by one or two youth leaders 8th grade or older who wish to help give leadership in their county, or additional adults.

Robotics and Aquatic Robotics offer training for teams of two adults and three to five youth who are in 6th grade or older.

Complete information including cost and training content will soon be available at the 4-H Spring Science Training website at: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/science-training.

In the meantime, save the date and speak with county 4-H program staff if you are interested!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Grafting Apple Trees – March 9
- Food and Bread Show, Main Street Church 10 am – March 9
- Project Bowl, Farmington – March 9
- Federation/Ambie Meeting – March 11
- Sewing with 4-H – March 16
- 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
- Regional Horse Meeting – April 13
- State Project Bowl, Foley – April 20
- Photography/Digital Media and Engineering Design Training, Annandale – April 26-27
- Dog Obedience, Rally and Showmanship Seminar, Wadena – April 26-28
- 4-H Meat Goat Conference & Judges Training, Verndale – April 27
- Robotics and Aquatic Robotics Training, Bemidji – May 3-4
- Animal ID's Due – May 15
- YELLO Conference, State Fairgrounds – June 10-13
- PICCKMW Camp – June 24-26
- State Ambassador Orientation, State Fairgrounds – June 25-27