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Cheese Sales

Congratulations to everyone that was part of the 2012 Pine County 4-H Cheese Fundraiser! Together we were able to sell ***$20,979.25*** worth of cheese!

- Top Sellers: Durheims, Nelsons and Wimmer
- Top Clubs: Kettle River Explorers, Ambitious Pines, Rock Creek Ramblers

Performing Arts-In Meeting

Performing Arts-In meeting January 9, at the Pizza Pub in Pine City

Regional Horse Project Meeting Invitation

The Minnesota 4-H State Horse PDC would like to invite all 4-H horse project members and 4-H horse project leaders to regional events. There will be a series of five regional events held across the state. The first Regional 4-H Horse event will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013. A second event will also be held April 13, 2013.

The purpose of these regional events is to provide an educational topic around the horse project, provide counties an opportunity to ask questions, to clarify the horse project with someone who is trained regarding rules, etc., to provide horse enthusiasts an opportunity to network with other counties regarding best practices and learn about what other counties do in their horse project. Finally we will be electing the voting representatives to the State Horse PDC at these regional events. The State 4-H Horse PDC has been developed to strengthen and support the State Horse project. Note: only members currently enrolled in the 4-H horse project and screened/enrolled volunteers will be able to vote.

Please plan to attend these events. They will give you a valuable chance to learn what the horse project has to offer and strengthen your knowledge of the horse project.

Select the regional meeting your county is a part of:

Northeast Region: EVENT LOCATION: Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids 10:00 am – noon

Counties in NE Region: Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Carlton, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Mille Lacs, Morrison, North St. Louis, Pine, South St. Louis, Todd.

Central Region: EVENT LOCATION: Bunker Hills Activity Center, Andover, MN 10:00 am - noon

Counties in Central Region: Anoka, Benton, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, McLeod, Meeker, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, Washington.

Livestock Meeting

We will be having our Livestock meeting January 21, at Tobies in Hinckley at 7:00 pm. Discussed will be judges, workshop days for the summer, dates for LQA&E, and the pros and cons for last year's fair.

Horse Meeting

A Horse meeting will be held Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm at the Hinckley-Finlayson High School. The goal of this meeting is to start planning the summer trainings/workshops/camps/etc. All horse people are welcome!!!

Minnesota 4-H State Horse Winter Roundup

You won't want to miss this fun opportunity to learn more about the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project activities available to 4-H youth. Winter Roundup January 25-27, 2013 at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer. Full conference fee includes

three days and two nights of learning, sharing information, and having fun! Conference fees will be supplemented again this year by the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association.

Sessions on Horse Project areas will be geared toward new 4-H parents/leaders, veteran leaders, and **junior youth leaders**. Older youth (**8th grade & above**) may attend, however this will be intense leader training with very few recreational activities provided.

- Registrations postmarked by January 7, 2013 $60.00
- Registrations postmarked January 8th-14th, 2013 $80.00
- Any one day same as full fee
- Registrations will not be accepted if postmarked after January 14th **

Please call or e-mail Amy Boeckermann at 218-828-2300, boeck008@umn.edu or Renee Kostick at 218-232-5174, hinkx001@umn.edu with any questions about fees and /or deadlines.

During your Friday through Sunday stay you will be provided: Friday evening pizza party, 5 meals, 2 nights stay, lots of information on the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project, great info and ideas from our keynote Speaker, a chance to meet new friends, and **FUN**!

Don't wait! First come, first served! Complete the registration form and mail it back. For more information, call Renee Kostick at 218-232-5174 or hinkx001@umn.edu or youth chairs Alex Schonnesen or Samantha Stahnke. Registration deadline: January 14, 2013.

LQA&E Trainer Webinar

A one hour update webinar for all new LQA&E trainers AND trainers that feel they need a refresher course has been set for Saturday, January 26th, 10-11 a.m. Trainers who participated in the webinars in any of the past 4 years DO NOT need to participate in this webinar.

If interested in becoming an LQA&E trainer or participating in the webinar, please contact your 4-H Program Coordinator!

Poultry Workshop

Are you a member in the poultry project, interested in learning more about the project or are you brand new and just want to check out poultry? The Poultry Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 26th at Armed Forces Center (near Cambridge Community College). This morning workshop will have speakers from across the state to present on a wide variety of topics in the poultry project. There will be something for everyone whether you are an experienced poultry producer or just checking out the project. Information and registration forms are available at the Isanti County Extension Office.

Ambie & Executive Board Meeting

Executive Board meeting January 28, at Hinckley Finlayson High School in Room 147, at 7:00 pm. Ambie meeting held at 6:30 just before the Executive meeting.

PICCKMW Camp Counselors

The applications for PICCKMW Camp Counselors are now available. If you are in 9th grade or higher you are eligible to apply for this fun filled leadership opportunity. This year camp will be held June 24-26, 2013 at St. Croix State Park. There are monthly meetings and two overnights as part of the camp commitment. Applications are due January 31st and can be found at: http://z.umn.edu/picckmwcampcounselorpack. If you have any contact the Extension Office. The first camp counselor overnight will be held on Feb 22-23.

Fruit Sale

Pine County 4-H will again be selling fruit this year! The tentative sale start date is January 28 with a tentative end date of February 25. Please participate in this fundraiser! The money raised is used for such things as camps, scholarships, workshops, lock-ins, project workshop day, cloverbud jamboree, county fair, etc. All money raised stays in Pine County, because of the fundraisers we are able to keep the cost of enrolling free and the price of workshops at reduced rate.

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!

Weigh-in Dates

Beef Weigh-in

No Beef weigh-in will be held this year. Please ensure you pick up ear tags from the office, have your animals tagged, and the ID form to the office by Feb. 15!!!

Sheep Weigh-in

- Saturday, May 4, 2013: 10am
- Pine County Fairgrounds/Swine Barn

Animal Tagging Procedure

It may seem a little early to be talking about identifying animals, but the deadline will be here before we know it. We will not be holding a beef weigh-in this year so please contact the office to get your tags for identification. We will still be holding the May weigh-in date for sheep (and you can bring your goats, prospect beef, and breeding beef to this event to be tagged if you would like; however, swine cannot attend this event). 4-H families will need to pick up ear tags from the office if they will not be attending the May weigh-in date or if you have market beef (since the market beef id deadline is Feb. 15). We have a tagger and notcher available for loan with a $10 deposit if you do not own one. Families will need to tag their animals, complete the identification form and submit photos of the tagged animals to the Extension office by the ID deadline (photos are needed for all animals that are not verified at the May weigh-in). To avoid missing the deadline, please contact the office to pick up the tags when you purchase your animals.

Project Workshop Day

Are you ready for the annual project workshop day? It will be held on the morning of Saturday, February 23rd at the Hinckley-Finlayson High School. Youth will be able to select three different sessions to attend from a wide range of project areas. Each session is about an hour in length. This is a great opportunity to make projects for the county fair! The flyers will be out soon, so watch the mail!

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!

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!

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.

Scholarship Policy

Youth that sell $100 worth of cheese, $100 worth of fruit, work in the food stand, and give a demonstration are eligible to receive a 75% scholarship for all events that cost $20 and above. They are then also eligible to have their entire State trip paid for (State Fair, Northeast Livestock Show, State Dog, State Horse, State Shoot). A scholarship application must be submitted to the office within 30 days of the completion of the event or by Oct. 15, whichever comes first.

Fundraisers

If your club or committee is planning a fundraiser or asking for donations you must complete a fundraiser request form with the office. It is important to complete this form and receive approval before you begin fundraiser. The office maintains a listing of organizations, businesses, and etc. that have been asked for donations. The office will also help you determine if you need to purchase a license or pay applicable fees for your fundraiser. After your fundraiser is complete we now have an additional form that needs to be completed

Arts-In Camp Counselors Wanted

If you are interested in becoming an Arts-In Camp Counselor please contact the Extension office or an Arts-In/Performing Arts PDC member. We need male and female counselors for both the Jr. and Sr. Camp. The Arts-in Camp will be held June 25-28, 2013.

Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Training

All youth that are planning on showing animals at the fair (excluding Horse, Dog, Cat & Pets) will need to attend an LQA&E training if they haven't in the last three years. The Pine County Training is set for Tuesday, June 4th at the Pine County Fairgrounds. The training will begin at 6 pm.

LQA&E Policy

All regular (non-Cloverbud) 4-H youth participating as a livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits or goats must have completed a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Certification is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place. If a youth fails to take LQA&E the highest placing they can receive at the county fair is a red ribbon.

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 are closed for the day or close early due to bad weather.
- Temperature is at least -30 F and/or wind chill is -50 or more.
- If there is a snowstorm or freezing rain creating hazardous driving conditions.

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:

Happy New Year! I hope that 2013 brings you peace, joy and prosperity.

Throughout January, 4-H youth across Minnesota will be thanking 4-H supporters, and sharing stories of how 4-H has made a difference in their lives and communities.

One of the ways 4-H youth make a difference in their communities is through community service projects and events. The principles of citizenship and civic engagement are integral to 4-H. For more than 100 years, 4-H members have been making a difference by proactively addressing challenges in their communities. As part of the Citizenship Mission Mandate, every 4-H program across the nation has a strong history of designing, delivering and implementing educational programs and activities related to community service, youth volunteerism and service-learning.

This year, the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service is on ***Monday, January 21***. I encourage 4-H volunteers and youth to plan a community service project, event or activity either on that day, during that week or throughout the month. The MLK Day of Service is about more than a one-day service project – it is about connecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in a shared commitment to making a difference in their communities. It is also a great opportunity to let people know how youth in 4-H learn to be active, engaged citizens and leaders–not just on one day, but throughout the year.

For more information about the MLK Day of Service, go to: http://mlkday.gov/.

Sincerely, Dorothy M Freeman

Re-enroll by January 15

Don't miss out! 4-H youth and volunteers need to re-enroll by ***January 15***. Re-enrollment remains open after January 15, but the longer you wait, the more you miss out on, including critical communications.

The re-enrollment task should be significantly shorter this year because previously entered information will carry over into the new 4-H year. However, it is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT that families review and update enrollment information, especially health and emergency contact information. If you have forgotten your password, you can request to have it sent to you at the main login screen at mn.4honline.com.

New (first time) 4-H youth members can enroll online using the link above, but must mail a signed copy of the Authorization Statements to Extension staff. The Authorization Statement document can be downloaded from www.4-h.umn.edu/policies/4H-member-authorization-form.pdf and mailed to your county or regional office. You will find "Quick Start" and "Detailed Instructions" links on the login page to guide you through the enrollment process.

New (first time) 4-H Adult Volunteers must complete the three step 4-H Volunteer Screening process in order to serve as a 4-H volunteer. Instructions and forms are available at www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/#application.

Screening is a separate process from enrolling. Complete information and support resources can be found online at www.4-h.umn.edu/4honline.

Last Chance for BLU

Registration for the 2013 BLU (Building Leadership & Understanding) events is due to your Extension office by ***January 7***! Don't miss the opportunity to join the State 4-H Ambassadors in learning about respect at this year's event!

Youth grades 6-13 are invited to participate; non-4-H members are welcome too. The events will be filled with hands-on activities for youth to learn and practice valuable skills related to leadership. Choose the BLU location near you:

- **Minneapolis North**, Crown Plaza; Saturday, ***February 2-3, 2013***
- **Mankato,** AmericInn, ***February 9-10, 2013***
- **Bemidji**, Hampton Inn & Suites, ***March 2-3, 2013***

The cost is $80 for all participants and chaperones. This covers all meals, lodging, activities, and supplies. A BLU retreat t-shirt is available for an additional $12 if ordered at the time of registration. A late fee of $20 per person will be added for registrations received after the deadline.

Chaperones will be needed! Please call the Extension Office if you are interested. Regions and/or counties must provide their own adults-in-charge and transportation to BLU. Adults must be 21 or older and be a screened 4-H volunteer.

Registration is due to the county Extension office by ***January 7, 2013***. The registration form is available online at www.4-H.umn.edu/county/pine. Click on 4-H in Pine County and look under forms. Additional information is available online at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/blu. Please contact your county Extension office or Kim Thompson, Center for Youth Development at thomp037@umn.edu or 612-624-7774 with any questions.

It's not too late to be an Early Bird: Register for the M4-HAVA Forum

The Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association will be held at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on ***Feb. 14-16***. The Forum committee has planned exciting and educational workshops, as well as opportunities for 4-H volunteers (and staff) to get together with others from around the state to share ideas, learn new skills, develop and renew friendships, and have a lot of fun.

Forum registration includes meals and all sessions. "Early bird" registrations received by ***Jan. 15*** are just $85 for M4-HAVA members and $120 for non-members - that's $45 less than the regular rate! One-day registration is also available. Youth 9th grade and above register as an adult, while youth K-8 will register for "Kids Path" for just $65 per youth.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the St. Cloud Kelly Inn at 320-253-0606. Mention that you are with 4-H to obtain the special event rate.

More information about this event, (including a description of Forum workshops) is available at the M4-HAVA website at www.m4-hava.org (Click on "upcoming events").

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 positions will be posted by mid-January at http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/jobs.html. The application deadline is ***February 22***.

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

Online 4-H Volunteer Training

Volunteers can easily access the training and support they need to make a difference in the lives of Minnesota youth. This series of dynamic, interactive 30-minute online training modules will help volunteers build their volunteer skills and knowledge from home. These trainings are available to all adult screened volunteers, through https://mn.4honline.com/:

- Creating a welcoming 4-H environment: Engaging, encouraging, and respectful
- The 4-H learning environment
- 4-H project leaders: Where the action starts
- Managing 4-H clubs: A guide for club leaders
- Keeping youth safe in 4-H (Coming in later January)

To get a preview of each of the trainings, please visit: http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/online-training/.

Shooting Sports & Wildlife Certification Trainings!

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 for the spring trainings will be available ***February 1*** at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification. Registrations 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)

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

CWF is a citizen and leadership event for high school youth from across the United States. Youth learn about government, the legislative process, meet with elected officials and visit many national monuments and historical sites in Washington D.C.

- ***June 30 - July 6, 2013*** (Does not include travel dates) – National 4-H Conference Center, Washington D.C.
- Be sure to check out any County specific requirements and deadlines.

More information can be found at the following website at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Office Closed – New Year's Day – Jan. 1
- BLU Registration Due – Jan. 7
- Regional Horse Meeting – Jan. 12
- Horse Winter Roundup Registration Due – Jan. 14
- M4-HAVA Registration Due – Jan. 15
- 4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline – Jan. 15
- Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day Jr. Day – Jan. 21
- Horse Winter Roundup, Spicer – Jan 25-27
- LQA&E Train-the-Trainer webinar – Jan. 26
- Poultry Workshop – Jan. 26
- Camp Counselor Applications Due – Jan. 31
- BLU, North Minneapolis – Feb. 2-3
- Western Heritage Meeting – Feb. 5
- BLU, Mankato – Feb. 9-10
- M4-HAVA Forum, St. Cloud – Feb. 14-16
- Market Beef ID Deadline – Feb. 15
- County Office Closed – President's Day – Feb. 18
- Summer Intern Application Deadline – Feb. 22
- BBOP – Feb. 22-23
- 4-H Judges Training – Feb. 23
- Project Workshop Day – Feb. 23
- Project Bowl, Foley – March 2
- BLU, Bemidji – March 2-3
- 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
- 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
- State Project Bowl, Foley – April 20