

Sauk County 4-H Newsletter

Clover Comments

June-July 2018



MUSINGS FROM MEG:

We hosted another AMAZING Performance Arts Festival! It is one of my favorite events here in Sauk County, so many talented 4-H members. Thank you to all of the volunteers, youth, and adults, who helped make the event a success. Looking forward to seeing many of the performances again at the Art Showcase on Thursday night of the fair. Summer has arrived with hot, hot, hot temperatures. I hope that you all are staying cool.

I've been busy visiting Clubs and Project meetings. Thanks to Skillet Creek, Mirror Lake and Jolly Beavers 4-H Clubs for inviting me to attend your meetings. Club Leaders and Project Leaders, if you would like me to attend one of your upcoming meetings, please email me at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu.

The Sauk County Fair is almost upon us and we are looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful exhibits. The fair is a GREAT showcase for all of our 4-H members.

MEET THE 4-H SUMMER ASSISTANT – ALLISON FOSTER

Hello everyone! My name is Allison Foster and I hail from just down the road in Portage, WI. In the fall, I will be a senior at UW-Platteville with a major in Dairy Science. I was a 12-year member of the New Directions 4-H Club in Columbia County. My favorite 4-H experiences include showing my Jersey cows at the fair, traveling to tour Chicago, and serving as a county 4-H Ambassador! After graduating from college, I hope to continue educating people of all ages about the importance of agriculture! I am so excited to be joining the Sauk County 4-H team this summer! My email address is: uwexsummerintern@gmail.com, if you have a questions, or just want to say "Hi"!

JUNIOR LEADER COUNCIL (JLC) MEETINGS

The Junior Leader Council is open to ALL youth who are in 7th grade and up and enrolled in the Sauk County 4-H program. If you would like to get JLC emails, please contact Meg Sage at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu. **The Junior Leader Council business meeting will continue to be on the third Thursday of each month. (June 21, August 16, September 20, etc.) These meetings will all begin at 7PM, and be in B24 of the West Square Building.** The July 19 meeting will be a fun meeting held at a local park. If you would like to attend the fun meeting, please email Meg. More information shared about themes for upcoming meetings, very soon.

Once again, ALL 4-H youth in 7th grade and above are encouraged to participate and attend the Junior Leader Council meetings. These young leaders are making a big impact on the Sauk County 4-H program. Come and join the group!

SENIOR LEADERS MEETING

The Senior Leaders is a group of elected representatives who help shape the direction of the Sauk County 4-H program. The group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next two meetings will be **Tuesday, July 24 and August 28 at 6:30 in the UW-Extension Conference Room.** 4-H members, Leaders and families are welcome to attend.

HOURS FOR REACHING 4-H STAFF DURING THE SUMMER

Summer is an extremely busy time for all 4-H Staff. Meg and Allison will be out and about at night meetings, State Conference, weekend events, and more. If you need to meet, get a signature on a form, or chat with Meg or Allison, please email (margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu or uwexsummerintern@gmail.com) to set up an appointment. Please plan accordingly, as there are some events where Meg and/or Allison are out of the office for up to a week at a time.

FIND THE HIDDEN IMAGE


Congratulations **Kathryn Richards** who found the hidden image in the last newsletter. The symbol changes with each Clover Comments. The first **4-H member** to find the image and email Meg with its' location at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu will win a 4-H prize from a box of choices in the Extension Office. This month's image is: 

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APRIL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

- April 1-Phyllis Meister, Reedsburg, \$100**
- April 1-Karyn Ann Behn, Reedsburg, \$100**
- April 2-Justina Johnson, Plain, \$20
- April 3-Suzie Horkan, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 4-Morgan & Deanna Klemm, Rock Springs, \$20
- April 5-Shirley Ennis, Hillsboro, \$20
- April 6-Michael Richards, Prairie du Sac, \$20
- April 7-John Kennedy, Reedsburg, \$50.00**
- April 8-Josh & Heidi Gerike, Loganville, \$20
- April 9-Ann Meldahl, Lanesboro, MN, \$20
- April 10-Chris Kreul, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 11-Andrea Gavol, Sauk City, \$20
- April 12-Jeff Koch, Poynette, \$20
- April 13-Petersen Family, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 14-Pam Schulenburg, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 15-Stephanie Neumann, Spring Green, \$100**
- April 16-Stephanie Astle, Cazenovia, \$20
- April 17-Kristrin Bowden, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 18-John Fry, Lime Ridge, \$20
- April 19-Julie Moliter, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 20-Marla Kluge, Baraboo, \$20
- April 21-Alissa Skibba, Baraboo, \$20
- April 22-Andrew (Pete) Hess, Loganville, \$20
- April 23-Rick & Bobbie Anderson, Blue River, WI, \$20
- April 24-Crystal Avalos, Sauk City, \$20
- April 25-Mark Wieser, Wis Dells, \$20
- April 26-Allan Schulte, Baraboo, \$20
- April 27-Maggie Raupp, Reedsburg, \$20
- April 28-Alice Cummings, Baraboo, \$20
- April 29-Tracy Sprecher, Sauk City, \$20
- April 30-Shelley Berry, Mazomanie \$20



GETTING THE MOST FROM CLOVER COMMENTS

Clover Comments is FILLED with information to expand your 4-H involvement in leadership, multi-level events, and project areas. We understand that this can be overwhelming. We recommend:

- When you receive your Clover Comments, take some time as a family to review it, maybe over dinner.
- Have a highlighter ready and highlight those things that interest you.
- Mark dates down on your family calendar.
- RSVP and/or fill out the forms for the events as soon as you receive the information. The longer you wait, the more likely you are to forget.
- For Leaders –Please announce events that you think will interest your club members at club meetings.
- If you misplace your Clover Comments, no worries...
 - Copies are available in the Extension Office.
 - Electronic copies are found at sauk.uwex.edu
 - Electronic copies can be found in 4-Honline on your family screen after you login.



MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

- May 1- Jenny Pulvermacher, Brooklyn, WI, \$20
- May 2- Finley Hooverson, Prairie du Sac, \$20
- May 3- Curt Hying, Highland, \$20
- May 4- Tom Dorow, Lyndon Station, \$20.00
- May 5- Mary Blau, Merrimac, \$50.00**
- May 6- Sean & Ann Pinten, LaValle, \$20
- May 7- Jean Bindl, Reedsburg, \$20
- May 8- Eric, Johnson, Sauk City, \$20
- May 9- Ron & Barb Drinkwater, Baraboo, \$20
- May 10- Jay Swenson, Madison, \$20
- May 11- Katirose Haney, Kenosha, \$20
- May 12- Carl E. Behn, Madison, \$20
- May 13- John Clooter, Cottage Grove, \$100.00**
- May 14- Shannon Shepherd, Baraboo, \$20
- May 15- Matt Balfanz, Baraboo, \$20
- May 16- Olivia Breunig, Mazomanie, \$20
- May 17- Jennifer & Bill Stuber, Baraboo, \$20
- May 18- Becky Hovde, Baraboo, \$20
- May 19- Jon Craker, Reedsburg, \$20
- May 20- Debbie Rettkawski, McFarland, \$20
- May 21- Robert Slaney, Wonewoc, \$20
- May 22- Chuck Meier, Waunakee, \$20
- May 23- Sue Petty, Winthrop Harbor, IL, \$20
- May 24- Amanda Rugg, Reedsburg, \$20
- May 25- Yvonne Smith, Baraboo, \$20
- May 26- Sarah Frederiksen, Wisconsin Dells, \$20
- May 27- Louise Boyd, Reedsburg, \$20
- May 28- Mary Hasse, Hillpoint, \$100.00**
- May 29- Kevin Judd, Hillpoint, \$20
- May 30- Dawson, Brandt, LaValle, \$20
- May 31- Riberich Family, Rock Springs, \$20



STATEWIDE BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS

The State 4-H Office is processing background checks every two weeks. What you need to know as a volunteer...

- Volunteers will receive an email to their personal email address (which may or may not be the same as the family email).
- The subject line of the email should read “Action needed in connection with your current volunteer status with University of Wisconsin Extension.”
- **Volunteers will have 5 days (including Sunday) to complete the information on the GIS website.**
- The GIS website is secure and encrypted.
- **Please check your e-mail often and check your clutter/junk mail folder as well.**
- If two people in the family use ONE email, one person will need to complete a paper volunteer background check.
- Counties will not be able to approve new volunteers until the background check is complete. They will show as “Pending” until the check is complete.





SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR SALES

The Sauk County 4-H Calendars were dispersed at the Club Leader meeting at the end of March. The Sauk County 4-H Calendars are a fundraiser for your 4-H club. Your 4-H Club receives \$100 if you sell your 4-H Calendar allotment. It is also one of the main fundraising efforts of the Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders Association that supports the 4-H program in Sauk County. Without the money to carry out our programs and vision, 4-H would not be able to succeed. Fundraising matters – if we are raising money for an organization that does good work, then we are doing good work as well.

Sauk County 4-H uses the money raised from calendar sales for 4-H newsletters and correspondence, insurance for 4-H members and Leaders at 4-H meetings and events, member recognition and awards, Leader training, member trainings, Clover Awards, camp, County Fair activities, awards, and much more.

Your goal is to let your sale prospects know what 4-H means to you and share your 4-H story. Grow your ask list: family members, friends, neighbors, anyone you spend money with – dentist, doctors, service providers, feedmill, etc. Schedule a time they can meet. Use basic sales techniques for better fundraising:

- ✿ Perfect your introduction. Don't start with a question like, "Would you like to buy..." Instead – introduce yourself, your group, goal, what are you raising money for...for example, the money you raise will help support the county 4-H program and your 4-H club.
- ✿ Share a personal story about what you have learned in 4-H, a project that you like to work on, a community service activity you have done, or a countywide event that you like to attend.
- ✿ Look nice and wear a 4-H shirt.
- ✿ If you are going to a business, make an appointment ahead of time so they know you are coming and so that you can speak to the correct person.
- ✿ Say thank you for helping us meet our goal and restate what your goal is.

AS YOU ARE SELLING CALENDARS – REMEMBER:

- ✓ PRINT and complete the FULL address on the calendar stubs that are turned into your club leader. If that calendar stub is drawn as a winning stub, we need the address to mail the winning check.
- ✓ ALL checks you receive from sales should be made payable to YOUR 4-H club.
- ✓ As a helpful reminder, we suggest that 4-H clubs make labels to put on your calendar stubs with: Make Checks Payable to: (Your Club Name)
- ✓ ONE check should come from your 4-H club payable to the Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders.
- ✓ **All calendar stubs and one check from the club MUST be turned into the UWEX office before 4:30PM on Wednesday, June 27.**



TRANSFERRING OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE FAIR BOARD

Three years ago, UW-Extension administration asked each county to evaluate their roles at the County Fair. Evaluating the time UWEX personnel put into the County Fair is not new. There was a letter written and sent to Extension Offices, Extension Committees and community partners in May of 2012. However, due to Extension Staff turnover, the Sauk County Extension office maintained many of the roles that were not our responsibility.

The Extension Office and the Fair Board agreed to a timeline for transferring duties, starting in the fall of 2016. The timeline is as such....

From NOW – future the Fair Board is responsible for:

- Fair Book
- Blue Ribbon – online entry system
- Hiring and communication with Judges
- All communication about Fair related items such as entry deadlines, upcoming changes to the fair, etc.
- Facilitation of Fair Board committees
- Communication with community partners about Fair sponsorships, awards, and incentives.
- Coordination, preparation, and support for weigh-in days
- Pre-Fair Judging Day
 - Judging building set up
 - Finding and supporting volunteers
 - Orientation for Judges
 - Orientation for Superintendents
 - Facilitation of Pre-Fair Judging
 - Supporting Superintendents
 - Answering questions from Judges
- Coordination of vets to be on the grounds for cat show and animal entry day.
- Facilitation of Animal Entry Day
- Supporting Superintendents during animal weigh-in and check-in for each species.
- Facilitation of each animal show
- Transporting Exhibits to State Fair.

From NOW – future the Extension Office will be responsible for:

- Fairgrounds Clean-up Day for Exhibit Buildings
- Exhibit Building Set-up
- Exhibit Building Hosting Schedule
- Herdsmanship scoring coordination
- Action Center
- Art Showcase





HELPING HANDS NEEDED FOR THE FAIR

It takes MANY, MANY helping hands to make everything at the fair happen and work smoothly. We are currently looking for helpers for the following:

- 4-H Action Center - Youth and adults needed.
 - Thursday, July 12, 1 hour shifts, 2-5PM
 - Saturday, July 14, 1 hour shifts, 11AM-4PM

If you are interested in helping with any of the above listed items, please contact Allison Foster at: uwexsummerintern@gmail.com or 608-355-3258 by Tuesday, July 3.

- Building Display Team - Youth and adults needed.
 - Tuesday, July 10 from 9-noon
- Building Hosting - Youth and adults needed.
 - Wednesday, July 11, 1 hour shifts, Noon-8PM
 - Thursday, July 12, 1 hour shifts, 9AM - 8:00 PM
 - Friday, July 13, 1 hour shifts, 9AM-9PM
 - Saturday, July 14, 1 hour shifts, 9AM-5PM
 - Sunday, July 15, 1 hour shifts, Noon-3PM
 - Exhibit Release (need at least 3 adults per building) - Sunday, July 15, 3PM-7 PM

For Building Display Team and Building Hosts- we are once again using SignUp.com. **Please go to <http://signup.com/go/GQSpEFu> and you can register for the slots you would like to fill.** Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link: <http://signup.com/go/GQSpEFu>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you would like to fill.
- 3) Sign up!

It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com. Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Haley at haley.weisert@saukcounty.wi.gov or 608-355-3250 and she can sign you up manually.



FROM THE SAUK COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Sauk County Fair Board is ALSO looking for volunteers to help with Pre-Fair Judging Day, office help during Fair week, help with livestock shows, and other events around the fairgrounds. The Fair Board is ALSO using SignUp.com for their volunteer options as well. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/jFKPjws>
2. Enter your email address – Choose your Spot
3. Sign up!

SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! IF you are signing up multiple family members, you can put the their name in the comment section. IF you would rather Liz sign you up, email her at info@saukcountyfair.com



FAIR UPDATES – PRE-FAIR JUDGING – EXHIBITOR TAGS – PARKING PASSES – ETC.

The Fair Board has prepared an information sheet all about Pre-Fair Judging day. **Please check the Sauk County Fair website at: <http://saukcountyfair.com/junior-fair-information/>. There is specific 2018 Fair information for you to check out!**

Exhibitor packets (which include exhibit/entry tags, pre-purchased parking passes and back tag numbers-for exhibitors showing animals) will be available starting July 5 at Fair Office (located in the Commercial Building on the Fairgrounds). **The Fair office is open Thursday, July 5 and Friday, July 6 from 10am-4pm and on Monday, July 9 starting at 1:30PM. After Pre-Fair Judging Day, exhibitor packets will be available throughout the Fair in the Fair Office.**



4-H CLUB BOOTHS AT THE FAIR

The theme for 2018 was submitted by two of our 4-H members, and is "Growing True Leaders in Service." Booths are approximately 4'6" deep x 5'9" wide. **Booths are set up on the day of Pre-Fair Judging (Monday of Fair Week) after 1:00PM and must be complete by 6:00PM. Judging of the booths will be done at 6:00PM on Pre-Fair Judging Day (Monday of Fair week).** If clubs wish to attach items to the booths, it is recommended that staple guns are used clubs will be asked to remove as many staples as possible when removing the booth at the end of the Fair. Electrical outlets are extremely limited in the Fair Building so clubs are encouraged to think of club designs that do not use electricity. Booth spaces will be assigned and labeled on Monday.



2018 4-H ART SHOWCASE

The 4-H Art Showcase will be open to all 4-H members in the Clothing, Knitting, and Crocheting Project as well as any 4-H members, groups, or 4-H Clubs who participated in the Performance Arts Festival in April. **The 4-H Art Showcase is scheduled for Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 PM.** To participate in the 4-H Art Showcase you must register with the registration form is online at: <https://sauk.uwex.edu/sauk-county-4-h/4-h-events-and-contests/> **Registration forms are due Tuesday, July 10, before noon to the UWEX office, they may also be emailed to Allison at: uwexsummerintern@gmail.com.** Plan to meet in the Badger Building by 6:45PM. **If you have any questions, contact Allison Foster at 608-355-3258 or uwexsummerintern@gmail.com.**



SAW COW CONTEST IS BACK!

The Sauk County Dairy Promoters are sponsoring a “Saw Cow” design contest for all 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth groups at the Sauk County Fair. Limited to one “cow” per group. Use your imagination and creativity to convert a sawhorse into a “Saw Cow”. Your cow will need to match this year’s dairy theme “**Super Heroes**”. Have a sign stating what Club/Chapter/Group made it and that it is for Dairy Promotion. **All “cows” must be in place by 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 11 in front of the Dairy Promoters Booth** (across from the 4-H Food Stand). Once judged, the “cows” will be displayed around the fair to be enjoyed by the public. “Cows” will be released on Sunday after 4PM. Prizes will be available, ranging from \$50 for 1st place to \$30 for 2nd. As you are building your “cows” – remember you need to transport and move them as well as the fact that the “cows” will be outside for the entire fair and will be exposed to all of the elements. **For more information, please contact Angel Acker at 608-393-6037.**



WIN OR LOSE HAVE A CHARACTER SUMMER

“Doing whatever it takes to win in sports is called gamesmanship. It encourages clever and effective ways of bending, evading and breaking the rules to gain a competitive advantage. Gamesmanship is an attitude that says “the rules really don’t apply to me, just everyone else.” And it is topped off with the belief that “it’s only cheating if you get caught” because winning is everything. Sadly, gamesmanship is not found only in sports.

We likely are able to think of examples in 4-H that could be called gamesmanship. For example, have you ever heard of using paint or shoe polish on livestock to hide blemished areas? Letting mom bake the exhibit brownies because hers always turn out better? Or exhibiting an award-winning project from a year or two earlier after making some minor changes? These, along with many others are examples of gamesmanship.

There likely will always be someone willing to use these tactics so they can be the winner. But are they really the winner? Is winning using gamesmanship a true win, or is it a counterfeit win?

As you begin your summer activities and participate in fairs and shows, promote sportsmanship, work hard to learn the skills of each of your projects and give project completion 100 percent of your effort. Keep in mind that the real winner is the individual who pursues victory with honor and takes no shortcuts along the way. Have a great summer and remember your CHARACTER COUNTS! Everywhere AND all the time! “

Mary Jo Williams,
Retired Missouri State 4-H Specialist



GREEN TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you need a reason to wear a lot of green, promote 4-H and have fun? Well, the Green Team is just for you! Green Team is a group of people who walk around the Sauk County Fair promoting 4-H. They hand out 4-H balloons, information pamphlets, and maybe a little candy!

The JLC welcomes you to don a green shirt, your biggest 4-H smile, and promote 4-H at the Sauk County Fair. We have two opportunities for you to join us:

- **Friday at 3pm**
- **Saturday at 3pm**

We will be meeting at the 4-H Pavilion next to the 4-H Food Stand. We hope to see you! **You do NOT need to register ahead of time – just meet us at the 4-H Pavilion.**



INFORMATION FOR CLOVER COMMENTS

To have information included in Clover Comments, please email your information by:

- **July 15 for August/September**
- **September 15 for October/November** ☀️
- **January 15 for the February/March**
- **March 15 for April/May**

Information should be 4-H related and emailed to margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu.




CLOVERBUD DAY CAMPS

Calling all Kindergarten -2nd graders (as of fall of 2017) to this year’s Cloverbud Day Camps. These day camps are designed to help Cloverbuds make new friends and have fun while creating and learning about different topics! **This year’s day camps will be held Tuesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 26 both from 9am -12pm.** Youth may attend one day or both days. There is a \$10 fee per day for each 4-H member, and a \$15 fee per day for youth not in 4-H.

The Tuesday camp theme is Cranes around the World and will be held at the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo. Youth will learn about cranes through interactive activities, crafts and games as well as see live birds!

The Thursday camp will feature the Delights of Dairy at the US Dairy Forage Research Center located in Prairie du Sac. Come out, see the cows, and learn all about the farm with an interactive farm tour. Then join us in the classroom for games, crafts and ice cream making!

4-H youth and youth not in 4-H are welcome at both of these day camps. The registration form is online at: <https://sauk.uwex.edu/sauk-county-4-h/4-h-events-and-contests/> Each session is limited to the first 15 paid registrations. Registrations are due by July 18. If you have questions please contact Allison Foster at uwexsummerintern@gmail.com.



DISCOVER WISCONSIN

Come join the fun August 1-3, 2018 for a trip to the Fox Cities in Northeast Wisconsin! We will have the opportunity to stay on a college campus, explore Wisconsin's rich history through museum visits, enjoy the beautiful weather with outdoor activities like hiking and swimming, and have a thrilling ride on a roller coaster at Bay Beach! All of this and more to come on the 2018 Discover Wisconsin Trip! This trip is open to 4-H youth in grades 6-8 (as of fall of 2017). The cost is \$100/per youth and is open to the first 10 paid applicants. The registration form is online at: <https://sauk.uwex.edu/sauk-county-4-h/4-h-events-and-contests/> **Registrations are due by July 18.** If you have questions about the trip please contact Allison Foster at uwexsummerintern@gmail.com.

COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Junior Leader Council (JLC) needs help from all of our Sauk County 4-H members and Clubs. The JLC has decided to do a community service project in the month of July and needs your help making cards. JLC are trying to give as many cards away as possible to residents in different nursing homes to spread kindness.

How can you help? All your Club needs to do is make a whole bunch of cards. The goal is to spread some cheer and kindness around to our local Senior Citizens. The cards can be: "Thinking of You," "Sending You Smiles," "Happy Thoughts," etc. Handmade cards with drawings, stickers, crayons, and markers are what we are looking for. Once the cards are complete, please drop them off at the UW-Extension Office. **We are hoping that all cards would be dropped off at the UW-Extension Office by July 9 or at the Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Building during the Fair.**

If your Club has a specific nursing home you would like them to go, let us know. We would be happy to deliver those cards to the desired location. Please join in on the fun. We know these cards will bring so much joy to the residents that receive them.

If you have any question please email: Kendra Perea (kjperea01@gmail.com) or Meg Sage at: (margaret.sage@ces.uwex.com)

**Kindness is contagious!
Help us spread it around Sauk County!**



SAUK PRAIRIE EARTHLINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT— YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED...

The Sauk Prairie Earthlings 4-H Club has been participating in a great community service project and they are hoping that others would be interested in helping. Members and families are collecting hard plastic bottle caps from soda, mayo, peanut butter, laundry soaps, etc. They must be hard-not bendable or soft. The lids are turned over to a company to be melted down to make wheelchair frames. They are then sent on to have seats and wheels added. When they are completed they are donated to veterans in need of wheelchairs.

There will be a container in the 4-H Exhibit Building 2 at the Fair. Please feel free to collect your lids at home and bring them to the fair.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS AFTER THE FAIR

During Pre-Fair Judging, Judges will set aside some of the Blue Ribbon Exhibits for further consideration. After all Exhibits have been judged, Judges will select the State Fair and Merit winners from those Exhibits that have been set aside. If you receive one of these awards, you will find out when you find your Exhibit in the youth buildings. Buildings will open to the public on the Wednesday of the Fair. State Fair award winners will be asked to take their Exhibits home after the Fair **then bring their exhibits back to the Sauk County Fair Office starting Monday, July 23 from 10AM-5PM or Wednesday, July 25 from noon - 8:00PM.** We ask that all 4-H Exhibits be packed in a box or something to protect your Exhibit as we transport it to the State Fair.

CLUB LEADER & CHARTERED COUNTYWIDE PROJECT LEADER MEETING

The next Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 31 at 6:30 PM at the West Square building.** At this meeting, we will discuss recommendations from countywide committees, updates from Senior Leaders, and other countywide updates. Award packets and final Charter paperwork will also be given out at this meeting.

Leaders if you have a specific topic you would like to discuss, please email Meg your meeting topic by July 24. If you are not able to make it to this meeting, please see if someone else from your club or project will be able to attend. **Please RSVP for this meeting by emailing Meg margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu by July 24.**



JOIN THE SAUK COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

In the Master Gardener Certification Program, you receive 36 – 50 hours of horticultural training with Cooperative Extension University Specialists, Faculty, and local experts. The course fee is \$175 and includes instructional materials you keep. To become a certified Master Gardener, you must attend the designated training sessions, volunteer time to your community, and pass a final exam. To remain certified, each year you need to take 10 hours of additional training and volunteer 24 hours of your time.

There are 12 classes held from 9am-noon on Saturdays at the West Square Building. Classes run August 25 – November 17. There will NOT be a class on September 1. Any adult (18 years or older) can participate in the Master Gardener Program – no previous experience or training is necessary, although many people do have some horticultural experience. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Extension Office at 355-3250 to get an application.



CLOVERS CARNIVAL AND BARN DANCE

The Sauk County 4-H Junior Leader Council would like to invite you to the first annual Clovers Carnival & Barn Dance! **The event will be taking place at the Sauk County Fairgrounds located at 700 Washington Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913 on September 29. From 6:00pm-8:00pm there will be Ag related carnival games and at 8:00pm-10:00pm there will be a dance.** 4-H Members are \$4 or 4-H Families of 3+ are \$15. People outside of 4-H will pay separate price. Non-4-H youth will cost \$5 and non-4-H Families 3+ will cost \$20. This event will offer cow tipping, music, dancing, face painting, corn hole tournaments, photo booth, and so much more! Please come just celebrate our first Clovers Carnival & Barn Dance!



2018 FALL FORUM

Mark your calendars for the **2018 Wisconsin Fall Forum, November 2-4, at Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI.** Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth (in grades 7-13) and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend. A team of youth and adults from Wisconsin Leader Council with the support of county and state staff plans the event. The cost will be \$85 for youth and adults for Friday-Sunday registration. Lodging is also available at \$25 per night with 3-4 youth in a room, or \$50 for two adults. More information can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/fall-forum/> **Registration will be done through 4-H Online September 5-September 26.**



ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS - YQCA

If you attended a face-to-face YQCA class or if you completed the online course, you are eligible to receive reimbursement from the Sauk County Fair Meat Animal Sale Committee. Check out the Meat Animal Sale website at:

<http://saukcountyfair.com/exhibitors/sauk-county-meat-animal-sale/> for the reimbursement form.

Reimbursements will be mailed out at the end of July-beginning of August.

ANIMAL EXHIBITS AND THE COUNTY FAIR

All Animals (except cats and dogs, which will already exhibited) will enter on Wednesday, July 11. Animal check-in will start at 8AM. All animals must be on the grounds by 3PM. Exhibitors bringing in their exhibits/animals after 3PM will NOT be eligible to show.

Each species has a specific time that market animals will weigh-in. Market animals MUST arrive by their scheduled weigh-in time.

PLEASE check your Fair Book for the complete schedule of weigh-ins and animal check in times.

Also, please refer to your Fair Book to make sure you are complying with ALL of the current health rules for your species. Check underneath your department, as well as in the back of the fair book for health regulations.

HORSE AND PONY PROJECT MEETINGS

The Sauk County 4-H Horse and Pony Project meetings are the **first Thursday of each month at 7PM in B24 of the West Square Building.** Next meetings are **July 5, August 2, and September 6.** Question about the Horse Project – email saukhorse@gmail.com.

SWINE PROJECT FUNDRAISING

The swine project will be selling water and raffle tickets (for a chance to win baskets full of great local products) on Thursday and Friday of the County Fair. Come and visit the swine barn to support fundraising efforts.

32ND ANNUAL PULLET SURPRISE CONTEST

This contest promotes the breeding and exhibition of purebred poultry in Wisconsin. Youth submit a 500-word essay on a variety of topics. Winners will receive a pair or show quality purebred fowl, an incubator, a cage, feed, and much more **Entries are due to Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association by August 20.** Informational flyer found at:

<https://sauk.uwex.edu/sauk-county-4-h/4-h-events-and-contests/>

SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check most current Clover Comments for updated schedules and events.

June 2018

- 21 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 25 - Exotics Project Meeting, 8AM, Fairgrounds
- 23 - Fairgrounds Clean-up Day, 9AM-noon
- 24 - Goat Project Meeting, 3:30 PM, Fairgrounds
- 25-28 - State 4-H and Youth Conference - Madison
- 25 - Rabbit Project Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB B24
- 27 - All money and stubs for the calendar sales must be turned into the UWEX
- 28 - Goat Project Meeting, 7PM, Fairgrounds
- 29 - Area Animal Science Days, Lafayette County – must have pre-registered.

July 2018

- 3 - Contact Allison for helping in the Action Center
- 5 - Horse Project Meeting, 7PM, B24 WSB
- 5-6- Exhibitor packets available to be picked up at the Fairgrounds 10AM-4PM each day
- 7-15 -State CWF trip
- 9 - Cards for Community Service to UWEX or Building 2 at the Fairgrounds
- 9-15 - Sauk County Fair - Check the Fair Book and the Sauk County Fair website to confirm dates and times of all Fair Events.
- 9 Exhibit/Entry tags and pre-purchased parking passes available to be picked up at the Fairgrounds in the Commercial Building, 2PM - 7PM
- 9 Club Booth set-up 1PM-6PM, Building #2
- 9 Pre-Fair Judging Day for all non-animal project areas from 2PM-7PM, Commercial Building
- 9 Club Booth Judging, 6PM, Building #2
- 9 Cat Show, 6:30PM, Badger Building
- 10 Art Showcase registration forms to UWEX office, 12PM
- 10 Dog Show, 5PM, Progress Hall
- 11 Entry Day for ALL Livestock – 8AM-3PM
(Check Fair book for specific check-in times for specific species)
- 11 ALL Youth Animal Exhibitor and Parent Meeting, 3:30 PM, Progress Hall
- 11 Sheep Show, 5PM, Progress Hall
- 11 Saw Cows in place, 6PM, Dairy Promoters Booth
- 12 Swine Show, 8AM, Swine Barn Arena
- 12 Rabbit Showmanship, 9AM, Breed Judging after lunch
- 12 Beef Show, 9:30AM, Progress Hall
- 12 Poultry Show, 11AM, Small Animal Barn
- 12 Action Center Open, 2PM-5PM, 4-H Pavilion
- 12 Horse Project Jumping Event, 5PM, Horse Arena
- 12 4-H Art Showcase, 7PM, Badger Building
- 13 Dairy Show, 8AM, Progress Hall
- 13 Goat Show, 9AM, Swine Arena
- 13 Horse Speed/Gymkhana Event, 1PM, Horse Arena
- 13 Green Team, 3PM, Meet at 4-H Pavilion
- 13 Free Blue Bird House Building, 4PM-7PM, 4-H Pavilion

July 2018 continued

- 13 Horse Dressage Event, 5PM, Horse Arena
- 13 Exotics Show, 6PM, Progress Hall
- 14 Horse Show, 9AM
- 14 Action Center Open, 11AM-4PM, 4-H Pavilion
- 14 Meat Animal Sale Meal for buyers, 11AM, UC Tent
- 14 Meat Animal Sale, 1PM, Progress Hall
- 14 Green Team, 3 PM, Meet at 4-H Pavilion
- 15 Horse Fun Show, 10AM, Horse Arena
- 15 Exhibit release, 4PM
- 15 - Items due to Meg for inclusion in Clover Comments
- 18 - Registration deadline for Cloverbud Day Camp
- 18 - Registration deadline for Discover Wisconsin
- 19 - Junior Leader Council Fun Meeting
- 23 - State Fair Exhibits due, 10AM-5PM, Fair Office
- 24 - Cloverbud Day Camp, 9AM-noon, International Crane Foundation
- 24 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 24 - RSVP for Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader Meeting
- 25 - State Fair Exhibits due, noon-8PM, Fair Office
- 26 - Cloverbud Day Camp, 9AM-noon, Dairy Forage Research Center
- 31 - Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24

August 2018

- 1-3 - Discover Wisconsin, Fox Cities
- 2 - Horse Project Meeting, 7PM, B24 WSB
- 2-12 - Wisconsin State Fair
- 15 - Key Award Application materials deadline to UWEX
- 16 - Junior Leader Council, 7PM, WSB B24
- 20 - 32nd Annual Pullet Surprise Contest entries due
- 28 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX
- 29 - Key Award Interviews, WSB UWEX Conference Room



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