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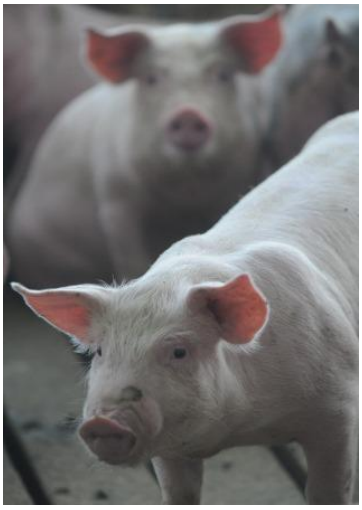

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Arts-In PDC Meeting

New adults and youth are welcome to attend and help plan Arts-in!

- Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 7:00pm
- Pine County Courthouse, Pine City

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

Fruit Pick-up

The fruit pick up will be Saturday, March 16, 8:00 a.m. at the Hinckley Community Center. Once the fruit has left the building you are agreeing that it is all there and good quality.

Horse PDC Meeting

All horse members are encouraged to attend the next Horse Project Development Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hinckley-Finlayson High School.

Executive Board Meeting

- Monday, March 25, 2013, 7pm
- Hinckley-Finlayson High School
- Home Ec Room, 147

Shooting Sports Training

Shooting Sports Training will begin Monday, March 25th at the Hinckley Community Center from 6-8 p.m. Contact the office for more details! There is also still a great need for qualified adult volunteers to train youth in shooting sports. Leaders must attend one of the State Shooting Sports trainings. Please check the State 4-H website or contact the office for more details.

Dog Training

Dog Training will begin Tuesday, April 2nd, 6:00 p.m. at the Hinckley High School. Training will continue on Tuesday nights in Hinckley until May 21st. Outdoor training will then begin at the fairgrounds on June 4th and continue until the county fair.

Animal Weigh-in Date

Sheep, Goat and Breeding Beef will be weighed and tagged on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please call if you are planning on attending. All market lambs (ewe or wether) and various breeding beef and prospect market calves must have a MN 4-H ear tag before the May 15 affidavit deadline. If you are not sure if you need to attend check the "2013 Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Show Requirements" on the State 4-H website.

4-H Animal Eag Tagging

All youth that are planning on bringing animals to the fair this summer must check to see if their animal needs a MN 4-H ear tag before the May 15 affidavit deadline. Ear tags can be picked up from the Extension Office. An ear tagger and notcher can also be checked out from the office, you may want to call ahead to check the availability of the tagger and notcher.

Affidavit Deadline

All 4-H members that will be showing an animal at the Pine County fair this year needs to turn in their affidavit to the Extension Office by May 15, 2013 by 4:30 p.m. This includes dog, horse, rabbit, goat (except for jr. doe kids – July 1), dairy, swine, sheep and non-market beef (market beef was due in February). Poultry do not need an affidavit. Contact the Extension Office if you need an affidavit or if you have any questions.

LQA&E

The policy for Pine County is that all livestock exhibitors (except Cloverbuds) need to complete their appropriate Level of Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics training. Pine County will offer training on June 4, 2013 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Pine County Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. If you are unable to attend please check the MN 4-H website for additional training locations. 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair that are not LQA&E certified can only participate in class for a red or white ribbon. They are not eligible for any champion awards and are not eligible for the county 4-H auction.

Arts-In Counselors Needed

If you are in ninth grade or above and would love to help at summer camp please consider becoming an arts-in counselor. Counselors meet before camp to receive training and plan camp activities (campfire, recreation, etc.). While at camp counselors stay in cabins with campers and have delicious meals! Arts-in Camp will be held June 25-28.

PICCKMW Camp

Now is the time to make plans to attend PICKM Summer Camp. Sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension 4-H program this camp is for all youth that have completed grades 4-8.

Camp will be June 24-26 at the Norway Point Group Camp located in St. Croix State Park just east of Hinckley. Camp will include workshops, crafts, campfires, swimming and much more! Registration materials are now available in the Extension Office, you also can register in 4HOnline. Campers do not need to be in 4-H to attend, so bring a friend or two!

Arts-In Camp

Arts-In is a camp for youth interested in performing arts. Camp will be held June 25-28 at St. Croix State Park, Head of the Rapids Camp. Participating youth will work on a song and dance routine during camp and then perform at various locations throughout the summer. Participants do not need to be in 4-H, but do need to live in Pine County, attend a Pine County school or be in Pine County 4-H. Youth must have completed 4th grade and must not exceed one year past high school graduation. Registration materials will be ready soon!

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 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:

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

- Project Bowl, Foley – March 2
- BLU, Bemidji – March 2-3
- Animal Science 101 Webinar – March 4
- Arts-In PDC Meeting – March 6
- Food and Bread Show, Main Street Church 10 am – March 9
- Project Bowl, Farmington – March 9
- Fruit Pick-Up – March 16
- Project Bowl, Grand Rapids– March 16
- Project Bowl, Redwood Falls – March 16
- Horse PDC Meeting – March 20
- Shooting Sports Training Registration Due – March 22

- 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
- Executive Board Meeting – March 25
- Dog Training Starts – April 2
- 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
- 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 Weigh-In – May 4
- Animal ID's Due – May 15
- LQA&E Training – June 4
- YELLO Conference, State Fairgrounds – June 10-13
- Arts-In Camp – June 25-28
- PICCKMW Camp – June 24-26
- State Ambassador Orientation, State Fairgrounds – June 25-27
- Arts-In Camp – June 25-28