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Thank you

Thank you to everyone that attended Recognition Night! A special thank you to the ambassadors for setting up the room and decorating and all the clubs for providing the wonderful food.

Elected Council Officers:

- President: Justin Waschenbecker
- Vice President: Madison Nelson
- Secretary: Heather Jager Durheim
- Assistant Treasurer: Angela DeGray & Sarah DeGray
- Treasurer: Cindy Durheim

Congratulations to all of the new Executive Board members!

- District One: Tracey Boeson, Justin Waschenbecker, Joylyn Waschenbecker
- District Two: Patrice DeGray, Angela DeGray, Madelyn Bombard
- District Three: Candi Nelson, Madison Nelson, Lindsey Rootkie,
- District Four: Amanda Oquist, Skye Oquist
- District Five: David Durheim, Michael Durheim, Heather Jager Durheim

Arts-in Meeting

The next Arts-In meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm at Pizza Pub in Pine City. Anyone interested in helping plan the show, organize the camp, gather donations, chaperone, or help with other tasks is welcome! We would love to see some new faces.

Cheese Fundraiser

The cheese fundraiser is now underway. All independent and club orders must be in the office by 9:00 am on Monday, November 26th. This is a final deadline as the office must have all orders compiled that day to give the creamery our final numbers the next morning! Orders, along with payment, can be dropped off early at the office or in the Extension drop box located outside the courthouse (attached to the handicapped parking sign to the left of the main doors). Cheese delivery is tentatively set for Sat. Dec, 15 in Hinckley.

Executive Board Meeting

- Monday, November 26th, 7 pm
- Hinckley-Finlayson High School

Officer Training

All club and council officers are invited to attend the club officer training on Monday, November 26th at 6:00 pm in room 147 of the Hinckley-Finlayson High School. The training will last about one hour (prior to the Council meeting) and youth will learn about parliamentary procedure, the duties of their officer role, participate in a leadership activity and more! Youth that would be interested in taking on a leadership role in the future are also welcome.

Horse Meeting

All horse members and leaders are invited to a horse planning meeting on November 28th at 6:30 pm at the Hinckley-Finlayson High School. During this meeting youth will work on making plans to accomplish their 2013 goals that they selected at the September meeting.

Club Chartering

All 4-H Clubs will need to apply for a club charter for the 2012-13 program year. Information and forms have been sent out, along with a copy of your last charter. Please return completed charter forms to the Extension Office by November 30, 2012. The inventory form must also be submitted at this time. If you're interested in chartering a new club or know someone who is interested, please contact the Extension Office to receive a packet.

Statewide Horse PDC Webinar

There will be a statewide Horse PDC webinar on Monday, December 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pine County will be presenting it in the Pine County Boardroom. It is for all 4-H adult and youth leaders involved in the horse project.

T-Shirts & Jars

Do you have t-shirts (in any condition) and/or jars at your house that you would like to get rid of? Bring them to the Extension Office, as we are looking for these items for upcoming workshops. Jars can be any size and it doesn't matter if they have lids or not (jars can be a canning jar or even the jar that you just ate your pickles from last night).

Regional Knowledge Bowls

It is that time of year again for knowledge bowls. 4-H youth and adults interested in rabbit, dairy, general livestock, dog, poultry, horse, dairy goat, wildlife and nutrition can compete. Project bowls are an exciting way for youth to explore a project area. It encourages youth to develop self-confidence and teamwork, decision-making, organization, and leadership skills. At knowledge bowls, youth compete as a team against other teams using a buzzer system. Winners of the regional contest advance to State. If you are interested in participating or being a coach, contact the Pine County Extension Office at (800)657-3813.

PICCKM Wildlife Retreat

Want to learn about Wolves, Wild dogs and other animals? Then join us for a sleep over at the Wildlife Center in Forest Lake on Friday, December 7th, 6:00 pm – Saturday, December 8th 10:00 am. This activity is open to youth in grades 3-8. The cost $35.00 and includes a continental breakfast. Please eat supper before arriving, we will provide a bedtime snack. Space is limited, and the overnight will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration is due by November 28th. Bring a sleeping bag and mat if desired, but no air mattresses. More information and registration can be found at http://z.umn.edu/wildliferetreat.

4-H Re-Enrollment

Minnesota 4-H youth members and adult volunteers are encouraged to take a few minutes to re-enroll in 4-H if you have not already done so.

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 http://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: http://z.umn.edu/4honlineauthoform and mailed to your county or regional office at: http://z.umn.edu/countyoffices. 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: http://z.umn.edu/4hvolunteerapplication. Screening is a separate process from enrolling.

Complete information and support resources can be found online at: http://z.umn.edu/mn4honline.

Camp Counselors Needed

Are you in 9th grade or older? Do you want to have a great summer and meet new friends? Sign up to be a PICCKMW Camp Counselor! Applications to be a PICCKMW Camp Counselor will be out soon. Camp will be held June 24-26 at Norway Point Camp in St. Croix State Park east of Hinckley. Call the Extension Office for an application and the list of camp counselor meetings and events. Applications are due back to the Extension Office by January 31st.

Project Workshop Day Instructors Needed

Project Workshop Day is scheduled for February 23rd. We need instructors to teach workshop sessions. Each session is usually about 50 minutes and instructors can teach on any 4-H project area. Some session ideas include: food preservation, making a bird feeder, knitting, GPS, scrapbooking, photography, etc. If you are interested in teaching a session or to find out more contact the Extension Office.

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!

2012 Fall 4-H Volunteer Training

Wonder! Question! Discover! - Expanding 4-H Learning

Come and learn ways to guide young people in a process to discover new ideas, explore their curiosities, and deepen their 4-H learning experiences. Use hands-on science and engineering design activities to try out inquiry-based learning. Develop new skills for facilitating learning experiences and applying this in your work with youth in 4-H projects, clubs, and activities.

You will leave this training with:

- **Strategies** to use questioning to help young people expand their learning in projects and club work
- **Confidence** to facilitate 3+ hands-on science or engineering design activities in your club or group
- **A toolkit** of 6-8 additional science/engineering activity lessons and resources

Visit the following website to find trainings near you http://z.umn.edu/volunteertraining.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The National 4-H Conference will be held ***April 6-11, 2013*** at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C. The application and instructions for delegate selection are now available on the following website www.4-h.umn.edu/events/national-conference. The application must be postmarked by ***November 16, 2012***.

Building Leadership and Understanding – BLU

The State 4-H Ambassadors offer BLU, an exciting and fun leadership adventure that brings together over 500 youth from across the State of Minnesota in an overnight leadership workshop. Each retreat uses hands-on activities to help youth learn and practice valuable skills that they take back with them to their counties and communities, and will use throughout their lives.

Youth grades 6-13 are invited to participate; non-4-H members are welcome too. 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.extension.umn.edu/county/pine. Click on 4-H in Pine County and look under forms. Additional information is available online at http://z.umn.edu/blu2013. Please contact your county Extension office or Linda Reis at the Farmington Regional Office, reisx043@umn.edu or 1-888-241-0839, with any questions.

M4-HAVA Forum

The Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association invites you to our 2013 Forum which will be held at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on ***February 14-16, 2013***. This year's theme reflects the focus on volunteer service "4 the luv of 4-H."

Exciting and educational workshops have been planned, as well as opportunities for you to get together with other 4-H volunteers from around the state to share ideas, learn new skills, develop and renew friendships, and have a lot of fun.

Thursday, Feb. 14 includes registration and social "Exchanges." Friday, Feb. 15 includes opening ceremonies, Kids Path, workshops, district caucuses, speakers and entertainment, make & take crafts, and games. Saturday, Feb. 16 includes an awards luncheon, the annual meeting, installation of new officers, a continued Kids Path, and more workshops, crafts, and games. The Forum also includes door prizes, a silent auction, a hospitality suite, and the "M4-HAVA Store."

Register early! Registrations received by ***January 15, 2013*** are just $85 for M4-HAVA members and $120 for non-members. Registration received January 16-31 is $130 for M4-HAVA members and $165 for non-members. One-day registration is also available. **Note:** Membership is just $10/year per person or $15 per couple (S/L/B/G/T/Q), so you'll want to join M4-HAVA before or while registering for the forum. 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 for 4-H volunteers is available at the M4-HAVA website at www.m4-hava.org (Click on "upcoming events.").

See YOU at the forum!

Healthy Living Photos and Facebook

Do you like being physically active in the outdoors or cooking? Maybe you were involved in the summer 2012 Healthy Living mini-grant programming in your county, at camp or at the State Fair. The MN Healthy Living team has a facebook page about the exciting Healthy Living activities going on in Minnesota. Check out the pictures and stories at: http://www.facebook.com/MN4HHealthyLiving. Some Cook Off candid shots can also be found at http://mn4h.smugmug.com/StateFair/2012-State-Fair-Candids. If you have something you would like to submit and share, please contact Carrie Olson at olson166@umn.edu.

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. Citizenship Washington Focus will be held ***June 30 – July 6, 2013*** at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C. More information can be found at http://z.umn.edu/cwf2013. Please be sure to check any county specific requirements and deadlines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Make It with Wool Contest Registration Due – Nov. 1
- Arts-In Meeting – Nov. 7
- Office Closed – Veterans Day – Nov. 12
- National 4-H Conference Registration Due – Nov. 16
- Office Closed – Thanksgiving – Nov. 22-23
- Officer Training – Nov. 26
- Cheese Fundraiser Orders Due – Nov. 26
- Executive Board Meeting – Nov. 26
- Horse Meeting – Nov. 28
- Club Charters Due – Nov. 30
- Make It with Wool Contest, Mankato – Dec. 1
- Statewide Horse PDC Webinar – Dec. 3
- PICCKM Wildlife Retreat – Dec. 7-8
- Office Closed – Christmas – Dec. 24-25
- Office Closed – New Year's Day – Jan. 1
- BLU Registration Due – Jan. 7
- M4-HAVA Registration Due – Jan. 15
- 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline – Jan. 15
- Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day Jr. Day – Jan. 21
- BLU, North Minneapolis – Feb. 2-3
- BLU, Mankato – Feb. 9-10
- Project Workshop Day – Feb. 23
- M4-HAVA Forum, St. Cloud – Feb. 14-16
- BLU, Bemidji – March 2-3