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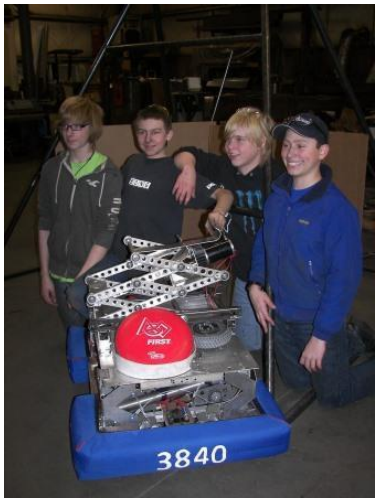

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Swine Project

The swine project is proposing to hold a drawing to raise money for the project. The plan would include the prize in the drawing of a butcher hog as well as $100 toward processing. The suggested cost for the tickets would be $2.00 or 3 for $5.00 with the potential to bring in $2,500 from printing 1500 tickets. The drawing would be after Round Robin on Sunday, July 28th. The funds would go to improve the swine project as well as funds to help provide scholarships to youth in the swine project. If you have any suggestions or ideas feel free to contact Ron Collins at (763) 444-6945. The swine project will meet briefly after the State Animal Science webinar on Monday, March 4th at 8:00 p.m.

Fruit Fundraiser

Reminder that the fruit orders are due to the office on Friday, March 8th. Make any checks payable to Isanti County 4-H. Please make sure to turn in all the funds with your order form. Also, delivery is on Friday, March 22nd. We will need all the help we can get to unload the truck and sort fruit. If you are free in the afternoon on March 22nd your help would be greatly appreciated! Also, if you have any dollies or hand carts you can bring it makes unloading a lot easier.

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 a.m. 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

Horse Website

Remember to check out the latest news from Isanti County 4-H on the horse website at http://isanti4hhorse.com. The site is constantly updated with new information!

Western Heritage

All Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, starting February 5, 2013.

Come early or come late! Come by to just check us out. Everyone is always WELCOME!

Youth must be enrolled in 4-H. Horses must have current coggins. Please bring a copy of it for our records. Fees: $10.00 per session or $100.00 for the season. Fees collected will go towards feed and care of the cattle/goats.

Safety Clinic is mandatory

- March 5 - No Horse - Practice and Business Meeting
- April 2 - Bring Horse - Horse Handling & Equitation, Bring copy of coggins
- May 7, 14, 21, 28 - Bring Horse - Work with Cattle
- June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Bring Horse
- July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Bring Horse
- Aug. 6, 13 - Bring Horse
- Sept T.B.D. - Bring Horse - Potluck, Fun Day, Feedback and Wrap up of season

Regional and State competition dates will be announced. Cattle will be sold at the end of the season.

BMW Stables, LLC, 29465 Rendova St. NE, Isanti, MN 55040. Barn - 763-444-0420, Cell - 763-439-0420, email - wlboettcher@gmail.com

Horse Project Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th – 7:00 p.m CIHS room 144

Please join us for our regular monthly meeting. We'll discuss upcoming events, fair plans and requirements. Plus we'll have information on all horse project activities (Horse Camp, Drill Team, Western Heritage, Horse Judging, etc).

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Horse Project Meeting on April 9th as it is strongly encouraged that all horse project members attend for paperwork and project information at Cambridge High School, room 144. We will be selling t-shirts again this year.

Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board (E-Board) will be on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Isanti County Government Center (lower level conference room). Remember if you have questions, concerns or issues to be addressed at E-Board to contact one of your elected board members. All of the board members welcome communications from their 4-H constituents. All 4-H members and leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend E-Board meetings but only elected officials have voting rights at E-Board meetings.

Animal Science Meeting

The Animal Science meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Isanti County Government Center. Each livestock project should make sure their representatives attend the meeting.

Clover Family Café

The Clover Family Café Committee is looking forward to another great year in 2013! We are currently looking to recruit additional adult volunteers to assist in the cafe over the summer. All skill levels and interests are invited to apply. We are also looking for a volunteer to help with seasonal maintenance such as turning on and off water seasonally, winterizing, and other small jobs that might arise. Both of these positions are very important to a well run café. We hope you will consider helping! Please contact Amanda Swenson in the Isanti County Extension Office for more information on the positions.

We would like to also invite you to join the committee or lend your voice to the decisions of the CFC. The next Clover Family Café meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Sheep Scholarship Recipient's Named

The Sheep Project Development Committee would like to thank everyone who applied for the scholarships this year. The recipients of the 2013 scholarships are:

1) Jasmine Niessen - Wild River Pioneers
2) Alison Murphy - Shooting Starz

Project Workshop

We are once again planning for Project Workshop day on Saturday, April 6th but need presenters to make it happen. If you are interested in presenting at Project Workshop day please let me know the title of your presentation, a short description, age range it is appropriate for and how many youth you can accommodate. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Summer Assistant

Isanti County 4-H will once again be looking for a summer assistance to help with summer events, county fair and fair planning. To apply please submit your resume and cover letter as application to Amanda Swenson at the Isanti County Extension Office. The applications will be due on April 15th.

Share-the-Fun

Mark your calendars for April 26th for Share-the-Fun! Practice will be on the April 25th (possibly the 23rd as well depending on registrations). Start planning your great performances with your club! More information will be available soon.

Horse Clinics

The Horse Project has set the dates for clinics. Each of the clinics will be from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Isanti County fairgrounds.

- May 13th – Pleasure
- May 15th – Games
- May 20th – Pleasure
- May 22nd – Games
- May 29th – Games
- June 3rd – Pleasure
- June 5th – Games
- June 10th - Pleasure

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.

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 Weather Cancellation Policy

Winter is now upon us! Reminder that 4-H events will be cancelled if any of the following conditions are met:

- Schools are closed for the day or close early

- Temperatures are at least -30F and/or the wind chill is -50F
- If travel is not advised
- If in doubt listen to KBEK 95.5 for cancellations

Remember that safety is our top concern! Always lean to the side of more caution when in doubt.

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

- 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
- Shooting Sports Training Registration Due – March 22
- Project Bowl, Snow Date – March 23
- 4-H Meat Goat Conference & Judges Training, Cannon Falls – March 23
- Dog Agility Seminar, St. Cloud – March 23-24
- Shooting Sports Training, Hackensack – April 6-7
- National 4-H Conference – April 6-11
- Shooting Sports Training, Faribault – April 13-14
- Regional Horse Meeting – April 13
- Summer Assistant Applications Due – April 15
- State Project Bowl, Foley – April 20
- Share-the-Fun Practice – April 25
- 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